

Letters to Nephews

By Ella H. Leonard

Dear nephew,

My subject is girls. Sisty laid herself down on the heavy manila wrapping paper on the floor, rolled herself up in it, peeked out at her mother with her face lit up as she called, "Me all in a package for you, mommy." Outdoors, as we talked over the back fence, her mother caught her up off the garden, threw Sisty across her hip, and turned toward the house. As she did, Sisty's unmentionables slipped down her kicking legs and pinned them at her ankles. . . . Sisty does not try to crawl thru the hole in the fence, but comes properly by the walks. The door opens at her soft knock, and her cherubic face calls, "Hi, lady!"

Mary of Brooklyn, N. Y. called on me by letter again yesterday, telling me her last two brothers just left for Camp Dix. Only 14 she is. She writes of her "four of the nicest brothers a girl could ever have," of keeping up her mother's morale, of "the beautiful scenery pictures" Dick has taken in Oregon. And from them how "she can see why he has learned to love the western coast." Her talk about home reveals ground for the affection with which Dick spoke of his "kid sister."

Now for a hedge-podge of happenings:—Making a face while eating peaches canned ration-fashion. Planting garden with little feet tramping all over it. Letting the tiny tots plant a spud garden and finding it a mass of gopher labyrinths. Found a planted umbrella which proved that an umbrella could not be raised on this land. Finding out the bottle of apple juice, handed over the fence one warm p.m., was yellow. "Not apple cider." A neighbor woman resetting a post in her berry patch. The gentleman-willow gay in his

spring suit, refusing to repeat the gossip over the fence beneath him. Sisty's dropped pants throwing her for a downhill fall and bumping her snoot, causing a long wall.

Satan snoozing on top the barbecue pit where trash had been burned. Pruned grapevines bleeding for days. How a neck can get so dirty every day when the spaded ground is damp. Satan doing a wrong way Corrigan, when she was called. Poor old fellow is getting deaf. Is blind in one eye from a cat fight.

Listening to the radio about meat rationing the thought came, "Let the Gov't ration. I don't have to go short on meat. Not with all these gophers, fattened on my winter garden. Must get it back somehow."

Talk about the power of example. I was showing Robin how to walk straight by having a board on his head. It wasn't really a board but a bit of wood from the woodshed. Turning around, there was Sisty marching along, holding a stick of firewood on her head as long as she was tall.

I told you of the boy who so reminds me of Bob. He and two others were week-end guests. They attended Sunday School and church with me. Did you ever think it strange that people weep for joy? When they first got here, they were asked if they had had supper. Oh, yes, they had had a snack. "When?" they were asked. "Hours ago? there wasn't anything cooked and the skating date right at hand. Would fresh whole-wheat lightbread, jam and milk have any appeal?" It was set on the oil-cloth and they were left to wait on themselves. Did they get a kick out of one of them cutting the loaf the long way? Is your mouth watering?

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Joyfully, Aunty.

P.S. Dad may be home for a few days, if he can get tired.

LOCALS

Second Lieut. Martin Luther received the Oak Leaf cluster award for outstanding aerial actions in service. Lt. Luther was in ten sorties.

Mrs. Womack and daughter Shirley returned home from Enterprise

Tuesday and will move to Medford as soon as their furniture arrives.

Mrs. Mary Foster is ill in bed with a catch in her side. She has been ill since Tuesday.

Lloyd Hammond is stationed in Kentucky, his wife, Maxine, is visiting friends in Long Beach and plans to return home soon.

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Phyllis Furry, who was thrown from a horse last week, has returned to school. The Furry's daughter, Mrs. Alton Whetstone of Dunsmuir is still confined to her bed and the doctor says she must not be moved for another week and it may be two weeks before she can be brought to her parents' home. Mr. Whetstone's mother is staying with them, caring for Mrs. Whetstone and small son David.

Mrs. Rose Hermanson underwent a major operation at the Community hospital last week.

Mrs. Paul Martin has been ill with the flu. She is a little better at this time.

Sharon, little ten months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rogt, is ill with the whooping cough.

Mrs. Edw. Jones accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton of Klamath Falls to Myrtle Point on a business trip Monday.

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