



# I was just thinking...

**T**O A MAN, home may be anywhere he hangs his hat. To a woman, home is where she hangs her heart. I write this hundreds of miles from my heart, and I know.

It is beautiful here. My serie is high among the trees. At night a gleaming necklace of lights rests on the water's throat. I think of home, not with homesickness but because a part of me has never left it. Women are like that.

A man can go away with a heart as light as his knapsack. He can turn the key in the lock, chart his course, and never wonder if the plant in the window will die and never care if it does.

He may remember the cares of the day but not care much about how the firelight touches his hearth.

Here on the dock there are swimmers, and soon I will join them. They are laughing, the blue water tasting their toes. They are an animated picture postcard, needing only the old familiar "wish you were here" to complete it.

I am pleased that I'm here. I needed to be away for a time to knit up the raveled sleeves of care packed in my suitcase. These wider horizons release my mind from the pattern of my year.

But what I leave behind for this little time is infinitely more precious to me. This pine-paneled cottage is not half so endearing as the fragrance of tea in my blue-walled living room nor the

sight of a neighbor waving across the fence.

Am I a latter-day Emily Dickinson? No, for I will never achieve the perfect porcelain of her poetry and no, again, for she never left her garden all her life. And thus, she was no more than an observer. At least, I have bested her at living.

But neither Emily nor I need to go anywhere to know that travel is a word never to compare with the singing sound of home.

And there was never more truth in anything than that the best day of a vacation is the day you walk in your own front door.

*Patty Johnson*



**Bringing Up Baby\***  
Hints Collected by  
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## wanderlust, anyone?

Of course! Babies, like everyone else, want to see the world. What better reason for trying to creep? And those first attempts at creeping are adorably awkward, wonderful to behold. Some try it forward, others backward. Still others fancy crabwise creeping. No matter what style your baby selects, the important thing is that he's learning the 3 big C's: Confidence, Co-ordination, Control. Happy new horizons!

**Girl or boy creepers,** sit-about or gadabouts, every darling one of them needs protein . . . to help develop strong muscles. Tasty way to give baby extra protein: Gerber High Meat Dinners. These baby-style "casseroles" have 3 times as much meat (and therefore much more protein) as regular combination baby dinners. And all this savory meat is subtly blended with garden-good vegetables for bright flavor . . . hearty nourishment. 5 varieties, strained or junior.

**Roaming routine.** When baby becomes a "four-walker" you'll really have to keep an eye on your traveler. Good idea to schedule his roaming times when you have some watching time. Say, when you're taking a "breather" or doing some sit-down chores. When you return baby to his play pen, a favorite toy, a snack of Gerber Fruit Juice or a Teething Biscuit will help overcome possible resentment at the confinement.

**Lip-smacking sipping** with nutritional leanings. Gerber Strained Fruit Juices leave

nothing to be desired in the way of flavor delight . . . and they're high in vitamin C. Has baby tried the new Orange-Apricot or Apple-Cherry Juices yet?

**Reminder division.** Rooms where baby has crawl privileges should be checked constantly for safety. Household hazards which may not occur to you: floor-drooping plants, dangling appliance cords, rocking chairs, dropped pins or buttons.

**A word from Dan Gerber.** "Our agricultural experts work on a year-in, year-out basis to improve the quality of your baby's food. Take Gerber Green Beans, for example. Over a period of years, our Agricultural Research Department experimented with several green bean varieties to develop a superior strain. As a result of these efforts, the beans we use are tender, succulent and extra-flavorful . . . have less fiber, more flesh . . . and most important, they have a deeper color which indicates a higher nutritive value."



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