



Diary of a Vagabond

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TARGET FOR CHAIN LETTERS

Ever been haunted by what might happen if you failed to follow the instructions in a chain letter? Have you lost friends and become as popular as a skunk at a garden party, because that stupid quality in the makeup of most humans prodded you to select victims on which to cast your burden of superstition?

I have been the fall guy for every type of chain letter that was ever launched. Only one paid off. I did get back two tea towels for my one out of a promised 48. I still wonder what happened to \$5.00 that, during the depression, was supposed to fetch me a fortune from several hundred pocketbooks if the letter kept going. It must have died in the waste paper baskets of my chosen list of "friends or acquaintances."

Wonder what, of the five names listed at the head of the letter, each did with the dollar I enclosed.

Most tear jerking was the "prayer for our armed forces" which came my way during the second world war. Whoever invented the letter must have been a religious fanatic. It distressed me for days, just thinking about it lying in a charred fragment on the hearth of the livingroom fireplace. To go this letter was sacrilege, yet how could I, with a son on the high seas in the Royal Canadian Navy, help but be disturbed by its contents. I was supposed to send the prayer to 20 people, yet the person who had sent it to me remained incognito.

I have been the target for apron, nylon, cigarette and paperback novel letters, but it remained for 1961 to produce a constructive chain letter with no strings attached. My mother wouldn't die of a heart attack, or my son be run over by a truck if I failed to keep the chain going. There was no monetary contribution to make, just send my favorite recipe to the two names at the head of the letter and to four of my friends. I was promised 16 recipes if I kept the chain going.

This type of letter I could endure, chiefly because it provided an opportunity for me to circulate a recipe I once begged a CN chef on the prairie-bound Super Continental to give me, but also because CN Sweet and Sour Spareribs "Western Style" deserves to be family fare. A good recipe once launched will travel fast, even without the aid of a chain letter.

In case the curiosity of indoor, or outdoor cooks has been aroused, here it is:

CN Sweet & Sour Spareribs "Western Style"

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- Juice of a 15 oz. can pine-apple chunks
- 1 1/2 lbs. pork spareribs (cut in 1" pieces)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 fresh tomatoes (cut in small pieces)
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 oz. sesame seeds (soaked)
- 2 cups rice
- 2 tablespoons molasses

Soak spareribs overnight in mixture of brown sugar, pine-apple juice and vinegar. Drain spareribs dry and fry until brown in 1/4 cup of oil. Remove spareribs to saucpan, add pine-apple chunks and molasses. Sprinkle fry pan with a little flour and mix well over light heat until brown, then add mixture of vinegar and pine-apple juice, bring to a boil and pour over spareribs in saucpan. Boil this and simmer slowly, add tomatoes and simmer until spareribs are nearly cooked. Add cornstarch to thicken and leave until cooked. Season to taste. Serve in casserole lined with steamed rice, sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds.

Deficit an Investment

This is not intended to reduce the chronic of a Vagabond's travels to a recipe exchange. I suppose was reminded of the chain letter and a pudgy chief while reading President Donald Gordon's report to the Federal Government's Railway committee, that every meal served aboard CN diners costs the Canadian taxpayer 88c.

This is typical of Mr. Gordon's forthrightness. Burly Scot that he is, he never pulls punches, or hides facts. He is at the helm of a railroad the people of Canada own. He loses 88c along with every section foreman, or clerk in a shop. This kind of deficit shows no favorites.

What Mr. Gordon did not say at this time is that the railway has only one means of travel

son, 3 Mrs. N. Robertson, 3 Sunshine Club. Men's fancy socks: 1 Mrs. N. Robertson, 2 Georgetown WI, 3 Mrs. A. Cole. Men's pullover: 1 Georgetown WI, 2 Mrs. A. Cole, 3 Mrs. J. M. Morris, Acton. Men's cardigan: 1 Mrs. J. Sanderson, Women's cardigan: 1 Mrs. J. Sanderson, 2 Mrs. L. Dennis, 6 Mrs. J. M. Morris, Child's cardigan: 1 Mrs. J. Sanderson, 2 Mrs. A. Cole, 3 Mrs. N. Robertson, Child's pullover: 1 Mrs. Stan Lyon, 43 King St., 2 Mrs. A. Cole, 3 Mrs. J. M. Morris, 4 Mrs. L. Dennis, Child's suit: Mrs. J. Sanderson, 2 Mrs. A. Cole, 3 Mrs. J. M. Morris, Baby outfit: 1 Georgetown WI, 2 Sunshine Club, 3 Mrs. L. Dennis, 4 Mrs. N. Robertson. Double-knit wool cardigan: 1 Mrs. H. Marchington, 2 Mrs. L. Dennis, 3 Mrs. J. Sanderson. Mitts: 1 Georgetown WI, 2 Mrs. A. Cole, 3 Mrs. J. Sanderson. Knitted lace article: 1 Mrs. L. Heyink, Eden Mills, 2 Mrs. L. Dennis, 3 Georgetown WI, Child's Mitts: 1 Mrs. J. Sanderson, 2 Mrs. L. Heyink, 3 Mrs. A. Cole, Child's sock: 1 Mrs. J. Sanderson, 2 Mrs. A. Cole, 3 Mrs. N. Robertson.

WEARING APPAREL

Ladies' Pajamas: 1 Mrs. J. M. Morris, 2 Mrs. J. Sanderson. House dress: 1 Mrs. J. M. Morris, 2 Mrs. J. Fyfe. Afternoon dress: 1 Sunshine Club, 2 Ashgrove WI, 3 Mrs. John Milton, 67 Guelph St., Practical apron: 1 Mrs. A. Frank, 2 Mrs. N. Robertson, 3 Sunshine Club, 4 Ashgrove WI. Fancy apron: 1 Mrs. A. Cole, 2 Mrs. J. Fyfe, 3 Mrs. L. Dennis. Men's pajamas: 1 Mrs. J. Fyfe, 2 Mrs. John Milton. Smocked dress: 1 to 2 years: Georgetown WI, Smocked dress 3 to 4 years, 1 Sunshine Club, 2 Mrs. A. Cole. Girl's skirt: 1 Sunshine Club. Sleepers: 1 Mrs. J. Fyfe, 2 Ashgrove WI, 3 Mrs. J. M. Morris. Child's cotton blouse: 1 Mrs. J. Fyfe, 2 Mrs. John Milton, 3 Sunshine Club.

QUILTS AND RUGS

Pieced quilt: 1 Ashgrove WI, 2 Mrs. J. Fyfe, 3 Mrs. A. Cole. Appliqued quilt: 1 Mrs. A. Cole, 2 Mrs. A. Frank, 3 R. Merry, Milton. Crib quilt: 1 Mrs. L. Dennis, 2 Mrs. N. Robertson, 3 Mrs. M. Joyce, Wesleyan St. Hooked rag rug: 1 Mrs. H. Marchington, 2 Ashgrove WI, 3 Mrs. L. Dennis. Hooked yarn rug: 1 Mrs. J. M. Morris, 2 Mrs. E. White. Braided rag rug: 1 Ashgrove WI, 2 Mrs. L. Dennis, 3 Sunshine Club. Other type rug: 1 Ashgrove WI, 3 Mrs. J. S. McLean, Streetsville.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chesterfield cushion: 1 Mrs. L. Heyink, 2 Mrs. J. M. Morris, 3 Mrs. J. Sanderson. Article from 1 square yard material: 1 Ashgrove WI, 2 Mrs. N. Robertson, 3 Mrs. John Milton. Sampler: 1 Mrs. L. Heyink, 2 Mrs. J. S. McLean, 3 Mrs. D. J. Scoyne. Quilt blocks: 1 Mrs. A. Cole, 2 Georgetown WI. Terrycloth article: 1 Mrs. John Milton, 2 Ashgrove WI, 3 Mrs. L. Dennis. Tatting: 1 Mrs. L. Dennis, 2 Mrs. N. Robertson, 3 Mrs. J. Fyfe. Needlepoint: 1 Mrs. A. Cole, 2 Georgetown WI. Swedish weaving: 1 Mrs. D. J. Scoyne. New Canadian native work: 1 Mrs. L. Heyink, 2 Mrs. H. Baumgartner, 35 Park Ave., 3 Jane Roodzant, 9 John West. Best collection (groups): 1 Ashgrove WI, 2 Georgetown WI, 3 Mrs. L. Heyink. Best collection (individuals), 1 Mrs. L. Dennis, 2 Mrs. J. S. McLean, 3 Mrs. J. Fyfe.

False Rumour of Child Molester

Police Investigation has branded as fiction a story circulating in the east end of town last week of an unidentified man harassing little girls in the area.

Chief Haley said several stories had come to his department about the man, but questioning had proved them to be fictitious.

Round-the-World Trip Described to Ladies

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The evening of Tuesday, September 19th at eight o'clock, thirty ladies gathered in the lovely new home on the Eighth Line of Mrs. Robert Cunningham with president Mrs. Fred Nurse opening with the ode and creed. Secretary Mrs. Len Cox read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll, which was answered with a verse of memory learned at school. It was moved that the Institute adopt a needy child. Delegates appointed for the Area Convention in Guelph, September 28th and 29th were Mrs. C. B. Dick and Mrs. Robert Cunningham. All were in favor of several resolutions which were read. The District Annual had been held in Georgetown on May 23rd and Mrs. Thomas Giffen reported on the morning session and Mrs. C. B. Dick, the afternoon. Mrs. Hector Bird was in charge of the program and as this was the Education meeting, there was community singing of such songs as School Days, The Little Red Schoolhouse and others, led by Mrs. Francis Thompson. Mrs. John Ruddle had a splendid motto on "The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance."

Mrs. Frank Wilson then introduced the guest Mrs. J. H. McCullough of Brampton (who at one time was secretary treasurer of Provincial Board). She entertained by showing beautiful coloured pictures of her trip around the world with other delegates on their way to and from the A.C.C.W. Conference in Cayton. They left home in June 1957 with 25 in the group and flew to Vancouver, San Francisco, down the coast, across the ocean to Honolulu, on to Phoenix Islands, Fiji Island to Auckland, New Zealand, then to Australia, on to Singapore, then to Ceylon and Bombay and the Holy Land, Syria and Damascus, crossed the Jordan river to Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Rome, on to Geneva Switzerland, some pictures of Paris and then early in August home to Malton and Brampton.


Mrs. Bob Alexander thanked the speaker for sharing her wonderful trip in pictures with us and presented her with a small gift. Current events given by Mrs. John Belloddy. All sang the Queen, followed by a social hour.

Fisticuffs Cost Bramptonite \$50

One Brampton man has been fined \$50 and the other remanded to a future local court following a fight on Mill Street Friday night.

Cst. Ted Scott and Cst. Harley Lowe stepped in to the unscheduled bout which started at about 10:30.

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