

Dec^r 14th 1940

My dear Geoffrey, Daisy,
very happy returns of
your birthday - I hope
the parcel arrived safe-
ly some time ago. We had
two letters from you on
Thursday - one written a
fortnight before the other.
I have not heard from the
Cocos lately, but think they
must be all right, as we
should have heard from
Mr Dickershoff otherwise.

THE A.F.S. HORSE

An incendiary bomb fell through the roof of a stable in Coventry and set fire to a horse's tail. The animal kicked the bomb through the open door, stamped out the straw, which was on fire, and dealt with the outbreak in his tail by rubbing himself against the side of the stall. There were seven other horses in the building.

HANDLESS SHORTHAND
TYPIST

A girl born without hands was yesterday appointed shorthand-typist in a town-clerk's department, Dundee. She is eighteen-years-old Miss Nan Lawrie, of Strathmartin Road, Dundee, who writes 100 words a minute by holding her pencil between her wrists, and types at fifty-five words a minute.

but there was much damage done
in their neighbourhood. We are
having cold E winds & rain
Bar: has had such a very
kind letter from Frank Clark
offering to send a parcel
each month if we let him
know what we need - of course
we are not in need of anything
but it is most kind of him
to offer. Another letter - the
Lmas one has just come. Geoffry
brought it here - thank you
all for it. I will send my
usual ^{Sunday} Lmas letter tomorrow.
Dear love from
Dorothy

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Penelope Says:

When making sandwiches of egg
or potted meat, mix a little finely-
chopped parsley or mustard and
cress with the butter or margarine.
This gives the sandwiches a piquant
flavour and greatly improves them.

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Liverpool At The Helm

What is believed to be the best bit
of British propaganda for a long time
was centred at Valparaiso, where a full
day's proceedings were devoted to
celebration of the centenary of the intro-
duction of steam navigation in the
Pacific. Liverpool has a special interest
as a scene taken from Mr. A. C. Wardle's
"Steam Conquers the Pacific" was
re-enacted in the form of a pageant,
the Chilean Navy taking the P.S.N. Co.'s
tender, Poderoso, and fitting her out
to represent the little steamer Chile, of
1840, as she arrived at Valparaiso. The
vessel was manned by midshipmen of
the battleship Latorre, dressed as in
1840. The day's festivities commenced
with laying of wreaths on the statue of
William Wheelwright, founder of the
company, a special congress of the
Maritime League, a public luncheon, a
reception in the evening, and closed
with a special opera performance,
throughout all of which great tribute
was paid to the enterprise of the
P.S.N.Co. of Liverpool. It is considered
in South America, throughout which
the Valparaiso ceremony was broadcast,
that this has been the finest piece of
British propaganda, although it was
undertaken entirely by the Chilean
authorities, and the representatives of
the P.S.N.Co. were only there as invited
guests. Mr. Wardle's book, also, has
been published in Spanish throughout
Chile and Peru. One result of the
centenary has been the finding of the
original gold medal awarded to Wheel-
wright by Chile in 1850 in recognition
of his services to that Republic.

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