

# Ida's Notebook

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What a difference a day makes! Certainly the weather affects how we feel about things. Rain, snow or a storm can change our plans and make us happy.

Sometimes little things can pile up and cause us to worry. Last week I was concerned because an important letter from the U.S. government was seven weeks overdue. And, the grandfather clock would not run despite my pushing the pendulum every half hour for days. Another disturbing fact was a large amount of money that was due me for over half a year and no check was forthcoming.

Now I know these were all little things compared to a real calamity. Yet somehow, they kept running through my mind continually and bothered me.

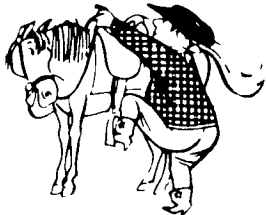
Then came the day when the

postman (actually a lady) rang my doorbell and had me sign for a registered letter--one worry dismissed. Next a man appeared not only bearing my check but also a very nice gift as a token of friendship.

To top off this list of good happenings, the grandfather clock began to tick. However, it only worked after I told it, "This is the last time that I'll start you." It must have heard me because it has been running ever since.

Now I can sit and rip skirts and slacks apart and have some pleasant thoughts. I'm planning a trip to south for March and hope it will be springtime there when I arrive. Plantations and flower gardens have always had a fascination for me since in high school I did a big report on them. Now I'm hoping to really get to see them this year.

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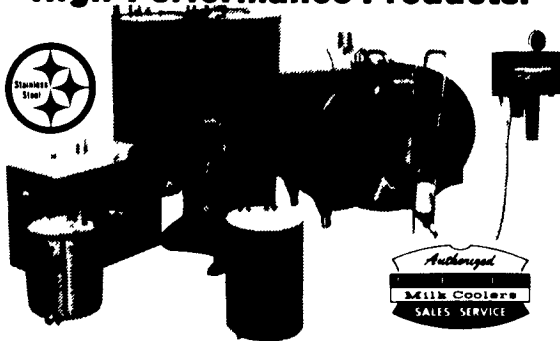
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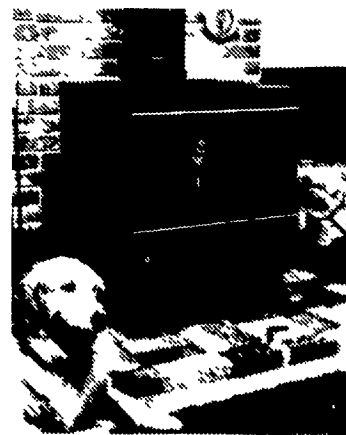
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