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YOUNG, HAZEL

Liberty, Maine
Young, Hazel 
Liberty, Maine - 

Hazel Young was born in Liberty, Maine. Her ancestry reaches back into Colonial days and she had relatives on both sides of the Revolution. On her father’s side she is related to Henry W. Longfellow. Along the Maine coast the family name of Young is a tradition, for members of the family settled there very early in the history of the state, and for years identified themselves successfully with the shipping industry.

Miss Young received her B. S. degree from Colby College with Phi Beta Kappa honors, attended Yale, and obtained the degree of M. S. from Columbia University.

Following the line of her training she acted as a factory chemist for a time and then owned and operated her own restaurant in Springfield, Massachusetts. At the present time she is a food editor for General Foods in New York City.

Miss Young in private life is Mrs. Frank B. Grinnell, R. R. D. # 1, Stony Hill Road, Springfield, Massachusetts. She commutes week-ends from New York to this farm where she and Mr. Grinnell are planning and executing all sorts of adventurous farming tricks on their place.

In the summer Miss Young and her sister journey to tranquil old Matinicus Island where they have a farm with a gem of an early American house on it. Here, 20 miles out to sea from Rockland, Maine, with only two boats a week to the mainland they vacation happily among cousins. Miss Young’s love for cooking may well have been acquired on this little island for better cooks never were than live there.

Hazel Young loves dogs, enjoys reading and would rather go on a picnic where she can cook than do almost anything else, except perhaps write an engaging and practical cook book.

From: COLBY ALUMNUS, May, 1940.
June 14, 1940

Miss Hazel Young  
c/o Little Brown & Co.  
34 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Young:

The reviews of your unusual cook book,  
A WORKING GIRL MUST EAT, are gratifying; and  
we join with your friends in congratulating  
you upon this venture. Certainly it must  
find many welcoming homes.

In accordance with our policy, we are  
purchasing a copy for lending purposes. We  
intend to buy all non-fiction written by Maine  
persons.

We write you now, however, in regard to  
the Maine Author Collection, which is an exhibit  
of about a thousand volumes, inscribed and  
presented for this purpose by Maine writers.  
We do hope that you will wish to have a copy  
of A WORKING GIRL MUST EAT included; it would  
give us great pleasure to place the book upon  
these shelves.

Please accept our best wishes for a long  
and happy life to your guide to good food.

Very truly yours

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June 28, 1940

Maine State Library, Augusta, Maine.

Attention of Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary

My dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am indeed honored to have my little book, "The Working Girl Must Eat," included in your Maine Author Collection. I am sending you, under separate cover, a signed copy.

You may be interested to know that in September I am having a second book published by Little, Brown & Company. This book is to be on economical meals and will be called, "Better Meals for Less Money."

Thanking you for your interest in my book, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Hazel Young
July 5, 1940

Miss Hazel Young
Consumer Service Department
General Foods Corporation
250 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Young:

Thank you very much for responding so graciously and generously to our letter of June 14. We are delighted with THE WORKING GIRL MUST EAT, and are anticipating the new volume, BETTER MEALS FOR LESS MONEY.

Your kindness and interest in the Maine Author Collection are appreciated, and we hope that when you are again in Maine you will call to see the exhibit.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your fascinating contribution.

Very truly yours

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Meal-Getting Easy for Business Girl Who Uses Hazel Young's Cook Book

Whether the working girl is getting her own meals from choice or from necessity she is sure to find inspiration in a revised edition of a dandy little cook book by Hazel Young entitled "The Working Girl Must Eat," recently released by Little, Brown and Company.

Miss Young, one would judge, has first hand information of the working gal's problems in meal getting because every detail is worked out with great exactitude, yet in such an alive manner that the book is actually interesting reading to one not keenly interested in cooking.

All the menus are for the principal meal of the day and with each one Miss Young gives a very efficient work plan and recipes. Included in the work plan are suggestions for advance preparation for the next day's meal—a trick which experienced housekeepers recognize as highly efficient.

What a boon this is to the girl who knows that dinner starts with soup and ends with nuts, but who has not learned that the last course often is first in preparation.

As a foreword to each menu suggestion there is a chatty little note containing such sage bits of wisdom as "Don't over stir or over mix the batter. Stir only enough to dampen the flour or you'll have queer-looking muffins with knobs on top and tunnels inside," and "A meal is incomplete without some kind of beverage. We have left the choice to you, but we hope no dinner will ever be spoiled in your house by serving a poor cup of coffee or tea. The directions for making are simple. Follow them exactly and don't let it be a matter of guess work. See page 103."

By adding this book to her collection, the distracted woman, working girl or otherwise, who has been known to wail, "Oh, what can I have for dinner today," will be gaining an ever present friend, for by opening the book at random she will find at least one helpful suggestion on each page. If the menu cannot be used in its entirety.

The author of "The Working Girl Must Eat" is a native of Liberty, Maine and a graduate of Maine Central Institute and Colby College in 1914. After a year of graduate work at Yale, she was associated for a number of years with General Foods Inc. In private life she is Mrs. Frank B. Grinnell of Springfield, Mass. and Matinicus Island in Penobscot Bay.

Another cookbook compiled by Miss Young is "Better Meals For Less Money." HELEN C. RICHAN

HAZEL YOUNG, author of "The Working Girl Must Eat."
March 21, 1945

Mrs. Frank B. Grinnell
RFD1
Stony Hill Road
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Hazel Young:

For some regrettable reason, the Maine Author Collection does not seem to include BETTER MEALS FOR LESS MONEY. Your very delightful and practical book, THE WORKING GIRL MUST EAT, you presented some time ago; and we recall that when you were here, we mentioned the lack of your other cook book.

We hope you may want to inscribe a copy for the collection. We boast that all the works of all Maine authors are gathered here, and it is a sad omission that prevents BETTER MEALS FOR LESS MONEY from a place on the shelves.

We continue to look for still another --- surely you must have ways and means of circumventing the shortages and restrictions now prevalent in our kitchens? Your methods of solving these problems would comprise a wonderful cook book!

Sincerely yours

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Secretary

Note: Miss Young called personally in the summer of 1945, and presented BETTER MEALS FOR LESS MONEY to the collection.
New Book Coming From Matinicus Writer

Word comes from Hazel Young (Grinnell), who summers at Matinicus, a score of miles off Rockland, that she is writing several Maine articles, and also is working on a new book.

It will be recalled that she is a native of Maine, a Colby graduate, with later studies at Yale and Columbia; and that her name is familiar to readers of the Saturday Evening Post and the Christian Science Monitor.


She is known on the lecture platform through the New England states. All her writing is done under the name of Hazel Young. As Mrs. Grinnell, she makes her winter home at Wilbraham, a suburb of Springfield, Mass.

Hazel Young (Grinnell), Maine Author
August 23, 1946

Mrs. Frank B. Frinnell
RFD 1
Stony Hill Road
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Hazel Young:

It's good news that you are working on a new book. We have not yet learned what it is about, but if it is another cook book, your earlier ones are the best assurance in the world that the new volume will be fascinating and indispensable.

If it is not a cook book, we are still anticipating the date of publication with a great deal of interest. You have our good wishes for its successful completion, and for a warm welcome from readers.

We hope that the Maine Author Collection will be as generously remembered as it has in the past. We recall with pleasure your brief visit of last year -- and we immediately acquired the lobster article!

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
May 20, 1948

Mrs. Frank B. Grinnell
Stony Hill Road
RFD 1
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Hazel Young:

A cookbook is the nicest kind of book to anticipate, and especially when it's one of yours. We know it will be simple to understand, easy to follow, practical in advice, and efficient without being officious! What more could we ask!

We have of course added it to our order list; and it will be noted in the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association. We hope that the Maine Author Collection still merits your generous attention, and that we may look forward to having an inscribed copy of THE WORKING GIRL'S OWN COOK BOOK on those shelves, with your earlier books.

Do call on us again when you are here.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
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Maine Author Collection

Called in person and presented book
February 15, 1954

Mrs. Frank Grinneil
Newcastle
Maine

Dear Hazel Young:

The entire library staff is cheering because we read that ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND is nearly published. We are making out an order card at once, because that is one book we don't want to miss.

May the Maine Author Collection hope for an inscribed copy?

We hope you are enjoying that well-earned Florida vacation, but that we shall see you back again before long, boning up for a new book.

The best of fortune to this one.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
March 9, 1954

Mrs. Frank Grinnell
Newcastle
Maine

Dear Hazel Young:

It is every bit as wonderful as we knew it would be, and it has all the important things in it, from history to food. Such lovely dashes of pure Maine humor, too, and such appreciative tributes to people and books and weather and all.

ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND came today, with the compliments of the publisher; only, of course, we think this must have been prompted by you, and so we are calling this the Maine Author Collection copy. When you are in the library sometime, will you inscribe it for us?

This is going to be the kind of book that goes on and on and on, for years. We are enthusiastic about it, delighted and satisfied, with that "At last." feeling. Thank you for writing it.

Sincerely yours

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