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Pixel's Welcome

Welcome. There is always much ado here. I want to officially welcome you to Castle Dobbinshire. Part of what I do here is keep a record of the many happenings. I do hope that these little publications will help to keep you updated.

I will try to cover

everything. Maybe I can even add drawings or pennyworth information to make it more interesting. All you have to do is believe in the Magic

Sir Cortland's experiments in the garden

Sir Cortland is always busy doing something in his observatory. When I saw him yesterday he was playing with seeds. He was just staring at them in deep fascination. So I

know he was planning something special. I asked him and he said, "I have been studying these seeds, Pixel." "Yes, I see." I said. He continued, "These little beings sprout in the ground and reach up to find the light. I am starting an experiment to see if I can grow them in a shallow wooden box. With enough water and sunlight they should grow nicely." He told me that it is important that they should be kept warm so he is going to place them in the window of the

DID YOU KNOW?

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

The pilgrims planted the first United States apple trees in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Apples are a member of the rose family

25 percent of an apple's volume is air. That is why they float!



kitchen. I thanked him and thought, how fun it would be to see the look on Gertie's face when she gets a look at his box of dirt.

Princess Catherine plans to admit suitors

Pixel agreed to let me write something too. Being Gertie's helper, I see more of the beautiful Princess Catherine. It would only be right for me to write an account of the princess. We have had several handsome boys here at the castle. The King believes that it is time

for her to choose a prince. How lucky she is to be able to meet such fine boys. The King only wants the best for her. She is unhappy with her father. Gertie is upset too. She doesn't want her to go and already misses her. I still think she is a beautiful princess.

Recipe of the Month

Gertie's Apple crumble

So here in the kitchen it is done very easily. First you will need Apples. Apples are gathered by Mavis and Me in the castle

orchard. The king has many people to watch and pamper the trees. He, the King, is known for his apples throughout the kingdom. Dobbin apples are the best to use for this crumble. If you can't find Dobbin apples I would suggest you use 2 Macintosh, 2 granny smith, 3 red delicious, 2 gala and 2 yellow ones. Once you have gathered these together they need to be peeled and cut into chunks and slivers. Don't use the core, stem or bottom button. They should be placed in a glass dish 10x6. Don't be stingy fill it up! Add 2 pinches

of salt and a little cinnamon over them. Pour on a $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water. Then in a small crock or bowl mix your crumble. Crumble is made from the Millers best flour ($\frac{3}{4}$ cup) and sugar (1 cup) and butter ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup) Blend this together until crumbly. Cover the apples with it and bake in a moderate oven (350°) for 40 minutes

Whip up some of your best cream and top individual servings. This is a dessert fit for a king. He usually asks for seconds.

Japan the land of the

Rising Sun

We had a special guest at the castle this week. He is from Japan. His name is Tokuro. He is a samurai warrior. In Japanese his name means virtuous son. Sir Rainier, knows a lot about faraway places and he said that Japan is an island country in the Pacific Ocean. It lies along the Northeaster coast of Asia. The capitol and largest city is Tokyo. There are four large islands and many smaller ones that make up the land called Japan. It has very rugged and beautiful terrain because

it is crowded with so many mountains Japan's most famous peak is Mount Fuji, which is an inactive volcano and in the winter is covered with snow. Because it is so mountainous

MOONFLOWER

In Ancient Japan, and of a poor farmer and his wife concerned with honoring their ancestors receive a blessing from the Moon.

there is little farmland and their main industry trade is fishing. Tokuro told us of Ancient Japan, and of a poor farmer and his wife concerned with honoring their ancestors receive

a blessing from the Moon. This is how he met his Moonflower. He stayed at the castle most of the day.

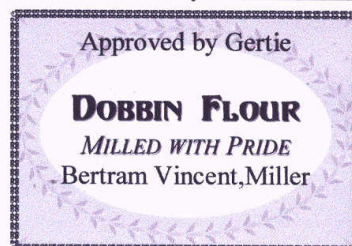
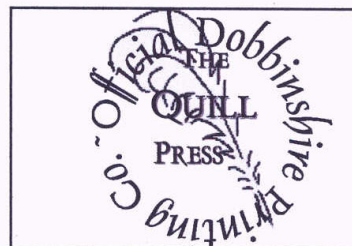
Let us hear from you!

We would like to hear what you think. Do you draw? How bout drawing a favorite character and sending it to us or just send us a letter or email. You can reach us at: www.dobbinshire.com or

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What Next?

Sir Cortland is studying the stars. He has invited a guest to help him with his work in the Observatory. We are all very excited to meet them. So until next time, my friend fare thee well.



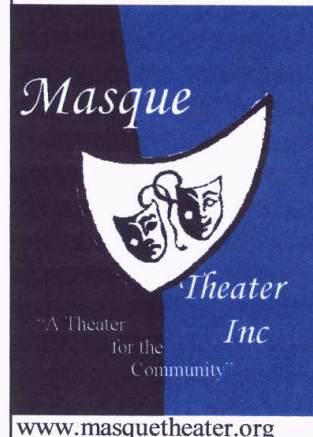
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