



THE COBWEB SHOP

Jack Spider had made up his mind to make cobweb parasols for the fairies. Now Jack wove a ribbed and circular web always, so that was easy enough. And already he had made a parasol of cobweb for Banimetta, the gay little fairy whose feet were never quit and one for Granny Grundel, the little old fairy who darns and mends the leaves.

The trouble was, after he had woven upon a bush his cobweb sign that he was ready to weave cobweb parasols for the fairies, he had too much to do. Quite too much—every body wanted parasols of cobweb.

"You'll have to wait!" said Jack Spider. "You'll just have to wait. I propose to build myself a cobweb shop and call in a host of spiders to help me. Otherwise I'll never get through."

So Jack Spider set to work and a wonderful cobweb shop he built. It had cobwebby rooms, plenty of them, and a shop door that opened on a cobweb hinge. No, you're right—Jack Spider himself didn't know how to make a hinge, but he had a spider relative who did, a trapdoor spider, who knew precisely how to make a door of earth and spider silk and also how to make a hinge of cobweb. Now the trapdoor spider, living underground, used earth as his door, but Jack Spider's door was simply cobweb with a cobweb hinge, and when it was done all the fairies in the fairy forest came to stare.

There was a deal to stare at, be-

ween you and me. For beyond the cobweb windows were spiders and spiders and still more spiders, weaving cobweb parasols.

Do you know, even the old owl wanted a parasol. Think of it! Can't you see the old owl fluttering around at the dark of the moon with a cobweb parasol in his hand or foot? I can and it makes me laugh!

And then—then, if you please, to the cobweb shop there came a giantess! The fairies scattered right and left—she was so big! And she asked in a rumble if the spiders would make her a cobweb parasol.

Why! Jack Spider didn't know what on earth to say! For one thing the rumble of her voice almost made him deaf. For another, he was afraid of her. If he refused, she could put one foot on his shop and dispose of shop and weavers and parasols. And if he accepted, every spider would have to work on the giantess and stop everything else, it would take them days and days and days—with the other fairies waiting.

What did Jack do? It was simple enough. He sent for his cousin, the bird-eating spider of South America, the spread of whose body measured a foot across and whose body was bigger than the body of a mouse. He sent a message by the living underground, used earth as his door, but Jack Spider's door was simply cobweb with a cobweb hinge, and when it was done all the fairies in the fairy forest came to stare.

"Giantess," said he, "my cousin is the only spider in the world big enough to weave a parasol for your august highness. If you will wait till he comes—"

And the giantess said she would.

Numerous Surprises in Old County Soccer

Rangers Lost Hard Game to Clyde; Celtics Overcome the Hearts

Soccer enthusiasm is developing in an uncommonly queer fashion throughout the length and breadth of "Auld Scotland." More than an ordinary state of topsy-turvydom ruled the national game on Saturday, and it cannot be said that the results were other than in the best interest of soccer as a whole. Several club managements that have been "doon 'n' the moo" since the kick-off are now beginning to realize the truth of the old saying that it is a long lane that has no turning, and are looking forward to brighter days. For Raith Rovers to win two successive games is very heartening to the "Fifers." The win of the Kirkcaldy boys over the Hibernians at Starke's Park was one of the prize results of the afternoon. Hibs have been in "Queer Street" for a long time but they never expected to bite the dust in the kingdom. A week ago Rovers put over Third Lanark, while Hibs at the same time snatched the honors from St. Mirren. Saturday's scalp was the third to come the way of Raith Rovers.

This season, and in the "Lang Toun" everything is merry and bright. Something has surely gone wrong with the Celtic brigade. A week ago they only finished a short neck ahead of Motherwell, and on Saturday Hearts made the champions run every bit as hard, and only lost on the tape. Clyde, after a bad drubbing at Dumbarton, surprised Shawfield supporters by beating Rangers by one goal. Third Lanark had to deliver up the goods to Morton at Cappielow Park, while Aberdeen took the long journey to Hampden Park to prove that the amateurs were better than themselves for the time being at least.

Both Manchester teams could afford to smile on Saturday, particularly the City, who left Everton with a clean sheet. Blackburn Rovers put up a good fight at Old Trafford, but United proved the better marksman at goal. Oldham Athletic had to hand the palm to Bury, who came out of their "back" in style at Boundary Park, while Preston North End at home had the "Hatters" on heekle pins from start to finish.

Appended are the results: The Scottish League: Ayr United 1, Motherwell 0. Clyde 0, Rangers 1. Hamilton Acads. 1, Airdrieonians 0. Hearts 0, Celtic 1. Morton 3, Third Lanark 0. Patrick Thistle 1, Falkirk 0. Queen's Park 2, Aberdeen 1. Raith Rovers 2, Hibernians 1.

CROWN BRAND CORN SYRUP advertisement with image of a bottle and text: 'Such a wholesome spread, for a fresh slice of bread. Of course the kiddies "just love" it. Crown Brand Syrup, and always want it on bread.'

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER MINES

This Course of Action May Be Taken to Settle Trouble in Western Collieries

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—A strike in district No. 18, in the Crow's Nest coal country is threatened to-day, and if it takes place the Government may operate the mines at the owner's expense. There is official intimation to this effect. It follows unsuccessful efforts in the past 10 days to bring together the two sides. The operators won't agree to an increase to the minors. Last November the men presented a demand for an increased war bonus of 25 per cent, to cover the extra cost of living. After several conferences a commissioner, Mr. F. E. Harrison, was appointed to ascertain the actual conditions as regards the living cost in the district. He reported an increase of 9 1/2 per cent, between July and November. The miners would have taken this, but the operators refused on the ground that a wage agreement has until April to run.

Government's Position The position is taken by the Government—that it has a special and direct responsibility to see to it that no suffering occurs to the settlers of Western Canada for the want of coal during the winter months. The Government has also the responsibility of seeing sufficient coke will be provided for the smelters in the Crow's Nest district needed to assist in the making of munitions. An official memorandum citing the above facts refers to the attitude of the mine owners as probably the most notable failure on the part of any organization to recognize and to appreciate their share of the country's many difficulties since the outbreak of the war, and concludes: "If Government action is necessary to prevent suffering on the prairies and to keep the smelters supplied with coke, such action will undoubtedly be firm and vigorous. In view of the financial strength of the mine owners Government action, if found necessary, will no doubt be carried out at the expense of the operators." The miners, after waiting three weeks for an agreement, propose to quit work to-day.

"SALADA" advertisement: 'Of course, you can buy cheaper teas, but "SALADA" is undoubtedly the most economical and what appears to be "cheap" in price will prove to be extravagant in use. The fresh young leaves of "Salada" will yield you generous value for your money.'

The Supreme Rules advertisement: 'To successfully sell goods there are two outstanding rules to follow: 1st. ESTABLISH THE QUALITY OF YOUR PRODUCT. The best advertising on earth will never sell an inferior article. 2nd. ADVERTISE. And do it continuously. People have short memories these days. Don't think for a moment that because you or your business are well known you do not need to advertise. Keep your business before the public through the best local medium—THE DAILY COURIER.'

EDDY'S MATCHES advertisement: 'Although somewhat increased in price owing to the continued high cost of potash, glue and other raw materials, are of the usual high standard of quality which has made them famous for two thirds of a century. Always Ask for—EDDY'S MATCHES'

SUTHERLAND'S 1917 Canadian Almanacs, Pocket Diaries, Office Diaries and Account Books advertisement: 'of every description in stock or ruled, printed and bound to any design. Binding Cases and Filing Devices. Loose Leaf Ladders and Price Books of all sorts and sizes. Everything in Office Stationery and Office Supplies. School Section Equipments filled promptly. J. L. Sutherland Manufacturing Stationer'

J.S. HAMILTON & CO'S WINE PRICE S T advertisement with table of wine prices: 'Per gallon Imperial Measure F.O.B. DRY CATAWBA (Hock) In 5 gallon kegs, per gallon \$1.80. SWEET CATAWBA In cases, 12 reputed quarts \$4.00. CONCORD AND PORT TWIN STAR PORT SHERRY. Fine Old CLARET, "Chateau Pelice" MEDOC ST JULIEN BURGUNDY OLD PORT—King Edward Extra-Old Canadian St. Augustine Inv'd Old '95 Crusader Invalid CHAMPAGNE "L'Empereur," Cases 1 doz. qts. \$17.00. Cases 24 qts. \$19.00. QUANTITIES—No sale less than 5 gallons or 1 dozen reputed quarts. Cases can be assorted. Five gallon kegs \$1.00 and returnable. Cases of pints. \$1.00 extra. Terms cash. These prices include war stamps. "St. Augustine," our registered Brand of Communion and Invalid's Wine. J. S. HAMILTON & CO. Wine Manufacturers 44 AND 46 DALHOUSIE STREET, BRANTFORD ONTARIO'

SIDE TALKS

RUTH CAMERON

THE ATMOSPHERE OF HOME

What is the atmosphere of your home? Is it that of peace, of mutual forbearance or of irritability, of unrest, of mutual recriminations over this or that little thing? The way in which the atmosphere of home differs, the way one person can affect the atmosphere of a whole household, the happiness that is needlessly lost by living in an unpleasant home atmosphere, are subjects which deeply interest me. Try to "Get Something" On Each Other.

There are some homes where the housemates are always keen to "get something" on each other, find each other in a mistake, discover something they can blame each other for. I know one in which the man of the house is constantly saying to his wife: "You told me such and such a thing and now I find out it isn't so." Nothing delights him like catching her in some such mistake. She does not hear quickly and thus gets things twisted and one would expect him to pass such things over but instead he always makes the most of them, says "I wish I could be told things right once in awhile," or something to that effect.

He Loves Grievances. Instead of accepting the thing as a mistake he makes a grievance out of it. He loves grievances. "Simply eats them up," his daughter says. That is another way in which the home atmosphere can be made unpleasant—by the habit of looking for

Rippling Rhymes advertisement: 'AN ILL WIND and paws the air. The grocer, friend, had to soak my lyre; my war-like breast was all adutter with forty kinds of ire. I quoted passages from Dante in my profound despair, and said I'd wreck the grocer's shanty, and pull the grocer's hair. And then I heard that merchant mutter, "Cool down, cool down, my son! I wish that I could sell you butter at fifty cents the ton. For I get tired of hearing kickers' rant around and swear; I'm weary of the man who bickers and howls

OUR DAILY PATTERN SERVICE advertisement: 'Valuable Suggestions of the Handy Homemaker—Order Any Pattern Through the Courier. Be Sure to State Size. MISS' AND SMALL WOMAN'S DRESS. By Anabel Worthington. The practical application of fashion tendencies makes this a worthy design in a dress for misses and small women. It is more than just smart, yet designed after the manner of the gracefully simple frock that has so many followers. The treatment of the waist fronts—extending in tab effect, crossing and buttoning at the waistline—is new and novel. Because a rather low V-neck results from the surplus closing of the waist, a shield or vestee of lace, silk or other material is desirable for filling in below the line of the collar. The button decoration of the waist at this point is noticeably neat. The fullness of a long sleeve is drawn in at the wrist, where a band cuff of material finishes. The collar is of satin and the girle or belt is of matching material. The two gore gathered skirt has its attraction in being plaited at centre front with some panel suggestion. The modern maiden, or small woman may have a delightfully smart dress made after this pattern in duvety, prunella cloth, checked serge or the like trimmed with black satin and at slight cost. Its development is the simplest of tasks. The pattern of dress No. 8074 cuts in sizes 14 to 20 years. To make in size 16 requires 5 1/2 yards of 38 inch material, 3/4 yard of 36 inch satin and 3/4 yard of 12 inch lace for vestee. To obtain the pattern, send 10 cents to the office of this publication.'

Sunlight Soap advertisement: 'Everyone will admire them three times a day—shining, spotless dishes. You know, if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. So, for your dishes and utensils, use Sunlight Soap. Its soft, creamy lather ensures a shining cleanliness that will be a delight to the eye. Sunlight Soap has great cleansing power, yet it never reddens or hurts the softest hands, being of surpassing purity. A \$5.00 guarantee of purity goes with every bar of Sunlight Soap. All grocers sell it. 5c.'

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Vertical advertisements on the left margin: '5c', 'MINT GUM', 'EVERY MEAL', '& Co. Brantford', 'show a Sept. 16', 'not sell them that order in. This is not less than', 'of a case, while 8 years old, quarts or pints are in store of other friends with', '& Co. BRANTFORD', 'BANK', 'Drafts are payable in', '234'