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## HOUSEHOLD NOTES

### ICELAND BRIDES MUST BE ABLE TO COOK MEAL

An old superstition in far-off Iceland is that every bride must invite all of her friends to a dinner in her own home, and every article of food must be prepared by the bride herself. If she is successful in pleasing her guests, she not only receives praise for her own skill, but helps along her younger sisters, who are then assumed to be equally good at cooking, and consequently have a much better chance of getting married.

### EARLIEST SEWING MACHINES

The earliest attempt at sewing by machinery of which there is an authentic record, was in 1755, when a machine was patented in England by Charles F. Weisenthal.

### WEDDING CAKE ROMAN CUSTOM

The bride's cake of to-day, considered by many an indispensable part of the wedding supper, is a relic of an ancient Roman custom. At that time the Roman bride was expected to prepare a part at least of the wedding feast with her own hands.

### VEGETARIANS CONSIDERED THE STRONGEST

Over in Belgium a series of experiments have been conducted on vegetarians and meat eaters. The tests made by the University of Brussels, are said to have shown that in endurance the eaters of vegetables surpassed the eaters of meat by from 50 to 200 per cent.

### WALKING STICK NOVELTIES

Walking sticks for women are being made in an interesting variety today. Many of them have a staid, masculine appearance which betokens practical use, others are as frivolous as the crook of a Dresden shepherdess.

### THE ONE-SLEEVE DRESS

The one-sleeve dress is here again. It seems to be a happy compromise between the long, tight sleeve and no sleeve at all, since one arm is quite bare and the other amply draped.

### NEW LEATHER SHOES

There are shoes of elephant skin being worn in London now. It is not expected that this will become a fad because the source of supply is getting scarce.

### FLANNEL COATS

Among the pleasant summer vogues to-day is that of the flannel coat in three-quarter lengths. Flannel is becoming more and more soft and velvety, though less heavy and hot than velvet. These topcoats invariably have fur collars.

### THE NEW BATHING SUITS

Bathing suits may be of any material nowadays, including crepe de chine. The bathing suit, in fact, will be one of the most chic and vivid items of the summer wardrobe, whether or not its shadow pink crepe or its printed alpaca ever goes near the water.

### RABBIT FUR A FAVORITE

A favorite fur for trimming summer frocks and wraps at present is sheared coney, in white. Coney is, of course, rabbit, and the sheared fur has a certain appealing lightness of quality.

### THE NEW VANITY CASE

There is a distinct vogue for leather hand bags and other accessories. One result is a smart little vanity case of morocco in various colors, not much larger than a purse, yet containing all the essentials.

ported at a greater cost than they can be employed in Nova Scotia. Legislation protecting the insurance fraternity had been passed only a few days ago he said, and other classes seemingly able to get all the legislation they desired but "the poor workman has to suffer always."

D. W. Morrison, Cape Breton, believed that the measure was eminently worthy of favorable consideration, particularly as it concerned the steel plant. Steel workers in the United States had the eight hour day. Surely, he thought, the legislation in its wisdom would see merit in the measure that was designed to give the workmen a more equitable working condition.

Formen Way, Labor, Cape Breton, expressed surprise that some of the members who had recommended that three months hoist had not stated their reasons to the House. Steelworkers were working 11 hours daily, 12 hours nightly and 24 hour shifts every fortnight. The corporation had promised some time ago that when the United States Steel works put the eight hour day into operation they would follow suit. They have the law in the United States now by agreement with the operating companies, but they have no such regulation here.

Year after year, he declared, the legislature is surrounding the professional class with safeguards and not only that, he said, but they are making it increasingly difficult for members of the working class to enter professional life. He did not think the bill had been considered properly. If the government had been honest in the sentiment contained in the Speech from the Throne they had, in this bill, been given an excellent chance to make some tangible show of their desire to introduce social legislation in the interests of the workers. He believed that Canada was the only country in the world where men are asked to work such long hours. It was an unenviable form of distinction, he thought.

Premier Armstrong said he objected to Mr. Way making such sweeping statements which were not true. Mr. Way said he had made a statement as mentioned above and that it was true and he adhered to it. He asked the Premier to name a country where men were asked to work such long hours as they do in the Steel works in Sydney. Mr. Armstrong said he had understood Mr. Way to say there was no other country wherein legislation was not in effect preventing men working such hours and that would not have been true. He suggested that the labor men have patience and await the report of a special commission appointed by the federal government to inquire into the advisability of amending the statutes to prevent overworking steelworkers and others.

Mr. Armstrong adjourned the debate.

Guelph, Ont.—Thomas McPherson, local Labor man, was elected by acclamation as School Trustee for St. James' Ward, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education due to the retirement of A. E. Smith, who was recently appointed Secretary of the Board in succession to William Tyler. A. Wheatley, who was also nominated, withdrew. There is still one more vacancy to fill on the board, due to the death of J. M. Duff.

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## Workers Are Urging Good Social Laws

In their report to President Gompers, the A. F. of L. legislative representatives singled out the proposed conscription of labor for special condemnation. The report, signed by W. C. Roberts, E. F. McGrady and Edgar Wallace names these nine "outstanding measures for which labor is contending:"

Immigration, for the protection of the American people.

Settlement of disputes between railroads and employes.

Child labor amendment to the constitution.

Workmen's compensation for the District of Columbia.

Adjusted compensation for former service men.

Adequate wages for school teachers in the District of Columbia.

Extension of the vocational rehabilitation act.

Reclassification.

Adequate wages for postal employes.

A proposal which is condemned as "a more inimical piece of legislation than was ever before considered by congress," is a bill providing for conscription of labor in case of "national emergency," which, the report says, "means either in peace time or in war time."

"So far as the fixing of wages is concerned," says the report, "the A. F. of L. would agree to it if the same wages given labor would be paid to the members of the supreme court, to the members of congress, the President and his cabinet and all other representatives of the government, including military officers."

The report declares that the Johnson bill, which provides for a 2 per cent. quota and the admission of families of foreign-born citizens, is being maliciously attacked. "The great opposition," says the report, "comes from foreign countries, their nationals in this country and unfair and greedy corporations."

"Mussolini declares," the report continues, "that if the bill is enacted into law that less money will be sent back to Italy to the relatives of Italian immigrants. The Italian ambassador has been directed to make protests to our government. The Rumanian government has made a similar protest."

"Former Attorney-General Wickham opposes the bill because it forbids the admission of 'aliens ineligible to citizenship.' Mr. Wickham, who for many years has represented Japanese interests in this country, pro-

tests against this provision. In some way the Federal Council of churches has been led into opposing that feature of the Johnson bill. It says that it would be a case of bad faith to pass a law that would abolish the 'gentlemen's agreement.'

"The 'gentlemen's agreement' is not a treaty. It leaves to Japan the issuing of passports to those who intend coming to the United States. No one has ever seen this 'gentlemen's agreement,' and it is believed to be on the same order as 'gentlemen's agreements' between corporations for profiteering purposes or for determining wages and the blacklisting of labor.

"It is a verbal agreement. Japan is said to have given a pledge to issue no passports to laborers. However, they come in here as merchants, students or under other classification, but soon throw off their disguise and become laborers.

"There are 100,000 Japanese in California alone. The Federal Council of Churches is also urging that the Japanese come under the 2 per cent. quota. President Gompers has made a protest to that organization and it is hoped that the influence that led it into such error will be exposed."

### Another Bill Is Given the Hoist

Measure To Provide 8-Hour Day For Building Trades Throws Out

A recommendation from the committee giving a three months hoist to the measure introduced by Joseph Steele, Labor, Cape Breton, giving an eight hour day to members of the building trades and steel workers in Nova Scotia, met with such strenuous opposition at this afternoon's session of the Legislature, Assembly that the debate was adjourned at six o'clock and did not resume at the evening session.

When the recommendation of the committee was reported to the House this afternoon, calling for a hoist to be given Mr. Steele's eight hour bill, the Cape Breton member moved an amendment that the bill go back to committee. He said it was evident that government did not appreciate the value of Nova Scotia workmen and he feared that the time would come when they would realize this to their regret. This was a measure resigned to make the lot of certain workmen more agreeable and would tend to keep the best workmen in the province. If it were thrown out it would only hasten the time when skilled workmen would have to be im-

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