

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

WEE GIRLS MAKING VALENTINES FOUR HESTER HOWE NEWSBOYS

Cosmopolitan Public School in the Downtown District Will Keep the Ancient Festival—No Place for Poor Teachers Among Immigrant Children Who Understand No English.

Forty-eight newsboys at the Hester Howe school will receive winged missives from St. Valentine this morning. Not one will be forgotten. When the World called yesterday two pairs of busy hands were engaged in putting finishing touches on nice little pads to the stamps on the big envelopes to be placed later in the "Valentine Box," and in reply to an interrogation the answer came "for our newsboys."

"And won't there be all kinds of fun and guessing when the box is opened?" said Miss Howe, the smiling principal, and her bright-cheeked assistant, Miss Till, smiled back sympathetically, evidently anticipating the hilarious morning hour when the love-inspired messages would be distributed.

The Festival Spirit

By-and-by it was made evident that the spirit of the coming festival was general. Into the principal's office came two little maids, each with a parcel to be put away for safe-keeping. The most important article enclosed was a pair of scissors. Each had been cutting red hearts out of red paper, and the instruments that had been the medium of evolving the wonderful shapes were being returned.

Then came others with eyes soft and brown, the red toque worn over the dark hair giving a picture of just the types that should develop into the Canadian womanhood. "One of these had a chain of hearts which she had strung and held out suspended in her hand, and those who believe in signs might read a forecast of the hearts which in days to come will sue for the good will of the now picturesque little girlie.

An Interesting Spirit

During the visit some very interesting facts came to light about the Hester Howe school, which has a history differing from every other school in the city. Situated in the "Ward" it distributed during a number of years many charities to hundreds who in those days were in need of such service. City expansion and the influx of a large Hebrew population have changed this in a marked degree. A fine commodious building opened about two years ago replaces the smaller and more antiquated one of former years, and the Hebrew people are of disposition too independent and self-supporting to accept anything that savors of alms.

There are six hundred and thirty pupils in the school, and the nationalities which make up this aggregate are interesting. Two are Scotch, forty English, two hundred and forty Russians, forty-four Austrians, one hundred and thirty-one Poles, seventeen Roumanians, two Armenians, sixteen Italians, one Belgian, twenty-four from the United States, and two Chinese. Anyone speaking proof of the modern cosmopolitan character of our city could find nothing better than this summary.

Speak No English

There is always on hand a large class of newcomers who cannot speak a word of English. Children who have made some advancement in the language are often of assistance in getting the necessary information from these "little strangers" on their

entrance into their new environment. There are sixteen teachers in the school—four in the kindergarten—and as Miss Grey said proudly, looking at the bright girls who form her staff, "There would be no use in sending a poor teacher here." The statement implied that all are good. And that they looked the part no one would deny.

The "mothers' meeting" this week was the most successful yet held. Fifty mothers assembled, and Dr. Pevinack gave them an address in Yiddish on the necessity of care for the teeth. In the middle of the address one of the mothers, lately from Russia, became so enthusiastic that she broke in and took the floor, with the doctor's permission, to state that she had substituted all that the doctor said. She told of her experience in the west, where a dentist had told her that nine of her little boys' teeth must be treated. She had no money. What could she do? Here in Toronto money would be advanced and no child should be neglected because his parents had not many dollars.

Care of the Teeth

The conduct of the woman in breaking in against all precedent, is one of the finest proofs yet obtained of the real awakening to the need of care of the teeth and kindred matters resulting to the people whom the meetings are intended to benefit. This has been one of the difficulties, to get the parents sympathetic and co-operative. The woman's speech made the teeth stir among the homes, and the next day toothbrushes were at a premium.

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At these mothers' meetings Mrs. Seigel and her committee provide cake and tea, which is prepared at the school, and these with the dishes found on the premises give an enjoyable tea party to the cosmopolitan gathering of women who from Northern Russia to Sunny Italy and the points between have come to make their homes in Toronto.

Miss Jamieson, the tireless nurse whose time is spent with this school, is a treasure beyond value in the amount of good she is doing. This is the authority of Miss Grey, and none should know better. Miss Jamieson, clever healer of ills, is inaugurating a series of meetings of little mothers, the first of which will be held next Wednesday. This will be attended by the girls of the school between ten and eleven, and they will be taught how to nurse, wash and generally care for baby and the smaller ones at home.

In addition to the handicap that comes from ignorance of English when the children first arrive, a number make their first appearance in a school of any country when they come to the Hester Howe at the age of ten and eleven. It is easy to realize that the teachers here are doing exceptional work. "Phonic with sense" is the recipe of Miss Grey in her intercourse with the newcomers, and to this an outsider might add the kindly thought and sunshine that emanate from the judicial head and kindly face of the school's efficient principal.

EFFICIENT HOUSEKEEPING BY HENRIETTA D. GRAUEL DOMESTIC SCIENCE LECTURER

Sweeping and Dusting

There is a proper way of sweeping and dusting a room that it is a fine art to acquire, for these duties form a large part of our housework and heavily tax our time and strength.

The dusting should be done first, as far as is practicable. If the weather permits open the doors and windows in order to get all the air and light possible.

Use an oiled dust cloth for the furniture. These cloths are of cheese cloth squares dipped lightly into paraffin oil or raw linseed oil. They polish the wood and absorb the dust.

A whisk or stiff brush is used on the upholstered parts of the furniture and then the varnished parts are dusted and polished with the one cloth. When dusted and polished carry the articles into another room.

Now dust the books and small ornaments and cover them or carry them out. The curtains must be lifted down into the air and shaken lightly.

Next look after the chandelier; remove the globes and have them washed. Examine the walls and if dusty brush them with a wall brush or covered broom.

Now you are ready to sweep; begin in the corners with a small broom and brush out all the dust. If there is any article of furniture that is too heavy to move out, a small, long handled brush will be convenient to reach under it with.

Dip the sweeping broom into a pail of warm water containing a tablespoon of ammonia, shake it until it seems almost dry. Now sweep with a short, smooth motion toward the centre of the room; if you sweep toward a door the dust blows back, and if you sweep to the side of the room there are usually "spans" or angles that catch and hold the sweepings.

Carpet sweeper, go over the carpet with it as its fine brush will gather up many particles missed by the coarse broom.

A room does not need such a thorough sweeping as this very often and there should not be much dust from it; if there is it is a sure sign that the carpet is dirty and must be up. It is a great mistake to wait until a certain time and then have a general housecleaning. It is far better to be clean all the time.

Dust the woodwork with a soft dry cloth; the door handles should be washed with ammonia water, and the windows sponged off and dried with polishing cloth.

The only use we have for the feather duster is when cleaning behind the pictures, here it shakes the dust out and down splendidly, anywhere else it only scatters the dust and makes all one's work to be done over again.

Tea leaves are sometimes recommended for sprinkling over carpets before sweeping, but the practice is not a good one for light carpets or rugs, as the damp leaves sometimes leave a stain. Salt brightens faded carpets, but is in favor of salt; it not only does freshen the bright colors of the floor coverings, but it drives out, or prevents the coming of, ants, cockroaches and other insects. A little salt and borax mixed together and sprinkled around the edges of the carpet is the best way to use it.

CHEERY NEWS FOR CANADIAN GIRLS

Half Million More Men Than Women, Say Cold Figures.

MANY ARE SINGLE

Sixty-Two Per Cent. of Males Haven't Yet Gone to Altar.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—There are half a million more men in Canada than women, according to statement issued by the census department today. This is largely due to immigration, more males coming into the country than females. For the population under 16 years of age, the proportion is fairly level. At the age of 70 the ratio of males to females assumes again its normal proportions. The greatest longevity is seen in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. From 80 years and upwards, the female population shows a greater tenacity to life than does the male.

Of the total male population, 62 per cent. are single, and of the total female population 57 per cent. are single. The percentage of the widowed is greater for females at every age period. This apparently shows that the rate of mortality is greater among married females than among married males. In all eastern cities, the female population outnumbers the males, and the opposite is the case in the west.

When the census was taken in 1911, there were 120 persons over the age of 100 years. Sixty-two of these were males and 58 females. There were 1548 persons over the age of 90. There are 37 centenarians in Ontario and 21 in Quebec.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING AS RESULT OF WAR

Mrs. Farnajess of Sofia Told Women's Canadian Club of Privation and Hardship.

The Women's Canadian Club entertained a distinguished visitor yesterday afternoon in the person of Mrs. Farnajess of Sofia, Bulgaria. The story which followed Mrs. Dickson's introductory address was touching in the extreme. The little Bulgarian heroine pictured most graphically the terrible condition of her people as a result of the war. All the beautiful agricultural land has been laid waste, cities and towns razed and homes destroyed. Poverty reigns supreme and orphans walk barefooted in the snow—the sacred legacy of battlefield heroes. Mrs. Farnajess stated that ten thousand of her people have been left crippled for life, and that the thousands of homeless ones were sharing their bread and bare floors with countless refugees.

THIEVES AND ROBBERS ARE MISSIONARIES NOW

Rev. Jonathan Goforth is Having Great Success in His Honan Field.

Rev. Jonathan Goforth, the well-known Knox College graduate, in a letter just received by Rev. Dr. Taiting, reports a series of remarkable experiences since his return from Canada to Honan, China. He states that he has organized a staff of Chinese converts, who are going to the various fairs preaching in a large tent. Two of the converts are ex-robbers, one is a money lender, who has given up business to become an evangelist at his own expense. He was converted to Christianity thru his mother having a devil cast out thru Christian prayer after Chinese witch doctors had tried in vain to cure her of her mental aberration.

NO DANGER NOW.

All danger of a scarlet fever epidemic at Varsity has passed as a result of the precautions taken to prevent the spread of the malady. In all seven cases were taken to the Isolation Hospital, of which five were from the college residences and two were students living outside.

GOOPS

By GELETT BURGESS



John H. Troop marks on the walls of bed-room, sitting-room, and halls; and every visitor who calls, is shocked to see John Henry's scrawls. They always say "To Mrs. Troop, 'Your little son must be a Goop!'"

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WANTED HIS LOVED ONE TO NAME THE HAPPY DAY

But Halted at the Altar—Former Fiancee Gets Five Hundred Dollars.

Five hundred dollars for breach of promise was awarded to Miss Emily Colburn of Toronto against W. A. Baker, a farmer of Olds, Alberta, by a jury in the assize court before Justice Latchford yesterday. Baker did not appear, being represented by counsel. Letters of his were produced asking his intended to name the day and announcing his intention of coming down from the west as soon as this was done. He also spoke of buying the engagement ring. The verdict includes full court costs.

DUG THRU BRICK WALL TO ELOPE WITH LOVER

Calgary Girl, Ward of Children's Aid, Shows Her Mettle as an Emancipator.

CALGARY, Alta., Feb. 12.—A sixteen-year-old girl, ward of the Children's Aid Society, dug her way thru a two foot brick and plaster wall and into the arms of her sweetheart, when a guard of the institution discovered them and placed her and the young man, with whom she was planning to elope, under arrest.

MISSION TO LEPEERS.

The regular monthly meeting of Toronto Auxiliary of the mission to lepers will be held on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 17, at 3 o'clock in Toronto Bible College, 110 College street. Mrs. (Dr.) McClure, who has spent over 25 years in mission work in North Honan, will address the meeting.

WOMAN IS CITY CLERK.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Feb. 12.—Miss Esther Jones of Sarnia, Ont., has been appointed city clerk of Lethbridge.

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PICTURED EARLY LIFE OF PAULINE JOHNSON

Women's Canadian Historical Society Heard Instructive Addresses, Then Had Tea.

The Women's Canadian Historical Society met Thursday afternoon at 52 St. Alban's street. In the absence of Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Miss Fitzgibbon, vice-president, took charge of the meeting. After the reports and correspondence had been read, Mrs. Dunrover read a most interesting paper on "Reminiscences of Pauline Johnson." The childhood and subsequent life of this charming woman were graphically depicted, and Mrs. Duckworth pointed out how essential it was for the society to realize the worth of this one great student of her fast disappearing race.

"Fraser and His Discoveries" proved a most instructive paper, read by Miss Jean Graham, whose work shows how much she has advanced in the study of the subject. Her prompt remarks by various members tea was served around the cheery fireplace. Mrs. Galbraith and Miss Bomer were hostesses.

WOMAN IS FINED FOR EVIL TRAFFIC

Many Complaints Against Rooming Houses of Bad Reputation—Six Months for Keeper of One.

Magistrate Denison gave Minnie Bishop, licensee, \$25 and costs of 40 days; also a red hot lecture, in the court. Annie Fraser, charged with being a nuisance, was discharged.

"There are hundreds of such places in the city," said the magistrate, addressing Mrs. Jackson, keeper of a disorderly house. "Our complaints against these so-called rooming houses are many. The woman to serve a term of six months in the Mercer, and Bertha Jacobs, an inmate, five months."

A. F. SHELDON TO SPEAK.

Arthur Frederick Sheldon of Chicago, philosopher and organizer, will deliver an address in the auditorium of the new Y.M.C.A. building, 40 College street, this evening at 8 o'clock. The address will be on the subject "Natural Law in the Business World."

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Several of Abt's imperishable songs are to be found in "Heart Songs"—the famous song collection now being so enthusiastically received by the readers of this paper—which has placed it within the reach of every one. See the coupon in today's issue, which explains the terms to our readers.