

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Pleasant Evening Reveries dedicated to tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

TWO CLASSES OF GRADUATES.

Last month was commencement month. Hundreds of youthful graduates received diplomas, applause and large quantities of more or less useful advice as they left the institutions in which they had labored and learned, to face the problems and battles of the world or to enter higher schools of learning.

A little more advice piled on that already administered surely will not be radically amiss, so we will call attention to the idea "that a little learning is a dangerous thing." Most young people are wiser for their schooling and are ready to face responsibility after graduation from high school or college with a confidence grounded in a conviction of work well done. Others have simply been exposed to education and have acquired merely a veneer of learning which is too shallow to endure.

Usually those of the first class are eager to learn more about the things which they have been studying in school and the further pursuit of which may lead to honor and preferment. This ambition should be encouraged on the part of educators and parents. Young men and women who acquire studious habits in school are apt to persevere in these habits after graduation. On the other hand, members of the veneered class are all too anxious to frame their diplomas and promptly forget all about the matters brought to their attention in student days, and as for further educational development, why—nothing can be said.

GIRLS WHO MAKE POOR WIVES.

We never see a petted, pampered girl who is yielded to in every whim by servants and parents that we do not sigh with pity for the man who will some day be her husband. It is the worshipped daughter who has been taught that her whims and wishes are supreme in a household, who makes marriage a failure all her life. She has had her way in things great and small; and when she desired dresses, pleasures or journeys which were beyond the family purse, she carried the day with tears or sulks, or posing as a martyr. The parents sacrificed for her sake, hoping finally to see her well married. They carefully hid her faults from her suitors who seek her hand and she is ever ready with smiles and allurements to win the hearts of men, and the average man is as blind to the faults of a pretty girl as a newly hatched bird is blind to the worms upon the trees about him. He thinks her little pettish ways are mere girlish moods; but when she becomes his wife and reveals her selfish and cruel nature, he is grieved and hurt to think fate has been so unkind to him.

The One Hope for Permanent Peace.

If this war "settles something" so that somebody will be satisfied with war as an institution. However false this view may be, it will certainly be the view of a large number on the winning side. Instead of desiring to prevent a repetition of such a war there will be a tendency to jealously guard the right to make war and to secure whatever advantage, prestige, satisfaction, pride and glory war may bring. If on the other hand, the conflict ends in a draw and the people of both sides become convinced that it has accomplished nothing except the destruction of wealth, the accumulation of debt and the slaughter of the very flower of the manhood of Europe, then war itself will be regarded as an accursed institution and there will arise such a popular clamor for future safeguards against war, that any nation may be willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to substitute a better method. The great hope of abolishing war is to have a war which is totally unprofitable. Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale University, in N.Y. Independent.

Grasshopper Plague.

A plague of locusts, or grasshoppers, is reported from Mountain township, in Dundas County. E. P. Bradt, District Representative, says: "Although locusts are supposed to be much worse in a dry year, I found quite large numbers of them present in one particular school section. The soil of this section is a very light, warm sand, and the wet weather did not appear to affect them. I called around on quite a number of farmers in the district, and we are arranging to hold a meeting in the near future and organize so that all farmers who have any of these insects on their places will apply a poison bran mixture on the same day. At the meeting we will also discuss thoroughly the methods of preparing and applying and give a demonstration in the making up of the material. I do not anticipate a very widespread distribution of this injury this year. In other parts of the county, where the soil is heavier, there is no appearance of grasshoppers at the present time."

Frost was reported by a gardener at Woodstock last Wednesday morning, where the thermometer on Sunday registered 95 degrees.

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

ADVICE TO OUR YOUNG LADY READERS.

Allow no time to pass without brightening someone's life. Within five minutes' walk of you there is some one tragically compared with which Shakespeare's King Lear or Victor Hugo's Jean Valjean has no power. Go out and brighten somebody's life with a cheering word or smile or a flower. Take a good book and read a chapter to that blind man. Go up that dark alley and make that invalid woman laugh with some good story. Go to that house from which that child has been taken by death and tell the father and mother what an escape the child has had from the winter of earth into the springtime of heaven.

Young woman, live to make others happy, and you will be happy! Live for yourself and you will be miserable! There never has been an exception to the rule, there never will be an exception.

A CONTENTED SPIRIT.

Remember, if you have only what is called an ordinary home, that the great deliverers of the world have all come from such a home. And there may be seated reading at your evening stand a child who shall be potent for the ages. Just enroll the scroll of men mighty in church and state, and you will find they nearly all came from log cabins or poor homes. Genius almost runs out in the third and fourth generation. You cannot find in all history an instance where the fourth generation of extraordinary people amount to anything. Columbus from a weaver's hut, Demosthenes from a cutler's cellar, Bloomfield and Missionary Carey from a shoemaker's bench, Arkwright from a barber's shop and He whose life is high over all in earth and air and sky from a manger.

Let us all be content with such things as we have. God is just as good in what he keeps away from us as in what he gives us. Even a knot may be useful if it is at the end of a thread. The spider draws poison out of a flower; the bees get honey out of a thistle, but happiness is a heavenly elixir and the contented spirit extracts it not from the rhododendron of the hills but from the lily of the valley.

The religious man who goes about with a long face and his lip hanging down over his chin, has mistaken a case of dyspepsia for a change of heart. The true Christian has a ready-made smile always on tap and is glad in heart all the day long, from January 1 till the general judgment.

Every man's life is a failure who does not try to do something to leave the world richer than he found it.

SUMMER COMPLAINTS KILL LITTLE ONES.

At the first sign of illness during the hot weather give the little ones Baby's Own Tablets, or in a few hours he may be beyond cure. These Tablets will prevent summer complaints if given occasionally to the well child and will promptly cure these troubles if they come on suddenly. Baby's Own Tablets should always be kept in every home where there are young children. There is no other medicine as good and the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that they are absolutely safe. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Little Helen McKenna has not yet been found. One of her playthings was found recently in the bed of a creek which flows past the McKenna homestead. This leads to the belief that she has been drowned. It is also rumored that her body had been recovered, but to this County Constable Hamilton states there is no truth. Little Helen is but two years old and the daughter of Mr. Christopher McKenna of Goulbourn township. She went away from the house in the month of May and has not been heard of since.

Bonnycastle Dale gives some advice on how not to paddle in this article, "I a Light Canoe will Build Me" in the August issue of Rod and Gun and also some pointers on how to paddle with the least danger of an upset. "Temagami Men" by R. J. Fraser is a tribute to the guides of Temagami, than whom there are "no finer band of men." Rex Snow contributes "Little Incidents among Big Mountains"; F. V. Williams "Kli-r-r-r-r-ik-ik-ik," the well known New Brunswick Guide, Avery Morehouse, writes of a moose with a 52 inch spread secured before breakfast; B. C. Tillett gives some experiences in Snipe Shooting, and various other stories and articles of equal interest precede the regular departments which are replete as usual with information for the lover of gun, rod and dog. W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont. are the publishers of this representative Canadian sportsman's magazine.

Maple seeds have been sent from Ottawa to be planted in Kew Gardens, the young trees from them to be set out after the war around the graves of Canadian soldiers.

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A BUSY COUNTESS

War Work Occupies Another Beautiful Woman.

POPULAR IN DUAL EMPIRE.

Like So Many of Her European Sisters, This Fair Austrian is Interested in Relief—London Women of Title Going In For Charity Theatricals.

In every capital in Europe women of title and social prestige are busy with war relief. Hospital ships and supplies, ambulances, workshops and actual nursing of sick soldiers are only a few of their occupations.

London society women have recently taken up charity theatricals, the Countess of Essex (nee Miss Adele Grant



COUNTRESS VON SZAPARY.

of New York) recently having given an extremely successful charity matinee at the Gaiety theater, with professional and society amateurs indiscriminately mixed up. Recently Mrs. Edith Wharton, the American novelist, was decorated by the French government for her valuable relief work. Last winter the German kaiser decorated Mrs. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador, for the help given families of soldiers.

Like all the other feminine members of the Austro-Hungarian nobility, the Countess von Szapary is actively engaged in war relief work. She is connected with some of the most prominent families in the dual empire.

DON'TS FOR BUYERS.

Some Restrictions Valuable For Those on Shopping Bent.

Don't buy a suit with a plaited skirt unless you have an electric iron and lots of time or else a good maid.

Don't buy one that is a bit too small, for the present style coat, with its flaring hem, looks especially bad in a size too small.

Don't, if you're over five feet six, get up and down stripes.

Don't buy a tan suit if you are sallow. Some of the tan shades are again in fashion, and they are a pitfall for the unwary sallow woman.

Don't buy a suit trimmed with a light color if you must wear it constantly, for nothing looks worse than soiled trimming.

Don't, if the family Bible has you down for over forty—you needn't admit it—get a suit because the saleswoman tells you it's girlish. Don't be a flapper at forty.

Don't, if you're under five feet three, get round about trimming.

Don't get a jacket that has sleeves too short or too long, for misfit sleeves spoil what may otherwise be a very attractive jacket.

Baked Shad Roe.

Parboil the roe from a large shad for one minute, drain, place in a baking pan, spread with one large tablespoonful of butter, sprinkle with pepper, salt and a dash of cayenne, pour in one cupful of cream, bake covered for twenty minutes, then remove the cover, bake ten minutes longer and transfer to a heated platter. Beat the yolks of three eggs with one cupful of cream, add the strained sauce from the pan, cook and stir until slightly browned, place around the roe and garnish with watercress and crisped bacon.

Kitchen Kinks.

Never allow fresh meat to remain in paper, for it absorbs the juices.

Always allow water to run from the kitchen tap in the morning until all that has been in the pipes overnight has run out.

Never allow opened fruits or vegetables to stand in the tin can.

Never stir anything in tin if avoidable or at least use a wooden spoon.

Never keep vinegar or yeast in stone crocks or jugs, since the acid attacks the glazing.

Nationalists Will Fight

Any Changes in Home

Rule, Declares Redmond

ONCE again the Home Rule issue is a burning one in Britain, and the hope that it would be quickly and easily settled under the shadow of the great war has almost vanished into thin air. With the re-appearance of the question, John Redmond comes back into the limelight. Since the war broke out Redmond has been little in evidence except during his recruiting campaigns among the Nationalists.

In the recent debate on Home Rule in the British Commons Mr. Redmond restated the issue from the Nationalist point of view in its new form.

The Irish Nationalist leader declared he did not want to attack anybody, but merely to state the facts, which, he said, spoke for themselves. He said that when two months ago Premier Asquith had returned from Ireland and announced that the present system of government had broken down, and said the Cabinet had



MR. JOHN REDMOND.

unanimously requested Mr. Lloyd George to bring about, if possible, a provisional settlement of the Irish question by the consent of everyone concerned, he was thrilled by the hope that in the interests not only of Ireland but of the Empire the Irish question might be put out of the way until the war had ended.

The proposals Mr. Lloyd George put before Sir Edward Carson and himself, Mr. Redmond said, were in no sense their proposals, but after considerable negotiations and many changes they agreed to recommend them to their friends. Mr. Redmond declared that he had had the greatest difficulty in obtaining the consent of his supporters, not one of whom would have considered the proposals unless they were put forward as a purely temporary settlement for the period of the war.

Mr. Redmond said the agreement was for the provisional settlement of the question until the war was over, or until a final and permanent settlement was arrived at within a limited time after the war. The first words proposed were that the whole bill should remain in force during the continuance of the war, and for a twelve-month afterwards, but Sir Edward Carson objected that if Parliament took no action during the twelve months after the war, then the six Ulster counties should be excluded from the operations of the home rule act of 1914. To meet Sir Edward Carson's objections the following words were added: "But if Parliament has not by that time made further and permanent provisions for the government of Ireland, the period for which this bill shall remain in force is to be extended by order of the Council for such time as is necessary to enable Parliament to make such provisions."

"I was informed," declared the Nationalist leader, "that these words would be accepted by Carson, and would be incorporated in the agreement. Another fundamental proposal was that during the transitory period the number of Irish members of the Imperial Parliament was to remain as at present, and this was regarded as an indispensable factor of the temporary character of the whole arrangement."

"Having attained the consent of our supporters to this agreement, I was faced on my return to London by an entirely new proposal from the Marquis of Lansdowne, which came as a bolt from the blue. Lord Lansdowne, in a speech in the House of Lords, declared the bill to be introduced would contain certain modifications of the act of 1914, which would be permanent and enduring, and I protested."

"Saturday last Mr. Lloyd George and the Home Secretary informed me that the Cabinet had decided to insert in the bill two provisions: one for the permanent exclusion of the Ulster counties, and another cutting out of the bill the agreement for the retention of the Irish members at Westminster during the transitory period. This decision was declared to be absolute and final."

"I stand by every word in the agreement we came to. I will not agree to any new proposals, which would mean an absolute and disgraceful breach of faith on my part towards my supporters in Ireland. I warn the Government that if they introduce a bill on the lines indicated we will oppose it at every stage."

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