

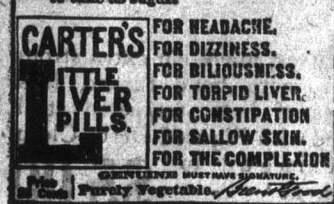
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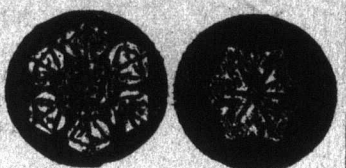
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## SNOWFLAKE WONDERS

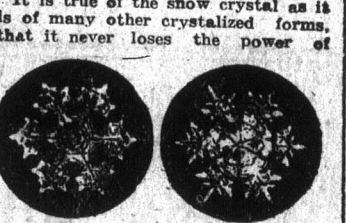
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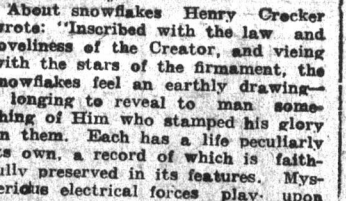
Usually each snowflake consists of several or many separate crystals. These crystals are typical of the infinite variety and beauty that exist throughout nature. The pictures here-with are engraved direct from enlarged microscopic photographs made from separate crystals of snow. No two of these crystals are alike in form or in decoration, but the separate crystals that comprise one snowflake often have some similarity. The pictures are from 400 to 500 times larger than the real crystals themselves, or are enlarged from 15 to 16 diameters. They show only the exterior of different snow crystals, each much enlarged, and there is much greater variety in the interior forms. The particles, even while they hang together, are in constant vibration among themselves. Each crystal always has six points or radii, yet how marvelous the variety! The frost-work on window panes, which rivals leaves and flowers in elegance of design, shows how ice crystals depart from geometrical arrangement when their freedom of growth is limited. The more they are constrained, the more beautiful appears their grace and adaptability.



It is true of the snow crystal as it is of many other crystallized forms, that it never loses the power of growth. If it is bruised or deformed, the subsequent growth is abnormally rapid over the injured area until perfection of form is regained. A German scientist studied the formation of quartz crystals some years ago and discovered that they were actually teeming with life—that is, possess vibrations having organized movement and life manifestations. Thus, even the humble snowflake is perhaps a common expression of infinite life, as it is of infinite beauty.



About snowflakes Henry Cracker wrote: "Inscribed with the law and levelness of the Creator, and vying with the stars of the firmament, the snowflakes feel an earthly drawing—a longing to reveal to man something of Him who stamped his glory on them. Each has a life peculiarly its own, a record of which is faithfully preserved in its features. Mysterious electrical forces play upon those shining hosts, brooding over them, like the Spirit of creation. Flying, as it alive, they cover our sin-cursed world with celestial purity and light. They fit into our eyes and look up to us as if imploring us to look at them carefully and to see what beauty and glory has been wrought upon them. But many are indifferent to their appeal. They brush them off and dream what elegance they destroy, what purity they defile, what delight they miss. But the time is coming when many shall see. They are beginning already to see!"



Baroness Burdett-Coutts. "What a wonderful woman the Baroness Burdett-Coutts is!" says M. A. P. "The other day I saw her in the Royal York at Brighton, and I hear from everybody that she is enjoying the air of Brighton with as much zest as if she were in her first youth. Like the late Queen, the Baroness has immense faith in open air. Wet or dry, she goes out for her long drive every day. The result is that in old age she has much of the vivacity of youth. She is, I hear, as keenly interested in the fiscal question as though she were a member of the House of Commons herself; and I believe, an ardent Chamberlainite."

Where Domesticity Shines. In Siberia there is a custom, that a bride, on coming to her husband's house, has to give a dinner prepared with her own hands, as a test of housekeeping capabilities. If she succeeds in gratifying her guests, it is taken as a proof not only of the young woman's own excellence, but also as a recommendation of her whole family, by whom she was instructed in the culinary art.

Color and Strength. The Russian War Office has decided that in future grey horses shall be exclusively used for artillery purposes, the reason given for the innovation being that animals of this color have been found by experience to be stronger and more enduring than those of other colors.



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## BISHOP GRAVEL DEAD

Montreal, Jan. 28.—Rt. Rev. Ephege Bishop, first Roman Catholic Bishop of Nicolet, died at Nicolet, tonight, after a prolonged illness. Bishop Gravel was born in 1838, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1870. In 1885, at the creation of the new diocese of Nicolet, he was appointed first Bishop, and was consecrated at Rome.

In 1895 Bishop Gravel created quite a stir by a letter he addressed to the propaganda at Rome on the Manitoba school question. This letter was frequently quoted afterwards in the discussions as the statement of the Ultramontane position in regard to education.

## PRETTY TEACHER A ROBBER

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 28.—A special to the Despatch from Millers, S. D., says: This town is much worried up over the mystery surrounding the death of Miss Hattie Pilcher, a pretty and popular school teacher, who is charged with having stolen men's clothes and assisted in the holding-up, drugging and attempted robbery of Wilbur Quirk, a clerk in Collins' drug store, one night about a week ago. Miss Pilcher the next day, it was learned, had a bullet wound in her shoulder, and she was arrested. Testimony was offered to show that she told the physician who attended her wound that she was shot with a useless gun like that with which the robbers threatened Quirk.

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## THE RURAL HISTORIAN.

Reconsideration of Mr. R. W. Dillon's Paper on the Country Correspondent at a Meeting of the Press Association.

At a meeting of the Canadian Press Association Mr. R. W. Dillon read a paper to prove that there is a reason for the existence of the country correspondent, says The Mail and Empire. Is this not carrying the joke on the rural reporter a little too far? To be made game of by the wags of the evening press, to have his stuff snipped out of its native stock for public readers, is something he is supposed to enjoy; but to have it calmly debated whether or not his usefulness is above zero is more than the most long-suffering butt can be expected to put up with.

## His Function.

Since the country correspondent has been—and that, too, by the consent and for the purposes of the editors of local weeklies—it would be courteous and not illogical for these gentlemen to let it stand as postulated that he is not altogether unutilized for. Mr. Dillon, however, is not a man who is satisfied with empiricism. He determined to ascertain by rigorous scientific enquiry what function, if any, the country correspondent has. After the vivisection of a number of specimens, the editor from St. Mary's found that the country correspondent has an office which there is nothing else in the newspaper or organization to perform. The man who sends in news from the crossroads is no mere verbatim appendix of provincial journalism. Nor is his part in the newspaper economy solely to furnish reprint, rich in incongruity, for the dailies whose shears lie in wait for stuff to fill their comic columns. Mr. Dillon finds that the country correspondent should survive and flourish, not altogether for the droll figure he cuts at a distance, but because he is a necessary evil.

## Promotes Circulation.

Very commonly the country correspondent is a wit. He has an arch way of telling of the top buggy drawn by a white-footed horse, that was seen at an unnamed hour going up a certain road. He will perhaps add that a red-headed young man he knows of had better look lively, for faint heart never won fair lady. At such pleasant, seen in their local such pleasant, seen in their local neighborhood will laugh, and some perhaps will express wrath. But the news will be understood, and more or less commented on. That is the main thing from the editor's point of view. He wants his matter to circulate among the people it concerns. A majority of the dwellers in a given hamlet may vote the correspondent an idiot, many of them may brand him as a liar, and not a few denounce him as a miserable eavesdropper, but if he is personal enough they will want to see what he writes. That is to say, they will have strictly local motives for reading the paper. As the editor is in business not so much for making money as to benefit the public, he is in most cases willing to add to his list the names of all who pay strictly in advance the very low rates he asks. A dozen local correspondents could swell at least the borrowing demand for the paper, multiplying the number of readers, whether or not they increased the number of subscribers. They could, too, if sufficiently enterprising, keep up a dozen separate fermenting in one county. News makes news. Suppose the subject is a church row; it can be handled in a way to set by the ears the inhabitants of several thousand acres. If rivals in love are the theme of the writer's gifted pen, he can bring about family feuds, and perhaps divide the countryside into two warring camps.

## His Influence.

What is a country place without a correspondent? Its people live in pastoral peace, and in a state of simplicity that would be thought hugely comical by some of our humorists. The first few artless paragraphs reported by the correspondent who finally installs himself in such a spot are usually so commonplace that they strike outside as irritatingly funny. If he is busy enough, he will soon waken the place out of its lethargy, and perhaps make some of the residents rue the day he began taking notes among them. He will have a moral influence that will make itself felt through his letters. Men who were never known to boast of bragging for publication. Every exceptionally big pumpkin raised will be weighed and described by the newspaper man. When Farmer X sells his team of Clydesdales, the news will be bruited abroad, the team lauded, the cash consideration mentioned, and the farmer himself referred to by a shortened form of his Christian name. Vanity will be cultivated.

## Is All the News Best?

A country newspaper that has a corps of good correspondents in the field of its circulation is always attractive. As sources of news the country places are by no means exhausted, even by force-pumping methods of the most active reporters. Much that would be exceedingly readable is rejected because it seems too little out of the common.

Reprinted in the dailies, some of the items gleaned from the country correspondents' columns have an incongruity that moves to mirth, though there may be nothing odd-looking about them in their own habitat. They are effective everywhere. At home they are news, abroad they are jokes, their humorous element being none the less enjoyable because the author is unconscious of it. From the sittings of country correspondence a volume could be compiled, whose interest would be by no means merely local or ephemeral. In the letters of the historian of the future will find pictured the manners and customs of rural life. But it is not the historian of the future the correspondent or his editor is supposed to be thinking about.



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## APHORISMS.

Set a beggar on horseback and he will ride a gallop.—Button.  
The hearing ear is always found close to the speaking tongue.—Emerson.  
To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.—Dixwell.  
Humility is a virtue all preach, none practice, and yet everybody is content to hear.—Selden.  
A life spent worthily should be measured by a nobler line—by deeds, not years.—R. B. Sheridan.  
Health is the second blessing that we mortals are capable of, a blessing that money cannot buy.—Walton.  
When a man assumes a public trust he should consider himself as public property.—Thomas Jefferson.  
Everybody likes and respects self made men. It is a great deal better to be made in that way than not to be made at all.—O. W. Holmes.

**Little Henry's Questions.**  
Little Henry was reading ancient history stories. "Pa," said he suddenly, "can I ask you a question?"  
"I guess you can, Henry. You seem to have a fair command of English."  
"Well, may I, then?" Little Henry continued.  
"Yes," said pa. "Fire ahead."

"That's funny," said little Henry. "I was just thinking of such things. Now, did the old Romans light their houses with Roman candles?"  
"I shouldn't wonder," said pa, chuckling. "Nero, at least, indulged in a good deal of fireworks. Anything else?"  
"Yes," replied little Henry. "Did the people of Athens do all their cooking with Greek fire?"  
Then pa got mad and said he couldn't be bothered with any more silly questions.

**Laying the "Ghost."**  
The Earl of Onslow tells a very effective story. His beautiful old place, Clandon, suddenly became possessed of a "ghost" and the servants of the place were almost terrified out of their wits by the noises they heard and the sights they saw or imagined. The reputation of the mansion became noised abroad, and at last Lord Onslow took a short cut to end the mystery. He assembled his servants and gave it out to them that he was determined to have no more of this sort of thing. For the future all members of his family would sleep with loaded revolvers by their side, and at the first suggestion of a noise they would send a bullet in its direction to investigate the cause. Clandon nowadays is quite commonplace in its immunity from the uncanny.—London Globe.

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