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Our Weekly Letter.

A woman, holding in her arms a one year old baby, stretched out, faint from loss of blood, attracted the attention of a taxi cab at 1.15 in morning at the corner of Aque-land Bonaventure Streets. The Samaritan drove them to the Police Station and the woman's story. She said she had sheltered a man for two weeks, and that night he had robbed a man of \$10 and returned to the house late and the police arrested the man he had sheltered. The woman became

afraid and told him she'd shelter him no more, as she was not in the habit of encouraging robbery. Then her trouble started. The man kicked her and nearly choked her, and then drawing a razor slashed her face in several places. She ran from the house with her infant and was lying in the snow exhausted when the chauffeur found them. She is now at the Montreal General Hospital where her wounds, while painful are not considered serious. Another example of ingratitude and brutality.

The Recorder has some very funny cases to handle every day, in fact the evidence of the police making the charge and the excuses of the ac-

cused, often cause more fun than that comic song, "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Sheehan." Here is a case in point:

"Are you French?" asked John Williams, 37, laborer, of 50 Cathcart Street, when Constable Giraldeau, of No. 5 Station, arrested him among after-theatre crowds on St. Catherine Street for begging. "I am," replied Giraldeau. "Then take that," came back Williams.

"That" was a stiff punch on the nose. Giraldeau grabbed the man who then bit him on the left hand. Recorder Semple gave Williams three months' hard labor for assaulting the Constable, and 15 days hard labor for begging; the sentences to follow one another.

Westmount is to have a very imposing Baptist Church, which will be situated at the Northeast corner of Sherbrooke Street and Roslyn Avenue. The building will be of Colonial design with red brick and stone trimmings on the exterior, and a bold colonnade and steps to the main entrance on Sherbrooke Street. The lot where the church is to be built is 117ft. by 11-ft. The main auditorium will be 80ft. by 45ft., with a lofty ceiling and will seat 700; 350 in the main floor and 350 in the galleries and choir. The seating will be semi-circular with the choir behind rostrum and the organ on an elevated position in the back. The full length of the church will be 105 feet by 63 feet and will be fireproof. Twenty-five classrooms for Sunday School will also form a part of the building. In the basement, a banquet hall to accommodate 250 people and a kitchen will be fitted up. The pastor's study, the church office board room, vestries, choir rooms, baptismal and robing rooms will also be added. A separate building for the janitor, in rear of the site, is also contemplated, and sufficient space for a future parsonage. The church proper will cost \$100,000.

There is one word which expresses the best rule of life: Work! Without work, life is empty, useless and unhappy. No man can be happy without work. To two men, who appeared in the Recorder's Court here lately, work had no charms for them:

but they'll have to do some for a year, no matter how irksome or distasteful it may appear.

One man, who was the father of 10 children, and whose family had been receiving charity for twenty-five years; another who had not provided for his wife and two little boys since last October, paid the penalty in the shape of one year in jail each, after Recorder Semple had convicted the prisoners of non-support.

The father of the large family is 45 years old. He was married at 21, and ever since the birth of the first child, the St. Vincent de Paul Society has been contributing to the family's support. Nine months ago the mother died during birth of the eleventh child.

A girl of 22, the eldest child, is now mothering the balance of the family. She is an epileptic, and was seized with an attack when giving evidence in camera before the Recorder. She told the judge that her father had sold most of the furniture in the home, including the piano, for which he got \$80, and that some weeks ago, when some of the older children had accumulated \$22, to be applied to the rent and grocer's bills, now five months overdue, given her \$5 and had gone out for the night, during which he spent the \$17.

In the second case, the father of two little boys, aged six and seven, had left his wife and the children last October "in the street," as the woman put it. The boys had been given shelter by the Juvenile Court until special arrangements could be made for their lodging at the Reform School at a special rate. The father had promised to pay the money, but had defaulted, and left the children on the Government's hands. He was arrested during Holy Week in a room where he was living with a girl of 19.

Hon. J. J. Guerin, M.D., formerly a member of the Liberal Cabinet, at Quebec, may again enter the Cabinet, as the successor of the Hon. John C. Kalne, of Quebec City, who died a few days ago.

All previous records in tourist traffic are expected to be shattered this season. The number of conventions this year is extraordinarily large, and thousands of visitors will be seen in Montreal during May, June, July, August and September.

Local social workers seem agreed that there are numerous infringements on the Child Labor Act, in the city office buildings as well as in the factories. In fact, some suggest that as the law provides its own factory inspectors it is probable that the law provides its own factory inspectors. It is probable that the minimum amount of cases are found there. "It does not take a social service worker to see that the law is being disregarded," said George Corbett, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Women and Children. "A person can go into almost any office building in the city and find as many as 100 cases of children under 14 working by the day. There are probably as many as 5,000 cases in the province. "The work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Women and Children is confined to women and children who are abused and are showing signs of abuse. We cannot presume to be factory inspectors, but we do come in contact with occasional cases, without going out to look for them. Recently two cases of this kind came to our notice in the theatrical profession. There is a definite Provincial law which forbids the employment of any child under 15 years of age to sing, dance or appear in any capacity on the stage. Of course this law is disregarded every day. But the S.P.W.C. has stepped in only where the child is showing obvious abuse. One of the cases was a child performing in an acrobatic act, the other a small boy of 5 lifting a 33 pound weight far above his head. The performance was stopped in both cases." R. J. LOUIS CUDDIHY.

Butterfly Farms.

Quite a novelty in the way of farming is the butterfly farm. And a very paying business it is, too, but a thorough knowledge of entomology is necessary to carry out the work successfully.

There is a great demand for butterflies of all sorts by collectors, scientists, the makers of the beautiful butterfly wing jewellery, etc. As much as \$5 and \$7 is paid for some of the rarer specimens.

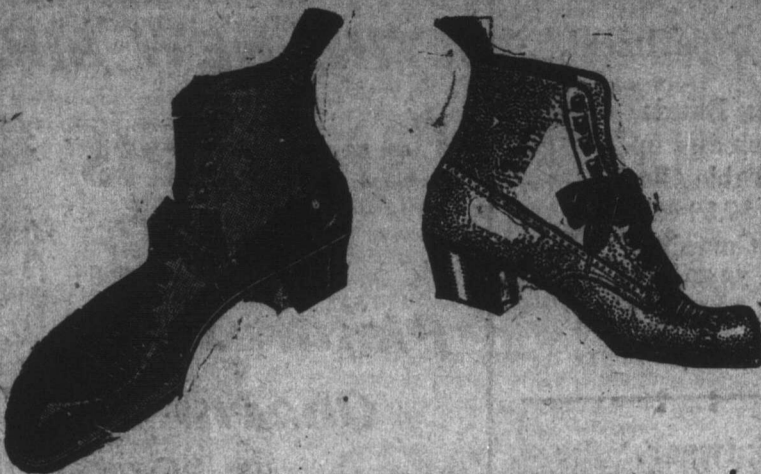
Butterfly farming requires very little space and scarcely any capital to start with. An old shed, attic, or spare room can be utilized, provided it is free from draughts and has a fairly warm temperature.

Empty jars or wide mouthed bottles, and even boxes and barrels, can be used for the breeding compartments, whilst most of the stock can be caught outside, except, of course, the rarer varieties, which have to be purchased.

The successful farmer knows exactly how to feed each variety. Some butterflies produce their eggs in boxes or bags, others require no food whilst laying their eggs, and so forth. The larvae hatched from the eggs have to be fed on certain leaves until they turn into pupae, from which the butterflies eventually emerge.

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Pilchard Records.

Extraordinary catches of pilchards have recently been made off the South Devon coast in waters where this fish has not been seen for many years. Pilchards are a most uncertain fish. The last really big catches were made in Mount's Bay, Cornwall, some four years ago, when two hundred motor and sail boats combined to raid the huge shoals. The drifters got over a million fish, which were sold at twenty to thirty shillings a thousand. Then seines were run around Penberth and Porthnewn Cove, both of which were teeming with fish, and a catch was made of six hundred hogheads, the total value of which

was \$21,000.

This beats the great record of 1861, when a catch was made off St. Ives of sixteen and a half million fish. The net was a mile and a half long, and the value of the take was \$11,000. All this is rather a contrast to the report of a steam-drifter which in August, 1911, fished in the same waters for seven hours with seventy-seven nets and caught one pilchard. Pilchards are a most delicious fish better even than the herring. But they do not keep well, and nearly the whole catch is bought by the curing houses and packed for export. Most go to Italy. The fish are cured with salt, the process taking about three weeks, and at the end of that time the pickle is drained off, and the fish

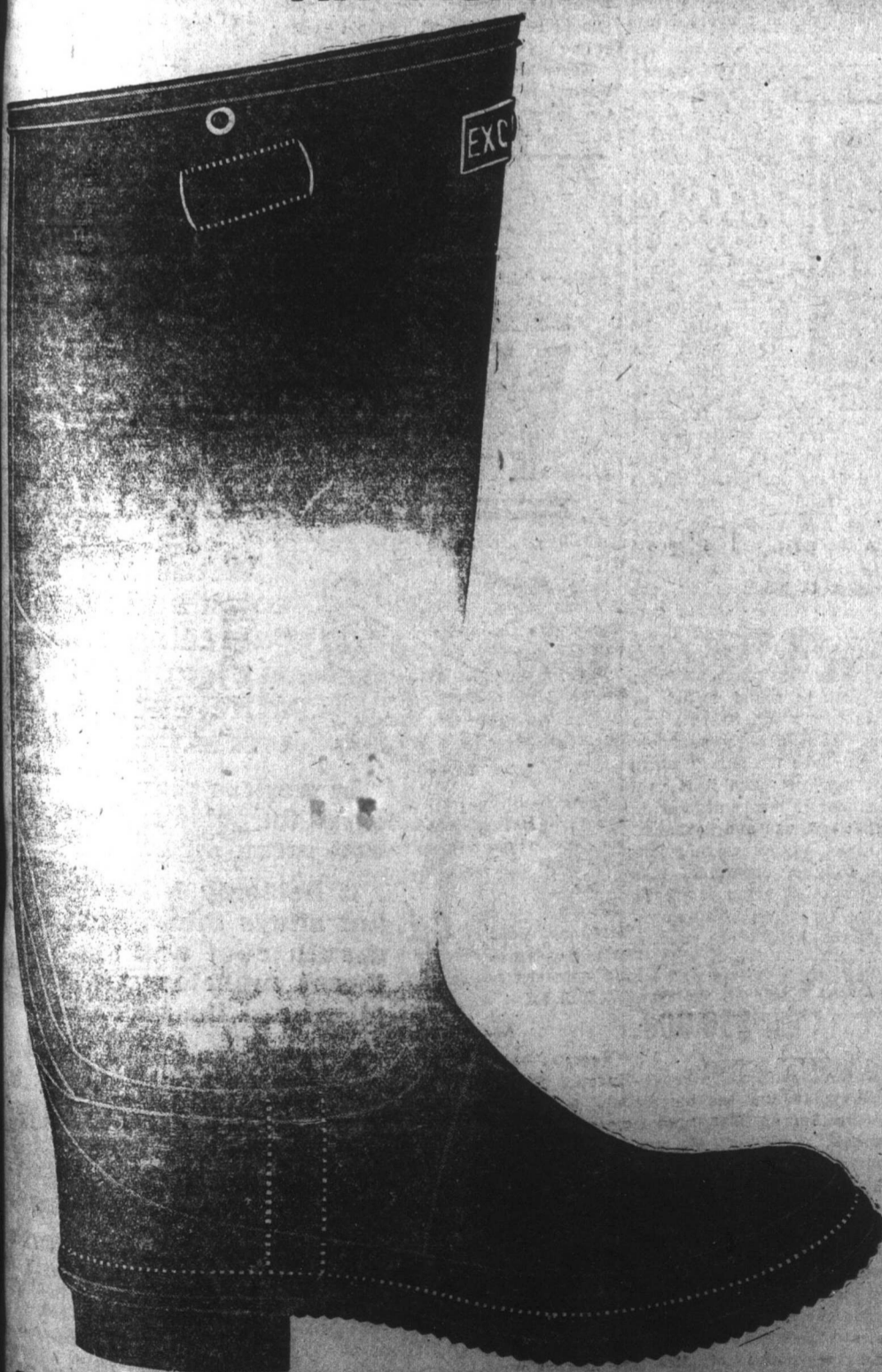
packed under a screw press in small barrels.

The pilchard is the same fish as the sardine, merely grown to a large size.

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