

Guide-Advocate

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Ontario Government has passed regulations to give both municipal and Provincial authorities wider powers for the protection of birds. The value of birds to man is explained in a pamphlet issued by the Canadian Society for the protection of birds.

In Australia the extreme section of the Labor party is trying to form One Big Union by paralyzing the shipping trade and all industries which depend on a regular supply of coal, but the Australasian of Sydney says that the plan has met with strenuous opposition from the more sober-minded leaders and their followers.

The British Government is losing more than \$300,000,000 a year on operation of the railways. The increases in wages have in most cases far outstripped the increase in the cost of living, high as it is, and the railwaymen's union, as one of the triple Alliance, is making more demands. To take a sum like that out of patriotic taxpayers every year, to pay excessive costs of operation, is indeed a tax on patriotism.

The hardware merchants of Owen Sound have adopted the cash basis of doing business. Goods ordered by phone are sent C. O. D. Their system also includes all plumbing orders. Two reasons are assigned for the change: the wholesalers are insisting upon prompt remittances, while the enormous cost of stocks renders it next to impossible for retailers to carry well assorted stocks and also several thousands of dollars, on their books. The cash system is gradually being introduced in many lines and it is the best plan for all concerned.

A protest has recently been raised against the time-honored project of adopting the goldenrod as the national flower of the United States on the ground that this plant is a cause of hay fever and hence nothing ought to be done that would encourage its prevalence. A statement has now been issued by Dr. O. Scheppergrell, on behalf of the American Hay-fever Prevention Association, in defence of the goldenrod. It is asserted that while the pollen of the goldenrod may cause trouble when applied directly to the nostrils or used in large quantities for room decorations, as a cause of hay-fever out of doors it is absolutely negligible. "It is one of our most beautiful flowers," says Dr. Scheppergrell, "and well merits its selection as the national flower of the United States."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

BRITAIN'S DELIRIUM OF JOY

Old London celebrated the return of a victorious peace with mad rejoicings. In her delirium of joy the great metropolis threw decorum to the winds and danced and shouted in the streets. Not since the days when Queen Victoria, of beloved memory, celebrated her golden jubilee had there been seen such revelry by day and night. Staid old Buckingham Palace threw custom and dignity to the winds and from her chaste facade there floated bunting and the flags of the Allies. The monarch and his queen, with the day's pomp at an end, hurried to the parks and the streets to witness if not to participate in the uncontrolled levity.

These outpourings are good for the nation and the empire. It would be unfortunate were they to end with the day that saw their birth. They must not and they will not. The buoyancy of the British people will carry them forward in a spirit of gladness and gratitude through generations. For this lightheartedness of spirit is born of a great occasion. It is not merely that Germany, the arch-enemy, has been defeated and set aside. It is rather that the British nation has come to understand herself afresh and to be understood.

The motherland has come through a great trial. The skies had been never before so densely hung with masses of black cloud. There was not a home that was without its weight of deepest and continuing anxiety. But now the clouds have lifted, the skies have cleared, the warm sun bathes again the land and

people. Old causes of separation within and without have broken down. New ideals have been set up. Britain is no longer a nation where the race is only to the swift and the strong.—Ex.

HARVEST CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED

The Seed Commissioner has just returned from the International Convention of the Seed Trade Association held at Chicago, and reports that there is very real cause for prospective high prices in clover and timothy seeds for autumn delivery. Through the greater part of the clover seed districts of the United States and Western Ontario the new clover crop was destroyed by drouth in August of last year. The timothy acreage in the United States was also much reduced in order to grow wheat. There are practically no reserve supplies of clover seeds being carried over for next year, and timothy seed stocks are also very low.

Prices are soaring in consequence. Red clover seed on the Toledo market was quoted on June 8th at \$24.75 per bushel for autumn delivery, which is an advance of almost \$5.00 since May 16th. Timothy seed was quoted at \$13.50 per hundred pounds, and is advancing steadily.

Farmers in Eastern Canada who have clover or timothy crops, reasonably free from weeds with seeds difficult of separation, can depend on a strong demand for seed at unusually high prices. The Ontario Department of Agriculture is arranging to assist in the transportation of clover seed hullers, which can be spared from Western Ontario, to those counties in Eastern Ontario which have excellent clover crops for seed purposes. In Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia clover seed hullers are available for the use of farmers.

Destroying Dandelions

The yellow dandelion surely is a pest and the lawn mower has little effect on it, as the plant is perennial, and perpetuates itself by a long tap root that penetrates far into the ground. Digging the weeds up one by one is a tedious task and often fails to accomplish a complete destruction, inasmuch as it is difficult to remove all the tenacious root.

A man who owns a pretty house and grounds describes a method of extermination that is easy to follow and is effective. It is simply to spray the dandelions with a solution made by dissolving iron sulphate in water.

The sulphate comes in granular form and should be used in the proportion of two pounds to a gallon of water.

One gallon of the solution will cover about 360 square feet. It can be applied from a sprinkling can or sprayer. The finer the spray and the better and more thoroughly the dandelions are soaked the surer will be the results. The best time to do the work is in the forenoon, after the dew has disappeared, and when fair weather seems probable for the next forty-eight hours. The solution should not be applied on a freshly mowed lawn, nor should the lawn be mowed or sprinkled for three days after the spray has been used.

If the dandelions are thick and have been allowed to go to seed it may be necessary to use the iron sulphate three or more times during the season.

Mould on Canned Fruits

If your fruits show mould do not be discouraged about that. Mould isn't dangerous. It is a vegetable growth, usually harmless, although it should not be eaten. Scrape off the mould, cook the jar contents slowly and you will find them safe. Even if a jar has started to ferment and is caught in time there is nothing but a rather unpleasant taste, the result of the formation of a small quantity of alcohol, and the canned goods are not harmful. Mould usually develops because the seal is defective. If mould is spreading through a large quantity of jars it may be entirely possible to scrape off the mould, remove the contents, reprocess them in clean jars with good rubbers, and have them keep well. Opening the jars after canning to put on the rubbers is responsible for much mould. Housekeepers must learn to keep rubbers on jars while they are being boiled. They must also be sure to use good rubbers

and test them if they are in any uncertainty. Buy the best rubbers, boil them hard for some time, say twenty minutes, and then cool them and pull them about. If they do not seem elastic do not use them. It pays to be certain of your rubbers.

Children on Streets at Night

The Children's Protection Act (8 Edw. c. 57, s. 19) which is well worth bringing to public notice, says:—"(1) No child shall loiter in any public place after 9 o'clock in the evening or be there unless accompanied by his parent or guardian or an adult appointed by his parent or guardian. (2) A child found in a public place after the hour named in sub-section 1, unless so accompanied, may be warned to go home by any constable or probation officer or officer of a Children's Aid Society, and if after such warning the child is found loitering in a public place such child may be taken by the constable or officer to his home, or to the Children's shelter. (3) A parent who permits his child to violate this Section shall for the first offence incur a penalty of \$1 without costs, and for a second offence \$2, and for a third, or any subsequent offence \$5.

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