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## BACKYARD GARDEN HINTS

(By The Girl With the Hoe.)

**SPRAYING THE APPLE TREE.**  
The apple has many enemies, the worst of them being the scale insect and the codling moth. A persistent fight should be kept up to rid the trees of these pests. This can only be done by thorough spraying, every part of the tree being covered with the spray. Usually about five or six gallons of spray is required for each tree. City gardeners who have but a few trees can use a small hand spray pump. The results obtained from spraying soon compensate for the money spent on pump and spray materials. The best sort of day for spraying is a windy one, for then the breeze carries the spray well into the tree. Spray with the wind, not against it.

In the case of the apple tree three sprayings are necessary. The first application is made either just before or soon after the leaf buds have burst. The latter time is the best. The favorite spray at this time is the lime-sulphur wash. Either the home boiled or the commercial lime-sulphur may be used. The home boiled sulphur wash is made by slaking four pounds of lime in about three gallons of water, adding three pounds of sulphur, made into a paste by adding to it a little water. Boil hard for one hour, stirring the while. This mixture may then be diluted to eight gallons of water. After straining this solution, apply at once. If commercial lime-sulphur is used, dilute one gallon of it with seven gallons of water. Poisoned Bordeaux mixture may also be used for this first spray, for it is only by doing this that the San Jose scale may be killed. It is also wise to scrape the loose bark and prune extensively if the pest is feared.

The second application is made just before the blossoms open. For this commercial lime-sulphur wash may be used. In the proportion of one gallon to from 20 to 35 gallons of water. To every ten gallons of this solution add from half to three-quarters pound of arsenate of lead. Do not use the home boiled lime-sulphur wash for this application. Poisoned Bordeaux may be used, however.

The third application is made just after all or nearly all of the blossoms have fallen off the tree. Use commercial lime-sulphur in the proportion of one gallon to from 20 to 40 gallons of water. To this add half a pound of arsenate of lead. The poisoned Bordeaux may be used for spraying also. The purpose of the third spray is to kill the codling moth.

These three sprayings are very important. Others are often made to deal with other pests, but if the amateur gardener does these three, he will be doing for not only the cause of production, but for the health of his own consumption. The Province of Ontario the two great pests of the apple—the San Jose scale and the codling moth.

## JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren G. Partridge.  
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**JIMMY COON AND MRS. JIMMY IN A BAG.**  
It was awfully hard luck for Jimmy Coon and his new mate, Mrs. Jimmy, to be in a big bag. These ducky hunters, chuckled, as they climbed that big hollow Sycamore tree, and smoked Jimmy and Mrs. Jimmy out of their attic bed-room, and chuckled them both into that gunny sack.

And it was funny to see that little George Washington Smith, who had been so hard, hunting, that bag over his shoulder, while poor Jimmy and Mrs. Jimmy were jostled and jolted inside. You can see that it was very dark and stuffy inside that thick and heavy big bag.

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## PAGE OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Readers are invited to phone all news of this kind to the Society Editor. Phone 3670.

Miss E. Roderick of Wroxeter, who has been visiting Mrs. Thomas Shaw, left this week for Weyburn, Sask.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Thursday at the Askin Street Methodist Church, when Esther, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Weston, was united in marriage to Norman Nathan Parr of Castlemore. Rev. Dr. Douglass officiating. The bride looked charming in a gown of white crepe de chine with pearl trimmings, and conventional veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She wore the gift of the groom, a pink canoe, and carried a bouquet of white roses. After the ceremony a luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Parr have left for a short wedding trip. On their return they will reside at Castlemore.

The Hon. Everett Gibby was the guest of Sir George Colborne while in the city.

The marriage is announced of Maude Alice, daughter of Mr. A. Stallwood of Komoka, Ont., to William Dunwood of Komoka, on March 20.

Miss Nancy Niven has returned from Toronto. While there she was the guest of Mrs. Torrance Beaudry.

A wedding of interest to Londoners was that which took place when a host of friends and relatives of the young couple were present in St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, and Miss Mary Ethel Sellman, daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Joseph (Alex.) Wilson, both the contracting parties, were present. Rev. Father Cleary of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lackie announce the engagement of their daughter, Nura, to Mr. Charles Gordon Higman, N. Y. R. son of Mr. and Mrs. Ormond.

The wedding will take place at the Soldiers' Club, Dundas street, on that date.

### MRS. WHITEMORE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL CHAPTER

Several Items of Business Brought Up at Monthly Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., was held in Cronyn Hall, the regent, Mrs. Niven, presiding. The items of business were as follows: A press committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. T. S. Conman (convenor), Mrs. George MacDonald, Mrs. Bicknell, Mrs. C. L. Campbell (honorary), and Mrs. L. Turner. All communications for the press from all local chapters should pass through this committee. Tickets were purchased by the chapter for the Honorable Discharged Soldiers' benefit concert on Thursday evening, April 18, and the game sent to the men at Princess Avenue clearing station. It was decided to appoint a chartered accountant as official auditor for the Municipal Chapter. Mrs. Whitmore of Edmonton, who has been a teacher among the Euthenians for a number of years past, has accepted an invitation to address the members of the Empire of London to address the society along educational lines. The meeting will take place in Cronyn Hall on Wednesday, April 17, and the chapter extends a hearty invitation to the members of the Empire of London to attend in this work. The hour of the lecture will be announced later.

Mrs. Niven was appointed as delegate to the meeting of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., in Toronto, May 27. The meeting will also be held at a "pickle shower" to be given by the military hospitals commission committee for the returned soldiers at the Avenue clearing station on Thursday, April 18, donations to be sent to the clearing station.

### DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

UNIFORM LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1918.  
ONE GOLDEN TEXT SUGGESTION.  
(By Rev. T. S. Linnell, D.D.)  
Jesus requires confession and loyalty.  
—Mark viii:1-13.

**Questions for Today.**  
19. Verse 32-33.—If Jesus at this time had adopted Peter's view, what would that have led him to do?  
20. Verse 34-35.—What is the nature of the self-denial and the suffering which all true Christians must endure?  
21. Verse 36-38.—If a millionaire dies without salvation, and a poor man dies trusting in Christ, what will be the difference in their wealth in eternity?  
22. Chapter ix, 1.—How did some of these disciples there witness "the kingdom of God come with power"?

**Golden Text:** If any man come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.—Mark viii, 34.

**Commence to Follow Christ Right Now.**  
It is gloriously true that Christ does not accept of a sinner on his dying bed, and grants him grace, but it is so much better to commence to follow Christ while we are in health and strength. The Christ life is preferable in every way; it is better for time, and absolutely essential for eternity. It is one of the mysteries that sin so tends the eyes of the intelligent men, that during their health and vigor they do not see the deceitfulness of sin, nor the necessity of the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you would be free from regret in your dying bed, and have victory in that crucial time, you can provide for that experience by following Christ now, you are in the enjoyment of health and strength.

### DR. H. MACMURCHY SPEAKS ON SUBJECT OF "ADOLESCENCE"

Interesting Meeting Was Held Yesterday at the Y.W.C.A.

"Adolescence" was the subject of an eloquent and instructive address delivered yesterday afternoon at the monthly meeting of the Y.W.C.A. The speaker was Dr. Helen MacMurphy, so well known throughout Canada in connection with educational matters. Mrs. Charles Leonard was in the chair.

"Human life is divided into different periods, and there is no sharp line of demarcation between childhood and adolescence, and adolescence and adulthood," said the speaker. "There is no sharp line of demarcation between these periods. The approach of youth is heralded by an awakening of the sex instinct, and the making of a home is the clear mark of adult life. Afterwards comes the responsibility of parenthood."

**Four Types of Children.**  
The attitude of children toward sex may be described in four ways. First of all there are the children who are absolutely indifferent to it. These children are of a robust and healthy type. They are sleeping, as it were, and we should not wake them too soon. But we must not let them sleep too long, or some day they will awaken with a lightning stroke, and harm come to them. Then there are children who are slightly conscious, and also those which are deeply conscious. The deeply conscious child is not looked upon with favor because he is continually asking questions, yet his is the highest type of mind. From this class come the very artistic and wonderfully emotional people, capable of rising to great heights. Above all we should look to appreciate this third type of child. All of these types are bound to turn out well. However, there is a fourth type, which is a very small class, indeed, and these children are altogether too conscious. These are the children which we should get hold of intellectually, mentally and physically, and keep them busy and interested.

**A Big Sphere in Life.**  
"It is a great pity to suppress things which concern our life. We have a horror of things being strangled. What we want to give people a big sphere of life. Do not restrict the individual child. Know his temperament and his needs, and then help him to express his nature and his God. The influence of God on our life is the fullest expression in this great fact of human life."

Dr. MacMurphy emphasized the element of self-control in the home life. "The greatest thing that you can give your children is self-control. It will be with them when they meet temptation. She also laid great stress on the fact that the child should be known to all. The fact that in this time of terrible warfare the nation has sworn to itself that it will be a nation of self-control. What we want is a nation of self-control, not physiology or any other thing, but love and faith and study of them and their uses."

Mrs. Tutt, president of the Union Mothers' Club, moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was seconded by Miss S. Macklin.

### HIGH COST OF DRESSMAKING REDUCED.

The afternoon classes in Dressmaking for women and girls, open in the Technical School next week. These classes have been very popular in previous years and promise this year, when the high cost of living is such a pressing problem, to be taxed to the limit. The classes are held from 2 to 5 o'clock.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE LEADS IN WAR WORK

The following article regarding the Women's Institute appeared in a recently issued overseas edition of the Toronto News, and is an excellent account of what the women of rural Ontario are doing for their country.

"The Women's Institute is an organization of rural women brought into being by the department of agriculture for the purposes of mutual help and community uplifting. Three years ago they had already established their prestige and usefulness, but under war conditions they have adapted themselves to the needs of the hour in a manner which has made them a most valuable and beneficial to the country and its cause. The institutes now comprise 200 local branches with a total of 30,000 individual members. They are scattered all over the province and constitute the most numerous and most representative organization of women in any province, in fact or state on the continent.

"The interests which of course have been by their hearts have been suffering and preventing pain. They did so in the early days of the war in collecting contributions for the Belgians, and they have also continued to do so in the most valuable manner. In work and in materials to the Red Cross by the thousands. An estimate of \$500,000 has been placed on the work sent forward.

"What has been going on, the other branches of the work on the educational nature of the matter of domestic science, and the department of agriculture has been overlooked. During the few weeks the Women's Institute organization has been requested to assist in the campaign for the conservation of food supplies. The bulletin issued by the department of agriculture has been so that none of the perishable crops may be allowed to go to waste, has been a very wide circulation, both through the Women's Institute, and otherwise. So effective has the Women's Institute organization become in all these patriotic ways that its example is being emulated in the other

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### Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

**A Woman's Testimony.**  
Dear Miss Grey.—These last few months I have come in contact with so very many who express their sentiments as follows: "If there is a God." No doubt all of the readers are well acquainted with the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and possibly a number know the story of the fish which our Lord used at the time was the haddock and that near the head of that fish on either side can be seen the mark of His finger and thumb.

Well, last Good Friday I planted a few of every kind of seed that I intended putting in my garden and with them I planted that part of the skin of the haddock, bearing those precious marks. I had always planted those few seeds on Good Friday and had to do so before planted the marks. But this practice is supposed to bring an abundant crop. As a result I had just the finest garden in town, obtaining a yield of 12 bags of potatoes from one bushel of seed. And as I did all the work by myself, and I am "only a woman," I give thanks to our Lord for it. I kindly publish this and accept your thanks.

**AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.**  
On Business Letters.  
Dear Miss Grey.—At the end of a type-written letter there always appears initials, for example, "W. H. B. H." and for what does it signify? Why does "Extra" sometimes appear on daily papers? And lastly, do you know our letters are censored? Are sent overseas? Please criticize the article.

**ANS-1.** The initials you describe usually follow the close of a business letter. They indicate the presence of the stenographer. In offices where there are several heads of departments and a number of stenographers, the advantage of signing in this way is readily apparent. Naturally it indicates that the "extra" edition contains special or more recent news than is to be found in the regular edition of the publication.

**ANS-2.** No, letters going overseas from here are not censored. I find nothing to criticize, "Charlotte."

**Miscellaneous.**  
"David Harum."—You are an old "book" friend, "David," please to see you again. For particulars re your brother, write to militia department, Ottawa, giving full information as to his name, number, unit enlisted with, unit number of when gassed, etc. I hope you receive good news soon.

"Scottie's True Friend."—Your words of appreciation are most kind. I am glad to hear The Advertiser has been a well-guest for so long in your home. Shall try and have a "cut" made of Scottie's picture and the same published in the next issue of the paper.

"Merry Ann II."—wants a good recipe for making a club sandwich. Can anyone supply this?

**"Song Lover."**—Your first query being of a military nature has been referred to the column especially devoted to replies of this kind. September 1, 1908, came on a Thursday.

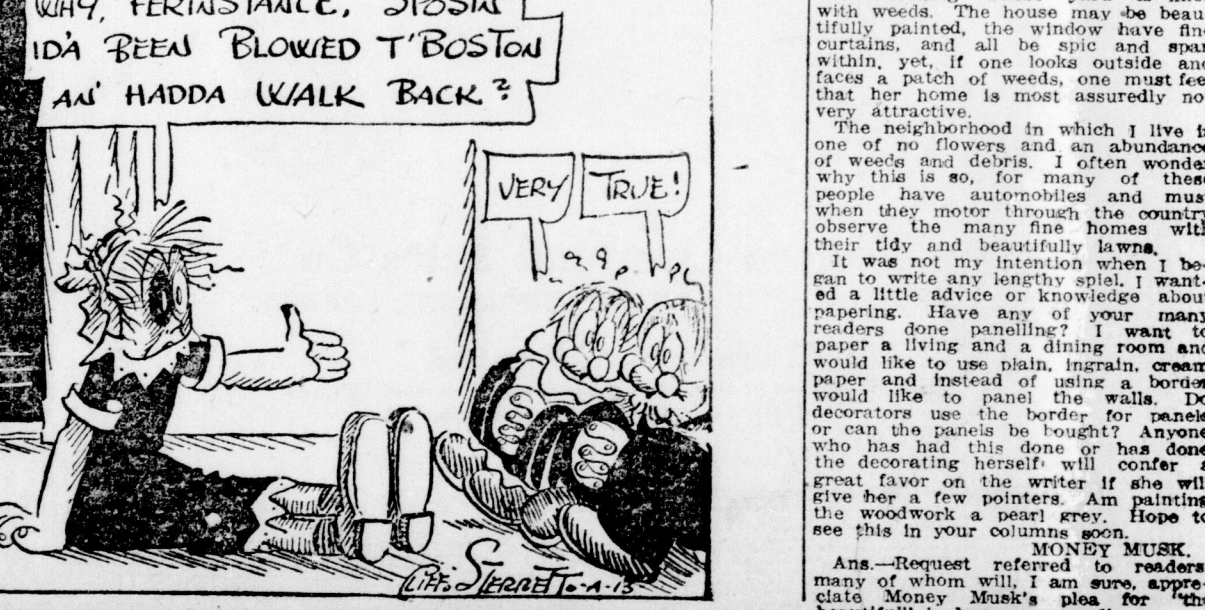
**Gave Her A Ring.**  
"The Old Dog."—I. To use a very every-day expression—you make me tired. Why on earth did you give the girl a ring and call it an engagement? There was no intention of a betrothal? Apparently she is not crying her eyes out over you, and really it's my candid opinion you're not worth it.

**2.** If she takes the notion, girl No. 1, can probably enter a suit for breach of promise against you, and it will then be your word against hers if it comes to court.

**3.** Certainly ask for the ring back; there is nothing to prevent you asking.

**Home and Spring Cleaning.**  
Dear Miss Grey.—As it comes this time of year one naturally begins to think of renovating, cleaning and fixing up the home. It is the duty of every woman to make her home and surroundings as attractive as possible and especially so where there are children. If one cannot afford to paper or add many little things

one would like to have one can at least clean, wipe, polish, and change the furniture around. And anyone can, if she has the strength and time.



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