

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

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

HIS MOTHER.

Captain Jack Crawford, the poet, says the following eloquent tribute to his mother: "I had a Christian mother, my earliest recollections of whom was kneeling at her side praying God to save a wayward father and husband. That mother taught me to speak the truth when a child, and I have tried to follow her early teachings in that respect. It would require a much larger book than this to tell the story of my life and the sufferings of one of God's good angels, my mother. To her I owe everything—truth, honor, sobriety, and my very life. Her spirit seems to linger near me always; she has been my guardian angel. In the camp, the cabin, the field and the hospital, on the lonely trail hundreds of miles from civilization, in the pine-clad hills and lonely canyons, I have heard in the moaning night winds and in the murmuring streamlets, The voice of my angel mother whispering soft and low.

"And these sacred thoughts have made me forget at times that there was danger in my pathway. Nor will I ever forget

"The day that we parted, mother and I, Never on earth to meet again; She to a happier home on high, I a poor wanderer on the plain.

"That day was perhaps the greatest epoch in my life. Kneeling by her bedside, with one hand clasped in mine, the other resting on my head, she whispered, 'My boy, you know your mother loves you. Will you give me a promise that I may take it up to heaven?' 'Yes, yes, mother, I will promise you anything.' 'Johnny, my son, I am dying,' said she; 'promise me that you will never drink intoxicants, and then it will not be so hard to leave this world.' Dear reader, I tell you that I promised 'yes'; and whenever I am asked to drink, that scene comes up before me and I am safe."

Hereafter all the guest rooms of the Galesburg, Ill., hotels and boarding houses will be provided with Bibles, and people that occupy these rooms will have on the table a silent reminder of the way they should go. Even the presence of such a book has an influence and gives character to a room. The work of placing copies of the scriptures in hotels has spread throughout the country as a result of the activities of the Sons of Gideon, an organization of traveling men that is doing a good work among the members of the knights of the grip.

Did you ever stop to think that it was one thing to talk about people and another thing to have people talk about you. If those of us who use our tongue a little too freely about our neighbors would stop and reflect about the matter and know the great evil that

RED CROSS NEWS.

25,000 pairs of socks were sent out in one day from the Canadian Red Cross Depot at Boulogne.

The Red Cross Prisoners of War Bureau at Bern, Switzerland, sends weekly parcels to over fourteen thousand prisoners. Each individual parcel contains four pounds of bread.

In the big Canadian hospital at Treport, France, where treatment has been given to nearly 11,000 soldier patients, the death rate has been only three fifths of one per cent.

Since the first of the year 75 new branches of the Red Cross have been formed in Canada, 37 of which were in Saskatchewan.

The Kings' Life Convalescent Home for Canadian nurses has recently been opened near Margate, England. There are 780 Canadian nurses in the various Canadian Hospitals in England and France.

The St. Dunstan's Red Cross Hospital for blinded soldiers has now 150 patients.

The Canadian Red Cross recently contributed a thousand cases of supplies to the Russian Red Cross.

At each of the Canadian Hospitals in France a Recreation Hut has been erected by the Red Cross to provide entertainment for convalescents.

The Canadian Red Cross Society requests all workers to make no more surgical pads, compresses, or wipes, or roller bandages, until further notice. Col. Hoggets, the Commissioner Overseas, and Col. Noel Marshall, the Chairman of the Central Executive, who have together made a recent tour of inspection in England and France, announce that for the present the Red Cross have a sufficient supply of the above mentioned articles. Workers are requested to continue making socks, shirts, pyjamas, dressing gowns, housewives, kitbags and comfort bags.

Good Material Wasted.

Travelling in the mountains, a man stopped at a cabin and asked for a drink of water. An old woman brought it to him, and after drinking he had quite a talk with her, telling her about some of the wonders he had seen in the outside world.

When he finally stopped to take breath, the old woman took the pipe out of her mouth and said: "Stranger, if I knowed as much as you do, I'd go somewhere an' start a little grocery."

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

comes from too much talk and tattling, we are sure we would call a halt and gossip no more forever.

The fact is much to be deplored that with most boys and girls the boy who spends the greatest amount of money for them, in furnishing them entertainment, is the boy most admired and coveted. But, oh, what becomes of him when his money plays out? He plays out too. Consequently, to keep his footing, he stifles his conscience and robs his employer, commits some other theft, or gambles, in order to keep in the swim. This state of affairs is applicable to men and women in society. Many dark deeds are committed through a desire to supply the demands of worldly-minded wives and daughters. And again an honorable man, rather than sell his principles of integrity or meet the taunts and upbraidings at home, when he fails to supply their demands, prefers to send his soul to eternal death and thereby rid his physical self of life's burdens.

Do any of us know the power of influence? Give a child his first years in a loving Christian home, a good, noble mother, a consecrated, loving father, all harmoniously working together for the good of all mankind; that home may be humble, but home in the truest sense of the word. And after years may bring temptations and trials and cares, but the influence of that home can never be blotted out nor its powers for good ever overestimated. Surely environment is stronger than education. First influences will last until life itself is gone. If our influence counts for so much ought we to ever grow weary striving to make that influence strong for good? But how soon when we have made good resolutions and promised to be more thoughtful and kind, do we fall back into the old listlessness and let opportunities for good pass by, that would make us rich with their blessings.

No matter how small a sin is, examine its tracks and you will find that they point straight toward the pit.

Suppose you are given to the habit of profanity. You enter into conversation with a man who never swears, or in other words a gentleman. By and by you begin to see that he is the superior man. Your own remarks have a tame, flat, feeble sound to your ears. Your cheeks begin to burn with a sense of your friend's excellence. Your pert little drama sounds coarse and drop out of your sentences, ashamed to remain in the company of good, honest, English words, until you discover that you are carrying on your part of the conversation without swearing you feel easier, your intellectual stature increases by a foot.

New Inventions.

The following Canadian and American patents have been recently secured through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal and Washington: Canada—Marc Birkgit, Bois-Colombes; Seine, France, Valve gear; Edgar Courteau, Montreal, Display stand; G. A. Betulander & N. G. Palmgren, Soderstroms Villastad, Sweden, Automatic telephone exchange system; Gotthilf A. Betulander, Soderstroms Villastad, Sweden, Impulse transmitter for automatic telephone system; Hyam Goldstein, Johannesburg, Transvaal, Fuel for internal combustion engines; Louis A. Morissette, St. Boniface, Man., Plow, United States—Charles E. Lee, Franklin, Man., Nat. lock; Lucien Poulin, Clarkdale, Ariz., U.S.A., Washing machine; Joseph Jalbert, St. Faghton, Ont., Locking seal.

About Butter Wrappers.

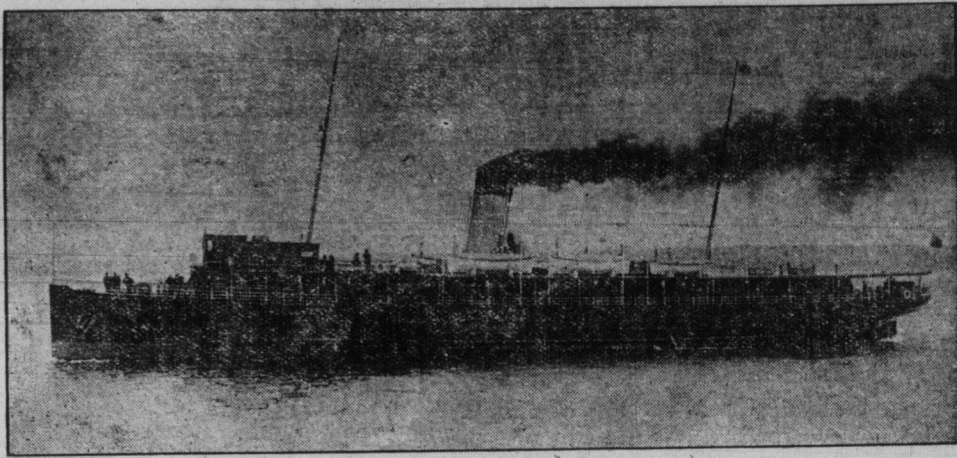
On Tuesday of last week a government inspector paid Grand Valley merchants a surprise visit and found quite a lot of butter in pound prints not conforming to the legal requirements. Some was light weight, and some in plain wrappers. Boxes of dairy butter fresh from the makers did not have the necessary mark. There was a little uneasiness as to what might happen, but as this was the inspector's first visit and the victims of an indifferent people, the incident may be taken as a warning. The Dairy Industry Act of 1914 provides that pound print butter must be full weight, and marked whether dairy or creamery. Boxes must also be similarly distinguished. A merchant is not permitted to accept any butter in pound prints that are short weight, but is to return it to the vendor. So when you next bring your butter to market be sure it is full weight, and in properly marked wrappers or boxes. The use of plain wrappers for any purpose, even to deliver to regular customers, is not permitted. The penalty to both purchaser and vendor for infractions of the act is a fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$50.—Streetville Review.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat announced an increase in its price from one to two cents.

"Now the boy I want in this office must be honest, bright, clean and healthy. Have you any perspicacity?" "Oh, no, sir, I never had anything but whooping cough and mumps."

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S.S. Empress for Bay Route.



THE C. P. R. steamer Empress recently took the place of the S.S. Yarmouth between St. John, N.B., and Digby. The Empress is an ideal passenger and freight boat. She has all the accommodations of an Atlantic liner and the fittings hardly can be surpassed for convenience. Her staterooms are large and well furnished with all that is necessary, while her saloon is very commodious and occupies mostly the length of the ship. Like the stateroom the saloon is furnished and upholstered in plush, while the chairs are roomy and comfortable. To the person travelling for pleasure or business the main thing is comfortable accommodation and no better can be found on many a larger steamship than the Empress possesses. The ship also possesses a post office where letters, etc., can be posted without looking up the purser.

Another feature is a covered observation look-out, situated at the stern of the steamer, where there are clear views all around, and also sheltered from rains and high winds. In fact, the Empress is fitted out with all necessities for the comfort of the traveller.

The Empress machinery is of the latest design, such as triple expansion engines and all other new devices in marine equipment. She was built at Newcastle-On-Tyne in 1906. She is an iron vessel of 1,342 tons gross and 612 registered. She is 235 feet in length, 34 breadth of beam and 20 feet in depth. Her engines are of 365 horse power. She was on the route between Shediac and Summerside for nine years.

AL MONTE.

From the Gazette.
Mrs. Connell of Carleton Place, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. Playfair, returned home Saturday.

Mr. W. C. Pollock and his son, Mr. W. Pollock, have gone to visit friends at Winnipeg. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Wylie, who will go on to Indian Head, to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Geo. Wilson.

North Bay Despatch:—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McDougall and daughter Jean, and Miss Brown, of Carleton Place, left on Tuesday on an auto trip to Toronto. They intend visiting Camp Borden on their return trip.

A recruiting office for the 240th Batt., has been opened next to O. E. Henderson's book store. Recruiting officers are also busy signing up recruits for the 238th Forestry Batt. It is said quite a number have enlisted in the latter Batt.

Dr. Patterson and his daughters, Miss Patterson, of Perth, and Mrs. Dufresne, of Ottawa, returned last week from a 13,000-mile tour of North America, that included visits to Mexico, California, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Victoria, Skagway and the chief cities of Canada's western provinces, and occupied their time for about three months.

It was a great surprise to our townspeople on Wednesday morning, when it became known that Mr. Wm. Muir had answered the inevitable call the evening previous. He was taken suddenly ill Tuesday morning, passing away the same evening. The late Mr. Muir was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on May 29th, 1833, being eighty-three years old at time of his demise. He came to Canada in 1852, some years later going to the United States, and during the American Civil War, 1861-65, served with the Union forces. He returned to Canada in 1867, living in Annapolis for about fourteen years, and then taking up residence in Almonte, where he has since resided.

Wisdom Teeth.

The wisdom teeth are the two last molar teeth to grow. They come one on each side of the jaw and arrive somewhere between the ages of twenty and twenty-five years. The name is given them because it is supposed that when a person has developed physically and mentally to the point where he has secured these last two teeth he has also arrived at the age of discretion. It does not necessarily mean that one who has cut his wisdom teeth is wise, but that, having lived long enough to grow these, which complete the full set of teeth, the person has passed sufficient actual years that if he has done what he should to fit himself for life he should have come by that time at the age of discretion or wisdom. As a matter of fact, these teeth grow at about the same time in people whether they are wise or not.

Well Supplied.

An inveterate wit and punster asked the captain of a craft loaded with boards how he managed to get dinner on the passage. "Why," replied the skipper, "we always cook aboard."

"Cook a board, do you?" rejoined the wag. "Then I see you have been well provided with provisions this trip, at all events."—London Tit-Bits.

Goldfish.

It may not be generally known that there is cruelty in the keeping of goldfish. Half of such captives die from sheer want of rest. Fish have eyes so formed that they cannot endure the light. In a glass vessel they are in an entirely wrong place, as is evident from the way in which they dash about and go around and around until fairly worn out.

In the Making.

"I'll have you understand, sir," said the bustling little chap, "that I am a self-made man."

"All right, old man," said Jiggers. "Now, run along home and finish up the job, and then I'll talk to you."

Onto His Job.

An officer who wanted to test a new recruit, who had been put on sentry duty, went up to the man and demanded:

"Let me see your rifle."

The man immediately handed it over.

"Well," said the officer scornfully, "you're a nice soldier to give up your rifle when somebody asks for it. What are you going to do now?"

The sentry suddenly dived into his pocket and whipped out a huge clasp knife.

"Stab you to the heart if you don't gimme back my gun at once!" he shouted so ferociously that the officer hastily complied with the demand.

Preferred Silence.

"How will you have your hair cut, sir?" said the talkative barber to the victim in the chair.

"Minus conversational prolixity," replied the patient.

"How's that, sir?"

"With abbreviated or totally eliminated narrations," answered the other.

"What?"

"Without effervescent verbosity," was the reply. "Let even diminutive colloquy be conspicuous by its absence."

The barber scratched his head thoughtfully a second and then went over to the proprietor of the shop and whispered:

"I don't know whether the man in my chair is mad or a foreigner, but I can't find out what he wants."

Then the victim explained that he wanted the job done in silence.

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