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## WOLFVILLE DEFEATS WINDSOR

In Exciting Game of Hockey at Local Rink—Score 3 to 1

Local hockey fans were treated to a pleasant surprise last Friday night, when the Wolfville hockey team, after going through the season without a victory, succeeded in defeating the fast Windsor team at the local rink by the score of 3 to 1. Both goalkeepers starred, playing up to the best of form and only letting one of many difficult shots pass him. McCann starred for the visitors, with Johnson and Harvey playing well for Wolfville.

Due to slow ice, the game was not very fast, but good rushes by both sides made it interesting. Wolfville got away well from the first and though no score was made in the session they had a good territorial advantage, keeping the puck well around the Windsor nets for the majority of the time.

In the second, Harvey got away on a long rush followed by a nice wing shot. Soon after Murray scored the goal, though no further score was made the locals kept on the offensive throughout the remainder of the period which ended 2-0. It was in the last period that the Windsor boys were at their best, and for some time they hammered West heavily with hard shots. No score was made, however, and Harvey relieved the situation by a score for Wolfville on a rush. Windsor netted their lone tally well along in the period.

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## MARITIMES PRODUCE 39 PER CENT OF THE COAL OF DOMINION

Yet Area Has But One Per Cent. of the Coal in Canada

(By John McLeigh, Director Mines Branch, Ottawa)

Less than one per cent. of Canada's total coal resources are found in her eastern coal fields in the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, all of the rest being west of Winnipeg. Nevertheless the colliers of Cape Breton were among the first worked on the American continent and during 1923 the eastern fields produced 39 per cent. of the total Canadian output. Mining operations are known to have been in progress since 1785 and indeed many of the difficulties now encountered in the field are due to the early attempts of mining when the main object was an immediate output of fuel at lowest possible cost, and little consideration was given to the future possibilities of undersea mining at long distances from shore shafts.

The coal which is bituminous in character and of varying quality, is mined in five areas, or fields, usually referred to as the Sydney and Inverness fields in Cape Breton, the Pictou and Cumberland fields in Nova Scotia proper, and the Minto field in New Brunswick. The Sydney field is the most extensive and is credited with about 78 per cent. of the total available coal in the two eastern provinces. The Cumberland and Pictou fields possess a little less than 10 and 9 per cent. respectively of the total; the Inverness field about 2 1/2 per cent; and the New Brunswick field about 1 1/2 per cent.

In 1913, the two provinces produced a total of 8,050,000 short tons and in 1923 only 5,850,000 tons. The relative amounts produced from the several fields last year were: Sydney field 70 per cent.; Cumberland 11.8 per cent.; Pictou 9.7 per cent.; Inverness 3.4 per cent. and Minto 4.9 per cent. The output is used largely for locomotive fuel and for bunkering ships. It is used by industrial power plants in Eastern Canada and for the manufacture of coke at Sydney. It is also used to a large extent as a domestic fuel throughout the Maritime Provinces. For domestic use the output of particular mines and selected seams is employed, but even at that many consumers in the cities of Halifax and St. John and at other points prefer to pay a much higher price for Pennsylvania, or Welsh anthracite. Much of the Nova Scotia coal is high in sulphur and for the manufacture of metallurgical coke a careful selection of the coal is necessary. The coal so used is further washed to reduce its ash and sulphur content. In 1914 over 2,600,000 tons of Nova Scotia coal were marketed in the province of Quebec. During the war this market was almost entirely lost but by 1922 had been regained to the extent of about 50 per cent.

Production during the first six months of 1923 showed a decided improvement over the corresponding period of 1922 with an increase in production of over a million tons and with largely increased shipments to the Montreal market contracted for.

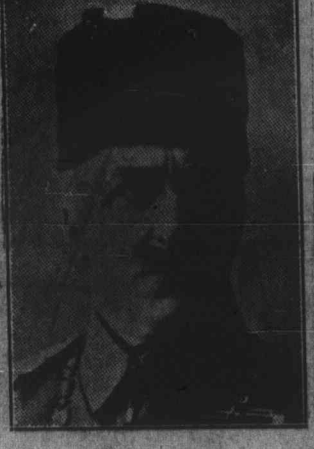
## CHANGE IN TIME D. A. R. TRAINS.

Effective Monday, March 10th, trains Nos. 96 and 97 will be operated between Kentville and Halifax on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, on present times.

Effective Monday, March 17th, train No. 97 will leave Halifax at 3.15 p. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, instead of 3.35 p. m. as at present.

Effective Monday, March 17th, Midland passenger train No. 2 from Windsor to Toronto will leave Windsor at 5.30 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and at 4.45 p. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Train No. 6 will leave Windsor at 9.35 a. m. on Saturdays only.

## CALIPH OF ISLAM IS DEPOSED BY TURKEY



Princes Medjid, the Caliph, or head of the Mohammedan church in all the world, has been deposed by the Republic of Turkey, and as a result Mohammedans representing forty-one countries have called for a social and commercial boycott of Turkey. Mohammedan Arabs have already selected King Hussein of the Hedjaz, as a new Caliph, and his selection has the approval of Britain. This may mean that the Caliphate will be removed to India. King Fuad of Egypt also lays claim to the post, and the result may be a split in the Mohammedan church. There are 66,000,000 Mohammedans in India alone. The affair is one of the most important developments of recent times, and will certainly mean a readjustment of some kind among the enormous hordes of people of this religion in Asia and Africa, and for good or evil British interests will be involved in it.

## ACADIA BASKETERS WIN AND LOSE

Boys Team Loses to Dalhousie but Girls Secure a Win

HALIFAX, March 8th.—A strong comeback in the second period after being on the short end of the score throughout the first session, the Dalhousie basketers defeated the Acadia squad last evening at the Dalhousie gymnasium, at Studley, by a score of 29 to 20. The teams were well matched and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

The visitors started off strong and led at the conclusion of the first period by an 11 to 9 count. The locals netted the ball for ten baskets for twenty points in the final session, while the visitors were only able to score nine points. Mader, MacDermid, Miller and Frame worked some wonderful combination in the second period and completely outclassed the Acadia forwards. Mader led the scorers with eighteen points to his credit. Brown and Robinson, of Acadia, came close behind with eight each, and MacDermid sent in three baskets for six points. A. T. Bradshaw. The players: Acadia—Robinson, 8; Brown, 8; Clarke, 4; Chipman, Noble, Rhodenizer and Leighton. Dalhousie—Macdonald, 2; Mader, 18; Smith, 3; MacDermid, 6; Frame, Wilson, Miller and Harrison.

Dalhousie Co-Eds were unable to follow the example set by the Tigers and lost to the Acadia Girls' squad by an 18 to 11 score. The locals had as much of the territory as the visitors, but were poor around the basket. Acadia led at the start of the second period by an 8 to 2 score and increased their margin in the second session. Miss May Ward refereed. The teams: Acadia—A. Doherty, C. Chipman, H. Lawson, P. Colthart, B. Smith and V. McLean. Dalhousie—E. MacNeil, M. Campbell, C. Hawkins, M. Kennedy, B. Roberts, E. Barnstead, M. Jordan.

## A WORD OF APPRECIATION

John C. Mosher, who finished his eighty-one years of earthly pilgrimage on Saturday last, at Parrishore, leaves not only a wife, two sons, one daughter, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, who have been blessed by intimate association; but a community of many personal friends and a host of acquaintances who have benefited by his sojourn here, for it is by such men democracy is made safe for the world.

When as a mail contractor forty years ago he drove the stage from Fraserville to Eatonville, one of the most magnificent drives in Nova Scotia, his patrons were delighted by his wealth of anecdote and power of description, while the citizens along the whole route received wholesome education from intercourse.

In his early life he was an exponent of the system of phrenology, giving lectures and demonstrations, which proved him an apt and capable student of that interesting science. Added to this attainment was a genius for physiognomy which no doubt was a contributing factor of his success in handling numbers of men, for however turbulent the spirits composing his gang of caulkers he controlled them with ease.

As master caulker, a business followed by him steadily for the last forty years, he was efficient and dependable, his work including the caulking of the largest ships of Cumberland, proving his character. To know this man was an inspiration, to remember him a pleasure.

N. W. EATON  
Wolfville, March 11, 1924.

## SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

Given by St. John's Young People's Society Tuesday Night

One of the best entertainments ever presented in Wolfville was that given at the Orpheum Theatre on Tuesday evening by the Young People's Society of St. John's Church, and those who had it in charge are to be congratulated on its success. A great deal of work must have been entailed in its preparation but the result amply justified the time spent. There was a good sized audience and all present thoroughly enjoyed the show, as was evident by the loud applause.

The program opened with two selections, "Hark to the Mandolin" (Parker), and "A Lullaby" splendidly rendered by a chorus of girls, directed by Mr. David Manely, with Miss Gladys Newcombe at the piano. Then followed a three act play entitled "A Regular Fellow" admirably presented by the boys, under the direction of Mr. E. Percy Brown. The scene was laid at a Boy Scout camp and was very realistic. The part of the campmaster was splendidly portrayed by Doane Hatfield, and all the boys took their parts exceedingly well. The cast of characters was as follows:

John Haynes, campmaster  
Doane Hatfield  
H. Worthington Scudder, millionaire  
Arthur Brady  
Harold W. Scudder  
Robert Harbin  
Tom Finley, cook  
Horace Brown  
Brian Coles, musician  
Gordon Mahoney  
Jim Blossom, practical joker  
Phil Maybrick, entomologist  
Alfred Cox  
Hans and Fritz, run runners  
Earl Morine and Tom Dakin

Between the first and second acts a humorous duet by the Sanford brothers fairly brought down the house.

During the intermission between the two parts of the program a selection was given by the orchestra, directed by Mr. Manely, which was much enjoyed.

The second part of the program was a Hawaiian operetta, "The Ghost of Hilo", presented by the girls under the direction of Mr. Manely, who is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid manner in which the operetta was given. From the opening overture by the orchestra to the closing chorus there was not a hitch and at the close the audience were loud in their praise of its excellence. The stage setting was splendid and the gaily colored costumes of the chorus made a very pretty scene. The main characters were: Princess of Hilo—Miss Nita Threthewey  
Kunlei, favorite of the Princess—Miss Frances Sanford  
Maile, sorceress—Miss Mary Hardy  
Kealoha, Little Sister—Miss Mary Threthewey  
Miss Threthewey made an admirable princess and her solo parts were very splendid. Miss Harry's part of the part of the Princess is a way that led nothing to be desired. The music was most captivating throughout and the choruses and dances were exceedingly well done. Not a little of the success of the performance was due to the orchestra, whose playing was itself worth the price of admission. Between the two acts of the operetta Miss Mary Brady sang a Hawaiian waltz song, "On Hilo Bay" (Levy), and Miss Gertrude Phinney gave a violin selection, "Ave Maria" (Schubert), both of which were much enjoyed.

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS ENTERTAINMENT

A pleasant evening was spent in the Dining-room of the Baptist Church last Thursday, when the Ladies Bible Class entertained the Men's Bible Class with their wives.

About eighty sat down to an excellent supper which was all that could be desired to please the "inner man". Especial mention should be made of the charming little girl waitresses.

After supper Mrs. Bleasdel, the President of the class, after a few well chosen words, called on Mrs. Hardy the beloved teacher of the entertaining class who gave an address of welcome.

The President then called upon the following men for short speeches:—Mr. A. M. Young, President of Men's Bible Class; Dr. MacDonald representing the church; Mr. L. E. Shaw, the Sunday School; Dr. Corey the Missionaries; Dr. Wieslock, the College; Mr. E. L. Curry the student; and Dr. Manning representing the clergymen of the town.

The singing of some stirring hymns concluded a delightful evening of good cheer and Christian fellowship.

Windsor is experiencing some activity in the enforcement of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act which might be initiated with profit by most other towns. Backed by the civic authorities the Inspector is undertaking an aggressive policy. A number of places have been raided and the owners summoned to appear in court.

## FACULTY RECITAL

Most Enjoyable Recital Given by Members of Acadia Conservatory Faculty

The auditorium of the Baptist Church was well filled on Friday evening last when a most enjoyable recital was given by members of the faculty of Acadia Conservatory of Music.

Miss Ruth White delighted the audience with her skillful handling of the violin and was most happy in her rendering of La Chasse in her fine technique and good understanding. Miss Gifford has a pleasing well-trained voice, singing with sympathy and fine distinction. Miss Miriam Bancroft is very popular with Wolfville audiences for the beauty and joy to be found in her music. She is a true musician inspiring and uplifting her hearers by her delicate touch and appreciative rendering of Chopin and Liszt. Miss Pearl Griffith, as a reader, gave interesting selections from Barrie and Van Dyke, and was well received. Mr. Carl Farnsworth acted as accompanist in his usual capable manner. The program was as follows:

Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano Handel  
MISS RUTH WHITE  
MR. CARL FARNSWORTH  
Ah! Je Veux Vivre, from Romeo et Juliette... Gounod  
MISS NATHALIE GIFFORD  
Berceuse, op. 57... Chopin  
Danse Polonoise... Liszt  
MISS MIRIAM BANCROFT  
The Old Lady Shows Her Medals, Barrie  
Mrs. Twynley Mrs. Mickleham  
Mrs. Haggarty Mrs. Doweay  
Private Kenneth Doweay A Clergyman Scene—Mrs. Doweay's home.

MISS PEARL GRIFFITH  
J'ai Perdus Celle, Arranged by N. G. Bach  
My Morning... Manney  
Requiem... Homer  
MISS NATHALIE GIFFORD  
Waltz in A Major... Brahms-Hochstein  
Londonderry Air... Transcribed by Kreisler  
La Chasse... Cartier-Kreisler  
MISS RUTH WHITE  
The Black Bird... Henry Van Dyke  
A Mile With Me... Henry Van Dyke  
MISS PEARL GRIFFITH  
Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6... Liszt  
MISS MIRIAM BANCROFT

## TELLS HOW KITCHENER MET DEATH

TORONTO, March 10.—The British cruiser Hampshire, bearing Lord Kitchener on a mission to Russia, was sunk in the summer of 1916 by the German submarine U-22, according to a story told by a patient in a Philadelphia hospital to newspapermen. The Mail and Empire this morning publishes the following despatch in this connection from its correspondent in Philadelphia:

With papers to prove his identity, Heinz Hickmann, born in Hamburg, Germany, a patient in St. Agnes Hospital here, told a story last week which the following authentic information published as to the manner in which the British cruiser Hampshire, on which Lord Kitchener died, was blown up.

Hickmann, a machinist on the U-22, of the German submarine flotilla, said his captain received a wireless from the German naval office in the summer of 1916, that the British Field Marshal was on the cruiser Hampshire, and ordering the ship sunk at any cost.

Hickmann says the U-22 and the Hampshire met about six o'clock in the morning. He refrained from giving the names of his captain and officers, on the ground that England, with the aid of France, would imprison them. Otherwise he was specific as to details.

The U-22's captain picked up the Hampshire with the periscope when she was fifteen miles away and prepared for the execution of the order from the German staff. Hickmann says they could see the cruiser, had an escort of torpedo boats. He does not know how many, but he was sure of two, because they saw them when they came to the surface after firing the fatal torpedo into the heart of the cruiser.

Asked whether he could be more explicit in detail, Hickmann said he could not, as the U-boat was probably fifty feet under the surface when the torpedo was fired. Then, according to rules on the undersea boats, he said, they went deeper and came up miles away from the victim.

Then it was that they saw torpedo boat escort, he said. After seeing the cruiser sink, they submerged again. Then the captain reported by wireless that he had carried out orders and the Hampshire was at the bottom of the North Sea. Subsequently, he said, orders came to congratulate the officers and crew on the "good work".

A splendid assortment of birthday Cards, including some very pretty book-eta, at THE ACADIAN store

## DR. HAROLD K. BOX



A young Toronto dentist, who has made a special study of the disease known as pyorrhea, and has discovered the nature of the disease, and a method by which it can be successfully treated. So widespread is the disease that the discovery ranks close to that of insulin, in the relief of millions of sufferers the world over. Like Dr. Banting, Dr. Box has offered his discovery freely to the dental world, making a gift of it to humanity. Official endorsement has been given his work by the government of Ontario.

## WOLFVILLE GIRLS LOSE AT BASKETBALL

An exciting basket ball match took place at Kentville Arena last Saturday evening, when the S. S. S. Girls team, Wolfville, played the K. C. A. Girls team, Kentville. The home team was victorious, piling up the big score of 38-4.

Muriel Williams captain of the Kentville team got 30 points, and Winnie McGill got 8 points. The game was fast throughout. The first score was made by Winnie McGill after two minutes of play, followed by a basket by M. Williams. Four minutes later Frances Brown scored for Wolfville, their only basket during that period. The second period was marked by brilliant play, Wolfville improving in their team work. Margaret Brady scored for her team. Kentville played a fine combination game. The line-up: Wolfville—Viola Caldwell and Cora Caldwell, centres; forwards, Margaret Brady, Frances Brown (Capt.); Thelma Keddy, Mary Caldwell, defence; sub, Gladys Manely. Kentville—Frances Harris, Nora Dennison, centres; Winnie McGill, Muriel Williams (Capt.), forwards; Lenora Steadman, Truth Fair, defence; sub, Muriel Hubble.

## WOLFVILLE LADY MILLINERY EXPERT

(From the St. John's Evening Times-Star)

A compliment, so strongly in favor of St. John's leading millinery, was made yesterday, that it's real weight is not apparent until the source is given. It came from Mrs. Davidson, one of a number of professional milliners who came from all over the Maritimes to take notes at the Spear openings. For five years Mrs. Davidson was head designer for J. M. Orkin & Co., the large millinery manufacturers of Montreal, and before that she grew up in the art with Madame Crobie, formerly of L. P. Hollander, Boston, and now running her own exclusive salon. Mrs. Davidson has married in Wolfville, but is still designing hats, being also buyer for Miss Saxton.

"I know the New York hat world better than any place," remarked Mrs. Davidson, "and I can say that the Spear hats do credit to any city. Where in New York would you see such a large showing, not of so-called Paris models, that may often mean copies made on this side, but the real originals? Certainly not on Fifth Avenue can you find so many. I speak, too, from intimate acquaintance with Henri Bendel, Herman Tappe, Francois, Joseph, Ulfand—in fact up and down the Avenue you can go and not one will equal the Spear variety."

"Splendid, that's all I can say, Darling. I only wish I had a place like this and a type of people to demand such millinery."

## GRAND PRE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hold Interesting Meeting—Tourist Committee Appointed

The March meeting of the Grand Pre Women's Institute, was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Crane with the vice-president, Mrs. R. W. Woodman, in the chair. The tourist question was discussed and a committee, consisting of Miss Mary Eaton, Miss Stuart, Mrs. Crane and Mrs. L. E. Trenholm, was appointed to find out what accommodation could be secured for tourists, also suitable camping sites, if any. Contributions to the bazaar are still coming in. A motion was carried that a card be sent to each person who has ever lived in Grand Pre bearing a request in rhyme for a donation to the bazaar, the proceeds of which are for a Community Hall. Miss Clara Vaughan was appointed convener of the committee to take charge, with the privilege of choosing her own assistants.

On Tuesday, March 11, the members of the Institute are to meet at the home of Mrs. W. A. Woodman, to sew for destitute cases, the articles made to be left in charge of the doctor, for the use of his patients.

The Institute members expressed their desire that a note be sent Miss Stuart and Miss Magee, expressing sincere sympathy for them in their bereavement, a loss which will also be felt by the whole community.

The School committee submitted a very favorable report and the sick have been remembered with Sunshine Boxes.

The following program was enjoyed: Piano Duet—Misses Rose and Taylor  
Violin Solo—Miss Edith Crane  
Piano Solo—Miss Dorothy Trenholm  
Vocal Solo—Miss Doris Eaton  
Dialogue—Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Crane, Miss Laura Trenholm  
Mrs. Whitman invited the Institute to meet at the Parsonage in April.

A short play "The Minister's Wife", and other interesting items are being prepared for an evening's entertainment, to be held in the vestry of the Methodist church, on Friday, March 28.

On Saturday, February 16, the ladies of the Institute played the game of hockey in the rink. The line-up: Married Ladies—Mrs. Scott Trenholm, Mrs. John Eagles, Mrs. Leslie Trenholm; forwards; Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Louis Dennison, defence; Mrs. Robert Palmer, goal.  
Single Ladies—Miss Journae Miller, Edith Trenholm, Miss Phyllis Fuller, forwards; Miss Dorothy Watson, Miss Ida Mitchell, defence; Miss Stuart, goal; Misses Doris Eaton, Laura Trenholm and Waterman, subs.

## MEDICAL REMINISCENCES OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

A very interesting letter appears in the Bulletin of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, recently published, from the pen of Dr. Geo. E. DeWitt, of Wolfville, written in Daytona, Florida.

He gives in an interesting, humorous way his reminiscences of fifty years in medical practice, beginning with the days when the sink drain seeped into the old oaken bucket; when windows were uncurtained and when housewives enjoyed the open milk pans in the pantry. He tells of the vicissitudes and struggles of the early N. S. doctors, referring to Dr. Louis De Blois, of Bridgetown; Dr. Samuel Primrose, of Lawrencetown; Sir Frederick Borden, Dr. Henri Shaw, Dr. Bowles and Dr. Chipman, of King's Co.; and Dr. A. P. Reid, Dr. J. D. McNair, Dr. D. A. Campbell and Dr. N. E. McKay, of Halifax.

Dr. DeWitt gave the following incident from the practice of Dr. DeBlois in 1865:

The doctor was called to the South Mountain to see a patient suffering from a cold. After a few useful medicines, he instructed the wife to give the patient a sponge bath morning and night. When the doctor returned the wife met him at the door saying: "O Doctor he is stark stiff and I cannot get the sponge off him." The woman had made a bread sponge and rubbed it all over him. The patient lived nevertheless.

## Report of Mid Year Examinations

Wolfville High School, 1924

	Latin	French	History	Trig.	Chemistry	Eng. Lit.	Hist. of Lat.	Algebra	Geometry	Aggregate	Average
<b>GRADE XI</b>											
Barteaux, Constance	70	80	83	79	72	97	92	85	89	747	83
Bishop, Jessie	90	74	99	75	82	75	98	98	89	691	86.4
Boates, Laura	87	68	52	53	80	41	59	85	58	525	65.6
Brady, Margaret	57	76	72	75	79	54	82	90	82	652	72.4
Burgess, Josephine	52	78	92	70	69	70	57	70	72	630	70
Corey, Elizabeth	72	94	95	87	89	74	96	90	95	795	88.3
Crowell, Mildred	60	40	46	60	64	35	50	62	47	412	57.1
Dakin, Edith	77	84	absent on account of illness								
Daniels, Fred	72	62	30	60	74	51	50	87	436	67	7
Davis, Madeline	72	68	80	68	72	54	86	80	58	72	5
Fleming, Loyd	72	82	70	76	77	65	90	84	676	78	3
Graham, Verne	84	84	80	81	80	81	75	91	666	83	3
Hanson, Edith	88	94	93	85	88	80	89	89	89	829	85.8
Heller, Hazel	96	100	98	98	90	80	100	100	664	94.9	
Johnson, Bernice	51	63	60	41	59	43	52	42	50	461	51.2
Lockhart, Kimba	70	81	40	63	50	50	53	357	59	5	
MacKenna, Clair	23	41	44	61	62	73	41	60	69	474	52.7
MacLeod, Randolph	44	28	50	68	54	33	52	61	390	48	4
Nieforth, Bernice	72	60	40	60	68	56	46	51	453	56	6
Perry, Hugh	57	72	64	58	45	50	82	85	517	64	6
Pick, Walter	62	84	82	50	70	52	77	85	622	69	1
Spinney, Hallice	51	30	70	40	55	37	67	53	403	50	4
Stackhouse, Olive	52	60	40	40	70	40	52	313	52	62	2
Tretheway, Zelma	60	66	68	75	85	73	75	80	648	72	

## Tobin Copies

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybodys Tongue

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## The Biscuit Trick

It looks so easy they all fall for it, make a bet that it is impossible to eat five soda biscuits in five minutes, unassisted by liquids. Eating one in a minute is hard enough.

That's because the sodas are so flaky, so crisp, they absorb a lot of water when you are eating them and should be eaten slowly—a point in their favor.

Another good trick is to take a kettle of boiling water right off the red hot coals and balance it on the tips of the fingers.

Strange to say it's easy provided you keep your fingers on the cool central part of the kettle (where you expect to find, the greatest heat.)