

## WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

LOVE FINDS A WAY  
PAST ALLOWANCES

"Encourage Thrift, Inestimable Boon," Says Investigator.

Love, which laughs at locksmiths, then finds a way of overcoming such an obstacle to matrimony as a mother's allowance. Just as in other parts of the province, so in London and district, mothers who have become beneficiaries since the act went into force a year ago last fall, have automatically been removed from the list owing to a second marriage. In three such cases within the past few months the responsibility undertaken by the state for the children has been assumed by the new husband.

Did the allowance, which made a better standard of living possible for the family, render the widowed mother more attractive? Did that account for the second marriage?

The enthusiastic and deeply sympathetic investigator for London, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Middlesex, Oxford and Huron refused to make any statement in that score. She wasn't telling any romantic secrets. Next week, Mrs. R. M. Graham, the investigator in this district, with investigators from all over the province, will attend a conference in Toronto (the second by the way), called by Rev. Peter Brown, of Baltimore, to consider problems in connection with the work.

If asked for a report she will be able to present a most optimistic one. Are the mothers' allowances realizing the dreams of the promoters in the way of relieving strain on overburdened mothers and giving children a chance to be properly housed, clothed, fed and cared for as a preparation for good citizenship?

Are Real Boon. "After a year's experience, I am thoroughly convinced that they are innumerable," declared Mrs. Graham to the women's department of The Advertiser Monday evening. She was due for a holiday, but she had spent the greater part of the day out in the country investigating a case which she felt imperatively demanded immediate attention.

"While the allowances do not constitute an adequate living, and are only supplementary," she said, "they have in many cases been responsible for keeping families together and resulting worthy mothers with their children. Homes would have been broken up in a number of cases, children placed in institutions, and the discouraged mothers obliged to bear the pain of separation, were it not for the allowance.

"The case is indeed where there is not a general improvement in the living conditions, an improvement in the mental and moral tone of the family. While a better standard of living is made possible, so far as physical conditions are concerned, I find on paying return visits the children attending school, often with regularity unknown before, the mother and her brood attending church and Sunday school.

"The interest of the state in her children has given the mother an added sense of her own importance and responsibility. She recognizes herself as an employee of the government, as a steward of the allowance. She wants to spend it and whatever other means she has at her command, to the very best possible advantage. I find mothers making a greater interest in getting the best possible value for their money. They are anxious that the children should have the most wholesome food possible, and are studying food values with this end in view. The thing that has struck me in connection with so many of them is that the allowance gives them a new sense of the worthwhileness of life. They go at their homemaking with a new courage and interest in improving their surroundings. Again and again I have been touched by seeing a potted plant in a home that looked any such touch of grace on my first visit.

Can the Cans. "To get back to the subject of food, they quickly respond to suggestion to buy vegetables in bulk, instead of getting them out of cans. Many of the mothers had gardens last summer and a number grew enough potatoes to carry them through the winter.

"The mothers' allowance assuredly does not pauperize. Its effect, excepting in very rare exceptions, is the very opposite. It encourages thrift, and thereby virtue. And all this results on the welfare of the children, in whose interests the act was framed and is administered.

"Are the mothers appreciative? Again and again I have seen a mother burst into tears of relief and joy when she learned she would get the allowance. They regard it as a sacred trust."

Never, until taking up her duties as mothers' allowance investigator, did Mrs. Graham realize that the heart of humanity was so wonderful kind, even in her association with many patriotic, educational and well-to-do organizations. "In this work," she said, "I have discovered a splendid spirit of service that never fails to respond to an appeal of need. Church organizations, clubs, societies, individuals have always been ready to help promptly whenever a case of need has been brought to their attention. The Girl Guides in London West have proved themselves most generous little sisters. Some of my mothers' boys are being brought up by the members of the Kiwanis Club. This Christmas season especially I have been struck with the genuine interest of men, women and children in those less fortunate than themselves, an interest that manifests itself in service as well as in giving of money."

In all, in London and the remainder of Mrs. Graham's district, there are at the present time about one hundred and fifty families on the list of mothers' allowances beneficiaries, though many more have been investigated, several of whom have not yet been passed upon by the commission.

## PERSONALS

Major E. K. Eaton is still confined to his home, owing to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dalton of Detroit are spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

Mr. George Jackson of Chicago spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLeod and son of Hamilton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jackson, Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dalton of Detroit are spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

Miss N. Heffernan of the Normal School staff is spending the Christmas vacation with her sisters, the Misses Heffernan, Guelph.

Miss Grace Penfold, Miss Annie Jeffries, Miss Lavina McLennan and Miss Madeline Adams of the D. S. C. R. spent Christmas in Guelph.

Mr. Wm. A. Childs of Regina and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Childs of Toronto are spending Christmas with Mrs. Childs, 733 Wellington street.

Misses Dawson, who are attending Western University, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson, Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weeks, 558 Colborne street, announce the marriage of their only son, Mr. E. C. Weeks, to Miss Isabel Anderson, both of Ottawa.

Dr. Rivington Fisher of Sarnia and Mr. Fred Fisher of Hamilton, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson, Sarnia.

Miss Katharine I. Eastman goes to Hamilton Wednesday to be the guest for the remainder of the week of her uncle and aunt, Sheriff and Mrs. Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Raynard of Detroit and Miss Laura Lammy of Toronto are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Raynard, Princess avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton and two children of Detroit are spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Goodburne and baby Betty of Toronto spent Christmas with the former's parents, 3059 Dundas street, and are now visiting Mrs. Goodburne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes, Maude street, Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Harvey, Sr., and Miss Mary Harvey were Christmas visitors in Sarnia, guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. Burrows. Miss M. A. Harvey of Victoria University joined the week-end house party, returning to Toronto on Monday evening.

Miss Beattie Mossop, B.A., of the department of hygiene, University of Toronto, returned to Toronto yesterday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mossop, Lorne avenue. This week Miss Mossop will attend the meetings in Toronto of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which she is a member. Miss Mossop was formerly in the biology department of Western University.

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## WITH THE BRIDES

BROAD-ELLIOTT.

A quiet wedding took place at the bride's home in Florence Tuesday, Dec. 20, when Rev. T. A. Barnard united in marriage Miss Hannah Elliott and Mr. J. E. Broad of Bothwell. Mr. and Mrs. Broad will reside in Bothwell.

MAY-DURHAM.

A charming December wedding took place Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Higgins, Hyde Park, when Miss Sheila Durham, sister of Mrs. Higgins, was married to William Malcolm May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald May of the fifth concession. Rev. John MacKillop, B.A., officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Higgins, and looked charming in a gown of brown silk. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and maldenhair fern. The house was prettily decorated for the marriage in a color scheme of red and green, the same decoration forming an arch over the bride couple, who were unattended. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests, who included only relations and a few intimate friends numbering about 25, repaired to the tastefully decorated dining-room, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed. The happy couple motored to the groom's farm on the sixth concession of London Township.

SALTON-NEILSON.

A charming holiday event was the wedding which took place Monday afternoon at the home of Rev. Dr. Salton, when Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Neilson of London Junction, was married to Mr. Fred P. Salton of New York. Rev. Dr. Salton, father of the groom, officiated.

The bride was lovely in black panne velvet, trimmed with blue georgette broadened in gold, with hat to match, and corsage bouquet of Sunset roses. Her only attendant was a white gold lavalier set with diamonds, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaid, Miss Mary Neilson, sister of the bride, was gowned in blue figured georgette, beaded in white and blue, with which she wore a becoming velvet hat. Mr. Harold Brewer of Walkerville, formerly of this city, was the best man.

The happy couple left on the evening train for their future home in New York.

BY MARIAN HALE.

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Amie for a knitted tie, so if she sees your request I am sure she will send them to you.

CANAAN'S CAKE.

Dear Miss Grey—I am going to send you a great big piece of Christmas cake after Christmas, so be ready. I will send a mite next time. I am sending Mother of Six a parcel. She can send postage in for the fund.

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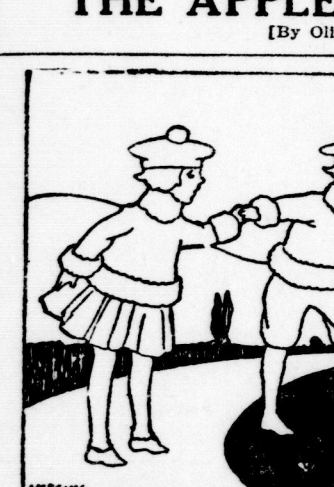
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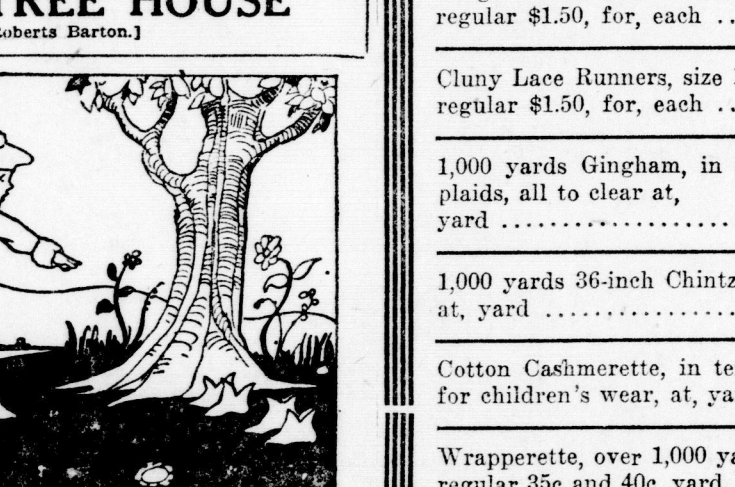
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Former Wards  
Visit Shelter

Christmas Day Brings Happy Reunion With "Santa Claus Sanders"

The Christmas tree, following the Christmas dinner at the Children's Shelter on Monday, served the purpose as well of a happy family reunion. Numbers of former wards of the shelter came back to pay a visit on Christmas Day and most affectionate was the meeting between them and the oldest grandfather in the world to them all, the "real Santa Claus" of the present shelter children, the former Inspector, Mr. Joseph Sanders. Mr. Sanders also had with him a number of letters of greeting from former wards, who have made their way in the world and are happy in homes of their own. The shelter children had prepared the program, which was much appreciated by the visitors, including many members of the society. Mr. John I. A. Hunt was happy in the role of chairman, and among other prominent workers on the board who attended the festivities were President D. H. McDermid, Mrs. F. E. Leonard, Mrs. John Weld, Mrs. P. R. Hardie, Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mrs. and Mrs. E. H. McKone, Mr. Cadwallader.

This week the children in the shelter are going to experience the joy of being hosts and hostesses themselves, entertaining their schoolmates in the Victoria School to a real party, just as if they were in homes of their very own.

Western Ontario Women's Activities

Address News for This Column to The Editor of Woman's Page.

HYDE PARK W. M. S.

Hyde Park W. M. S. held a very successful annual business meeting in the Presbyterian Church. The president, Mrs. Cummings, occupied the chair. Ramsay read a sad letter from an invalid girl in India, asking the ladies to purchase home-made lace which would help her greatly in making a living. Her relatives, she stated, were all dead. After a short discussion the matter was laid over until further particulars were received. The delegates appointed to attend the W. M. S. convention to be held in King Street Presbyterian Church, London, in January, were Mrs. Shorbrook and Mrs. Herbert. The officers for 1922 are: President, Mrs. Cummings; first vice, Miss Mackenzie; treasurer, Mrs. Skippon; secretary, Mrs. Herbert; mite-box treasurer, Mrs. Shorbrook.

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her lazy bunch of a husband called directions to her from the top rail.

Nick had spied something on the ground and wasn't paying the least bit of attention to things overhead. "Nancy!" he cried, pulling his sister down. "Just look! It's the Green Shoes!" The Magical Mushroom must have been here and gone away again. It's a pity we didn't see it.

"Dear old fellow," said Nancy regretfully. "I wish he'd waited. But he's always so busy I suppose he had an errand some place or other in one of the Fairy Queen's Kingdoms. But hurry, Nickie, we must be going to have an adventure. Let's put on the Shoes right away."

"First thing I'm going to do," answered Nick, "is to wish myself up into that funny little house in the old apple tree that daddy built when he was a boy."

And he had his own shoes off in a jiffy.

[To Be Continued.] (Copyright, 1921.)

SUCKLING PIG FOR NEW YEAR'S  
DINNER—HOW TO COOK IT

ROAST suckling pig is excellent for New Year's dinner. There is nothing more satisfactory for a big family party. The dinner need not exact a great outlay of money, for home canned fruits, vegetables, pickles and jellies are more in keeping with the season than out of season delicacies.

The butcher should dress the pig carefully and deliver it the morning of the day before the dinner. Scrub the skin with a brush and wash thoroughly inside and out. Rub the inside with salt and fill with plain bread stuffing. Sew up the slit and truss.

Prop the mouth open with a potato during the roasting and replace with a bright red apple to send to the table. If your oven is too small send the pig to the nearest bake house to be roasted. Heat a board very hot to bring the pig home on, and the roast will be piping hot to serve.

The menu for a roast pig dinner could be like this:

Fruit Cup  
Tomato Bisque  
Roast Pig  
Pickled Peaches  
Apple Meringue Pudding  
New Year's Cake  
Water Crackers  
Black Coffee

Let the center-piece be a bowl of fruit and nuts rather than flowers.

Fruit Cup

Eight halves canned peaches, ½ cup diced canned pears, 1 cup cherries drained from juice, ½ cup fresh white grapes, ¼ cup peach juice, ½ cup cherry juice, ¼ cup lemon juice, ½ mint fruit tablets, sugar if necessary.

The sugar will depend on the heaviness of the fruit syrup. Heat juice and add sugar. When sugar is dissolved add mint tablets, and let melt. Cool juice and add fruit cut in dice. Put in tightly-covered jar and chill. Serve in high-standing glasses.

Apple Meringue Pudding.

Two cups cooked apples, 3 eggs, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ cup granulated sugar, 5 tablespoons powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup chopped nuts.

Add spices, granulated sugar and butter to apples while hot. Add lemon juice and yolk of eggs well beaten. Beat well and pour into a buttered baking dish.

Bake fifteen minutes in a moderate oven. Beat whites of eggs till stiff and dry and beat in powdered sugar and vanilla. Take pudding from oven and cover with nuts. Spread with meringue and return to a hot oven to brown slightly. Serve cold with a topping of whipped cream.

New Year's Cake.

Two cups sugar, 1 cup butter, 2 cups flour, 1 cup cold water, 4 eggs, 3 tea-

spoons baking powder, 2 cups nut meats, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Cream butter, beat in sugar. Add yolks of eggs well beaten. Mix and sift flour and baking powder and add alternately to mixture with water and vanilla.

Roll nuts in flour and add. Beat whites of eggs till stiff and dry with salt and fold into mixture. Bake in two layers and put together with boiled frosting. Decorate with snips of candied cherries. (Copyright, 1921.)

REGIMENT GIVES

TREE FOR KIDDIES

A jolly event for one hundred and twenty or more "children of the regiment," as well as their mothers and daddies, was the Christmas tree given by the officers of the R. C. R. Monday afternoon in the recreation room at the barracks, for the small sons and daughters of the married men.

First there was afternoon tea with heaps of goodies, shared by the grown-ups, then at five o'clock, Mr. Santa Claus arrived with much ceremony to take the presents from the big, gaily-decorated tree. Gen. Panet, D.O.C., and Mrs. Panet honored the event with their presence and amongst others who attended were Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill and Mrs. Hill, Rev. G. Q. Warner and Mrs. Warner, and the officers of the R. C. R. and their wives.

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