

# WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

## Seeing Week-End Market With Aunt Maria's Eyes

"How much is sparrow-grass this morning?"

That was the most popular question at the week-end market Saturday.

"Sparrow-grass," according to the vernacular and prevailing pronunciation, was in for the first time for Sunday dinner. It was there in quantities, and, considering all things, fairly reasonable, two bunches for twenty-five cents.

The first cutting took place on Thursday, so far as could be learned. In any case, Thursday was debut day in grocery stores and fruit shops, and market gardeners were authority for the statement.

"Couldn't I grow asparagus in my own back yard?" asked the persistent marketeer.

"Certainly," replied the gardener, as he handed her back seventy-five cents change out of a dollar. "Once you get an asparagus bed properly started, it is good for forty years."

"Easy as all that?" queried Aunt Maria. "I'm going to start an asparagus bed right away and retire from hard work."

You can't retire for a few years on an asparagus bed," said the gardener. "You see, you shouldn't start cutting it for three years. Then, you should stop cutting about the end of June or the beginning of July, otherwise, you will spoil the roots."

Like everything else, asparagus roots need rest and time to recuperate, after too severe a strain of work.

"How do you start a bed?" Get the seed and sow it early in the spring in good rich soil, putting about six or eight inches in the ground. Of course, you must see that the ground is properly fertilized before you put the plants in. After that asparagus will take care of itself.

Thirty-five or forty years of early "sparrow-grass," straight from the garden, with no weary annual recurrence of bed-making! Truly there are things in the world that make life worth living.

**Lots of "Salad-Sass."**

Wonderful what a difference a few weeks make.

Aunt Maria was back after an absence of three weeks from the Saturday market—visiting in a far-away market one Saturday, fighting flu germs the next. In that time, the old Covent Garden Square had thrown off its winter habits and put on its gayest spring-summer garb of flowers, plants nicely started for gardens, and appetizing piles of "salad-sass."

Crisp, bunched lettuce was "ten cents each, three for a quarter"; radishes, two for fifteen cents; water cress, fifteen cents for two bunches if you would pay it, five cents a bunch otherwise. And the cress, it

was whispered in one case, came straight from a clear, gushing spring. "But, is there danger of weeds with the cress grown outdoors wild?" asked a purchaser.

The ingenious answer given was, "It is said if weeds grow near cress, the cress will have a taste of the weeds, just as rhubarb will."

Gone are the delicate, slender, smooth stalks of the hot-house and grown-in-the-cellar rhubarb of winter and early spring. Replacing them are sturdy, husky, outdoor Canadian bundles.

How much? That depends. One place they were two for a quarter, another, three for a quarter, still another, two for fifteen cents. One woman asked seven cents a bunch for nice, rosy rhubarb, and, before leaving, Aunt Maria heard an offer of three bunches for ten cents. There you take your choice.

Fresh garden onions were five cents a bunch—and what is nicer than onion tops to add to the soup? Not a particle of waste. But onions of the sedate, grown-up variety held their own at twenty-five cents a quart on the market, while now the precious "weepers" are putting themselves in the "by the pound" class in grocery stores and butcher shops.

**Berries, Forty Cents.**

Strawberries added a festive touch in many stalls. In one, the boxes were so full they had been pressed flat on one side. The vendor wanted forty cents for these, thirty-five for the scantier boxes (alleged quarters). But, why more for the berries flattened on top?

"So many more in the box and better quality," he replied, "the top layer will be fine for strawberry short cake."

At forty cents a box, however, people who buy them usually prefer them "straight." The explanation given of so many strawberries in sight Saturday was the arrival of a whole carload from the south.

Potatoes may have looked stuffy and uninteresting in such an environment, but they are good old reliables, as every consumer knows, and the price was still holding at \$1.50 a bag.

When a farmer offers to let you pick out the most desirable and suspicious looking potato in sight in his collection and himself suggests he will cut it in two to prove it is white and sound to the heart, you may depend upon it that the bag is worth a dollar and a half. But, take him at his word, see for yourself, then pay your precious coin and trust that chance has played you no pranks.

My, what industrious hens live in London district! Baskets upon baskets upon baskets packed solid with eggs, every last one of them laid in the past week. And the prices ranged from twenty-six to thirty-five cents a dozen.

Lots of butter, too, priced thirty-eight to forty-five cents, with emphasis on forty and forty-two.

Potatoes, "chickens," a few of them, one at a time, for a few cents. They sold by the price, not by the weight, anything from \$1.75 to \$2.50. Now, why, prithee, tell me why should people look at you when you add insult to injury when you ask them the weight of poultry they are offering for sale?

**Finde Baby Rabbits.**

A few weeks ago a little London girl took a box to market with ventilation holes punched in the top to be the nest for a nice-sized child rabbit she wanted for Easter. But no bunny answering the description could she find.

Had she only known it, Saturday was the time and the place. But there was no girl, that is, not the little girl of the story. There were any number of other little girls, however, and little boys, too, not to mention big ones, who exclaimed and chuckled with delight over a box of cuddly wee rabbits, soft furry things with their eyes still closed, scarcely old enough to wiggle their ears and wiggle their tails. There were mites of Belgian Hares, and, snuggling up beside them, shiny black Siberian hares. They were 25 cents a piece, so their young master said.

Out in the market square an older and less dependent Belgian hare was discovered that would just fit that Easter box. And the price asked was only 15 cents, though Master Belgian had acquired the gentle art of feeding himself and otherwise looking after his own welfare.

"Hunting for things for my garden," seemed to be a universal game, whether things hunted for were little

## Personals

A large number of Londoners motored to the Caledon Club Friday to attend the opening for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Walden, Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walden, Richmond street.

Mrs. Roy Talmeter of Detroit is spending two weeks in London the guest of her sister, Mrs. Howard Higgins, Dundas street.

Miss Manilla Sayles and Mrs. George Sperr of Chicago were guests last week with the former's uncle, Mr. Norman Edwards, and Mrs. Edwards, Princess avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald, Kintore, announce the engagement of their daughter Maybelle Anna to Mr. Gordon Robson, Kintore, the marriage to take place the last of May.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooke, of The First, Lambeth, were entertained at Wong's Thursday evening prior to their leaving on the evening train for Montreal en route to England.

A merry party gathered at the station Friday evening to bid Miss Cassie Jeffrey and Miss Alice Brown bon voyage when they left on a holiday trip abroad, showering them with last-minute traveling gifts. They are sailing from Montreal for Glasgow on the Anchor-Donaldson line. Miss Brown intends returning the end of three months. Miss Jeffrey looking forward to at least a year abroad.

Much to the regret of their old friends in London, as well as the many they have made during their residence here, Major-General H. A. Panet and Mrs. Panet are leaving the city sooner than had been first expected. They leave the barracks the 27th of May for Toronto, where General Panet has been transferred as O. C. of No. 2 military district. Owing to the fact that living quarters are not provided there as at Wolsley Barracks, Mrs. Panet has been in Toronto during the past week house-hunting. For the present they will take up their residence in Alexandra Apartments.

Mrs. Howard Higgins was the hostess Saturday afternoon of a delightful bridge and tea given at her home in Dundas street in honor of the fifteenth anniversary of the Lord Elgin Chapter, I. O. O. F., of which she is the regent. The rooms were effectively decorated with spring flowers, tulips and yellow tulips decked the tea-table, where Mrs. Fred. White, presided, and were used in the living room. Among the guests dropping in at the tea hour were Mrs. C. T. Campbell, first vice-regent of the chapter; Mrs. E. B. Smith, regent of the Municipal Chapter; Mrs. Arthur Smith and Mrs. J. S. Niven. Assisting in the tea room were Miss Eleanor Higgins, daughter of the hostess, and Misses Olga Millar and Ruth and Marjorie White.

## CHOICE OF ROUTES TO WESTERN CANADA.

The Canadian National Railway, in addition to providing unexcelled service between Eastern and Western Canada, offers patrons optional routes. You may travel westward via the Port Arthur-Fort William route, returning the northern route via Cochrane and North Bay, or vice versa. This means that you are in reverse. This means that you are in reverse. This means that you are in reverse. A new environment (Grand Trunk Railway) at 8:45 p.m., carrying Standard Sleeping Car to Winnipeg, via North Bay, Cobalt and Cochrane, daily, and through Tourist Sleeping Car, Toronto to Winnipeg, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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parcels of perennial roots, two for a quarter; boxes well started of asters at 25 cents and 40 cents a box, containing a dozen and a half plants; tomato plants at 10 cents to 60 cents; salvia, pinks, sweet william, rose bushes, 15 cents each; raspberry bushes in packages of a dozen or twenty-five.

If you don't see what you want, ask for it on the week-end market, and chances are someone will direct you to it.

**Will Archery Revive?**

For the first time in the year, at least, "The Song of the Bow" is heard in Covent Garden Square. It is heard in genuine, old-time bow and arrow, and before Indians took to shotguns.

"The Song of the Bow" was sung in this case by an intelligent young Indian from Muncey, who drew attention to the whiteness, suppleness of the bow, its steel-like firmness, the beauty of the finish, all made by hand from hickory wood. Where the boys were concerned he didn't even need a musical voice to sing his song, or enchanting flute or fiddle to aid or enhance his performance. The Indian showed how to draw a bow without actually letting it go.

A woman looking on sighed: "I remember," she said, "when archery was all the vogue in London. It was such a graceful exercise for lawn fetes and garden parties. I wonder it has never been revived." And all the time an angel youngster was critically examining a bow and arrow. He looked like Dan Cupid, but he sounded too modern and sophisticated when he casually remarked: "Not too bad at all, but why didn't you have feathers on the ends of the bows to finish them up?"

## DANCES TO THE BAGPIPES AT HIS GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. John Robson, Sarnia, Happily Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robson, 115 South Milton street, Sarnia, was the scene of a happy gathering on May 1, when they celebrated their golden wedding. They were married at Strathroy in 1872, by Rev. John Rennie.

Mrs. Robson, who is 74 years of age, was formerly Miss Elizabeth Wilson of Adelaide Township, having come from Ireland when a small girl. Mr. Robson is 77 years of age, and came from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1870, to Strathroy, where they resided for a number of years.

Their family consists of three sons and two daughters, all of them attending the celebration excepting one son who resides in England. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers sent by friends. The happy couple also received gifts of gold coins and dainty pieces of silver.

Those present at dinner, which was served at noon, were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Robson, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. John Robson, Strathroy; Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, London; daughter, John and Jean; Miss Margaret Robson, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bryce, Watford, the latter a niece.

A number of friends were entertained during the evening. When a novel feature of the program was bagpipe music, to which Mr. Robson, the sword dancer, Mr. Robson has been a subscriber to The Advertiser for 50 years.

## CLUB NEWS

What Women Are Accomplishing in London.

A meeting of all workers for the Scots Guards Band concert, including ticket sellers and others, is called for 10 o'clock Monday morning in the chamber of commerce rooms, under the convener of Mrs. E. B. Smith, Mrs. Allan McLean and Mrs. E. C. Bowker.

## WITH BRIDES

PEARSON-MADGE.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Robert Hicks, Chatham, on Tuesday, May 2, at 5 p.m., when Edith M. Madge, Windsor, daughter of the late G. M. Loft-house, Komoka, was united in marriage to Robert Pearson of Windsor. The house was prettily decorated with roses, daffodils and carnations. The bride's dress was of periwinkle canton crepe with hat to match, and she wore a corsage bouquet of Opheelia roses, sweet peas and valley lilies. After the ceremony Mrs. Hicks served a dainty dinner. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. H. Hord, Komoka, and Miss Sylvia Madge, Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson took the evening train for points east. They will reside in Brantford.

## PHYLIS ASKS FOR HELP.

Dear Miss Gray—I am writing to you again to see if through your kind Mail-Box you could get some assistance, as my husband has had only six weeks work this winter, and we have had such a lot of sickness that we are in need of clothes. My little boy has had his tonsils removed, and that is a lot of extra expense. I cannot work at present, as the little boy requires all my attention.

I published your last letter asking for help, but will put this one in, as apparently you have not received any assistance. I am sorry to hear you are in poor circumstances again, as things were starting to look bright for you, were they not?

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