



Joker's Corner

WAS SATISFIED.

A conjurer was performing before a country audience, and to make his powers appear more remarkable, he asked for the loan of a six penny piece, which he would convert into a half-sovereign.

HIS PRIDE FELL.

There were times when McFee glared in the fact that he was the father of nine children, even if they were in the lines of the proverbial human stepladder; but on the day when he was taking them out for a walk, he felt chagrined.

NOTHING LACKING.

A Highland minister, who was rather a pompous gentleman, came to a shepherd's house to baptize a child. "Are you prepared?" he asked the fond parent.

SUBSTITUTE.

A colored woman went to the pastor of her church the other day to complain of the conduct of her husband, who, she said, was a low down worthless, trifling nigger.

NEITHER WORRY NOR-FRET.

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Richest Farmers of Missouri Leaving For Canada

Louisiana, Mo., May 1—Pike, the banner county of Missouri, the home of Champ Clark, which has supplied national figures and fine stock for half a century to the less fortunate sections of the republic, is powerfully smitten by the "trek" to Canada.

Now comes the redoubtable Champ on the floor on Congress, resigning for the time his Speakership, to send up his cry for help, for he is sorely grieved-stricken over the loss of Pike's best sons.

In this language, the other day, did Pike's famous son point out the necessity for action.

"One day in my country, one of the richest under the sun, forty-three families loaded up an entire train, chartered the train and pulled out for Alberta.

"There was not a man among them who was not fairly well-to-do. Another man in my district sold his farm for about \$40,000. He moved to Manitoba, and entered and purchased 10,000 acres of land up there. He gave to each of his eight children eight thousand acres, keeping two thousand for himself.

"What these people wanted to leave Pike for, no one knows, for it is the best country in the best state in the world. And yet, those same fellows are writing to Missouri, telling their old neighbors they have reached the traditional 'land of corn and wine.'

And it is true that Champ is not complaining because so many of those immigrants to Canada are Democrats and his supporters, for while Champ is a politician, he is a loyal son of Pike county and realizes that the loss of so many wealthy families is one that cannot be long sustained without serious consequences, even to a county so wealthy and populous as Pike.

The people who have gone from Pike to Canada are not merely the sons of wealthy farmers but are the wealthy farmers themselves—whole families of them, and they have taken with them hundreds of thousands of dollars, special trains of live stock and farming machinery, professional men, too, have been caught by the lure of the great prairie provinces and have established themselves, with all their belongings, in British America.

Many others who remain in Pike have sent their surplus cash into Western Canada for investment. The banks in Louisiana and Bowling Green, the only towns of importance in Pike, have been almost ruined by the constant and heavy drain. Usually money could be secured here at three and four per cent., so great was the surplus kept on deposit by the rich farmers of the county. Today, money is worth eight or ten per cent here and is not plentiful even at those figures.

CANADA BEATS THE UNITED STATES

MORE HONORS FOR GIN PILLS

Holyoke, Mass., U.S.A. "Having taken two boxes of your excellent GIN PILLS, they relieved me so much that I am quite satisfied with the results. I gave an order to my druggist about three weeks ago to send me some more. Nothing has come yet and I had to borrow a box from a lady friend who is also using GIN PILLS. I have none left and am sending you \$1.50 for three boxes which I would ask you to send at once as I am not quite so well when I am without GIN PILLS."

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of Louisiana, went to Calgary six years ago. He invested a quarter of a million dollars in Alberta for himself and ten times as much for his friends. Around Calgary and adjacent towns this Knight syndicate bought up literally whole townships. Its members have realized tremendous fortunes from these investments. But they show no desire to come back to Pike.

Judd McCune, representing one of the wealthiest families, and the oldest in the country, went to Regina and Edmonton. He invested enormous sums for himself and friends and was instrumental in shipping many families into Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Judge Willis Biggs, for twelve years on the supreme bench of Missouri residing in Louisiana, went to Red Deer and brought ten thousand acres for himself and friends. He resides there now and is surrounded by a regular colony of "Pikers"—in fact, along the new railroads of three provinces there are a number of towns named for some of these old Pike county families who have done so much substantially to develop that section. Harmon Chesnut took a special train only last summer to the Dauphin district in northern Manitoba. They bought everything in a township on a branch of the Canadian Northern Railway, not depending on homesteads.

OLD MARMADUKE FAMILY JOINS RUSH. Mason Marmaduke, another representative of a family that has contributed to the history of Missouri since the old state secured a place on the map, is now sending his three sons with four cars of stock and machinery to a point west of Battleford on the Grand Trunk Pacific. Their destination is the Tramping Lake district.

Morrison Morton Page took five cars of horses and settlers' effects into the Grand Prairie country last spring with ten families, each of them carrying a car of cattle and farm machinery and goods.

The letters these responsible people write to their friends in Pike keeps the old country in a turmoil. Land, which at one time was worth four hundred dollars per acre in Pike has actually fallen to half that sum, because of the loss of the farming element. Then, too, the wealthy farmers, and town men with money to invest, have found it so much more profitable to buy large tracts of land in different portions of the Canadian West, that they will not longer tie up their cash in high-priced Missouri lands, which will scarcely in-

crease in value, when they can purchase, with the same amount of money, twenty times as many acres in Canada with every prospect of heavy advance in a short time.

All these men who have gone from Pike to Canada were big employers of farm labor. They owned, here, vast fields of rich, Mississippi Valley land which they kept in wheat and corn, and which would probably never wear out, but the attraction of the great Canadian country was too great for them to resist and now the tax rolls of Pike county lack, for the first time in a century, many names which were household words. But those names can now be found scattered from Winnipeg to Vancouver and the men who bear them drink from the waters of the great Saskatchewan basin rather than of the Mississippi.

CLARK'S SPEECH A BIG ADVANCEMENT. Champ Clark has, perhaps, not yet realized it, but when he stepped down from the speaker's chair in the American Congress and made a plea against the lure and advantages of Canada he did more for the great country to the north than probably any man in the United States ever did before. Practically, every daily newspaper in the United States printed a full column of that speech on its front page, and advertising, it simply could not have been purchased. Its space value, as pure advertising, is millions of dollars. And Canada got it free—without a cent.

The result of that speech was electrifying. All of Pike county, half of Missouri, and millions of people in every state in the Union are talking about the speech itself, but of the conditions which caused that speech. As the result of that address, Canada may this year expect the biggest immigration from this country that has yet occurred. And in the van will be a lot more of Pike county's best men and citizens.

Great Coal Find on Canadian Soil

Two Largest Fields in World is the Belief.

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, May 4—That the two largest coal fields in the world have been discovered on Canadian soil is the belief of Captain James, a member of the Canadian exploration party aboard Captain Bernier's Arctic.

Captain James, in the city today, said the fields are located in Baffin's land, and the two are just one hundred miles apart. In spite of their high altitude, he says that they will be workable all the year around, and that the coal is so easily secured that it can be dug from the surface with a shovel.

In the far north country, Captain James, prospecting alone, discovered twenty-five feet under the surface, an immense forest in a state of perfect preservation. The trees, pointing due east and west, are laid as flat as a wheat field blown over by a cyclone. The timber is in perfect shape, even the cones from the tree tops are as fresh as the day they fell. At the present day there is not a tree growing for 1,000 miles around the buried forest.

SPYING ON FLIES.

Ottawa, May 1st—The boy scouts of Ottawa have divided up the city systematically and are going to do some scouting for spots wherein flies may breed. The mayor met them tonight and encouraged the idea, and the civic authorities are to receive the scouts' reports on health danger spots.

Easy Annuals to Grow

Ten Kings That Will Give Satisfaction in Any Garden.

In this article, while speaking of easily-grown varieties of flowers, I do not wish to discourage the careful culture, or the love of the more costly or even newer novelties. This is principally intended for the busy country people who, while they have a love for flowers, have not the time to spare to properly fuss over, and care for them. These suggestions, therefore, are made, that busy people may get the greatest amount of pleasure, out of the least expense of money, or time spent in labor.

For many years I have found the ideal place to raise these flowers is in the vegetable garden. Here they receive the full benefit of the sun, to properly bring out their brilliant coloring; they also receive the rain and dew to keep them damp and growing, far better than any watering can or hose could do it. Then if the chickens get scratching around—that bare of country flower culture near the house—they will not do much harm for they have so much ground to cover, that they'll only about pick the insects. Prepare the ground so that it will be rich, dry and mellow, and about the first of May sow the seeds. The following varieties I can heartily recommend, having grown them for many years.

First place we give to the aster, for this is the acknowledged queen of autumn flowers. There are a great many different forms of the aster, and colors galore, but all are good. To grow them to perfection, do not crowd too closely. Mulch the plants just before blooming, keep well watered, then pick your bloom to your heart's content.

Next place we give to the sweet peas, and where will you find a lovelier, harder, more prolific bloom? Do not allow any flowers to go to seed; pick them every day. Plant the sweet peas very deep, and get the mixed varieties, and they'll be most charming.

My third choice is the zinnia. It is grand and large, easy to grow, fine for bouquets, free to bloom, a rapid grower, with cheerful markings.

Coming next we put the mignonette. This flower has by its perfume won its way into all collections, and your plot this year will not be complete without it. While most annuals will improve by transplanting, mignonette will not permit of moving, on account of its one long tapering root.

My fifth is the universal favorite with young and old, the pansy, and we all treasure as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. They require covering on very hot days, if the best is expected from them; this can be done by placing a board over them, held in position by a brick at each end.

For over three hundred years our next has been a much-prized flower; it is the easy grown old candytuft. Sow a little of this occasionally, and an abundance of white flowers will be your reward.

Next we place the bright yellow and brown bloomer, and rapid grower, the coreopsis. This is fine for brightening up bouquets, for its smiling face adds a ray of cheer, like a yellow spray in a lady's hat.

We must not forget the balsam, grand and lovely. This, our flower that is wonderfully improved by transplanting, having the effect of enlarging the bloom, frequently making them like small roses.

The ninth is the nasturtium, of extended varieties, sweet, showy, and abundant in bloom, easy to grow and loved by all.

Last but not least we place the poor man's friend, that indispensable garden flower, the pink. Of this we have more than a dozen kinds, but all good, whether fluffed, fringed or bursting out in one great ball of grandness.

There are a host of others all good. Secure some of them if you can, for you'll be cheered, blest, and encouraged, in life's battle, if you fuss over any of these flowers. Be sure to purchase good seed, and all of the ten mentioned seed cost not over seventy-five cents, just the price of a dozen and a half of eggs, the way they sold sometimes the past winter.

It is a beautiful thought that "flowers are God's smile upon the earth." Then grow them in gracious profusion, for the house, for the sick for the aged, and for the little children, who covet their wonderful beauty. By cultivating and studying their moods and requirements, your heart and life will become better attuned to the harmony of nature. The more we work and care for flowers, the more we love them, and nothing more quickly responds to sympathetic treatment.—James E. Orr.

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