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THE LONESOME WOMAN

"No Chance to Exercise My Tongue," Is Her Plight.

Was This Farmer's Wife Correct?—Is There Any Respite From Monotony in the Life of Rural Women?—What Is the Panacea for Farm Loneliness?—Handling Cream for Butter.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

I called at a farm home one day in search of water for an overheated motor. Rapping gently on the kitchen door, I was met by the good lady of the house.

"May I have a pail of water?" I asked.

"You may," she said, handing me a pail and pointing to the pump. I noticed that her index finger and her chin seemed to work in unison when she indicated the direction of the pump.

"Shrewd old girl," I thought, as the water flowed into the pail. "I will try and draw her out. I wonder how she puts in the time. What is she thinking about anyway?"

A Farm Woman's View of the Quiet Life.

After filling the radiator with the clear, cold water, I returned to the door with the borrowed pail. No need of rapping this time. She met me with a kindly smile.

"You have a nice farm here," I said. "You must have a nice quiet life in the country where everything about you is just plain wholesome nature."

"Quiet life!" she said with some emphasis. "Just plain nature!" "Yes just too much so, so much so that we want to get away from it all, and be natural."

Somewhat surprised at her expressions, especially the "be natural," I had always thought that if there was any place where a person could be natural it was on the farm.

The Monotony of Farm Living.

I asked, "Why do you want to get away?"

Sue replied, "We have no life here. My husband and I get up at five o'clock every morning. He at once goes to the barn to feed the stock, while I get the breakfast and attend the poultry. We hurry through breakfast, and then he rushes away to the barn or fields, returning at noon for one half hour in which to eat his dinner. After dinner he is away again until supper time, when he returns tired from work in the fields, pretty well worn by the long monotonous day of heavy labor. As for me, why, I attend the house work. Yes, I attend the house work in silence all day long, and that is what gets my goat. I do not hear the sound of another voice from one day's end to another. No woman to talk to, no neighbor handy by where I could call for a chat. No chance to exercise my tongue."

Farm Women Fed Up With Silence.

"We farm women get fed up with so much silence. It is somewhat different with the men, they are working with animals and do not feel the loneliness as we women do. Once a week is not often enough for women to get together. Being kept apart so long is it any wonder that our tongues wag at both ends when an opportunity to talk does come."

Is There a Panacea for Rural Loneliness?

After hearing that little sermonette, I unconsciously started for the car that I had left standing on the roadway. Coming to my senses after a time, I began to think, just what there was in what the lady of the farm home had said, and repeated to myself her words, "No chance to exercise my tongue, so much silence."

Perhaps, after all, the farm is too lonely a place for the average woman of to-day, and with the trend of modern living it will be a more lonely place in the future unless something happens to change ideas and ideals.

Can anyone suggest a solution of the problem?—L. Stevenson, O. A. C., Guelph.

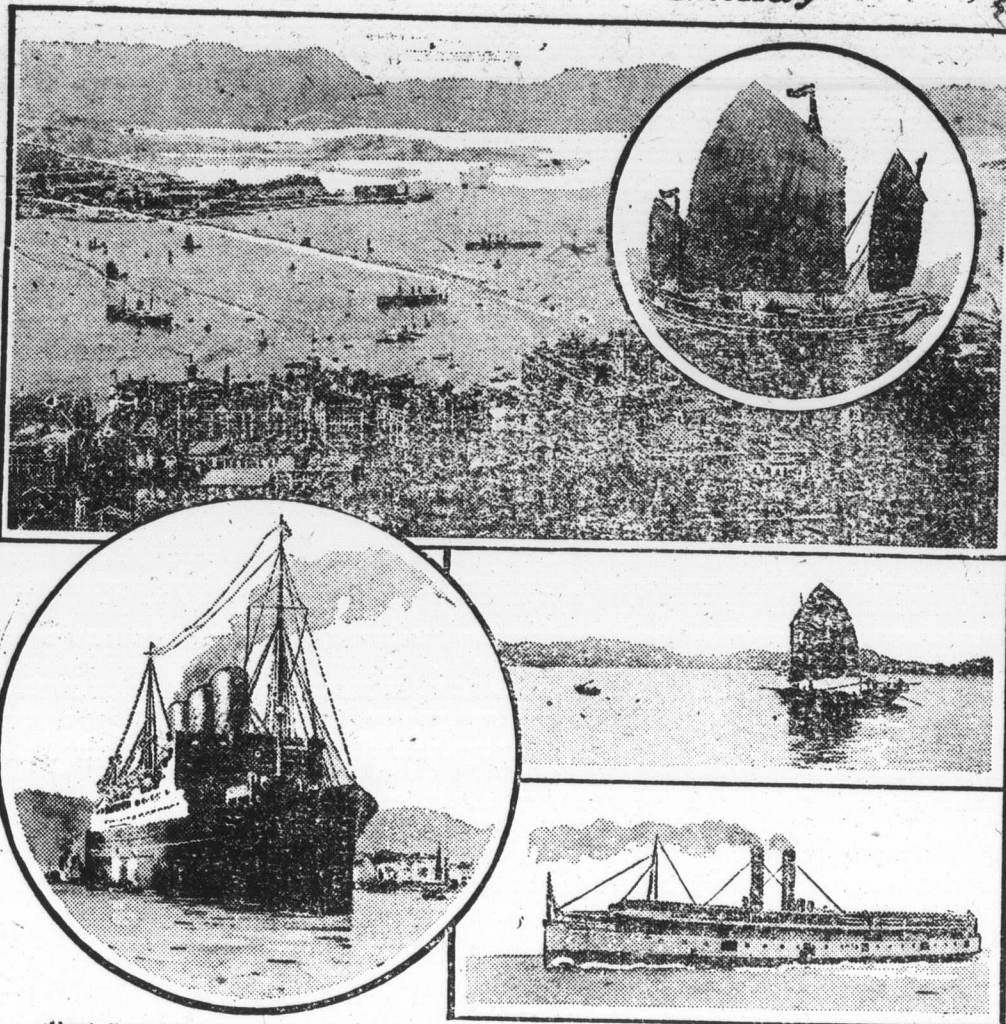
Handle Cream for Butter Carefully.

Cream may be a little sour, but, if it is clean and free from foreign odors and tastes, it will make fancy butter in the hands of an expert butter-maker. Cream approaching rancidity and carrying with it particles of dirt, whiffs of undesirable odors, and a taste of the barnyard or cellar never loses its identity. The butter it enters into is that which drags on the market and sells at a low price. To argue that because certain neighbors are careless with their cream provides a reason why no one needs to be careful is illogical. Produce and handle your cream in a careful, cleanly manner, deliver it frequently and then demand a price in keeping with the quality.

Flushing Birds.

Flushing at Sowing time to increase the number of twin is an ancient practice among flockowners, but not till recent years have swine raisers paid much attention to this practice. Prof. Edward, of the Iowa Experiment Station, has been investigating its practicability with pigs, and reports that the sows making the most rapid gain at the time of breeding, produced on the average 2.1 pigs more per litter than those making the slowest gain. Another practical conclusion reached as the result of this same set of observations is that if large litters are looked for, it is well not to breed the sow until the first period of heat after weaning, when two litters are raised in one year.

Indigenous to Old Cathay



(Above) Hong Kong from the Peak, and, inset, a picturesque freight junk. (Circle) C.P.S.S. "Empress of Canada" at anchor. (Right) A sunset view of Hong Kong harbor, and below, one of the passenger river steamers which ply between that port and Canton.

WHEN you make your trip to the Far East, in which China must be embraced, you will be sure to visit Hong Kong and Canton, for both places are renowned in poetry and prose the world over. You cannot, very well, call at Hong Kong without "making your number" at Canton, for the places are only eighty miles distant from each other. The Canadian Pacific "Empresses" call at Hong Kong and from there you can proceed to Canton by either train or river steamer. Those in the "know" usually go by train and return by steamer, or vice versa. By the train you will be able to feast your eyes on southern China inland scenery and village life. By the steamer you go up or down the Can-

ton river. Both journeys are interesting but the run on the Canton river will be more enjoyed. A number of the Canton river steamers, as well as being large, fast and spacious vessels, will take a lot of beating as regards accommodation, table and general service. There is at all times plenty of excellent company on board—visitors like yourself, and European residents in various parts of Asia—in whom you will discover charming and instructive companions.

There will be so much to attract your attention in Hong Kong that your heart's desire will be to "just see every place of interest at one time." As your steamer glides into the magnificent harbour hundreds of Chinese junks will be thrust upon your view, under sail, tacking, "go-

ing about" and at anchor. They are all picturesque to a degree, with their rich brown sails, peculiar rig—strictly indigenous to Old Cathay—and their hulls with an eye on the port and starboard sides of the bow, for, as the Chinese will explain to you: "Suppose no got eyes, no can see."

Stretched before you, as your steamer passes to her wharf at Kowloon, is the noble Praya—now named Connaught Road—or waterfront. The denizens of Shanghai call their waterfront, "The Bund." Part of the Praya, to the left, is land reclaimed from the sea. Splendid buildings, with their tiers of verandahs, have been erected upon it, among which is that of the Hong Kong Club, one of the most luxurious social institutions in the world.

ELGIN

Elgin, Sept. 4.—The annual field day was held at Keldunsey Park, on August 31st, with the usual good crowd and attendant success.

Miss Lola Jansen is visiting relatives in Syracuse, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, son and daughter, of Chesterville, were last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sheldon en route to Toronto exhibition.

Mrs. Ransom, Athens, is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Miss Florence Arnold, Toronto, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. George H. Howard.

Mrs. W. L. Kelly spent a few days recently in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Guthrie and children have returned from a holiday trip to London and Toronto.

Mrs. W. J. Kerr, Master Arthur and Miss Hilda, spent a part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Pridmore, Hillier.

Miss Aileen Fahey has returned from Belleville where she has been visiting her brother, Dr. Harold Fahey.

Mrs. O. Ripley and Miss Florence spent a few days recently in camp at Portland lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisman and Miss Hattie Ripley, of Mimico Industrial School, called on friends recently, making the trip by auto.

George Murphy, who is employed on the provincial highway near Colingwood, spent the week-end here at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Campbell are attending the Toronto exhibition. Rev. A. E. Sanderson visited the children last week while on his holidays.

All are pleased to note that Miss Blanche Halliday is now on a fair way to recovery.

The remains of Mrs. Samuel Stuart, of Jones' Falls, were conveyed here from Kingston on Sunday last and interred in the family plot in Union cemetery.

The Misses Pinkerton and Kenny have charge of the public school for the coming year.

Mrs. Wainwright, Ottawa, was a guest at A. Ferguson's.

Mrs. Kelly and son and Philip Halliday have returned from their cot-

tage at Jones' Falls.

Miss Alford has returned to Montreal after a holiday here and elsewhere.

Mrs. Dunlop and son, Harold, Kingston, have been guests at W. A. Coon's.

Miss Eva Coon, Detroit, and G. Coon, of Calgary, were guests of their parents.

Dr. Bracken, Gananoque, was a caller in the village.

The Misses J. and B. Carty have returned from spending the week-end in Ottawa.

W. B. Peters, Kingston, spent a few days here with friends.

Miss Pearl Grey, Delta, was guest of her parents.

Miss Anna Hutchings spent the week-end at her home at Jones' Falls.

William Sanderson, Brockville, was a guest at the parsonage.

North Augusta

North Augusta, Sept. 3.—A good many from this section attended the camp meeting at Lake Elvida on Sunday.

Miss Vera Stephens returned home on Saturday from a two weeks' visit in Toronto.

A. E. Warren attended the Toronto fair last week.

The Public and High schools reopened on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wilfrid Latimer and son and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carpenter, Brockville, recently visited at T. W. Ralph's.

W. S. Ralph and family were in Merrickville on Sunday.

The new barber, Mr. Fitzgerald, is doing a good business.

Robert Bowman is attending the Toronto fair this week.

Mrs. Francis, of Algonquin, is spending a few days the guest of Mrs. Roy Alexander.

W. A. Chapman and family have moved to Ottawa. Their son, Stewart, has a position on the teaching staff of one of the schools in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moffatt, of Jasper, and Jennie Moffatt were at Andrew Moffatt's on Sunday.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. J. McKendry and son, of Winchester, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. S. W. Norton is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark and family, of Brockville, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Earl, of Smiths Falls, Miss Iva Stewart, of Ogdensburg, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson and daughter, and J. A. Wright, of Ottawa, were Sunday visitors at M. T. Earl's.

Miss Florence Hough has returned to Delta to resume her duties as public school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colborne left here on Saturday for Schenectady, N.Y., in company with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Timleck, who have been visiting here for two weeks.

Archie Moffatt is engaged as teacher in the McKinley school.

Miss Bertha Aldrich is teaching at Glenmore and Keitha Aldrich is teaching at Jellyby.

G. A. Love has painted his blacksmith shop, which adds very much to its appearance. The stables at the Methodist parsonage have also been painted.

A concrete entrance has been put down in front of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which will be a much needed improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Earl spent last week with friends in Northern New York.

The Women's Institute met in its rooms on Thursday at 2 p.m., with a large attendance and several visitors.

The roll call was readily responded to by a variety of recipes for summer drinks. Several items of business were discussed and voted on, and two ladies were appointed to act as judges at the school fair in Merrickville.

A movement to have a band at the North Augusta school fair met with the hearty approval of the members. Community singing made a variety in the programme. Mrs. T. W. Ralph gave a demonstration on re-footing stockings which proved quite interesting and the session closed by singing God Save the King.

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield, Sept. 3.—Mrs. C. G. Smith, Windsor, was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Horace Glazier, last week.

Miss Inga Acheson spent the week-end with Miss Florence Steacy, Jellyby.

Maynard Goodison, Mrs. R. Goodison and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Glazier visited at Harmon Lawson's, Purvis Street, on Sunday.

Mrs. William Acheson left on Thursday night on an extended visit with friends at Toronto, Owen Sound and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Somerville, Front Road west, were Sunday visitors at H. Pyke's.