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(Signed) WINSTON CHURCHILL.

R. W. Caswell, Saskatoon, has just returned from the Old Country and has brought back some Shorthorns with him, especially three heifers, the roan Snow Fly 6th (a Goldie) by Golden

Drop Pride 83595, for whom 250 guineas was given as a calf, Golden Drop Pride was by Pride of Morning and was bred at Duthie's the red Elvira's Rose 28th also by Golden Drop Pride, both bred by Morison of Phingask, Fraserburgh; also the red Missie 2nd by Rufus, Vol. 52, bred by W. I. Strachan, Hill of Wells. Two of the heifers, Snow Fly and Elvira's Rose are expected to be with calf to Golden Mascot (Vol. 52, E.S.H.B.) an Uppermill Goldie whose sire was the noted Bapton Favorite, who was sold for 1200 guineas at the Uppermill sale. Mr Caswell's heifers are at present in quarantine. Missie 2nd won second prize at the spring show, Aberdeen 1906.

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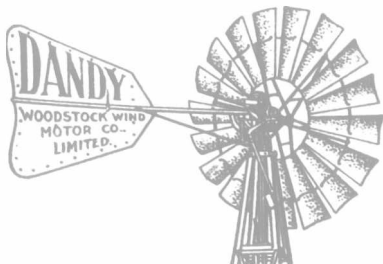
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THE MOCCASIN FLOWER.

This is happily a fitting name, suggesting the spirit of the quiet woods and the drowsy summer warmth of yielding mossy swamps. Mildly rich tints and delicate markings may suggest the more artificial name "lady's slipper" but the flower shows her preference by retreating and hiding among the wooded thickets and inaccessible bogs and swamps. The orchid family, highly prized and carefully cultivated everywhere, has few more beautiful members than these wild things that hide modestly away in their few chosen haunts and timidly retreat at the approach of civilization's invading forces. The pink moccasin flower is the earliest and its transient beauty is the more highly admired. Already it is withering and will soon retire for the season. Its naked flower stem rises from between its large twin leaves in the sphagnum swamp. Its large moccasin or lip, a distinctive mark of the orchid family, is pale pink, streaked with richer colors. Though preferring the soft, spongy swamps, it sometimes grows in damp thickets and even finds a foothold where the soil is dry.

The showy moccasin flower crowns a tall leafy stem, and specially prefers the sphagnum swamps, where the growth or ages has transformed deep lakes into elastic vegetation, sustaining a growth of tamaracs, spruces, cedars, and willows. Its moccasin is rounder and less divided, and shows more striking contrasts of white and pink. It is later in flowering and lingers through the summer, being found from June into September. The white moccasin flower seems a small, pale, delicate imitator of her big and handsome sister. The ram's head has a pretty oval moccasin of red and white. Flowers have many peculiarities, and sometimes they evince an obstinate disregard for the scientific requirements of their class and species. All these orchids should have three sepals, but as two of these parts persist in growing together and forming one there seems a defect or oversight. The ram's head is the only one among the moccasin flowers in which the parts remain separated, and the two free and twisted sepals are supposed to give a fanciful resemblance to a ram's head.

The yellow moccasin flower lives in the woods and thickets, and can thrive even where the soil is dry and sandy. It seems of a wandering habit and may appear in unexpected places, even in city parks, where its rare beauty dooms it to immediate destruction. June is its favorite month, but it sometimes comes out in May and may linger on into July. The bright yellow moccasin is surrounded by rich brown spirals and sways on its tall, leafy stem, the richest treasure of the receding woods. These flowers are divided into uncertain species, one being smaller and two brighter yellow. The two blend confusedly together. The orchid family holds an aristocratic position in the world of flowers. From the tropics, where some members of the family perch independently on trees and draw sustenance from the atmosphere, come weird tales of cruel homicidal flowers of gigantic size, clasp the unwary traveller in their deadly tentacles and slowly crushing out his life. These tales of myth and magic have a sultry, Oriental fascination, but there is a deeper charm in the magical beauty of our own wild orchids, whether they hide away in the silent swamps or challenge admiration under the sunlit arches of the stooping trees.—Globe.

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