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#### "THE CASH AND CARRY STURE"

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THOSE INCONSISTENT WAR MENUS.

Talking of food conservation (and everybody is always talking on the subject some place or another these days), a reader has drawn attention to the efforts of the food controller to educate the women of Canada along these lines through the war menus sent out for publication in the daily press. The alleged object is to instruct in the saving of wheat, beef and bacon, and presumably, to give first ald suggestions along general thrift lines. Consistency has been called a "jewel." Apparently the educational department of the office of the Canadian food controller into the controller a "jewel," Apparently the educational department of the office of the Canadian food controller isn't bartering in jewels these times. For example, while urging the saving of wheat, beef and bacon, beef in some form appeared on the menus three days hand running last week. There was beef loaf for Sunday; for Tuesday, a "beefless day," there was baked beef heart, and on Wednesday, beef stew with dumplings. Now, was the beef stew with dumplings supposed to be made from the leftovers of the beef heart of the day before? If so, why wasn't it put in plain English instead of making it appear that a trip should be made to the butcher's for a fresh place of beef?

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Monday had a roast mutton dinner, but the whole five days following, there wasn't a single mention of what was to be done with the slices and scraps of the mutton that doubtless would be left over.

Exceedingly nice judgment is required to choose so exactly a roast that every last morsel will be used up at one meal. Surely the leftover mutton in the

olds closely following the food control suggestions wouldn't be supposed

About the only thing to indicate that leftovers are recognized in the Dominion conservation kitchen is the fact that fried oatmeal mush was expected to form a breakfast dish on Tuesday, after cornmeal porridge had been a break-fast staple on Monday. Then a fish chowder recipe was given for the heavy protein portion of Saturday's dinner. Thursday's dinner menu calls for baked-haddock, and Friday's for broiled finnan haddie. Probably the "remblants" of haddie and haddock, broiled and baked, were to be shaken up together to make up the required cupful for the chowder. But it does seem to be rather too much of a muchness to have fish three days' hand running! Two should have been sufficient. Four wouldn't have been objectionable, had they been better distributed. That educational department evidently requires more imagination mixed up with its science. Corn flakes (presumably in 20-pound packages), were allowed on Sunday morning, and bacon twice for breakfast, once with liver and once "en solo." Plenty of opportunity was afforded for using up those potatoes grown in backyards and on vacant lots—though it was rather hard on the disricts where potatoes are scarce.

Friday, for example, started out with fried potatoes for breakfast, followed by potato soup for luncheon and baked potatoes for dinner. Talking of flow economy, the ginger pudding suggested for Friday's dinner called for 2½ cups of flour. Wednesday's luncheon menu was topped off with oat cakes with date filling, 3 cups of flour, and no less, 3 cups of oatmeal, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup sweet milk, 1 cup beef drippings (probably left over from the week before), with sweet mirk, I cup beer drippings (probably left over from the week before), with some more ingredients. A filling for this was to be made with ONE POUND of dates (22 or 23 cents a pound), ½ cup sugar and the juice of a lemon. (Good thing sugar is plentiful). After the cookies appeared on the table for that one meal they aren't mentioned again, and that was only mid-day on Wodnesday. It is to be hoped they are packed in a can or jar where they wilk keep in good ondition until the education department of the food controller thinks it is due ime for them to be resurrected.

It may be no joke even for domestic science experts to plan war menus for a whole nation. Still it does seem that almost any woman with some knowledge and experience concerning housekeeping should be able to make meals dove-tail better, and at the same time get just as good, if not better, results in conserving

"STRICTLY CASH" TO REDUCE H. C. OF L.

Still another way has come to light of reducing the cost of doing business for retail vendors of eatables, and consequently reducing the cost of necessities to consumers. This method is by doing business on a strictly cash basis. Some firms in London are already doing business in this way. Complicated bookkeepfirms in London are already doing business in this way. Complicated bookkeeping, sending out bills, and losses through non-payment have thus been abolished. Does the consumer derive any benefit? One butcher who does a strictly cash business sells bacon, for example, at six, seven, eight or nine cents a pound less than it can be bought other places, according to the place you buy it. Credit would be absolutely refused by him should it be asked, because he has abolished the equipment for running that kind of a business. He doesn't even give a receipted bill to the customer. It isn't necessary. It is taken for granted that the goods are paid for or they wouldn't be taken away from his shop. One

that the goods are paid for or they wouldn't be taken away from his shop. One item on which he saves, he doesn't require any bill heads.

While individual cases can be found here and there in London of business run in that manner, the grocers and butchers of a western city, Brandon, Man., recently held a conference, and decided at one stroke to abolish the credit system in a large majority of the retail merchants' stores on and after December 1st. The idea in so-doing is that in abolishing the credit system the merchants will avoid a great deal of unnecessary worry and expense, the cost of carrying on business will be considerably reduced, with the result that the consumors on business will be considerably reduced, with the result that the consumer will be given better service and obtain their food supply at a reduced price to what they are paying at present.

what they are paying at present. Since the cry is heard on all sides about hardship in making ends meet, owing to the high cost of living, surely some such move would be welcomed in London. True, many of the housewives in the past have found it easier to keep their family accounts by settling grocery and butcher bills monthly, just as they do their gas and electric light bills. Still, if it meant a little "easier money," a little better provision for the family wants, or something to lay Imoney," a little better provision for the family wants, or something to lay aside for a rainy day or to give to a worthy object sorely in need, it would be well worth the extra trouble of always paying cash and personally seeing what was ordered. City women might follow the advice given last week by Jane Wiggins, and make a point of giving orders to cover the week or half week, just as if they were summering on an island or living in the country. Ever so many country sisters do not see the inside of stores once in two weeks or perhaps once a month. They are exceedingly careful about making up the lists to cover the family necessities. They realize the seriousness of running out of pepper, salt, mustard or baking powder with the nearest grocery five miles away. Many the family necessities. They realize the seriousness of running out of pepper, salt, mustard or baking powder with the nearest grocery five miles away. Many city housewives, no doubt, run their business so systematically that the "drib-let ordering" encouraged by the accessibility of everything is practically unknown to them. It wouldn't be much change from the present appointed order for them to obtain their groceries by making one trip a week. Of course, meat is another story. But the households are not so very numerous where someone does not go downtown or past the butcher shop or fish market daily who could drop in and pay cash.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AND LIFE CONSERVATION.

Child welfare is to be given a prominent place in the program of the annual nvention of the Western Ontario Woman's Institute to be held in the city convention of the Western Ontario Woman's Institute to be held in the city next week, according to a prominent institute officer and worker.

One morning of the convention is to be devoted to discussion and a question drawer, and, it is stated various phases of child welfare will be considered during the forenoon. It has been further stated to the editor of this department that some revolutionary resolutions are to be brought in which deal with the question of equally good chances in starting out on life's journey for children of all parents, whatever the financial standing of the parents. The idea is to bring to the attention of the Government the importance of proper medical attendance for all mothers, irrespective of their means. parents. The idea is to bring to the attention of the Government the importance of proper medical attendance for all mothers, irrespective of their means, both in order to conserve the life and strength of the mothers, and of the children who are to be the citizenship of a state depleted by the ravages of war.

A woman whose name is well known in connection with Women's Institute work throughout this proyince, and the Dominion, in fact, said regarding this subject a few days ago: "If this matter of proper medical attendance were taken in hand by the state, because it is really a great economic question that subject a few days ago: "If this matter of proper medical attendance were taken in hand by the state, because it is really a great economic question that most seriously affects the state, and if the same service were available for women both rich and poor, it would take away the feature that would be objectionable to the woman who really feels she cannot afford to pay for proper attendance, but has too much self-respect to accept what she considers 'charity.' There would be no charity about a provision that applied irrespective of ability or non-ability to pay, but simply as service from the state, rendered compulsory as are laws of quarantine and so on for the best interests of the public and the state. Of course, 'special comforts' would be purely a matter of individual wish or ability to pay for them, but so far as essentials of care are concerned I personally believe my experience in outlying districts of the country that this should be made a question of state responsibility."

THOSE "CHILDREN'S DISEASES." THOSE "CHILDREN'S DISEASES."

Dr. H. W. Hill, London's medical officer of health, is to address the Western Ontario Women's Institute convention next week on the subject of "Communicable Diseases." He will doubtless impress on the army of homemakers who attend the convention the fallacy of making light of so-called "children's diseases," measels, mumps, whooping cough, etc. One doesn't need to be a prophet to forecast that he will urge the importance of proper quarantine, and say some very pointed things about the need of thoroughly awakening the public conscience along these lines. In connection with the subject of "Communicable Diseases," the following are statements made by an eminent American scientist professor of mubic health in the medical college of one of the leadscientist, professor of public health in the medical college of one of the leading universities of the United States:

g universities of the United States:

"Remember how serious in the aggregate are the so-called children's diseases with which familiarity has bred a somewhat dangerous contempt in the popular mind. In New Haven, the average death rate for the past five years has been 15.6 per 100,000 for typhoid; 10.8 for measels; 8.6 for whooping cough; 5.2 for scarlet fever. The typhold rate is decreasing year by year. Measels and whooping cough are public health problems of considerable seriousness.

"The second point to be emphasized is the particular danger of these maladies in the earlier years of life. The fatality of whooping cough is five times as great under one year of age as over five; the fatality of scarlet fever ten times as great; the fatality of measels twenty times as great. Special effort should, therefore, be made to protect young children from infection, and this is one reason why schools should never be closed during epidemics, if the services of a public health nurse are available.

"The most effective thing that can be done under such conditions is to make a careful examination of all school children every morning for the detection of the disease in its early stages, and to secure by home instruction the greatest possible precautions against exposure of infants arly stages the infective agent is most virulent and most

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