

## All our Felt and Leather SLIPPERS Clearing at Cut Prices

To clear out our entire big stock of Felt and Leather Slippers we have marked them down 20 percent. It is simply a little incident of the policy of this store to give Value and Service to every customer and endeavor to get all prices down to a proper level as quickly as possible.

Grocery Special for Friday and Saturday  
LAYER RAISINS, regular 50c, to clear this week.... 40c

W. D. Cameron

## TOBACCO ON THE LAND

IT IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF THE SOIL.

Experience on a Farm at Virgil, Ont., Shows How Forty Acres Were Made to Yield Magnificent Crop of Oats After Being Used to Grow "Fragrant Weed."

"It was a fairly good piece of land for growing oats, before we gave it the treatment necessary to produce paying crops of tobacco, but when we laid off tobacco growing this year and sowed oats instead, the yield all over the 40 acres was 80 bushels per acre. This statement made by Hamilton Gibson, of Virgil, Ont., part owner and manager of the tobacco growing plant which includes 40 acres of land, extensive drying sheds and a factory splendidly equipped for handling the tobacco up to the last stage previous to its being made into cigars, goes to show that tobacco growing has no bad after effects on soil, provided the soil is properly fertilized and cultivated for growing the tobacco.

The fact that the tobacco farm at Virgil was sown to oats instead of tobacco last spring shows that the owners were not satisfied with the chances for disposing of a big crop of tobacco to advantage in the fall. Mr. Gibson said in this regard, that although the plant had made good returns ever since it was started ten years ago and had paid well of late years despite increased cost of labor, the indications of a lower price for tobacco combined with the fact that labor price showed no reduction, had provided the owners with sufficient reason for turning this valuable land over to the business of growing oats. The return in the way of oats per acre, he declared, justified the change in practice, "and the present price of tobacco is further justification," he added.

The type of tobacco grown on the Virgil farm when tobacco is in favor is Havana, which Mr. Gibson says is a hardy variety that will stand a lot of rough usage as compared with some others, and yet yields a leaf well suited to make excellent binders, far superior in fact to the kind found on the average 15 cent cigar that carries a hand marked Havana, which mark may stand for Connecticut Broadleaf or any other variety as far as the binder is concerned. The yield of Havana is not so heavy as of Broadleaf or even Burley, but the quality is excellent as grown on comparatively light soil on the Virgil tobacco farm, and the type is in good demand by the cigar manufacturers.

Speaking from ten years' experience in which he has studied tobacco-growing in Connecticut and Southern States, as well as having managed plantations in California, Mr. Gibson declares in favor of deep ploughing and heavy manuring in growing the crop. At Virgil, he uses an extra heavy plough, and turns his land nine inches deep. As fertilizer he uses somewhere near twenty loads of barnyard manure to the acre, in addition to a dressing of fertilizer. In cultivating the crop he uses a Prout hoe, which takes away all weed growth up to within an inch or two of the plants in the row. Any weeds that may remain after the horse hoe has passed are removed by hand hoeing and the ground is kept prac-

tically bare of all but the tobacco plants throughout the entire growing season.

Cultivating and weeding are simple matters as compared with suckering, which is the most important operation in connection with the actual growing of tobacco. Neglect of suckers not only retard the growth of the plants, but in addition work mechanical injury to the desirable leaves, making them unfit for use as binder or filler. Securing men capable of doing a good day's work of suckering is the greatest part of the labor problem on the tobacco farm, and it is very difficult to impress green hands with the importance of the operation.

Although relatively free from insect pest trouble, tobacco is sometimes attacked by "the flea." This pest being more common in the older established tobacco districts than it is in Ontario. Concerning this pest Mr. Gibson relates an interesting story of his experience in California. One of the ranches under his charge, was planted in part to citron trees, and, owing to some cause unknown to the men who had done the planting, the grove yielded very poor crops although at full bearing age. Mr. Gibson decided to plant tobacco between the rows of citron trees, with a view to getting some return from the land, while giving the trees an extra season to show if they were worth keeping or not. The tobacco, when half-grown became badly infested with fleas, and at Mr. Gibson's orders the foreman had the plants sprayed with Paris green. This spraying saved the tobacco. But that was not all. The citron trees bore a good paying crop. And the growers in the district gave the tobacco credit for helping the crop of citrons. Mr. Gibson's opinion is that the flea had destroyed the new-formed fruit of the citrons, year after year, and the reason for the failure of the grove to produce fruit had never been realized.

Mr. Gibson's quickness in recognizing the presence of an insect pest in the tobacco, and his immediate use of spray as a cure, was a result of his experience in the growing of tender fruits on his home farm at Virgil.

**Dispose of All Old Fowls.**  
All the old hens that are not needed or wanted for next year's breeding should be culled out and disposed of after the breeding season is over. Before selling these old hens, they should be confined in a small space and fed all they will eat for two or three weeks. They can be fattened at a good profit in this time even though grain prices are high.

**Are We Decadent?**  
It is often stated that the result of the war has shown that we are not a decadent race, but are as lusty and courageous as our fighting forefathers.

A good test has recently been applied which seems to point to the fact that even our athletes are not quite up to the standard of old days. It is the test of the bow and arrow. How far did the old English archer, who won so many battles for England, shoot his shaft? We have it recorded that at Agincourt an English archer struck a Frenchman and pinned him to a tree at 240 yards. Shakespeare mentions 290 yards somewhere.

The Royal Company of Archers used to set their targets 185 yards away, and they would not do that unless there were a fair chance of hitting the bull's-eye, which means that an arrow could carry twice as far. Yet to-day the target is put under a hundred yards away!

Perhaps it is lack of skill, just as a novice finds difficulty in making a golf ball travel fifty yards, but it may point to the fact that we are naturally weaker than our forefathers.

At the same time it has often been pointed out that there are very few suits of armor extant that one of our big athletes could squeeze into. They are mostly on the small side.

**Long Thumb—Strong Will.**  
If the top joint of your thumb is long, it shows that you have good will power. Well-developed, reasoning faculties are possessed by those people who have thumbs, the second joints of which are long.

Thumbs that work easily are owned by careless, happy-go-lucky spendthrift individuals. A stiff, firm jointed thumb, however, shows that the person is keen, tactful, self-possessed, and cautious—the sort of man who will get on in the world.

**Up to Him.**  
Husband—"Another new dress? Where do you suppose I shall get the money to pay for it?"  
Wife—"You must excuse me. I didn't marry to give you financial advice."

**Sapphire "Sells."**  
People who pride themselves on the beauty of their sapphire rings and other sapphire ornaments would do well to have the genuineness of the stones tested.

Taking advantage of the perfection of synthetic or composition sapphires, which only a jeweler can detect from real gems, unscrupulous dealers are selling them as Australian sapphires. This is a distinct fraud, for the Australian sapphire is a real stone, worth from \$12 to \$40 a carat, while synthetic sapphires, like imitation rubies and emeralds, are worth only about 50 cents.

## The Best Accident Insurance

—the one adopted generally in Canadian homes, is the policy of keeping Zam-Buk always handy. Zam-Buk ensures quick clean healing in cuts, burns, scalds, cold sores, and all injuries and skin troubles. It promptly ends pain, irritation and inflammation; it purifies the tissues; prevents blood-poison and ulceration. Its ever-ready herbal character and powerful antiseptic properties make Zam-Buk the safest and best healer ever discovered.

Miss Belle Grant, Brazil Lake, N.S., says:—"Cold got into my burnt hand, and I began to fear blood-poison. I hadn't used Zam-Buk long before it took out all pain, soreness and inflammation." Mr. Jonathan Beaton, of Delia, Alta., writes:—"With the threshing outfit last fall, many little accidents happened, cuts, bruises, frost bites, etc., for which we found nothing so good as Zam-Buk. There's nothing like it." Chills, colds, winter eczema, ulcers, piles, abscesses, and skin sores and injuries generally, are safely treated with Zam-Buk. Of druggists and stores 20c a box, \$1.00 a dozen. A 1c stamp brings Free Trial Sample from Zam-Buk Co., Dupont Street, Toronto.

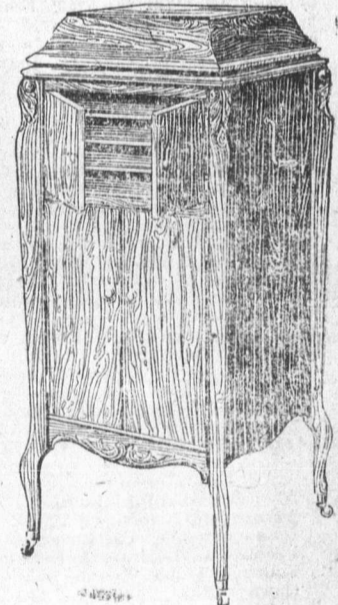
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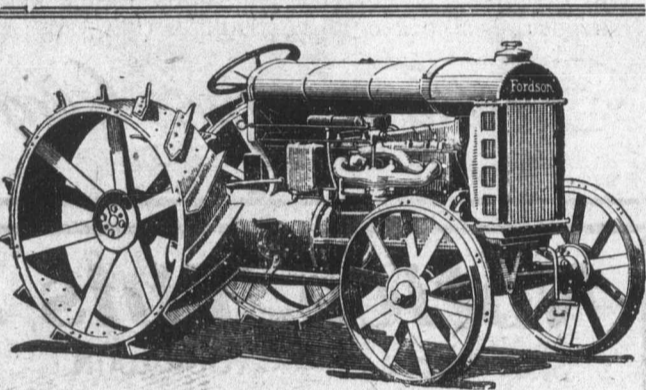


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There is no machine like the VICTOR. No other machine can stand the test of playing side by side with the Victor. We invite this test for our Victrolas

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THE FORDSON TRACTOR is paying well even on your neighbor's farm. Ask him about the great satisfaction and economy in having an "Iron Horse" to do so many different jobs. There are dozens of various jobs your FORDSON will do every month in the year. Plan now to have a Fordson for spring.

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Dominion Light will carry for a period of from seven to eight hours continuously using from both battery and engine from 70 to 80 20 Watt lamps.

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