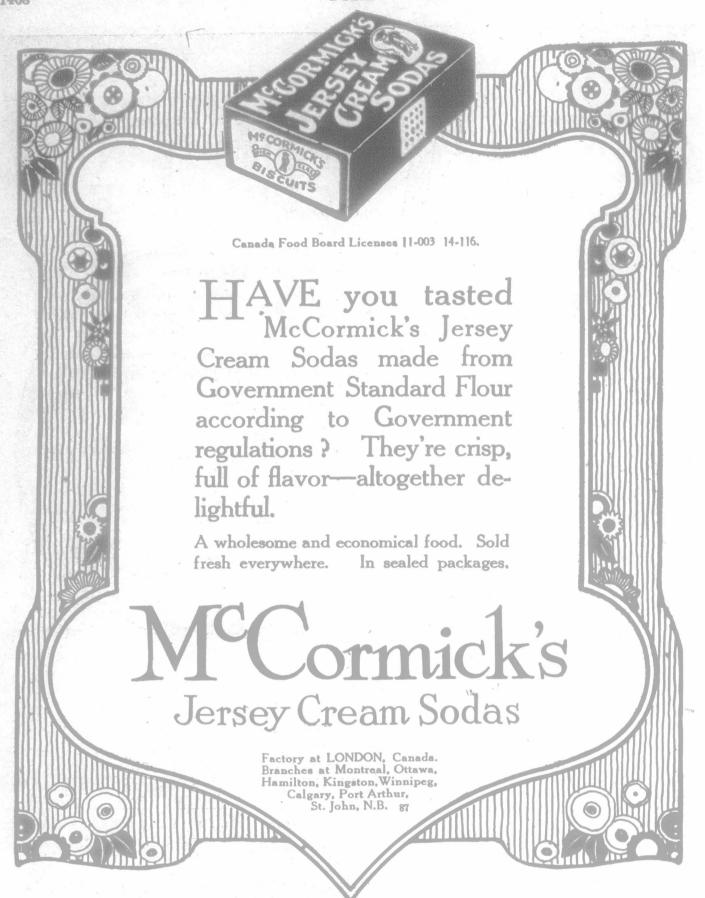
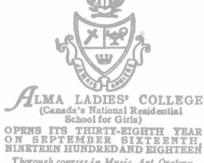
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## The Harvesters' March.

BY C. M. HARGER.

With whir and clatter on southaind plain March forth the reapers of golden grain

Yellow the fields where the sun is high. Plump the kernels where heavy heads Nod and sway as the south winds sigh: Wheat is king, and its proud reign spreads

With the sun's advance toward colder climes;

But here the riches have come to hand. Earth smiles and beckons and yields

Its large reward to all the land.

A week, a month—the stubble is bare, Robbed of the gold that nature mints
With soft-hued skies and balmy air.
On saffron acres the sunlight glints Far to the north, and onward go
The noisy toilers who, tireless, tread
Wide prairie lands, there to and fro

Gathering sheaves for a nation's bread

Though on and on stretch fields still green, Yet with the sun the gold creeps in; So come the wielders of sickles keen, Eager the year's great prize to win-Platoon and guard, brigade and corps, Brave Labor's troops pursue their way: Ne'er did an armored host of yore Besiege such store of wealth as they,

Care and want and debt defied, Homes adorned, fair gifts to please, Hopes and dreams all satisfied, Food and clothes and restful ease-These and more the harvests bring, These the shining leagues bestow: Glad the song the reapers sing As forward on their course they go!

The summer is ending on northland hill: The march is done and the fields are still.

## The Dangers From Teeth and Mouth.

BY HERMAN M. BIGGS, M.D., L.L.D. Commissioner of Health, State of New York, in McCall's Magazine.

It is only within recent years that we have come to realize the vast influence upon health which the condition of the mouth and of the teeth have. Formerly the care of the teeth was urged to preserve the teeth from decay and for esthetic real the teeth from decay and for esthetic reasons; artistic dentistry was much practised. We did not know then that many serious infectious diseases like rheumatic fever and septicæmia, or blood-poisoning and many organic diseases like those of the heart and hidronical serious control of the heart and the heart and kidneys were caused by neglect of the teeth and the consequent disease which developed in the gums.

### Teeth a Source of Poison.

It would be difficult in view of our present knowledge to overestimate the importance of this subject. If the mouth and teeth are not kept clean, and points of decay in the teeth are not early treated, the germs which are always present in al-most incredible numbers in an unclean mouth and on the surface of the teeth either become still more numerous and extend down in the spaces between the teeth and the gums, producing pus pockets and separating the gums from the teeth (the condition known as "pyor" rhea"), or the decay extends in one of more teeth until the root canal of the tooth becomes infected by the germs and the tooth dies. When the gum becomes inflamed and painful, such spoken of as an ulcerated tooth; at the apex of the root of such a tooth a small pocket of pus is formed. There may, however, be no pain or soreness around this kind of tooth, or these symptoms may be present only at certain times. In the past, dentists frequently filled the cavities in such a dead tooth, thus closing up the infected root canal and leaving the pus pocket at the apex, or they fitted bridges or caps over the roots. In either case there follows more or less constant absorption from these pus pockets around the teeth or at their roots; from this absorption, consequent severe or fatal poisoning may result.

Almost all those forms of disease which are commonly called rheumatism-rheumatic fever, acute articular rheumatism, deforming rheumatism (rheumatoid arthritis), chronic rheumatism— many cases of neuritis, sciatica, and other similar conditions, are now known to be due to those infections which most commonly arise from diseased tonsils