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(Toilet Tips.)  
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### USE THE WANT

## DAN, "BOY DETECTIVE"

It was a crisp winter morning, a bright sun shining across the fields white with their winter's covering—just such a day as gives joy to the heart of a boy who wishes to go squirrel-hunting. And so it was that Dan Purdy, 14 years old, was out in the woods, his whole mind and body bent on the one thing, to find a squirrel. He was a fine specimen of a country boy, tall, well-set up, and of a clear, noble countenance. "Never a finer boy born," was the boast of Mr. Purdy, father of the subject of our story, whenever he spoke of his son. "Got ambition, courage, good heart and the determination of a bulldog if need be." And the elder Purdy would close his lips tightly, nod his head emphatically, feeling that he was justified in "bragging" on his own son. And Mrs. Purdy! Well, when one approaches the mother's point of view in regard to her children—of which she has three—she is not so sure upon sacred ground, so to speak. Every crow's nestling is whiter than the driven snow, as we have long ago found out. But in this instance, the mother was not "blindly foolish," as so often is the case, and Mrs. Purdy had a fine son, and a very well she knew it. And she knew of his small shortcomings, and made amends for them by comparing his one qualities with his few weak points. The three Purdys lived most happily together on a fine farm which ran along the borders of a deep woods. This woods abounded with small game, and during the winter holidays Dan spent much of his time with his rifle, and his mother said that following one of Dan's hunting excursions they had rabbit or squirrel pie for days together, and often sent a fine bag of squirrels or wild ducks (there was a lake in the midst of the forest where ducks abounded) to her sister living in the town three miles distant. "Going hunting today, Sonny?" It was Mrs. Purdy asked the question of Dan on the morning of our story. For, as has already been told, Dan stood in the yard smiling at nature. "A dandy day for squirrels and ducks, Mother," said Dan. "Guess I'll go for a few hours." "Be careful, Sonny," enjoined Mrs. Purdy. "There are ruffians—criminals, in fact—at large. I wouldn't

## STORIES

JES' love injun stories. An' snake stories as well. An' my ole Uncle Sam! Is the man what shore can tell. Sitch stories till yer hair stands: An' yer blood fer fair does creep; An' arter you have heard 'em, You jes' can't go to sleep! You're thinkin' an' you're thinkin' About them injun wild. An' of them olemy serpents— Like the one Elly reguiled! But jes' the same, you kin 'em. Even though yer blood does creep, An' shivers up an' down yer spine Does make you lose yer sleep.

## WAR AND TAXATION

(W. A. Douglas, B. A.)  
Never did the people of Canada face a more serious financial situation than that which prevails today. We have run through the revelry of a period of wild land speculation, and now have come the day of judgment—paralysis and depression of trade. And now, with a great number of people on the verge of bankruptcy, and a host of workmen out of employment, we are called on suddenly and most unexpectedly, to provide extraordinary expenditure for a war.

How to restore our prosperity, and how to provide means for the war, without further embarrassing and injuring our industries, is a question which calls for the most careful investigation. Patriotism in the field we applaud with our loudest huzzah. Should we not show equal patriotism in striving to do to our financial methods, so that we do not undermine the very source of our strength.

Is the war to blame for our financial breakdown? To some extent, but not wholly. The cataclysm would have come even if there had been no war. Around every growing town the land was being bought up by speculators, often for prices beyond settlement. It was staked out to the price, till the speculators added to the price, till the speculators so high that those who wished to get the land to put it to its proper productive use could not afford to pay the price.

With this increasing price in land, rents are higher and higher. This reduces the purchasing power of the workers. This reduced consumption and checked production. Consequently enterprises were stifled, and the manufacturers seeing their warehouses overstocked, either closed down or ran their factories on short time.

Before we can expect a recovery of good times the price of land must come down, until it becomes profitable for people to use it for productive purposes. With a revival of prosperity, the speculator, if not stopped, will come to life again, the mischievous process of booming will be repeated, to be followed by another disaster of bankruptcy and unemployment.

Could there be a wider contrast than that between the methods adopted by all our business enterprises and the methods adopted in our legislation? Wherever men work, in the factory or on the farm, we expect them to do their best, to use the best implements, to work in the most efficient manner, at the right time and in the right place. The man who would say that his workmen on the men who do their best, who raise the best crops, or who make the most goods of the best materials, I will inflict a punishment, but to the men who do their worst, who waste away their time and produce nothing but useless weeds or rubbish, I will give the chance of a fortune.

Language of that kind could be used only by a man in the last stages of driving idocy. And yet that is the character of our taxation. On the men who clear and improve the farms, who build the houses, who construct the factories, we pile the highest taxes. While on the men who keep the land as desert, producing nothing but weeds, keeping men out of a chance of employment, the taxes fall the lightest.

In fact, the case is worse than that. What is the relation of the speculator to the industrious class? He is an oppressor and a despoiler. He gets the wealth without the work, and consequently the industrious worker must do the work and lose the wealth. It is not the relationship which gives riches for riches, but of riches to the speculator and poverty to the producer.

## Economy in Baking

In these times of great advance in prices of many foods it is important to Housekeepers to know that the old reliable Royal Baking Powder, made from pure cream of tartar and soda, is sold at the old prices.

which is made by the community, be used for community purposes, and the value made by the individual, left from taxation. Taxation of land value encourages the proper, beneficial use of the land.

### HALIFAX OWNERS WANTED TOO MUCH

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Judgments in ten exchequer court cases determined the amounts to be paid by the government under expropriation proceedings for property required in connection with the new intercolonial terminals at Halifax was given today by Mr. Justice Casels.

The total amount claimed by the owners of the various properties expropriated was \$888,250. The total amount offered by the crown was approximately \$250,000. The court is \$261,640, or less than one-third of what the owners asked. In most of the cases the court decided that the amount offered by the crown was fair and reasonable.

In some instances the amount claimed by the property owners, some of whom had bought on speculation expecting to sell to the government at a high figure, was many times the amount awarded. In one case the owner asked \$280,000, the court awarded just \$16,500.

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## BOARD OF TRADE ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected For 1915—Mail Service, Cautious Agreement and Military Plans Discussed

"It will not in any way interfere with the arrangements or agreements outstanding in regard to the distribution of the mail service between Halifax and St. John and the arrangements are for this winter only and were made owing the exigencies of the present position of affairs. This seems to be satisfactory because getting all the steamers here St. John is likely to get its share of the freight business and while Halifax will have the mail business for this winter still the mail service is not going to amount to much."

This was the statement made by J. M. Robinson who presided at the annual meeting of the St. John board of trade yesterday with respect to the change in the schedule of sailings from Bristol ports to St. John.

Mr. Hazen, continued Mr. Robinson, said that as eleven out of the thirteen regular steamers had been commandeered by the British government the only arrangement that could be made was for all vessels sailing from Liverpool to come to St. John this year and that all vessels should touch at Halifax coming west going.

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Avoid disappointment by asking your druggist for 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex, and do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction goes with this preparation or money promptly refunded. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

### TORY MAJORITY REDUCED

Winchester Springs, Ont., Dec. 7.—Irwin Hilliard, barrister, of Morrisburg, Conservative, was today elected member of the Ontario legislature from the riding of Dundas by a majority of 70 over John Campbell, of Ormond, Liberal.

This seat was formerly held by the late James Whitney and the majority of the Conservatives is greatly decreased. Whitney's majority was about 1,000.



Without casting any reflections— Santa Claus himself has selected one of our Balmacaan overcoats for his own wear. He says it is the efficient coat for the efficiency man. Others \$12 to \$40. Raincoats, Mackinaws and Sweaters.

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### Make Your Own Coaster

The boys and girls of today are often too particular about such matters as coasters. They want a coaster, fearing a simple home-made affair might cause comment and laughter. But children of strong originality and good sense do not mind the ridicule of the vain and foolish. They realize their own superiority over the mass of their contemporaries on a home-made sled as on the most expensive factory-made sled. It is very nice, too, to feel independent, and to know that you are capable of making many things which tend to your own comfort and pleasure. It is the capable and industrious boy who does not ask his father (when the father's means are limited) for spending money for things he can make at home with small outlay.

Boys whose fathers are not rich should try the home-made sled. Then as they will declare with me, that a sled of their own workmanship adds to their keen enjoyment of coasting. There will be an honest pride in the fact that they were their own builders, and that they were their own builders.

And the town, and the county, and all the surrounding country for that matter, voted thanks to Dan Purdy, declaring him a "Boy Detective" of great value, and they made up a purse for him, rewarding him for his brave act. And the president of the railroad company added his thanks to Dan by contributing to the "purse," also sending him a pass over his road at any time that he might care to avail himself of traveling. And Mrs. Purdy was the proudest mother in all the land, and Mr. Purdy winked and said to one of his neighbors: "I ain't given to bragging, but that boy of mine—well, he's not to be sneezed at, if I do say it myself. He's capable of looking after the county's welfare. I am here to tell you."

here somehow," was what he heard, spoken in a hoarse low voice. "I'm about frozen, tramping and hiding in this woods. I'm for making new roads, pal."

"Yes, but you'll not forget that they're after us all about the country," replied the other man, speaking so low that Dan had difficulty in overhearing what he said. "Once—two nights ago—they almost had us. If we hadn't hidden under them logs down by the lake we'd been eaten up by the county's expense, walth' our term, pal. Didn't I say some of the brush behind which he was hiding. The poor boy felt his breath coming in gasps, but he cocked his rifle and held it ready to protect himself against the enemy if the worst should happen.

But Dan's heart became normal again, for the would-be train wreckers were some paces away from the pile, and began kicking up the snow in order to find some dry chips for the fire he meant to build. While he was doing this, Dan crept out from the opposite side of his hiding place and went back to the pile of brush. Behind this he crouched till he saw the man busy with his fire. Then he dared to withdraw himself a little farther away, taking refuge behind some rocks. And so on and on he crept a few feet at a time till at last he reached a point of safety by getting out of the man's range of view. Then he rose to his feet and went like the wind down the road leading towards his own home. And he passed in through the gate, and saw his mother watching him from the porch, he ran past her, going to the stable as fast as ever he could. "No time to talk, father," he cried. "Saddle ole Falk and go to town after the sheriff's deputy. The train-wreckers are over in the woods yonder. I can lead you to the spot, Hurry."

Mr. Purdy was busy fixing a horse's manger, but when Dan gave him the startling information, he did not pause to ask many questions. Within a few minutes he was mounted and on his way to town, stopping at the farm houses on the way to tell the farmers and their sons to be ready to help surround the woods where the law-breakers were hiding.

After Mr. Purdy had departed, Dan took time to tell his mother of what had happened in the woods.

"But, Sonny, how did you manage to escape being traced by your foot tracks?" asked the excited Mrs. Purdy.

"You see, Mother, I entered the woods from the east. The law-breakers came from the west. They just met me, so to speak, but did not pass beyond the drift-pile on the side I entered from. Had they made the circle of the pile, they would have seen my tracks, also the broken-down snow where I climbed into my hiding place. Guess I was a lucky one, that they didn't stop in their promenade just where they did. And the one fellow went off into the woods—north, you know—and the other began gathering chips and sticks in the same direction from my place of refuge. I didn't breathe freely, though, till I had gotten half a mile from the spot. Then I made steps like a jack rabbit."

"How far into the woods were you?" asked Mrs. Purdy.

"Only about a mile," said Dan. "But right in that place the trees are thicker than anywhere else, as you know. They grow so closely together that even today's sun could hardly come through the bare branches. It was dark there, and gloomy enough for such men."

That same afternoon there was much excitement all round that part of the county. The sheriff being distant on his searching tour of the country adjoining his deputy, with an able posse, went to the woods and surrounded the would-be train wreckers. Dan led the way, going cautiously, and the posse came in upon the two men unawares, and found them at the "banquet" of a little squirrel. They had just time to leap to their feet and to cock their guns in the faces of the "law."

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