PAGE OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren C. Partridge.
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STUFFING A POSSUM SKIN.

I wish you could have seen Teddy "play Possum" on the porch of the Jones farmhouse. He kept his eyes shut tight until he knew the family was eating breakfast. And then that sly rascal looked out of the tail of his left eye and he saw that the big dog Ranger was in the woodshed gnawing a bone, and with a cunning grin in his roguish face and a twinkle in his eye, Teddy Possum made for the tall timber, chuckling to himself every step of the way.

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Teddy Possum was running for his life, like a streak of grey fur, to reach his home in the hollow tree.

Now little William, the Farmer Boy, went to school the next day. And when the boys at the schoolhouse saw little William coming down the road they all ran to meet him, saying, "William, did you bring that Possum skin for us to stuff for our new museum?"

"No, I didn't bring the skin today, for it isn't dry yet or ready to stuff," answered little William, with a sly look in his roguish eye. "Well, that's funny," exclaimed all the boys at once, "for you said when we passed your House that you had a dead Possum, and that you would skin him after breakfast and would bring his skin this morning, so we could stuff the skin for our new Museum."

"Well, fellows," replied little William, "I'll tell you how it is. That Possum's skin isn't dry yet, or ready to stuff. It is still drying on a tree." And all the boys asked at once in wonder, "William, you don't mean to say that you skinned that Possum and nailed his skin on a tree to dry? Why we wanted the Possum skin this morning to stuff for our collection."

"Well boys," said little William, with a cute wink in his left eye, "that Possum skin is being stuffed at this very minute."

"Is your Father stuffing the Possum skin for us, William?" asked the boys with great excitement. "Now, see here boys, I'll tell you the truth," said little William. "That Possum is stuffing his own skin with bird's eggs, up a tree in the Woods. He wasn't dead. He was playing Possum and fooled us all."

And all the boys gave a howl of disappointment. You see, Teddy Possum didn't want to go to school, and he was bound that he wouldn't join any school Museum. He preferred to stuff his own skin every day in the woods and to be mounted on a persimmon tree, loaded with golden ripe fruit."

Tomorrow—Teddy Possum's Little Brother, Pinkum.

SEE HOW SHE SEALS

Paraffin on the top goes well with canned goods.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Readers Are Invited to Phone All News of This Kind to the Society Editor. Phone 3670.

Miss Olive Dame of Toronto, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. Mallough, has returned home.

Hon. Walter Scott, ex-premier of Saskatchewan has been the guest of his cousin, Mrs. G. W. Kennedy, Richmond street.

Corporal O. W. Manning has returned to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, after spending his furlough with his parents on Thompson avenue.

Miss Joy Graham is acting police stenographer during the absence of Miss Gower, who is on her holidays.

Mrs. Ronald White and family motored to Chicago yesterday after holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nickle.

Mrs. D. C. Patterson has returned to her home in Montana after spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moule.

Miss Clara and Miss Ida Flanagan have left to spend three weeks' holiday with their sister, Mrs. J. C. Connor, at her summer home, "Inniskillen," Long Branch, Toronto.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of the officiating clergyman on Friday, August 16, when Miss Rosina H. Summers of this city and Mr. Charles J. Miller, fireman on the G. T. R., were joined in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae in the presence of a number of the relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Steels, and the groom was attended by Mr. Edward Summers, brother of the bride. After a short honeymoon the young couple will take up their residence in Sarnia. The best wishes of their friends follow them.

Patriotic Western Ontario

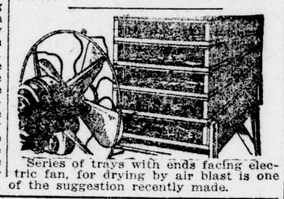
Address All News for This Column to the Editor of the Women's Page.

THEDFORD.—The penny bags collected by the Women's Institute for Red Cross for the past month amounted to $23.67.

EMBRO.—The Brooksdale Red Cross meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, August 14 at St. Andrews Church. The time was spent in sewing and knitting socks for the soldiers. A box was packed which contained 8 suits of pyjamas and 6 shirts, which was sent to headquarters at Montreal. For the month of July, 23 suits of pyjamas were made and 15 boxes were sent to soldier boys, each box containing a pair of socks. A collection was taken which amounted to $3.50 for Red Cross work. The next meeting is to be held on the second Wednesday in September. This society has, and is doing a great deal of work for the Red Cross.

RUTHVEN.—All the members of the woman's Patriotic League have sent many large boxes of comforts to the boys overseas. For the month of July the league sent the following: Forty-eight pairs hand-knitted socks, half dozen surgeons' gowns, half dozen pyjamas, half dozen stretcher caps, half dozen pillow cases. Lunches served brought in $8.05 for the patriotic fund.

ST. THOMAS.—During the past week the Middlemarch Women's Institute held their monthly meeting to which they decided to hold a food and vegetable sale at the east end market here shortly. Encouraging reports were presented from the various departments.



Series of trays with ends facing electric fan, for drying by air blast is one of the suggestion recently made.

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Town .....

Province .....

Age (if child's or misses' pattern).....

Measurement: Bust..... Waist.....

Caution: Be careful to inclose the above illustration, and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is bust measure, you need only mark 33, 34 or whatever it may be. When in waist measure. When misses' or child's pattern be. If a skirt, give waist and length measurer. When misses' or child's pattern, write only the figure representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "years." Patterns cannot

CYNTHIA GREY'S MAIL-BOX

"Vivian," Please Write.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am coming to your Box for the first time. I am very busy now helping with the harvest and it is so hot one can hardly work. There is a thunderstorm going on just now though. Well, dear Cynthia, could you let me correspond with "Vivian," and "Fourteen-Year Old"? Also send me at least three lonelies' addresses. Concerning "Vivian" and "Fourteen-Year Old," would they please write first? Well I shall have to go for this time. Hoping I may come again. NOBODY'S GIRL.

Ans.—I have the address of "Nobody's Girl" if "Vivian" cares to write. Some lonelies' names go forward to you, "N. G." By all means, write us again.

A Girl's Part.

Dear Miss Grey.—Just a few lines to ask you if you will tell me whether I can get the song "I Promise You," in sheet music, if it is to be had. Saw it for the first time in today's paper, and the words struck me as being so beautiful, for they are so real and, alas! how many girls have felt them, and so know how true they are. My one wish is that each may be able to trust each other no matter what may happen, for, oh, how easy it is to think things one has no reason to, when one is separated from the other, with maybe few mails coming to each.

'Tis true the married women have suffered and suffered cruelly, too, but at least she's had her girl dreams of a loved husband and a happy home come true, and how many girls there are that have given up all hope of those things most looked forward to by any girl. I say "Blessed is the girl that can work," and take an interest in her work, for work is the greatest of nature's heart-soothers.

Now, just one thing more, please. I see where so many are guessing how "Revelations of a Wife" will turn out, and I think it is fun. Now, here's for my guess. I believe that in the end, Madge will find out that her husband has been helping the same cause as she has been, else why the title "Revelations of a Wife"? TRILBY.

Ans.—Yes, Trilby, work is truly one of life's best balms for grief, although at times it is difficult to realize this. I am glad that you speak on behalf of the lonely girls whose sweethearts are over the sea, for too often we forget about them in sympathizing with wife, mother or sister. So far as I can ascertain, the song has not yet been placed on the market in sheet form.

Your guess at "Revelations" did amuse me, for somehow it is rather akin to mine. (Yes, I read it, too—sometimes!)

Who Offered These?

Dear Miss Grey,—I saw by your Mail-Box where a young lady had some crochet patterns she would lend. Could I borrow the same if they are not in use? Yours, MRS. W. M.

Ans.—Who offered to loan crochet designs? I have "Mrs. W. M.'s" address and would gladly forward any patterns.

She Has Been Busy.

Dear Miss Grey and Pageites,—It has been some time since I visited this corner, but I thought I would write once more. I have been cutting rye, wheat and oats, also helping to draw in, therefore you see I have been very busy, but I always find time to read the "Cynthia Grey Corner." I generally go there first of all. I noticed a letter the other day asking how many wrote to Pte. Mills. I did. I am quite sure he will not be lonely any more. Do you think so, Miss Grey? I wish to thank you, Miss Grey, for the information you gave me regarding my dress. I did as you told me, and it took the grass stain out. It certainly seems nice to see the war is looking better. For a while it looked pretty dull, but I never gave up. I was sure it would get better, and I hope it will soon be ended, so we can have things a little more moderate. BLUE EYES.

Ans.—What a busy, busy girl you have been. I think our farmerettes members deserve three cheers for all the faithful harvest work they are doing. Of course, they really deserve far more than that, but let's give three cheers anyway.

"Blue Eyes" asks for another "lonely's" name, and I have pleasure in mailing it to her.

Having a Lovely Time.

Dear Miss Grey.—This is my first time to write to you, so please excuse mistakes as I am a busy mother of three. I must tell you what a lovely time we have been having. We have been out in the country for nearly three weeks, but we expect to go home tomorrow. I certainly have enjoyed myself. I have helped with the hay and wheat, and also with the milking. I mowed hay. I would like the stocking-foot pattern for which I will send a stamped envelope. Hoping I have not taken up too much room, I will close. With best wishes to your busy corner, I remain,

A FARMERETTE.

Ans.—How nice to enjoy a holiday and feel that at the same time one is being of use to somebody. You must have found the country a complete change, and no doubt the "three" found plenty of interest there while on the farm.

All Will Be Thankful.

Dear Miss Grey.—Once again I write to the Mail-Box to send my donation to the club for prisoners. It looks much better now to see how we are making the Huns run. Surely the war will not last long. Sarnia has been rejoicing tonight, blowing their horns, etc. Oh, won't it be great when they sound and ring out with the good news that war is at an end! Some of us will feel sad, when our loved ones do not return with the rest. But, oh, the thankfulness to see the others come back to their loved ones.

How does this weather suit you? Where is "Aunt Nannie," also "Twenty-One" and "Scottie Fra Dundee"? Are they too busy or are they afraid there is not room enough for them? I am sure you would make room for them, would you not? I'll close, with kind regards from yours sincerely, PRISONERS' FRIEND.

Ans.—Of course, we'd find room for such old friends as these any time they write us. Your very kind donation of $3 is gratefully entered in the prisoners' fund.

Thanks "Mother of Six."

Dear Miss Grey,—I am sure "M. O. S. B." must think I failed to see her letter in the Mail-Box, or was unappreciative. But let me assure you that the delay was unavoidable. I want to thank "M. O. S. B." for her kindness, and also express my gratitude to you, Miss Grey, for your suggestion. I hope you still have the books on "The Care of Young Children" sent so kindly and promptly by this dear mother. Really, I think our Mail-Box is a regular "Help-One-Another Club."

How are your six boys, "M. O. S. B."? I know you must be busy. I feel indebted to you for your kindness. Is there any way in which I could favor you? Will sign my former pen-name, A YOUNG MOTHER.

Ans.—Very glad to pass "Young Mother's" thanks along, and to mail her the little volumes so kindly sent by "Mother of Six Boys."

Much Called For.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am inclosing a stamped envelope for that much-called-for stocking foot pattern. Thanking you in advance. E. E. E.

Ans.—The original pattern will soon be worn out, but while the brown paper lasts, it is a pleasure to cut duplicates and help our Pageites along the road to economy.

NATIONAL WAR GARDEN COMMISSION

Small outdoor drier, easily made at home. It has glass top, sloping for best exposure to sun. The tray is shown partly projecting, to indicate construction. Project openings around tray with cheesecloth to exclude insects and dust.

IF YOU CAN CAN TELL ABOUT IT

Mothers' Clubs will please take notice. Those who can can can lecture on canning and help other canners.

Gray's

Wednesday Morning Sale

A FEW OF THE MANY BARGAINS TO BE FOUND IN THIS STORE TOMORROW MORNING

Store Hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. One Delivery Only, 11 a.m.

Black Corduroy Velvets
35c and 50c a Yard

Second Floor.

One box 26-inch Corduroy Velvet, in black only, 75c value. Tomorrow morning 35c yard
A short end, 27-inch (heavy) Corduroy Velvet, in black only, $1.00 value. Wednesday morning sale ..... 50c yard

A TABLE SALE OF FANCY VOILES, 25c

Second Floor.

PRINTED VOILES, lovely designs, on white and colored backgrounds, Swiss spots, floral, gingham plaids and stripes, waist lengths and dress lengths, widths 36 to 40 inches. To clear, all one price .....25c yard

Children's Ribbed Cotton Hose, 50c Pair

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CHILDREN'S RIBBED BLACK COTTON HOSE, reinforced heels and toes, a splendid school stocking, sizes 6 to 10.....50c pair

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Plain or fancy yokes, cumfy cut, short sleeves and sleeveless, 35c each, or 3 for $1.00

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Closed or open, umbrella knees. Special ..... 49c pair

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19c and 25c a Yard

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Clearance Mill Ends Ginghams and Chambrays

Patterns—Checks, stripes and plain.
Colors—Greys, black, pink, blues, mauve and linen shades.
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Widths—27 to 36 inches.
Two lots .....19c and 25c yard

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Stamped in pretty effective designs, sizes 1 to 2 and 3 to 4 years. Special ....85c each

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In pique and organdy, sizes 6 months to 2 years. Prices .....25c to 50c each

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Daily Bible Question Club

UNIFORM LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1918.

ONE GOLDEN TEXT SUGGESTION.

(By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.)

Speaking for Christ. (May be used with missionary applications.) Luke xii., 8-12; Acts i., 1-8.

QUESTIONS FOR TODAY.

4. Verse 10. What is the difference between a sin against Christ, and the sin against the Holy Spirit?
5. Verse 11. When Christians find themselves in difficulty today, why have they no need to worry or take anxious thought as to the outcome?
6. Verse 12. Why is it safe for a Christian to trust the Holy Spirit to guide him in all matters great and small?
7. To what extent should a preacher or Sunday school teacher depend upon the Holy Spirit for what he ought to say?

Golden Text.—Everyone who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. Luke xii.:8.

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD CONFESS HIS MASTER.

I have noticed in my long experience that when people are first converted to God they are very eager to tell everybody about it; there is no shame, nor bashfulness, nor fear, which bothers them at that time, as they act just as naturally, and tell the good news of salvation, as they tell of any other thing in which they are interested. But a time comes, with most of them, when they cool off, and do not act in the same natural way. The obvious reason is that they have lost their first love, and are now practically ashamed of the gospel of Christ, and they very rarely mention his name in private conversation. I beg of you, my brother, to reconsecrate yourself to Christ, and get your own heart right, and then you will witness for your master.

London Merchants'
Dollar Day

Thursday, August 22

The event of London and Western Ontario. Read the advertisements in Wednesday's morning, noon and evening Advertiser.

Stores and windows will be decorated with Dollar Day tickets and bills. Buy from these merchants.

$250 IN PRIZES BY MERCHANTS

First prize, $25. Five prizes of $10. Ten prizes of $5. 125 prizes of $1.

Treasure Box in every Dollar Day store. Get your coupon with every dollar spent.

$25 IN PRIZES BY THE LONDON ADVERTISER

First prize, $10. Second prize, $5. Ten prizes of $1.

Prizes given by The London Advertiser will be drawn from the Treasure Box after the Merchants' Association prizes have been drawn.

W. J. ASHPLANT, President.
GEO. DICKS, Acting Secretary.

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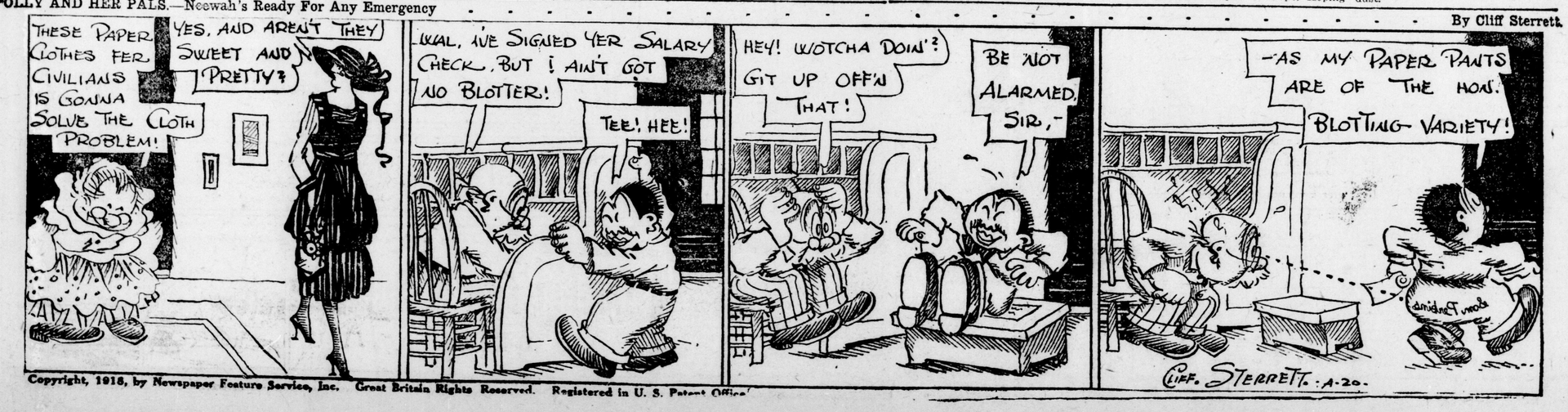
POLLY AND HER PALS.—Neewah's Ready For Any Emergency

By Cliff Sterrett.



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