

**CAREFULNESS NEEDED**

There is need today of greater individual care. Canada's loss by fire last month was nearly two and a half millions of dollars. Every month we are wasting over two millions of dollars in fires. As most fires are caused through carelessness, some individual's carelessness, the question that we individually should ask ourselves is, "am I taking the proper precautions against fires?" We may have every second man a fire constable and half of the remainder fire marshalls and ten times the fighting machinery we now have, but great losses will continue just the same unless the individuals as well as the governments practice proper care. Carefulness alone can stop the two million a month loss. The duty is an "individual" one.

**CURIOSITY**

When the workmen own the workshops;  
And the railroad men the rails;  
And the grocery clerks the groceries,  
And the mail clerks own the mails—  
When the preachers own the pulpits;  
And the pressmen own the shops;  
And the drillers own the oil wells;  
And the jails are owned by cops—  
When conductors own the street cars  
And each driver owns his bus;  
Will you tell us common people—  
Whatnell becomes of us.

—La Touche Hancock.

**SWAT THE FLY**

One pair of flies effectively swatted now will avert the possible plague or 324 trillion potential descendants next autumn. It is asserted on posters circulated by the Merchants' Association of New York City, which has launched a winter fly swatting campaign. Placards were distributed throughout the city beginning a concerted drive on the pests between now and Christmas.

Neither speak slander nor listen to it if thou would'st keep thy conscience clean.

**SCENES IN A NOVA SCOTIA SALT MINE**

Wonderful scenes are now said to be witnessed at the Malgash salt mines and that Cumberland county salt workings resemble Austria's underground castles, was the description of a recent visitor. The development of these mines was begun in earnest a year ago and are now becoming intensely interesting. The salt is being dug out in corridors, huge pillars being left so many feet apart to support the roof. The depth now is one hundred and fifty feet. The walls and floors and ceiling of the mine are of white crystal over which nature spreads a dry glazing reflecting myriads of beautiful colors, when the light strikes them, as if the mine were walled in art glaze. Above the seam of salt is about eighteen feet of earth; beneath, no one knows what, for the depth of the seam has never been measured. Seven men can dig thirty tons of salt a day. There is a splendid chance of industrial development in connection with this mineral, for it should be locally refined into all grades of salt, coarse, fine table and packing varieties.

**J. Y. Payzant's Will**

**Estate Estimated at \$350,000**  
The late John Y. Payzant left a will, and the executors named therein are his sons William L. and J. Y. Payzant, Rev. L. J. Donaldson and the Eastern Trust Co. The estate, which is said to be worth about \$350,000, is left principally to his family, but there are several bequests to organizations and institutions, including the School for the Blind, Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, the Superannuation Clergy Fund, Diocese of Nova Scotia, and to Acadia College.

In 1918 Canada's dairy production was \$125,000,000.

Canada has over 1,200 irrigation or water supply projects completed or under construction.

**WHAT'LL THEY CALL THE LITTLE BOUGHS?**

**Pastor Wood Joins Pine to Oaks—They Go to Hickory to See Mrs. Shingle**

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 11.—When Miss Ada Oakes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oakes of Washington, N. C., became the bride of Walter Pine, of Salisbury, N. C., recently, it proved to be an unusual marriage. The pair decided to have a "wooden wedding". Everybody that took a leading part in the ceremony had a name like a tree. For instance:  
The groom—Walter Pine  
The bride—Miss Ada Oakes  
The best man—Robert L. Birch  
The bridesmaid—Anna Lee Laurel  
The preacher—The Rev. Oscar T. Wood  
The ceremony was performed at Washington, N. C., and to make the "wooden flavor" complete the couple went to Hickory, N. C., to spend a week with the bridegroom's aunt, Mrs. E. W. Shingle.

**WEATHER PREDICTING**

The usual crop of weather predictors are heard in our midst every year that the coming winter will be short and mild, or cold and severe, but after all the old French Canadian habitant was right: He hadn't any scientific knowledge, but he had exactly the same idea as the experts now dealing with weather probabilities at a long range. "De winter, she's in a bag and it don't make any difference how she's come out."

**PENALTIES**

He was looking over the family bills for the month, while his wife glanced through the evening paper.

"Oh, John," she said, "it tells here of a young fellow who was fined \$25 for flirting."

"He got off a blame sight cheaper than I did," retorted her husband, his eye still on the bills.

Canada has 3,774 grain elevators with a capacity of 321,279,964 bushels.

**WHY APPLES ROT IN WINTER STORAGE**

The losses due to the rot of apples in storage are very heavy each year. In some sections it is estimated that apple rot losses amount to twenty per cent of the crop. The most common causes of the rot in apples are black rot and blue mould funguses.  
In helping to keep down the amount of rot in stored apples an expert who has had much experience in handling fruit, says the storage room "should be kept clean. The rot fungus thrives on litter and produces its spores on rotten fruit. If the cellar is kept clean and free from refuse, and no rotten fruits are allowed to remain there, the chances for rot infection are largely eliminated.  
The cellar should be kept reasonably free from moisture, and the temperature kept as low as possible. The less bruises and skin abrasions the apples receive in handling the less rot will there be in storage.

High temperature, moisture and stagnant air are all favorable to the development of rots, spots and scalds, and a cool, dry storage, with a continuous supply of fresh air is the proper environment for apples in storage.

**EGYPT GREW COTTON IN 200 B.C.**

Cotton has been grown in Egypt since 200 B. C., but it was not until a hundred years ago that Jumel, a French engineer, suggested the introduction of the commercial varieties. In 1822 the famous American sea island cotton was the first sown. Five years later a Brazilian variety was introduced. The two strains were mingled and from them the famous "Ashmouni" plant and the still finer "Matali" which is one of the most productive cottons in the world.

**APPLE-BARREL ADVERTISING**

A number of progressive apple growers in the United States and Canada have found it good business to advertise their orchards in the barrels and boxes that they pack. Cards are placed in the tops of the barrels or boxes telling where the fruit was produced, giving directions for handling the variety in the package and soliciting orders direct from the grower. When the barrel is opened, the consumer is gladdened by the touch of romance always associated with knowing just where a package of fruit comes from, and has faith at once in the grower who is ashamed to have the purchaser know who produced and packed the apples. Many growers who have adopted the plan have reaped harvests of increased sales—direct-to-the consumer sales, which mean highest profits to the grower.

Few city folks know the qualities and purposes of each variety, or the best means of keeping the various varieties. They appreciate suggestions in these matters. Regardless of the marks required on the outside of the package, the information cards for the inside might give name and grade of variety, season, purpose (dessert, cooking, etc.), culinary hints, temperature for storing, name and address of grower and possibly an invitation for direct orders by mail from the consumer. The card might tell also the kinds and varieties of fruits available for shipment during the season, and state prices good up to a certain date. Modifications of these suggestions as well as additional hints will occur to the grower who adopts the scheme. Growers who have tried it have found that it pays, and pays well.

One pleasing characteristic of the hen is that she doesn't make much of a noise until after she has delivered the goods. Biddy is no fourflusher.

As a very short time remains for Christmas Shopping, a visit to this store will suggest hundreds of useful and pretty gifts, at this season.

- Ladies' new Silk and Crepe Waists, all shades from \$4.50 to \$15.00
- Ladies Silk and Lace Camisoles 50c. to \$4.00
- Silk, Suede and Kid Gloves, Boxed 75c. to \$4.50
- Silk and All-Wool Mufflers, for Men or Ladies, in newest stripe and Plain Shades.
- Handkerchiefs to suit everybody, singly or in boxes, one to six in box.
- Fancy Xmas Boxes, Ribbons, Seals and Tags.

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| Holeproof silk Hosiery, all shades and sizes.  | Men's Ties, boxed at 75c. to \$2.00.  | Men's and Boys' Boots, Slippers, Rubbers and Lumberman's Rubbers. |
| Fancy Heather Hose                             | Men's and Boys' Lined and Unlined Gloves, Mitts and Gauntlets.                                  | Slater and Amherst Boots and Shoes                                |
| Ladies Slippers, Rubbers and Gaiters.          | Shirts from \$2.00 to \$5.00  | Men's and Boys' Sweaters in pull-over and coat styles.            |
| Ladies Sweaters, in pull-over and coat styles. | Men's Underwear separate pieces or Combinations, Fleece lined at \$1.25 to All-wool Stanfields. | All-wool Norfolk Sweaters at \$13.50. Pull-over Jerseys \$4.50.   |
| Ladies Skirts, Dresses, and Underwear.         | SUITS AND OVER-COATS 20% discount   | Balance of Ladies' Millinery until sold 20% discount              |
| LADIES WINTER COATS 15% discount               |   |   |



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