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JIMMY COON STORIES

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JIMMY COON PAYS A VISIT TO MR. BLACK BEAR.

Jimmy Coon paid a visit to his cousin, Mr. Black Bear, some time after the Great Race. Cousin Bruin was now nice and fat, for he had had lots to eat. And Mr. Bear is like many people you and I know who are awfully jolly when their stomachs are full of good things to eat.

Mr. Bear welcomed his little cousin, Jimmy Coon, and he spoke up in his great bass voice, "Cousin Jimmy, come right in at once, and lie down on my soft couch and rest your tired bones."

Jimmy enjoyed his visits at Mr. Bear's house. It was on the side of Blue Mountain and beside a great cave. In Mr. Bear's stone mansion there were very big rooms, a woodshed, big cellars, an attic, and, best of all, a play-room for Mr. Bear's two young "hopefuls," the black cubs.

And Mr. Bear had one cosy room, all his own, just like your father. Your father and Mr. Bear both call this favorite room their "den." Jimmy Coon enjoyed the pantry more than any other room in the stone mansion. In fact, when Cousin Bruin took a little nap in his "den," like you father, Jimmy Coon would slip out on his tiptoes into the big pantry, and help himself to jam and honey.

Cousin Bruin, you know, is very fond of honey, and he always has some honey in a secret place on the shelf. And Jimmy is a great snooper, and he found that honey all right and helped himself.

Jimmy came to see Cousin Bruin especially to get good things to eat. Mr. Bear and Jimmy Coon hunted together all night, and came home very full of good things to eat and very tired. And Cousin Bruin was very sleepy, and he said, "Cousin Jimmy, now come; let's go to bed. I will let you sleep with me in my big soft bed." And Jimmy was delighted to sleep in Cousin Bruin's nice big bed, for the mattress was very soft, and it had a new set of lovely springs.

The weather was very cold, and Jimmy Coon snuggled up close to Cousin Bruin's back. Mr. Bear was a lovely bed-fellow, for in his black pyjamas he was as warm as toast.

And Jimmy soon fell asleep, and had a lovely dream of robbing the honey from the wild bees in a hollow tree. But just as he was dreaming of eating the sweet honey, he awakened with a big jump and landed on the stone floor.

Jimmy thought it must be thundering, for an awful noise echoed through the great stone house, and poor little Jimmy sat up on the cold floor holding his aching head in his two little hands, and trembling like a willow leaf in a shower. And Jimmy said to himself, "Where can that awful thunder come from?"

Tomorrow—Jimmie Coon's Night With Mr. Bear.

Jimmy Coon Snuggled Up Close to Cousin Bruin's Back.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COLBORNE ST. W. M. S.

At the annual meeting of the W.M.S. of Colborne Street Church, the following officers for the year were elected: President, Mrs. Hance; vice-president, Mrs. Walker; second vice-president, Mrs. Dickie; recording secretary, Mrs. Andrews; treasurer, Mrs. (Dr.) Barber; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. E. Westman; superintendent Christian Stewardship, Mrs. Dickinson; superintendent Mission Band, Mrs. Kerr.

LONDON PLAYERS MADE HIT AT AILSA CRAIG

AILSA CRAIG, May 21. — St. George's Young People's Club of London motored out on Friday evening and put on a four-act comedy play, "Mary Ann Comes to Town," under the auspices of the local Young Ladies' Club. They were greeted by a packed hall, and ably assisted by the Ailsa Craig Red Cross Orchestra, with Gordon Allison, leader, and Miss Ada Munro, pianist; also solos by Miss Gladys Topping, contralto, of London, Capt. (Dr.) J. G. Gunn and Mr. Pritchett. Sergt. Gordon Zavitz, who lately returned from overseas, having been wounded five times, gave a very interesting address. On Friday evening the children are putting on their four-act play, "Cinderella," in the hall, for Red Cross purposes.

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PAGE OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Readers are invited to phone all news of this kind to the Society Editor. Phone 3670.

Mr. Roy Aikin, now of Ottawa, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Aikin. His brothers and sisters gathered to bid him farewell, and presented him with a wrist watch. He enlisted with the 1st Tank Battalion, and expects to sail shortly for overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rowe, 270 Ridout street, leave today for Cleveland to attend the graduation of their daughter, Miss Beatrice Rowe, from the Huron Road Hospital Training School.

A pretty military wedding took place on Tuesday morning in the pro-cathedral of St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg, when Helen Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher of that city, became the bride of Leon Dennis Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Farmer of this city. Rev. Father O'Donell performed the ceremony. The bride was attired in a wedding gown of georgette crepe and silver lace, trimmed with white satin and French posebuds. She wore a bridal veil caught with pearls in form of a juliet cap, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. There was a fine musical service. The young couple were unattended. Following the service an informal wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Wolseley avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer are spending the honeymoon in this city. Mrs. Farmer will remain here until her husband sails for overseas.

Mrs. H. Picket of Melbourne is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. Tom Rowan of this city, on the occasion of his leaving the firm of Noble & Rich to report for military service, was presented with a handsome wrist watch by the firm and his fellow-employees.

Arthur Harrison, attached to the Tank Battalion, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Dundas street.

A garden party will be held on May 23 on the Lorne avenue school grounds by the Lorne Avenue Mothers' Club.

BACKYARD GARDEN HINTS

(By The Girl With the Hoe.)

TREATMENT OF BULBS AFTER FLOWERING.

Soon all the beautiful spring-flowering plants will be over, and the question once more will arise as to whether it is better to lift them or allow them to remain in the ground. For people who have small gardens there is no alternative if they wish a good crop of summer plants. They must lift the bulbs, and they must lift them in the proper way, if they would have them flower well the next year.

The time of lifting a bulb is very important. As a rule, it should never be lifted until its foliage has begun to wither and turn brown, or, in other words, until the bulb has matured. The reason for this is apparent. The foliage collects food and stimulants from the air and stores them up in the bulb. The food thus collected has to serve the young plant of next year's growth until the new roots are well enough formed to collect food for the rapidly-growing stem and flower. If the foliage is removed before the proper amount of materials has been stored up, the plant of the following season will be deprived of its sustenance. If the bulbs seem very slow in maturing and the gardener is anxious to get in his summer plants, he may lift the bulbs, but immediately replant them in a trench reserved for the purpose. There they will ripen and can be removed later.

The best instrument to use in lifting the bulbs is a fork, a spade being liable to chop them. Shove the fork straight down into the ground so that it will reach out under the bulbs. Then lift the soil and turn it over, exposing the bulbs in much the same manner as you would potatoes. If they are to be replanted in a trench to ripen they should be picked up carefully, so that none of the roots are destroyed. The ripened bulbs are sorted, the bulbs large enough to bear flowers being separated from the non-flowing offsets. Spread the bulbs out in a flat box in the sun to dry, and then store away until the autumn, when they are again planted.

The narcissi and daffodil bulbs have no period of rest like the tulips, and they may be left in the ground for several years. However, by the end of three or four years, they, too, should be lifted, and it is very important that they be lifted at exactly the right time. The nature of these plants is such that they begin to put forth fresh roots before the old foliage begins to wither, and consequently it is essential that they must be lifted early, before the new roots begin to form. If there is any doubt about the plants not being ready for storing, they should be transferred to a reserve trench and allowed to ripen there.

WAR-TIME RECIPES

Here is a recipe for savory potato drop-cakes:

1½ pounds cold cooked potatoes
¾ pint milk
2 ounces oleomargarine
3 ounces grated cheese
Salt and pepper

Mash the potatoes and mix in the cheese. Put oleomargarine and milk into a saucepan and heat. Then mix thoroughly with the potatoes. Season with salt and pepper, and place large spoonfuls of the mixture in separate piles like drop-cakes on a greased tin. Bake in a quick oven ten to fifteen minutes, or till they are a golden color.

These potato recipes are now in common use in England. They are issued by the British National Food Economy League.

Everyone talks about potatoes as having hailed from Ireland. They didn't originally, but it was in the Emerald Isle that they first took root after traveling across the Atlantic with Sir Walter Raleigh.

Anyway, we always associate the potato with Ireland, and the following recipe for Irish potato cakes is a timely one, when there is an abundance of vegetables on hand which we should now make use of if we are to increase our shipments of wheat to the other side of the Atlantic.

1 pound cold boiled floury potatoes
2 ounces flour
1 ounce oleomargarine
1 teaspoonful baking powder
Milk, or milk and water to mix

Pass potatoes through wire sieve and mix with flour and baking powder. Rub in oleomargarine and make into a soft dough with the milk. Roll out to an inch thick, cut into rounds or triangles and bake about 20 minutes in a quick oven to a pale golden color.

Potato tea biscuits are even more palatable than those made wholly of wheat flour. Here is the recipe:

1 cup of mashed potatoes
2 cups of sifted standard flour
1 teaspoonful of salt
3 teaspoonfuls of baking powder
3 teaspoonfuls of shortening
Water or milk sufficient to mix

Sift the salt, flour and baking powder together twice, rub in the cold shortening. Then rub in the mashed potato. Add just enough cold liquid to make the mass stick. Do not knead. Roll out on baking board, cut into rounds and bake 15 to 20 minutes in a moderately hot oven. All potato breads should be baked more slowly than all-wheat breads.

Potato stuffing to replace bread stuffing, may be made with

2 cups of mashed potatoes
1 beaten egg
1 small onion, minced
1 teaspoonful fat
Stalk of celery, minced, or half teaspoon of celery salt
Salt and pepper to taste.

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE UNIFORM LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1918.

One Golden Text Suggestion.
By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

Jesus Silences His Adversaries.—Mark, xii., 1-44.

7. Verses 13-17.—How do you size up the cunning and the knavery of the Pharisees and the Herodians in trying to trap Jesus into committing treason?

8. What does the answer of Jesus indicate concerning his opinion of Caesar and the Roman Empire?

9. What does the answer of Jesus indicate as to the relation between church and state?

10. What is our duty to the state and to God?

Golden Text.—Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.—Mark xii-17.

WE MUST PAY TO THE COUNTRY ITS LEGAL TAXES

The city or town in which we live and the nation to which we belong are business corporations. To administer these trusts involves the expenditure of vast sums of money, and this, if properly distributed among the people, becomes a just debt upon every man. It is therefore every man's duty to pay his taxes; to try to get out of doing so is contrary to the command of Jesus. It is essential that we obey the laws of our country and pay our just share for the cost of its administration. No man is a law unto himself, for while we are self-governed, and the laws are made by legislatures created by ourselves, they are binding upon us all. We have a right to free thought, free speech, to the pursuit of happiness, but all this must be consistent with the welfare of the state.

PORT ELGIN WOMEN CONCLUDE BUSY YEAR

PORT ELGIN, May 21.—There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Red Cross organization, when reports of the work were heard for the past year and officers elected. Mrs. F. R. Barber, who has been so successful in presiding over the work, thanked all the ladies who had assisted for their hard work and sacrifices of time and money for the Red Cross. The year's results showed that the women had about doubled their efforts, and she expressed the hope that the good work would continue.

In the election of officers Mrs. Barber was re-elected president, as was also Mrs. J. A. Thomson, secretary, and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, treasurer.

The buying committee is composed of Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. D. Geddes; packing, Mrs. A. Currie, Mrs. Munro, Mrs. M. E. Robertson, Mrs. J. Christian; checking goods, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Henderson; knitting committee, Mrs. A. F. George, Sayles, McLachlan, J. Henderson, H. McLaren, Robertson, Gowanlock; cutters, Mesdames, McLachlan, D. Geddes and Robertson.

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Patriotic Western Ontario

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

BOTHWELL. — The Woman's Institute held a pantry and apron sale. The quilt donated by Mrs. Daniel Nash was sold by raffle for $69.50, Willie Randall drawing the lucky ticket. The total proceeds were $140, which will be devoted to patriotic purposes. The Girls' Guild of Grace Church held a farewell party for the Misses Elizabeth and Viola Johnston. A very enjoyable time was spent in games and music.

RAVENSWOOD.—The Ravenswood Red Cross Circle shipped to Hyman Hall their monthly bale, which contained the following articles: 31 pyjama suits, 10 towels, 11 pairs sicks, and 6 stretcher caps, the latter being a donation from Alice Clark, who is an energetic Red Cross worker. The circle members are responding to the call for notepaper and flour or sugar sacks.

STAFFA.—The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the township hall, the financial report being given as follows: Institute receipts —Balance on hand, May, 1917, $10.20; fees, $10.25; grant, $3; "At Home," $40.35. Expenses, $45.49, leaving a balance on hand of $18.21. Red Cross receipts—Balance on hand, May, 1917, $141.17; grants, $282.50; donations, $142.40; concerts, $159.65; miscellaneous, $23.41. Expenditures—Postage and stationery, $43.95; printing and advertising, $4.45; yarn, $131.99; material, $378.38; sewing machine, $8; piano and talent, $55.60; miscellaneous, $60.58; leaving a balance on hand of $76.38. The garments sent away were as follows: 218 pairs of socks, 93 suits pyjamas, -28 hospital shirts, 52 dayshirts, 48 towels, 14 sheets, 8 quilts, 96 boxes for boys overseas, having a total value of $1,293.40. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. A. Oliver; first vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Norris; second vice-president, Mrs. Robert Eberhart; secretary-treasurer of institute, Miss Myrtle Sadler; Red Cross secretary, Penelope Worden; Red Cross convener, Mrs. James Hill. The ladies are invited to meet the second Thursday of each month for the purpose of doing Red Cross work.

WYOMING.—In view of the urgent need of greater food production, the members of the Currie Club decided to put in a war garden. T. McKenna very generously gave an acre of his best land south of the village, and had it cultivated ready for the seed potatoes, which he also donated. The girls met one evening and planted a couple of bags, after which H. Canton kindly offered to plant the remaining eight bags with his potato planter. J. A. McLean and J. E. Anderson donated about 20 pounds of Dutch set onions, which the girls also planted. They hope to reap a rich harvest, and in so doing have their share in winning the war. The members wish to express their very hearty thanks to all those who assisted them with their war garden.

KINGSVILLE.—The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Heeman Bruner, about twenty-five ladies being present. The meeting opened in the usual way, with the president, Mrs. Thornton, in the chair. After the usual business, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, resulting as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. Thornton; president, Mrs. T. Broadwell; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Burke; second vice-president, Mrs. E. Grant; secretary-treasurer, Miss Etta Bruner; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Roy Scratch; directors, Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Bussey, Mrs. Swenerton, Mrs. Colin Quick, Mrs. J. Arnold, Mrs. Westman and Mrs. Dryburgh. Mrs. (Rev.) Jones of Ruthven gave a very interesting patriotic lecture and helpful demonstration on the canning of all kinds of vegetables, which was much appreciated by all. The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Scratch, second concession.

FLORENCE. — The Thamesville Dramatic put on an interesting play in Thompson's Hall here for the benefit of Red Cross funds. The play was entitled "A Bachelor's Romance," and was put on under the direction of the Women's Institute. The entire proceeds amounted to $111 for soldiers' fund.

The Patriotic League met at their rooms for their semi-monthly meeting.

The talent money was brought in as follows: Eighteen persons took out the sum of $9 for talent money and swelled the funds to $77 in three weeks' time, and each person told her experience as to getting the talent money. It was decided that the old knitters give the program at the next meeting which will be held in May, when a ten-cent lunch will be served. The ladies have completed their arrangements with the Dramatic Club which will put on the comedy, entitled "The Three Hats," on Wednesday night, May 22, in Thompson's Hall, the proceeds to be used for the patriotic fund.

CROMARTY.—The Red Cross Auxiliary here sent off twenty individual boxes to boys at the front and in England.

ILDERTON.—The Ilderton Red Cross Society acknowledges receipt of $45 from the Medway Dramatic Club of Bryanston.

AILSA CRAIG.—A play entitled "Cinderella" will be given by 30 local children in the town hall Friday, May 24, under the auspices of the Young People's Club, the proceeds to be used for the Red Cross.

GRANTON.—One of the best teas yet served by the Red Cross Auxiliary was that of Saturday evening, which was in the form of an egg supper. Everything conceivable was produced in the line of salads, pies, cakes, jellies, pickles, etc. The ladies are to be congratulated on the splendid work they are doing in aid of the prisoners of war. The proceeds for the evening were $37.50.

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