

Coates Homemaker's Club.

Have been rather remiss in sending you our reports.

Our June meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. Heimbecker.

We had our delegates report from Mrs. Landblom and a paper on "Lunches for Picnics" by Mrs. Kohles. Roll call—Our Favorite Flowers.

The club accepted two invitations for July: one to visit the Bradwell Club, and one to visit the Dundurn Club.

The July meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. Nobles.

Mrs. Landblom read a paper on "Fruit Preserving." Roll call—Our Favorite Authors. After the meeting the club members took pleasure exploring some of the beauties of Beaver Creek.

August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. Horndern.

Harvest had begun, so our attendance was small. We had six new visitors, and took in one new member. Roll call—Familiar Proverbs.

After the meeting we had some good music.

Number of members now on books 33.

Clubwoman's Creed.

At the recent convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Chicago the following creed was read:

"Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault finding and love of self-seeking.

"May we put away pretense and meet each other face to face—without self pity and without prejudice.

"May we never be hasty in judging and always generous.

"Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

"Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

"Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

"And may we strive and touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all, and, Lord, let us not forget to be kind!"

The Ageu.

When we address our aged friends

We should not call them old;

They know full well the weight of years

And care not to be told.

So dear old grandma do not say,

But just my grandma dear;

For these sweet words to weary hearts

Can breathe of naught but cheer.

A. L. P.

A Christmas Idea.

If you cannot afford to give presents this year determine to create an atmosphere of peace and love about the home for a whole year—a little more consideration for father, tender affection for mother, kindness towards brothers and sisters, grandmother and grandfather—let parents be more patient with the sons and daughters. This is true Xmas giving.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Soak mildew in a weak solution of chloride of lime for several hours. Rinse in cold water.

Each child should possess a laundry bag and put its soiled clothes in it as soon as they are taken off.

To remove fruit stains, stretch the fabric over the mouth of a basin and pour boiling water on the stain.

Rub sewing machine oil stains with lard, let stand for several hours and wash with cold water and soap.

Celery chopped very fine and served with French dressing on hearts of lettuce is a delicious dinner salad.

To remove coffee stains, stretch the napkin or tablecloth over a basin and pour hot water through the cloth.

Soak iron rust stains thoroughly with lemon juice, sprinkle with salt and bleach for several hours in the sun.

Stained floor boards can be cleaned by scrubbing with chloride of lime, using but a tablespoonful to a pail of water.

If you drop grease on the kitchen floor, scatter soda on it and then pour boiling water. The spots will come out easily.

A little sugar added to oatmeal when it is cooking, instead of putting it all on at the table, improves the flavor greatly.

Put a little dry starch in the clear warm water with which you wash windows. When dry rub off, then polish with a cloth.

A delightful flavor is given tomatoes if when cutting a tomato the knife is frequently passed over the surface of a freshly cut onion.

When ironing circular centerpieces or tablecloths see that the iron moves with the straight grain of the cloth, for it is in this way only that the edges will be perfectly flat.

When next making lemon jelly, beat in the whites of two or three eggs as the jelly begins to set; it lightens the dessert. Serve with a boiled custard or with whipped cream.

Small Molasses Cakes—Take five tablespoonfuls of flour, three tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, one tablespoonful of ground ginger, two tablespoonfuls of black molasses, one good teaspoonful of baking powder. Mix the flour, sugar, ginger and baking powder in a dry state; then add the molasses with a little milk, stir well together and bake in a moderate oven in gem pans.

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It looked like a good thing; but wait till I tell you. We were down South, in Alabama—Bill Driscoll and myself—when this kidnapping idea struck us. It was, as Bill afterwards expressed it, "during a moment of temporary mental apparition;" but we didn't find that out till later.

There was a town down there, as flat as a pancake, and called Summit, of course.

Bill and me had a joint capital of about six hundred dollars, and we needed just two thousand dollars more to pull off a fraudulent town-lot scheme in Western Illinois with.

We selected for our victim the only child of a prominent citizen named Ebenezer Dorset. The kid was a boy of eight,

with bas-relief freckles. Bill and me figured that Ebenezer would melt down for a ransom of two thousand dollars to a cent. But wait till I tell you.

About two miles from Summit was a little mountain, covered with a dense cedar brake. On the rear elevation of this mountain was a cave. There we stored provisions.

One evening, after sundown, we drove in a buggy past old Dorset's house. The kid was in the street, throwing rocks at a kitten on the opposite fence.

"Hey, little boy," says Bill, "would you like to have a bag of candy and a nice ride?"

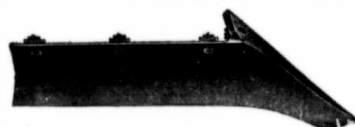
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