

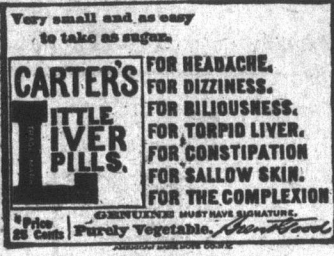
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THE MILL ON THE FLOSS

WHERE GEORGE ELIOT LIVED AND
WROTE HER FAMOUS NOVEL.

An Interesting Link With the Past—Holly Lodge, Wandsworth, Wimbledon-Park Road—The Great Novelist Disliked the Place—Visited Here by Herbert Spencer and Charles Dickens—Latter Planted a Tree.

In Wimbledon Park road, Wandsworth, stands a plain, semi-detached house, Holly Lodge, which to nine people out of ten is an ordinary grey stone dwelling, and no more. But to the tenth it has a special interest as the home for a time of George Eliot. On Feb. 5, 1859, she and G. H. Lewes took up their abode at Holly Lodge, but she, at any rate, soon took a dislike to the place, which found expression in her correspondence. To Blackwood she wrote: "I long for a house with some shade and grass close round it—I don't care how rough—and the sight of Swiss houses has heightened my longing." To Mrs. Congreve she wrote: "I want to get out of this



WHERE GEORGE ELIOT LIVED.

house—cut cables—drift about. I dislike Wandsworth," and in a further letter: "This place becomes drearier to me as the summer advances. The dusty roads are all longer and shade is further off."

Nevertheless it was at Wandsworth that George Eliot wrote the story of the "Mill on the Floss," which was finished on March 20, 1860. Amongst the friends who dined at the Holly Lodge table were some of the foremost men of their day, notably Herbert Spencer and Charles Dickens, whose admiration for the genius of the authoress of "Adam Bede" led them often to join her select parties at Wandsworth. There is a tree in the garden which Dickens is said to have planted.

Recently the Wandsworth Traders Association turned its attention to the house where George Eliot lived, and they have asked the County Council to fix a commemorative tablet on the walls for the information of the public.

The Widow's Mite.

Everybody has heard of the "Widow's Mite," but how many are aware that a real specimen of this oft-mentioned coin is in existence? Yet this is the case, and it now reposes in the cabinet of coins in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, enjoying the reputation among numismatists of being the most noted coin in the world.

The specimen was found in some rubbish in the temple grounds in Jerusalem some years ago, and the finder presented it to the Mint. Its original name was "lepton," from "leptos," very small. The word mite is English, formally meaning a weight representing the twentieth part of a grain, but was used in the place of "lepton" when the New Testament was translated. The coin is of bronze, weighs ten grains, and has a diameter of three-tenths of an inch. The nationality of the coin is not definitely known, but authorities say it is fairly certain that it is not of Jewish origin, there being little Hebrew money in circulation at the beginning of the Christian era. Just what was the value of the mite is also a subject of speculation, but expert numismatists suppose it to have been worth about one-fifth of a cent.

Gallant and Modest Admiral.

In the despatch to the Admiralty announcing the storming of Ilig, the Dervish stronghold, by bluejackets and men of the Hampshire Regiment, on April 21, Rear-Admiral Atkinson-Willes naturally made no mention of the conspicuous part that he himself played in the action. Reuter's correspondent furnished the information that when the enemy



ADMIRAL ATKINSON-WILLES.

opened fire the Admiral was in an exposed position, and throughout the action he displayed extraordinary coolness in the operations, while the bullets were raining round him.

Formerly in command of the Home Fleet, Rear-Admiral G. L. Atkinson-Willes is at present Naval Commander-in-Chief on the East Indies station at Aden. He has previously distinguished himself in action, for he served as a sub-lieutenant in the Abyssinian War, and was present at the capture of Magdala, being afterwards promoted in recognition of his services.

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Some Odd Plants.

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New Year's Superstitions.

The following superstitions in connection with New Year's are still believed in various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. On New Year's morning go to a well or fountain and leave an apple and nosegay, and the water will keep fresh and be more wholesome all the year. If a dark complexioned man crosses your threshold first on New Year's day you will be prosperous; if a blond, unlucky, and if a redheaded man dire disaster will surely follow. Before locking the door for the night on New Year's eve place a gold coin near it and let it remain there until the church bells ring the next morning, and you will have plenty of money all that year. So strong is the belief in this last adage in some places that dark complexioned men are paid a small gratuity to call early and walk through the first floor of the house, entering by the back door and leaving by the front.

Nation Without a Language.

Among the people of the world the Swiss are alone in having no language they can call their own. According to a recent visitor to the little country about three-fourths of the people of Switzerland speak German, while the remainder divide four other languages among them—mainly French and Italian—the languages varying, as a rule, according to the proximity of the people to each country whose tongue they speak. Public documents and notices are printed in both French and German. In the Swiss national parliament the members make their speeches either in French or German, for nearly all the members understand both languages. The orders of the president are translated by an official interpreter and furnished to the newspapers in both languages.

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Writing from Calgary, G. C. Porter, The Toronto World's correspondent, says: "The industrial development of Alberta is probably more marked in the progress of irrigation than in other schemes for the introduction of mixed farming in this section of the west. To-day this scientific problem that promises so much for the future of agriculture has been reduced to a practical basis. The territory affords an excellent example of the possibilities of the idea for all Canada. There are in Alberta 160 canals with a total length of 400 miles. The subject has assumed the proportions of a commercial proposition in this part of the Dominion. This method of reclamation of the semi-arid region illustrates the evolution of the theory as applied in the Northwest Territories. What is more significant is the tremendous undertaking by which the C.P.R. is preparing to irrigate a solid tract of land 150 miles long by 60 wide. It means the investment of some \$5,000,000, employment of hundreds of high-salaried laborers and the ultimate opening to diversified farming of 3,000,000 acres. This is the colossal scale upon which preparations are being made for the reception of the thousands of new settlers crowding into Southern Alberta. It is an enterprise involving the future prosperity of thousands of families. The contracts have been awarded, preliminary preparations have been made and the completion of twenty miles of the great ditch is assured this year."

Eighty miles more of the big ditch will be excavated next year. It is expected to put this property on the market at from four to five dollars per acre for grazing lands and about ten dollars for irrigated lands. In other sections where farming lands under irrigation are purchased, the tracts are disposed of under a contract to furnish water at an annual rental of not to exceed fifty cents an acre. That assured a profitable basis of operation. This is the plan followed by the Alberta Coal Company, and the Mormons find the experiment exceedingly profitable. The main ditch will be sixty feet wide at the bottom and will carry ten feet of water. All these elaborate operations will be carried on east of Calgary, and mean the introduction of mixed farming in a contiguous area of 400,000 acres. During the winter are to-day the chief industries in the section that is to be covered by the irrigation ditch. This artificial waterway will be the largest in the Dominion, and carrying a greater volume of water over a greater distance than any irrigation enterprise on either side of the line. Until this land is placed under irrigation the company is renting sections from four to ten cents per acre, according to quantity desired. It is one of the interesting features of the science of irrigation as applied in the west that the grain yields are regular and double that of the wheat fields of Manitoba. Ontario farmers who have investigated the subject in this section have expressed the belief that intelligent ditch building in some parts of Eastern Canada would be found so profitable that once introduced it would never be abandoned. It becomes merely the difference between certain moisture whenever desired, and the caprice of nature. One dry season in every seven years, it is asserted, will destroy enough farm products to pay the expense of constructing an irrigation ditch on a farm of 160 acres in Ontario naturally situated for the diversion of a small stream. This is one of the unique subjects that the success of irrigation in the west is making prominent. There are several instances in Southern Alberta where farming in a small way has been found immensely profitable by the most primitive methods of irrigation, such as raising water by means of a windmill over heavy obstructions. The solution of this problem is an element of no inconsiderable importance to the agricultural development of Alberta.

A New Novelist.

Norman Duncan, whose stories of Newfoundland have found their way into several United States magazines, is a Canadian who claims the city of Brantford as his birthplace. Eight years of his life were spent in the town of Mitchell in Western Ontario, and from there he entered the University of Toronto. He left that institution without a degree, because he found the sciences a course which he had chosen distasteful. From there he went to Auburn, N. Y., and engaged in journalistic work. Two years later he joined the staff of the New York Evening Post, and to the atmosphere of that office attributes his later success in fiction. His first stories dealt with life in the Syrian quarters of New York, and have since been published in book form with the title, "The Soul of the Street." Reaction caused him to long for a change of subject, and he chose to study the sea and those who fight with it. His subsequent work is the result of three summers in Newfoundland and one in Labrador. His second book is a collection of Newfoundland stories. His third, to be issued next fall, is to be his first long story, and it will bear the title, "The Champion." Canadians who have not yet tasted his work, should seek it out. There is no Canadian writing fiction to-day who gives greater promise than Norman Duncan. He recently visited Toronto at the invitation of the Canadian Club, and made a decided impression. Of medium stature, Mr. Duncan is not one to impress one on sight, but the face and the voice soon indicate the gentle, earnest spirit which animates the man and which stamps him as one of earth's noblemen.—Canadian Magazine.

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