

The Woman's Quiet Hour

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During the first week of March there was laid to rest in the old cemetery at Millford, Manitoba, Mrs. Mooney, who had passed the allotment of three score years and ten.

Mrs. Mooney's passing took from the province one of the pioneer women Manitoba could ill afford to lose. More than forty years ago, with her husband and six children, one a child in arms, she came to the district that is now known as Wawanessa. There was no doctor within thirty miles and probably not a graduate nurse nearer than St. Paul, Minnesota. The Mooneys were homesteaders, and before coming west had farmed in the bush country of North Grey, Ontario, but even in those days that had been a well settled and prosperous country, and doctors and nurses were aplenty.

Pioneering on the prairie with its magnificent distances and its possibility of getting lost in a blizzard was a wholly different proposition. Mrs. Mooney was a woman with the real neighborhood heart, and the dangers and sufferings of the women in the widely scattered community to which she had come, appealed to her, and very soon her neighbors—probably the nearest was at least two miles away—learned that she was a friend in need, and many a young wife a thousand miles from her own mother and thirty miles from a doctor, was helped in her hour of greatest need.

When friends gathered round the grave in Millford cemetery, in the late March afternoon of 1920, to pay a last tribute to Mrs. Mooney, among them were some twenty men and women who she had helped into this world, not for price or fee, but as an act of neighborly kindness. One man had driven more than twenty miles over very bad roads, but when a daughter thanked him he said, "the roads were never too rough or the night too cold or dark for your mother to come to us when there was sickness."

Mrs. Mooney was the mother of that beloved daughter of the west, Nellie L. McClung, who, with her two sisters and three brothers were privileged to attend her mother's funeral.

Just once the writer was privileged to meet Mrs. Mooney. It was a hot August morning and there was a train wait of some hours at Wawanessa, so presuming on an acquaintance with her noted daughter, I forsook the flies and heat of the usual country railway waiting room and strolled over to the pretty cottage standing in its brilliant flower garden. Explaining my reason for calling, the welcome accorded me was cordial and kind. Almost the second question was as to the hour at which I had breakfasted in Brandon, and instantly the kettle went on. In a little summer kitchen, and an incredibly short time a fragrant pot of tea and a light meal was set out on a little table drawn to the doorway where we could look over the garden.

Sitting over that table we talked of many things, her flower garden, public questions, the childhood of Nellie, yet never once in that hour and more of talk was anything said which gave the remotest hint of what she, herself, had done for her neighbors.

The merest glance showed her a woman of great force, character, and strong individuality. She had been a widow then for nearly twenty years, yet there was no tone of plaint, no suggestion of losses or sorrows.

Her grave lies by that of her husband on a high knoll in the Millford cemetery, and if her spirit ever hovers round the resting place of her body, it must look with eyes of love over the wide stretch of country dotted with prosperous homes, the country which, as a pioneer, she helped to redeem from the wilderness.

We were chatting of the passing of Mrs. Mooney, and of what such women had meant to the west, and one

Other thing led to another and a man Pioneer told a very touching incident in the life of the father of Judge Metcalf.

It was in the very early days of the

portage plains, and Portage la Prairie, more than fifteen miles away, was the nearest place at which anything could be bought. The wife of a near neighbor had lost her first-born and Mr. Metcalf and another neighbor had constructed a tiny coffin, but the plain uncovered boards looked a bleak resting place for a little child. It was night and bitterly cold, they had no horses, only oxen. Together the two men walked to Portage la Prairie and pledging their credit secured the material to cover the coffin outside, and walked back the fifteen miles and finished the coffin before the

mother saw it. A walk of thirty miles in midwinter more than forty years ago so that a mother's sorrow might not have the added sting of seeing her little one laid away in a plain deal box.

Another man told the story of the birth of his own first child, and how a bachelor neighbor had gone first twelve miles for the nearest woman, and then without a moment's pause had travelled all night, through the dark and cold, to Rapid City for the nearest doctor. This man who told the story is now a grandfather, yet his feelings overcame him and he could hardly speak as his mind reverted to that long passed kindness when he was barely twenty-two, and the life of his wife, not yet twenty, trembled in the balance, while his neighbor

covered the long, dark cold miles to Rapid City.

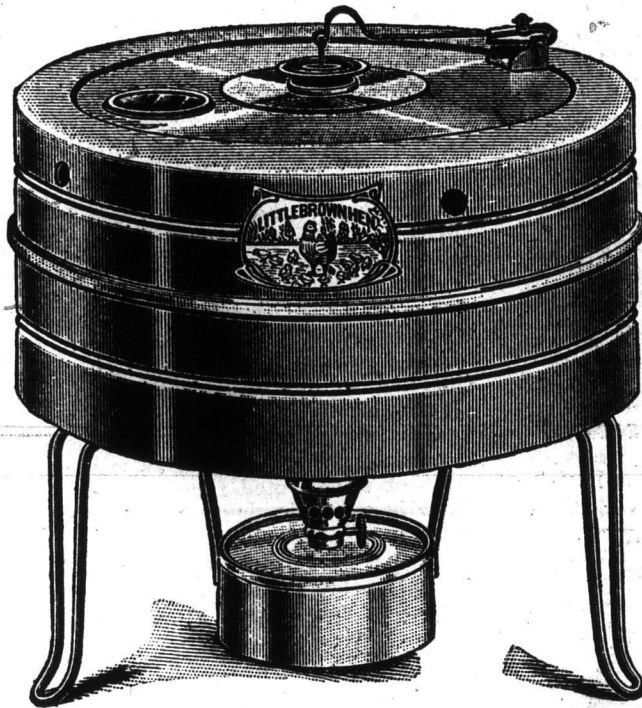
The early days of the west were full of such quiet deeds of heroism and neighborly kindness, and one by one the men and women who so nobly helped in the making of the new country are passing. Surely it is high time that some historian should rise up and record these things, and that a book be made of them which shall be placed on the shelves of every school library in the west.

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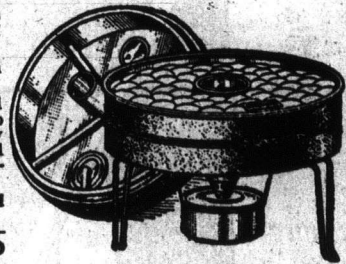
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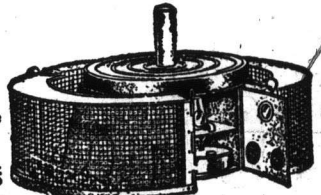
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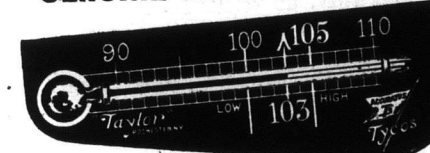
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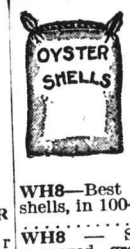
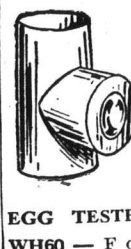
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