you put on the property," Carden observed, "nor have I, indeed, seen all of the house; but, I don't think that I should question your price—provided," he added, smiling, "you would be willing to throw in this fiery, untamed beast."

At this she became momentarily alarmed. She could not fancy anyone who was quite sane talking in just this way. She was very matter-of-fact herself, and this seemed very, very fantastical—this suggestion of making a real estate purchase dependent upon her willingness to give a hobby-horse as a bonus. Yet the appearance of her visitor went far to allay her fears. He had an air of substantiality which tended to arrest her misgivings. He certainly was not a frivolous person, though he was distinctly a man of the world. In speech and manner he suggested something foreign, though she could not have told just what it was, or just how it was indicated; but she was sure he was different from other men she knew or had met, and the difference was an agreeable difference.

"My son's spring horse?" she queried, surprised.

"I have a whim I should like it," her visitor answered, and smiled reassuringly. "I—but, no, you would not understand, perhaps."

"Understand what?" she asked bluntly.

"I dare say you think me very odd," he began, "but you would regard me as still more singular if I said what I started to say."

A chair was near her, and now she placed her hand on its back, adding ease to her position.

Recent Institute Meetings

The annual meeting of the Omemee Women's Institute, was held during the last week in June, and proved to be one of the most successful meetings held by that branch. At the afternoon session, an instructive and interesting demonstration was presented by Miss Helen McMurchie, of Toronto, on "The Uses of Eggs and Cheese." Miss McMurchie is a most interesting speaker, and presented a very able and instructive address. She displayed charts, showing the quantity of protein and other ingredients obtained by the use of eggs. Several appetizing dishes were prepared by Miss McMurchie at the meeting, and distributed among the 53 or more ladies there.

Miss Lilian Gray from Toronto, gave an address on home decorations, the gist of which was published in this paper, April 1st. Miss Gray showed samples of wall paper and draperies, which were of a harmonizing contrast; also samples which were not in good taste, and which are the more usually chosen by the majority of housewives. Miss Gray referred to the usual shock one receives by seeing the terrible contrast in the papers on the walls and adjoining rooms when one enters a house. She said that each room, if possible, should harmonize with the one adjoining it, as well as with the furniture. She also spoke of the useless pieces of furniture, tidies, bric-a-brac, etc. One point particularly emphasized in Miss Gray's lecture, was the fact that the darker shades of color in decorating a room, should begin on the floor and gradually grow lighter until the ceiling is reached. She emphasized the fact of avoiding all loud colors, large patterns, and shiny surfaces, in decorating the various rooms of a house.

At the evening meeting, Miss McMurchie gave another excellent address on "The Planning of a Farm House." It was illustrated with charts. We shall endeavor to publish a full report of this address in an early issue.

MEETING OF LINDSAY BRANCH

An equally interesting and successful meeting was also held in Lindsay the same week, at which Miss Gray delivered the same address above referred to. Miss Gray tried to show that decoration does not necessarily mean ornamentation. She pointed out that the tendency of the present day in decorating a house is towards extreme simplicity. "Decorating," she said, "does not mean lavish expenditure, for it is possible for a laborer's home to be as artistic in its way as the Fifth avence mansion. Appropriateness must, however, always be considered. The science of color is a basis of successful decoration, and without knowledge of the laws of color, it is impossible to obtain successful results. The soft, dull shades are desirable for interior decoration. Red, yellows, olive green, browns and blacks are warm colors, and should be used in north rooms, where there is little sunlight. Blues and water greens are cold colors ,and hence suitable for bright, south rooms. For decorating a room, valuable suggestions were given." Miss Gray then proceeded to illustrate the decoration of walls by means of samples of wall paper. She warned her audience against using bright colored papers, with large patterns. Plain papers are in much better taste.

There was a large attendance at this meeting, and much interest was manifested in the addresses given. The speakers were enthusiastic on their subjects, which lends much to the success of meetings of this kind.

NO MEETING AND A DISAPPOINTMENT

Owing to some misunderstanding of the new officers of the Ennismore Institute, the meeting which had been planned for July 4th, was not held. As this Institute comprises about 40 active and enthusiastic members, it was a great disappointment not to have the meeting. There seems to be every evidence that the Ennismore Institute will become one of the strongest institutes in this vicinity in a short while. Mrs. Daniel Crough, the newly-appointed president, is an enthusiastic worker, and can be depended upon to do her best to promote the welfare of the women around Ennismore. The meetings of this institute are held the first Friday of every month, and an interesting programme has been arranged for the next meeting, August 7.

EAST AND WEST VICTORIA PICNIC

One of the most enthusiastic and well attended meetings ever held in Victoria County was held by the members of West and East Victoria Women's Institutes last week. The meeting took the form of a picnic at Fenelon Falls and was held on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs Robson of that place. About 300 were in attendance, coming from all the districts in the county. Superintendent G. A. Putnam and F. H. Reed, B. S.

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