

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Pleasant Evening Reveries dedicated to tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

BEDTIME.

Wee Golden Hair is sleepy,
As tired as she can be,
So she says, with many a sigh,
And climbs upon my knee,
She coaxes for a story,
In drowsy tones and sweet,
I hug her close up to my heart,
And of old tales repeat.
At last the joyous laughter
Is hushed in dreamless rest;
I clasp the little dimpled feet
That no rough paths have pressed.
I smooth the tangled tresses,
I kiss her cheek and brow,
And I pray the evening time may come
As peacefully as now.

SWEET MINDED WOMEN.

So great is the influence of sweet-minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that folks come in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort, one soothing touch of her kindly hand works wonders in the feverish child; a few words let fall from her lips in the ear of a sorrowing sister do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business, and feeling irritable with the world in general; but when he enters the cozy sitting room, and sees the blaze of the bright fire, and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences which acts as the balm of Gilead to his wounded spirits, that are wearied with combating with the stern realities of life. The rough school boy flies in a rage from the taunts of his companions to find solace in his mother's smile; the little one, full of grief with its own large trouble, finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instances of the influence that a sweet minded woman has on the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power compared with hers.

Never carry your business home with you. Transact it at your store or office, and leave its cares, perplexities and strains there. Do not let its worries influence you at home, to fret yourself and those around you. The mind at home should be drawn away from business cares and directed in a channel to interest and instruct and freshen and strengthen and prepare it for the duties of the morrow. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and all business and no recreation lessens the capacity, power and strength of the mind to do the necessary thinking for conducting business successfully.

REAL HOMES.

There are husbands and wives, whose love is so deep that each cares only to

THE JAPANESE RED CROSS.

Japan is a country which might very conceivably, if the present war is prolonged, play a very important part in its final settlement. If Japanese troops were sent to Europe, they would of course be accompanied by the Japanese Red Cross and that Society would have an opportunity of demonstrating to the world the perfection of its organization. It has a permanent fund of 15,000,000 yen, and a membership of 1,632,752, over one thirty-fourth of the total population. It possesses a trained corps of nurses to the number of 3,000, and its total active personnel amounts to nearly 5,000 persons.

The strength of the Japanese Red Cross is due to the fact that it is a national institution, actively favored and supported by the State Government and the Imperial Court. The Society was founded in 1887, by the Empress. Its badge is modelled on a design of a comb worn by the latter—a cross surrounded by bamboo leaves.

The Central Hospital at Tokio was presented to the Society by the Emperor as well as the land on which the Executive Building is situated. The President and Vice President of the Society are directly chosen by the Emperor.

It is thus apparent that the Red Cross is a definite and vital part of the State machinery in Japan. The Society proved its national value in the Russian War, and Japan is thoroughly convinced that no nation can successfully conduct a great war without an efficient and well-endowed Red Cross organization.

Fruit Roll.

Nothing is nicer in the way of pastry desserts than the various fruit-rolls. Make a good baking powder biscuit pastry. Roll in a long sheet, and spread with thinly sliced peaches, apples, or any kind of berries. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Roll up like a jelly roll, then bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. Serve either hot or cold, and with or without cream or pudding sauce. Fruit dumplings are made of the same pastry as the above, rolling out into a half inch sheet, then cutting into squares, and placing in the center sliced apples, peaches, or a few spoons of berries, bringing the corners of the pastry together at the top, pressing together firmly, placing the dumplings in a buttered pan, adding a little water, and basting frequently with the liquor in the pan. Bake until the fruit and pastry are well done. These are very nice for a change.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

have what will go best for the other and for their children. These men and women belong to no particular class; they are to be found among the highly educated and luxurious classes, in the great middle classes and among the laboring people. Such folks are honest in their affections, honest with each other and honest with the world. Their homes are not places for show, but what the name implies—places of rest, happiness and inspiration of good work. These homes may consist of only two or three rooms or they may be places, yet the influence is always good. It is such homes that make the world sweeter and better, and experiences shows us that they are common in our country.

Often times the most discouraging criticism is received at home, the very last place from which it should come. As a flower loves the dew, and as it turns its face to the sun, so the soul seeks appreciation and yearns for sympathy. No one can do his best work unless there is someone believes in him. Encouragement is the best known tonic. It strengthens the soul as well as the body. Then never be afraid, oh woman, of being too lavish of praise of husband or children. If a loved one does something well, do not be afraid to say so, or if you must criticize do it gently, lovingly, at the same time showing him that you believe he can do better.

Remember, when assailed by affliction, that every cloud has a silver lining, and, could we but see aright, many apparent calamities are but blessings in disguise. Hope is a better companion than fear, and morning is ever the daughter of night. Whatever is right; presumption alone would avert the hand of Providence. Give us, oh, give us, the man who sings at his work. Be his occupation what it may be superior to those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time, he will do it better, he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue while one marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres.

It is hard for a mother to believe that her children are made of the same kind of clay as those across the street.

No household is complete without a sister. She gives the finish to the family.

We see scores of handsome faces where we find one that is truly happy.

American People Tiring of Giving.

The flood of American gold that has kept American Red Cross nurses at the front in France and Russia has ended, and the physicians, surgeons, and ministering women are leaving Europe according to Miss Sarah A. Lee, who has just returned from the battlefields of Russia. Miss Lee said that while she would have willingly remained in Russia, her return to the United States was made necessary by the fact that American contributions toward the cause of suffering humanity in Europe were practically at an end.

Shot a Black Fox.

The Rideau Record says: It is not often that one goes out to shoot partridges and gets a black fox but this was the bit of luck that came to Mr. Wilson McCue on Saturday. He and Mr. Sparhawk went into the country that day to hunt for partridges, and while skirting a bush near the home of Mr. Robert Ferguson, they saw a small animal in the open nearby and Mr. McCue shot it. It proved to be a fox; but to their delight it was more like a black fox than the common red kind. Its legs are quite black while the fur of its body is a kind of cross between a grey and a black. If it should prove to be a black fox, it will be a good day's pay, even for a lawyer.

W.C.T.U. Votes \$10,000 to Aid Prohibition.
The members of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, in annual convention in Ottawa, pledged themselves to raise, between now and the end of March, 1916, approximately \$10,000 for the Citizens Committee of One Hundred, recently organized in Toronto, consisting mostly of representative business men from all parts of the province of Ontario, for a purpose of making a determined effort to get the Ontario government to submit a referendum to the people of the province on the question of total prohibition.

When a Whole Village Volunteer.

We have heard a good many stories since the war began of the number of men who have gone to the war from some church or community in England or Canada. But none of these records approaches that made by the village of Nelson, in New Hampshire, in the American Civil War. When the Civil War began, Nelson had 231 inhabitants, and 124 of these went to the front. But the people of Nelson felt, in common with the whole North, that the very existence of their nation, as well as the cause of freedom, was at stake.

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RAMSAY COUNCIL.

Council Chamber,
Almonte, Oct. 23rd, 1915.
Pursuant to adjournment the council met in the town hall, Almonte, at 10 o'clock today, all the members being present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

A communication was read from Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, soliciting a contribution in aid of the Red Cross work.

Mr. Arch. Rosamond, treasurer of the R. M. Hospital, applied to the Council for a renewal of the township's agreement with the directors of the hospital regarding indigent patients.

Mr. W. H. Stafford applied for a grant for the North Lanark Agriculture Society.

Mr. W. L. Cochrane applied for a bonus for a wire fence opposite lot 24, in the 5th concession.

On motion of Messrs. Cochrane and James, the sum of \$500 was granted in aid of the Red Cross work.

On motion of Messrs. Young and Syme, the sum of \$100 was granted to the R. M. Hospital.

On motion of Messrs. James and Cochrane, the sum of \$50 was granted to the North Lanark Agricultural Society.

Councillor Syme gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council introduce a bylaw appointing deputy returning officers, poll clerks and polling places for the ensuing municipal elections.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz:

Alex. McPhail, roadwork	\$ 27 95
Andrew Phillip, S.S. No. 10	75 00
T. A. Thompson, S.S. No. 12	100 00
W. C. Patterson, S.S. No. 6 & 7	105 00
R. W. Young, S.S. No. 15	100 00
Municipal World supplies	6 53
James Jones, roadwork	1 00
Ross Leach, roadwork	50 00
John Toop, do.	30 00
M. McMunn, do.	127 85
James Gleason, do.	4 00
J. B. Wylie, grant N.L.A.S.	80 00
A. Rosamond, grant R. M. Hospital	100 00
George Turner, roadwork	7 50

On motion of Messrs. Syme and James, the council adjourned until Wednesday, 15th December.

T. A. THOMPSON,
Tp. Clerk.

CARLETON PLACE DRUGGIST HAS VALUABLE AGENCY.

W. J. Hughes, has the Carleton Place agency for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka, the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy has powerful action and drains such surprising amounts of old matter from the body that JUST ONE Dose relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach, and constipation almost IMMEDIATELY. The quick action of Adler-i-ka is astonishing. W. J. Hughes, druggist.

Rural Fair Winners.

The winners in the recent School Fair held in the Township of Ramsay are announced as follows: Winner of the boy's medal, donated by Mr. J. L. P. McLaren, Alex. Snedden, S.S. No. 10 Ramsay. Winner of the girl's medal, donated by Mr. J. L. P. McLaren, Marion Chapman, S.S. No. 14, Ramsay. Winner of the cup donated by Dr. R. F. Preston to the school scoring highest on exhibits, S.S. No. 14 Ramsay (Greig's School). A year's subscription to The Farmer's Magazine, donated by the McLean Publishing Co., to the pupil doing the best work at the fair, was won by Alex. Snedden, S.S. No. 10 Ramsay. Almonte Times.

Useful Inventions.

The following Canadian patents have been recently secured through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Watson, Patent Attorneys, Montreal and Washington: Domina Quintal, Montreal, Lock with seal; James A. McQuarrie, New Glasgow, N.S., Miners' trousers; Birger Ljungstrom, Stockholm, Sweden, Cominutator provided with segments and rings; Paul Gonsat, Angoulême, France, Case for cigarette papers; John C. Green, Dempster, South Dak., U.S., Rotary tooth brush; Emanuel I. Proper, Bienne, Switzerland, Hollow walls with hooked stones; Frans J. H. Rustige, Stockholm, Sweden, Means for relighting unintentionally extinguished gas flames; William F. Spurling, London, Eng., Hoods for road vehicles.

Mental Dry Rot.

The brain can shrink as well as expand. It is a muscle, and can atrophy, in parts out of use, like the shrunken muscles of an arm that is out of commission. Plenty of people use their brains only incidentally, and when they can't very well help doing so. Mental dry rot may affect future generations—and these people have all kinds of "hard luck" in their own proper persons. A report has been prepared by a body of librarians, school teachers, and so on, who investigated average sections of the Middle West and New York State. Fifty per cent. of some communities did not own a single book. Twenty-five per cent. of the same people did not even take a local paper. They're not far from being dead and buried; just walking ghosts of real live human beings. Probably they never heard that the main difference between an animal and a human being is that the latter has a brain and uses it, declares the J. B. Lippincott Company.

"Rough on Rats" clears out Rats, Mice, etc. Don't die in the House. 15c. and 25c. at Drug and Country Stores.

Farm and Garden

RIPE FOR THE SILO.

When Corn and Other Crops Should Be Harvested.

[W. R. Dobson, Louisiana station.]
Corn is ready to harvest for filling the silo about the same time it is ready for harvesting the fodder. The grains should be well dented and glazed and a few of the lower leaves turned brown. If the corn is cut too green the silage will be sour and the feeding value decreased, while, on the other hand, if the corn is too ripe it will not pack well in the silo. Sorghum should be harvested for the silo while the seed are in the dough



CORN READY FOR THE SILO.

stage. Like corn, if it is left in the field until it has become too dry the silage will contain a large amount of indigestible material and will not make a good quality of silage.

The time of harvesting the crop for filling the silo—that is, the stage in which the crops should be harvested—must be given great consideration if a good quality is to be obtained.

Pea vines, soy beans and other hay crops should be harvested for the silo at the same time as for making hay—that is, when in full bloom and few of the heads are ripe.

Wheat After Fallow.

At the Rothamsted experiment station in England wheat has been grown continuously and also alternating with fallow for fifty-eight years. The records of the station have the following to say regarding the work:

"It will be seen that the produce of wheat after fallow is considerably higher than when it is grown continuously. 17.1 bushels against 12.7 bushels per acre, but it reckoned as produce over the whole area, half in crop and half in fallow, the whole area grows much less of both grain and straw than where the crop is grown year after year on the same land. A given area of land would therefore be more productive when cropped every year than if the crop were alternated with fallow. The superior yield of the portion in crop after a fallowing may in some degree be attributed to the greater freedom from weeds, but in the main it is due to the production of nitrates from the humus of the soil during the summer when it is fallow, a process which is much stimulated by the stirring it receives and the consequent aeration. The success of a fallowing depends upon these nitrates remaining for the succeeding crop. They may be entirely washed away by heavy autumnal rains."

Sod and Insects.

To guarantee against insects do not follow a grass sod with such a grain crop as corn. It is well to keep the land fallow for a time.

AVOID SILO ACCIDENTS.

With the opening of the silo filling season there will be frequent reports of serious and fatal accidents. The manufacturers of silage cutters have greatly improved their construction in recent years, and most accidents nowadays are the result of carelessness. Practically all of them can be avoided by the exercise of reasonable care. In addition to the exercise of common sense at the feeding end of the machine, here are some things that the inexperienced man should do:

Be sure that the machine is being run at the proper speed.

Take care that corn is never put into the machine until the motion is up to full speed.

In stopping be careful not to shut off the power until the elevator is empty. If the elevator is not empty the cut material will fall back and lodge in the fans. Then when the machine is started again the cut corn jams the fans, and as a result they are bent or broken.

Quaker Wit.

"Somewhere in France" there is at work a group of English Quakers, whose cool courage and tireless devotion in rescuing and tending the wounded on many a battlefield have won them, despite their peace principles, the hearty respect and liking of both "Tommys" and "pinu-pious." Among them is one young man whose ancestors for several generations have been notable more for wit and spirit than for the virtues of the Quakers, and who has been broad hat brims.

It was a member of that family, a century or more ago, that found himself by chance in a carriage with a very fine lady attired in the low-necked, short-sleeved muslin dress then in the height of fashion, adorned by a profusion of jewels and trinkets, and protected only by a lace shawl as light as a cobweb. A chilly wind blew up suddenly, and she exclaimed, shivering, "What shall I do to get warm?"

"I really don't know," said the Quaker sympathetically, "unless thee put on another breast pin."

An Italian Fireless Cooker.

One difficulty of the Italian commissariat is to get food from the valleys to the camps in the mountains. The difficulty has, however, been solved and twice a day hot food is carried on the backs of mules in "cooking cases" designed by an Italian.

The food is contained in a huge pan of aluminum with a circular opening, which can be closed hermetically by screws. The pan is enclosed in a case lined with cotton and cork and the food keeps hot for more than ten hours.

PARALYSED AND HELPLESS

Prominent Merchant Restored to Health by "Fruit-a-lives"

Beistol, N.B., July 25th, 1914.
"I had a stroke of Paralysis in March, and this left me unable to walk or help myself and the Constipation was terrible. Finally, I took 'Fruit-a-lives' for the Constipation. This fruit medicine gradually toned up the nerves and actually relieved the paralysis. By the use of 'Fruit-a-lives' I grew stronger until all the puls left me. I am now well and attend my store every day."

ALVA PHILLIPS.
Fruit juice is nature's own remedy and 'Fruit-a-lives' is made from fruit juices. 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At dealers or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

Paper Kettles in Japan.

Every soldier in the Japanese army is provided with a kettle made of paper of the ordinary Japanese variety. Before hanging his kettle over the fire the Jap soldier fills it with water, after having poured water all over it. When placed over the fire the water boils in ten minutes. The kettle costs sixpence and is good to use eight or ten times.

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