

WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

Seeing Week-End Market With Aunt Maria's Eyes

It's the Bolshevik battle cry for market gardeners and other growers of produce if threats are carried out to keep the London market square clear until 5 o'clock on Saturday mornings.

There was "revolution, riot, blood and gore," as well as unquenchable humor in the Irish eye of a market gardener Saturday as he made his Thanksgiving-harvest festival array of "truck."

Some charge of the Light Brigade faded into insignificance before the terrible charge of the market gardeners if the evil day comes upon us," he declared. "You won't be able to see the rest of the papers for headlines after the grand stampede of horses, wagons, motor cars, motor trucks. London will need to open emergency hospitals to take care of the accident cases. I? Sure, I'll be in it. Did you ever hear of an Irishman who was willing to stay out of a perfectly good fight? And as for some of the aldermen, they've been treading on the tail of me coat with a vengeance. Corn, yes Madam, 15 and 20 cents a dozen. Perfectly tender still."

When he had made change for his

customer he turned again to Aunt Maria, this time holding up an ear of corn, husked back to reveal a squirmy caterpillar.

"Another of the enemies of the market gardener," he exclaimed dramatically. "Permit me to introduce an ear worm!" All of which goes to show that there are most entertaining people to be found at the Covent Garden market of a Saturday morning.

Real "Week-Enders"

They can be found the night before, too, and that is no pipe dream of aldermen whose left ears have been burning sadly of late.

"What time did you get here this morning?" was asked of one of the most impressive market gardeners of all, from the standpoint of display.

"This morning?" he said, "why, I have been here since Thursday morning. Slept and ate right where I am now, the family looking after things at home, and bringing along fresh supplies."

Others stated that they had held their commanding positions since Thursday night, and several confessed to squatters' rights, valiantly defended from sundown Friday.

Are honesty and faith disappearing from the world in a suspicious, lawless age? In addition to affording interesting entertainment and bountiful replenishing pantries and refrigerators, the week-end market serves the priceless purpose of restoring faith in human nature.

Again and again the story was told Saturday morning, of an early race for a place with wagons and automobiles laden with vegetables and fruit, and the subsequent leaving of these ungarded Friday night, except for the occasional glance of passing policemen. "We went home and slept, and trusted to the honesty of the citizens of London," was an oft-repeated refrain. And in not one case discovered had trust been misplaced.

Has any market in the world anything on London's good old Covent Garden Market?

Which brings us to secondly. Do Londoners properly know and appreciate the week-end market?

While rivalry grows apace this fall for a good position amongst those who have produce to offer, never, it seems, were so many buyers and visitors elbowing their way in and out.

What do you lack in the way of household supplies, for immediate or winter use?

What She Saw.

In order to satisfy her own curiosity, as well as to tell the "gentle readers," Aunt Maria kept a list Saturday of all she saw and was offered of staples and novelties.

There were potatoes at 25 cents a peck, 80 cents a bushel.

There were cabbages from four for 10 cents up, according to size; red cabbages, 10 cents each.

There were beets, 30 cents per 11-quart basket.

There were turnips, carrots and parsnips, same price, also.

There were radishes, red, white and black.

There were onions, advanced, and green and tender.

There were sweet peppers at \$1 a basket, or six for 10 cents.

There were cauliflowers that cost money, according to the quality, in some instances, but just as frequently the place they were bought. No. 1 quality, \$3 and \$4 a dozen, "wholesale," one dealer announced. But that didn't alter the fact a good many people bought cauliflower for Sunday at 15 cents a head.

There were 11-quart baskets of ruby-ripe tomatoes, 40 cents each. Six-quart baskets of same for 25 cents, and 11-quart baskets of green tomatoes, 35 cents.

Suggestively near on one wagon were baskets of little hot peppers, 10 cents a dozen.

There was mint and sage and parsley, each 5 cents a bunch.

There was one lot of spinach, 15 cents for a big measure.

There was egg plant, 5 cents each up.

Regular, every-day cucumbers were 50 cents a hundred for pickling size. "Japanese cucumbers, I must have some," exclaimed a woman, pointing to certain long, smooth cucumbers, for which 10 cents and 15 cents apiece were asked.

The farm woman who had brought them smiled as she sold them, and she remarked afterwards to the listening chronic marketeer: "They are really English cucumbers. I got the seed from England. We call them Telegraph cucumbers back home. They are practically seedless, and considered by a good many people much finer flavor than ordinary cucumbers."

There were even green beans at 10 cents a quart, 35 cents a half peck.

There was reliable Hubbard squash from 10 and 15 cents up. Summer squash, still insisting upon recognition, at 5 cents apiece.

One woman was disappointed in failure to sell a basket of small specimens of vegetable marrow that had been ordered, with the idea of stuffing and baking them like sweet peppers. The price asked was 25 cents a dozen.

There was endive at 30 cents a peck; lettuce, 5 cents a bunch.

"Just pumpkin" was 10 cents up. Time did not permit of penetrating the maze of vehicles far enough to ask the price of the mammoth "pumpkin," which appeared from a window overlooking the market to be occupying almost an entire wagon seat.

There was Chinese cabbage for those who like it. There was celery at a variety of prices, from two for 15 cents; three for a quarter, up.

And the riot of peaches, the lavish display of grapes, the wealth of pears, the quinces at \$1 a basket, appeared a few lone, lone boxes of raspberries at 40 cents each.

"What are those?" asked Aunt Maria, pointing to a basket of fruit, which curiously resembled lemons. "Vine peaches," was the answer. "Three for 5 cents."

The farm homemaker who had this novelty was also selling sand cherries at 20 cents a box; egg or plum tomatoes at 35 cents a basket, and quantities of ground buckwheat, 50 and 75 cents a basket, which, it was related, are canned now, then used for pies for winter.

A Puffball Story.

The mistake some people make in preserving plum tomatoes, one country woman declared, is that of failure to add slices of lemon. She makes delicious conserve by using three-quarters of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit, with plenty of lemon to give tartness. She was selling her plum tomatoes at 10 cents a box; 50 cents a 6-quart basket.

Chickens crowded one another for room on the basement-length double table, chickens ranging in price from 60 cents to \$1.50. Any number of ducks might have been bought for \$1 apiece, but the quest was almost fruitless for chicken clean plucked.

Eggs were sold from 35 cents a dozen to 43 cents, and butter generally at 40 cents a pound.

There was thick farm cream, Devonshire cream and cottage cheese, the last 5 cents a pat, or three for 10 cents.

"Did you see any puffballs?" Aunt Maria was asked as she was about to wind her typewriter.

When her answer was in the negative the retort came: "Then you should have been in time to see mine. This big. She clasped her finger tips to indicate the size with her arms. It seems that was only a small one, which she sold to a gentleman for private consumption at \$1. The bigger ball had to be cut up in pieces to retail.

Has anything been left out? Scotch Collie puppies, plants and bulbs for fall planting, the little boys' summer suits the auctioneer disposed of for 30 cents a pair; the lace-trimmed apron with scalloped edge, which he insisted upon calling "serpentine."

Sure, it takes a lot of writing to make a complete inventory of a sunshiny day week-end market.

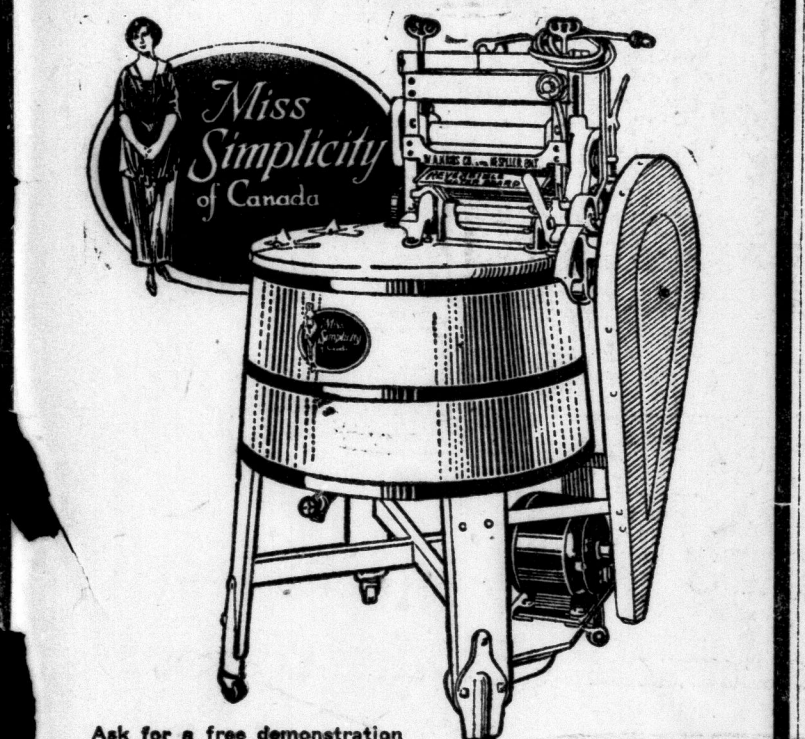
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Victoria Alumnae 1922-23 Program.

A NUMBER of interesting speakers will be heard by the members of Victoria Hospital Alumnae Association at the regular meetings during the coming year to be held the first Tuesday in each month at 8 p.m. The season's program has just been printed as follows:

Oct. 3—Col. (Rev.) W. Beattie, D.D., C.M.G.

Nov. 7—Dr. W. P. Tew.

Dec. 5—Col. C. M. R. Graham.

Jan. 2—Miss Clara Brenton, supervisor of kindergartens.

Feb. 6—Miss Morton, general secretary, Y.W.C.A.

April 3—Election of officers.

May 1—Open meeting.

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HOLD CHOIR BANQUET

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At the conclusion of the banquet, the vice-president, Miss M. Gregory, performing the duties of chairman, called upon the organist, Dr. Smith, who gave a most instructive talk. The meeting was then taken over by the honorary-president, Rev. J. T. C. Morris, who conducted the important business of election of officers, resulting as follows: President, Mr. D. C. Wilson; honorary-president, Rev. J. T. C. Morris; vice-president, Miss M. Gregory; honorary vice-presidents, Mr. Maine and Mr. Coates; secretary, Miss M. Thomas; treasurer, Miss B. Dobbyn; representatives to the executive, Mrs. Dr. Smith, Mrs. M. Turner, Mr. W. Pierson and Mr. Wallace.

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