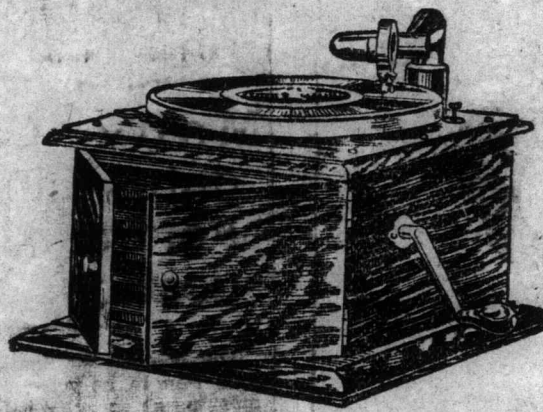


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Nuptial Notes

Flick-Durham.
A very quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Durham, 80 Superior street, when their eldest daughter, Stella M., was united

in the bonds of holy matrimony to Walter Elmer Flick, of Cainsville, by the Rev. D. E. Maddox, of Wesley Methodist Church. After a bridal visit to Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Flick will take up their residence in Echo Place.

A bomb crushed the legs of a preacher and killed the bomb-thrower in a San Francisco church.

ARTHUR STRATFORD HAS EXCITING TIME WITH OLD WAR HORSE WHEN A JACK JOHNSON FELL NEAR HIM

Lieut. Arthur Stratford, son of Mrs. Joseph Stratford, an experience of two weeks fighting at the front, in trenches waist deep in water, was given, with other survivors, a let up, only to have a close call while on less onerous duty. Under date of Dec. 12th, in an epistle endorsed by the censor, he thus writes of the matter:

"So far, over here, we have had some snow, familiarly called slush in Canada. The weather here is very damp and raw, but the men are standing it finely. After being in the trenches for the past a relatively easy time for the past couple of weeks. Everything is so very different that it makes one interested. I had a funny thing happen the other day. We were in billets, and we had sentries posted on the roads for some miles around. I happened to be orderly officer, and had to see everything was in order. I borrowed an old war horse and on the way out, had to pass a rusty plow on the road. My horse wouldn't pass it, and reared and bucked and carried on. However, I got him past at last. As I was visiting our sentries at the end of the road, the Germans were shelling our batteries, near these sentries, and as I rode up, a "Jack Johnson" burst about fifty yards away with deafening report, covering me with mud and dirt. My war horse, that had been so frightened at a plow, never flicked an ear, never even winked. Believe me, I ducked."

LIEUT. ARTHUR BISHOP WRITES IN INTERESTING VEIN FROM BATTLE LINE

The following letter has been received from Lieutenant Arthur Bishop, now at the front with the Middlesex Regiment:

Lt. A. L. Bishop, 2nd Mdx. Regt. 23 Inf. Bde. 8th Divn. B. E. F.

November 29th, 1914.

(Received Dec. 21, 1914.)

Received your letter of the 8th November last night. You mention having very few of my letters. Well I assure you I write every possible opportunity, but we are a long way from the railroad, and being in the trenches so much the mail collection is very irregular. However, they are bound to turn up in due time.

The last two days "C" Company, in which I am, has been in the reserve trenches, and they are very comfortable. Lots of straw, and completely covered, so we get lots of sleep, and there is a farm a few hundred yards away where we purchase milk, butter, bread and eggs, and they are highly appreciated, although we pay ridiculously high prices. Live well while you can is our motto, because in the advanced trenches it is bully beef and biscuits with no variation, and very little water. The difficulty now is to get supplies up to them from headquarters with the reserve trenches. We lose men every night at this game, and it falls to the reserve company to do it. It is so cold, we take coke and charcoal with us, and a man with a sack of this on his back makes a fine target in a trench to a sniper, which the country is infested. These snipers are apparently civilians, and they get a bounty from the Huns and especially for officers. When we catch them we simply shoot on sight.

I had rather an amusing time, I had charge of a relief of 60 men for digging trenches for communication with an advanced trench. Starting out after having gone 500 yards in the reserve one man was hit. I went back to bind him up and was sniped at from a haystack 400 away. I seat two men to nail the brute and went on. We dug for a couple of hours in the pouring rain, and could hear the Germans talking in their trenches. The rain stopped and the moon came out from a cloud, and there were digging in a light almost like day. They soon stopped us, and for a few minutes it was quite lively. The land is all turnip fields, and it is surprising the cover that one turnip will give one. I never realized it till last night. Their machine guns are the very devil, and their artillery has a habit of dropping shells promiscuously on cross-roads and houses for no reason at all at odd times during the day and night, so that one gets very canny of such things.

The snow is all gone, but the mud is awful. Haven't had my feet dry now for two weeks, but two pair of socks are invaluable. We have had about 15 casualties, but many have been sent back for sore feet and tummy ache. The boots that the men have are rotten, and many have only one pair of socks. But even with it all there is very little mousing.

I had an awful experience the other night on leaving the advanced trenches. It was on Nov. 24. I was visiting the W. Yorks in as we were leaving. We had gone some 1500 to

my platoon, and when two ranks of men with their packs on are in a trench, imagine the jam. Coming back I couldn't get past, and all the time my platoon was moving away. Finally I got up to the head of it and found my Sergt. absolutely roaring drunk, having charge of the rum bottle, and all my other N.C.O.'s were in hospital.

Finally I managed to get them all out safely, but I left him behind. Everyday the aeroplanes are over us, and we see some exciting duels, and hear their maxims potting one another. The German aeroplanes don't seem to do much damage, but it looks pretty to see a plane tearing along with little cotton ufs popping up all around it. Our heavy howitzers gave the Huns an awful pounding last night. They were bursting on the trenches just in front of us.

If it takes three weeks as it does for a letter to you, you will get this about Christmas time, so I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and hope that next year I will be with you at the family dinner.

I wouldn't worry a bit about not being here if I were you. I think we will be here for some time, and there isn't much fun in sitting tight in a trench in this weather. The recent Russian victory may change things, but we shall see soon. I heard from an airman that the Huns are massing around—and going to make another shot for the coast, but we are also massing here. I wish you could see us, simply covered in mud, have not had a shave for a week, and out of our clothes for about a week. My best to all.

Yours,
ARTHUR.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Mr. Bert Vollick was a week-end visitor in the Ambitious City.

Mr. Reginald Robbins was a week-end visitor in Hamilton.

Rev. A. I. Snyder was the guest of Dr. Garfield Snyder, New York.

Miss Kathleen Wright, of William street, is confined to her home.

Miss Gregory, of Toronto, was the Christmas guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Ashton.

Mr. Melvin Leffer, of Toronto, is spending a few days at the parental home.

Rev. Albert Trembert was a visitor in Woodstock yesterday, returning to the city this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, who were the guests of Miss Christie, have returned to Toronto.

Mr. VanWestrum, of Winnipeg, spent the holidays with his brother, Mr. Anton Van Westrum, Dufferin Avenue.

Mr. Melville Misner and Mr. C. Hoese returned to Toronto after spending Christmas as the guests of Mr. Will Colquhoun.

Master Earl Tuttle to-day left for Toronto accompanied by Master Lloyd Colquhoun who will be his guest for two weeks.

Lieut. George T. Cockshutt returned to Toronto camp last evening, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., and Mrs. Cockshutt.

Mrs. J. Brett of St. Catharines spent Christmas with her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. Brett, 233 Brant Avenue, and Mrs. F. Brett and children returned with Mrs. J. Brett to St. Catharines until after New Year's.

Graham and George Stratford, Toronto; Miss Maiden Stratford, Toronto; Harold from Kansas; Reggie from Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and son, Toronto, were holiday guests of Mrs. Joseph Stratford.

Invitations have been issued for a dance at the Conservatory of Music on Thursday night, Dec. 31st, on behalf of the Belgian relief fund. The patronesses are Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Aird, Mrs. Flitton, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. W. B. Preston, Mrs. C. A. Watrous, Mrs. L. Waterous, Mrs. W. H. Webber and Mrs. Whitehead.

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Mrs. E. Sweet gave a fancy dress Christmas party.

Mr. Geo. A. Sigman is leaving to-day for Clarnaut to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. W. Coates.

Mrs. Lee Woodland of Toronto, spent Sunday in the city and assisted the choir of Zion church. The congregation was highly favored in having this eminent soprano sing for them. Mrs. Woodland possesses a voice of rare power and sweetness; her articulation was so clear and phrasing so good as to accentuate the art of which she is mistress.

Music and Drama

AT THE GRAND.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The original "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" is not quite as sunny a soul as she was before Anne Hoggan Rice discovered her to the world in her stories, and since Anne Crawford Flexner dramatized her. Fame has made uneasy the head that once lay down so easily in the "Cabbage Patch" of the Louisville suburb, and insistent visitors eager for a bit of first hand philosophy oftentimes receive, and to say a first class scolding, indeed the impetuous prototype of Mrs Wiggs, not long since doused an excellent society lady with water, and was summoned to police court where she was honorably discharged. "I won't trouble nobody; if nobody troubles me, they kind a put me in books and in stage plays until they're sick of it, but you all have got to steer clear of me in person," remarked the "Mrs Wiggs" of Louisville, to a reporter recently. Meanwhile the sale of "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "Lovely Mary" has gone into the hundreds of thousands and in their dramatized form the characters of the book are still more effective and entertaining. New York never took more kindly to anyone than to Mrs Wiggs, and for one hundred and fifty performances the Savoy Theatre was crowded by folk seeking a surcease from boredom. Right in line with the excellence of books and play is the cast portraying the numerous exacting roles; Grace Leith Hodgkins (Mrs Wiggs); Helen Alexander (Miss Hazy); Miss Eileen Cosgriff (Lovely Mary); Howard Teachout (Mr Stubbing); and a score of others have added new and living stage pictures to the gallery of the American drama. All the Cabbage folk will be seen here at the Grand Thursday, Dec. 31st. The play will be presented here under the management of the United Play Company.

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Remember that every year is a war with the Hospital; every day is a day of battle; every minute the Hospital needs money, not for its own sake, but for the children's sake. The Hospital is the battle-ground where the Armies of Life have grappled with the Hosts of Death, and the life or death of thousands of little children is the issue that is settled in that war. Will you let the Hospital be driven from the field of its battle to save the lives of little children for the lack of money you can give and never miss?

Every dollar may prove itself a dreadnought in the battle against death, a flagship in the fleet that fights for the lives of little children.

Remember that the door of the Hospital's mercy is the door of hope, and your dollar, kind reader, may be the key that opens the door for somebody's child.

Will you send a dollar, or more if you can, to Douglas Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, or

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Will You Help The Hospital for Sick Children, the Great Provincial Charity?

Dear Mr. Editor:—

Thanks for the privilege of appealing through your columns on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children. The Hospital takes care of sick and deformed children, not only in Toronto, but in the Province, outside the city.

This coming year, of all the years in the Hospital's history, has a more serious outlook, as regards funds for maintenance, than any year that has passed its calendar.

So many calls are being made on the purses of the generous people of Toronto and Ontario, to help the soldiers of the Empire, that as I make my daily rounds through the wards of the Hospital, and see the suffering children in our cots and beds, the thought strikes me as to whether the people will as of old, with all the demands made upon them, answer our appeal and help to maintain the institution that is fighting in the never-ending battle with disease and death, in its endeavor to save the stricken little ones in the child-life of Ontario.

Last year there were 394 in-patients from 270 places outside of Toronto, and in the past twenty years there have been 7,000 from places in the Province other than Toronto.

It costs us \$2.24 per patient per day for maintenance. The municipalities pay for patients \$1 per patient per day; the Government allows 20 cents per patient per day; so, deducting \$1.20 from \$2.24, it leaves the Hospital with \$1.04 to pay out of subscriptions it receives from the people of Toronto and the Province. The shortage last year ran to \$18,000.

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SHELL CURE FOR 'COLD FEET'

Corporal W. E. Rouse, 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifles, writes to his chum:

Well, old man, we are out of the firing line for a day or two. I have had a really good time—washed, shaved, good bed (blanket, covers and a shawl), and managed to get hold of fresh butter, milk, chocolate, soap, candles, and as many cakes as I could pay for. Never had such a time since I have been out at the war. But I am afraid I have over-eaten—the temptation was too great. Fancy cakes in war-time!

A RAG GAME OF FOOTBALL BEHIND THE TRENCHES. (A captain in the Royal Irish Fusiliers writes):

Nov. 1—Another good wash, but yesterday's only appeared to remove two coatings, for two more must have come off to-day. In the afternoon at about 3 o'clock, we played a rag game of football only some 1,500 yards away from the German trenches. It was pretty good check and rather exciting, for we never knew when a shell would not come along. All during the game bullets whistled about.

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