

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

Vacation is the password. School is out and happy children's voices greet us everywhere. Just now parents are wondering how they are going to endure the noise and bustle for two whole months.

FASHIONS.

It is hard to tell how veils are to be adjusted over so much hair and such impossible hats, but we are informed that veils to match the general color scheme are among the essentials of good dressing.

Checked Panama makes some good looking street suits. Yoke emplacements to waists are of every variety and shape.

Blouse waists this summer are not the floppy shapeless garments they were last season. To be smart they must fit perfectly.

toothbrush. Dip it into naphtha until thoroughly saturated, then a few brisk rubs and the spot or grime has left for parts unknown.

To make colored muslins look like new boil one quart of wheat bran in six quarts of water for half an hour. Strain through a cloth and when cool wash the dress in this, using neither soap nor starch.

In cleaning mother of pearl rub it with fine powdered pumice and water and polish with rottenstone moistened with dilute sulphuric acid, applied with a soft cork.

Heliotrope sachet is one of the best that is made, and it imparts a delicious fragrance to clothing. Make it thus: Mix well together and pass through a coarse sieve half a pound of ground rose leaves, two ounces of powdered tonquin beans, half a grain of musk, and two drops of essence of almonds.

A good gum arabic mixture to keep on hand for stiffening thin silk or laces is made by putting one ounce of gum arabic in a wide mouthed bottle and covering it with a cup of cold water.

Enough tincture of benzoin to make a slightly milky lotion makes an excellent skin cleaner. Apply it frequently with a soft old linen handkerchief, and you will find fewer blackheads and coarse pores.

Cream Cheese Salad—Work a cream cheese (ten cent size) until smooth, using a wooden spoon. Add one-third of a cup of celery, cut in very small pieces, and one-fourth of a cup of English meats broken in small pieces.

RECIPES.

Orange Snowdrift.—Pour into a serving dish a smooth cornstarch. Just before sending to the table place on top orange cut small and bananas sliced. Heap over the whole sweetened whipped cream in which a generous quantity of shredded cocoanut has been stirred.

Peach Mangoes—Twenty-four large freestone peaches, pared, enough each of brine and vinegar to cover them. Soak the peaches twenty-four hours in brine and as long in cold vinegar, remove the stones and fill the cavities with the following stuffing: One pint sweet oil, one cupful chopped peach, one-half cupful grated horseradish, twenty-four cloves garlic, one half teaspoonful each celery seed, black mustard seed, white mustard seed, pepper, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, mace, allspice, one quarter teaspoonful cloves. Pound the spices and mix all the ingredients with enough of the oil to make a paste, putting a clove of garlic in each peach.

Creamed Rice with Strawberries.—Cook one cupful of rice thoroughly in a little milk. Dissolve a quarter

of a box of gelatine in milk, sweeten to taste, and add to the hot rice; chill, then mix in one pint of whipped cream. Pour in a rounded mould. When ready to serve remove top from rice, scoop out the centre and fill with strawberries and powdered sugar; replace top, and garnish with fine strawberries with the caps on.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE PROPER USE OF MONEY.

Many parents permit their children to spend for candy or toys every cent that is given to them. Others are continually instructing their children to save all their pennies. In either case the parents evince a deplorable ignorance of the true uses of money; namely, spending with discretion, saving, and giving. Even very young children can be taught, to a certain extent, the real value and best use of money.

We have in mind a little one who, like most children, lost no time in visiting the candy or toy store after he had received a penny. If his parents had allowed him to continue in this habit he might have grown up a spendthrift. By judicious training, however, this tendency was checked, and he was early made to understand the most judicious ways of using his money.

KEEPING THE FURS. (The Pilgrim for May.)

A resourceful friend of mine, who is a famous housekeeper, used old linen sheets for wrapping the furs before placing them in a box or barrel. Sheets are selected that are too old and thin for other use, and they are kept for this purpose from year to year, as they would not be fit to use on beds after their summer service in fur storing, especially if oil of cedar is used as a moth preventive. She saturates small balls of cotton batting with the oil of cedar and pins them to the sheets in which the furs are to be wrapped. It is almost impossible to confine the oil to the batting, however, and the sheets will come from the store-room badly stained. Many object to the very useful oil of cedar because of its strong odor; but those who have tested it find that the odor soon passes off after the furs are taken from the store-room. In fact, it does not cling to them after thorough ventilation half as long as the odor of camphor and many other preventives. Sheets of newspaper are often more highly recommended than cotton or linen sheets for wrapping expensive furs before storing them, as there is something about the printer's ink that proves disagreeable to the moths. The sheets must be especially prepared for this purpose, however. In order to wrap the large fur securely, the newspapers must be pasted to form sheets of the right size, and this pasting must be so firm that no cracks through which the moths may find a chance to enter will be left. It is best to provide two or three newspaper sheets for each piece of fur.

Large, tough paper bags will be the best receptacle for small capes and neck pieces. Several of these—wrapped separately in newspaper as an extra precaution—may be placed in one bag if the large, strong bags such as are used by butchers may be secured.

If any of the usual moth preventives are used in connection with the thorough wrappings, it will be unwise to have these come in contact with the fur. Although few will leave the reddish stain peculiar to the oil of cedar, there is always danger of discoloration, especially with the light furs. It is always safest to wrap the oil saturations in waxed paper, and the balls or powders in tissue paper, before placing among the furs. These will retain their strength throughout the summer, and need not be removed from their wrappings, or replaced by fresh preventives, when the furs are taken from their storage places for periodical shaking and brushing.

ARCHBISHOP'S COMMERCIAL ACADEMY.

The closing exercises of the Archbishop's Commercial Academy took place on Thursday afternoon at Karn Hall. The hall was crowded with the parents and friends of the institution. Rev. Canon G. Gauthier, D. D., rector of the Cathedral, presided, assisted by Rev. W. Martin, D.D., Rev. O. Laurent, Rev. F. Rabreau, P.P., St. Lambert. The following programme was rendered:

- March—"Fall in Line," Rosey Orchestra.
Declamation—"Le petit Oiseau," Nitrof.
P. E. Mercille.
Chorus—"Tally Ho," Luders Choir.
Declamation Exercises, Juniors.
Reverie—"Apple Blossoms," Roberts Orchestra.
Declamation—"L'Enfant et le Nid de Fauvette," Berquin Oswald Lemire.
Chant—"Dieu le veut!" Gounod Choir.
Dialogue—"Le jeune Zouave," Creclac G. Dagenais, R. Lafortune.
Waltz—"Twixt Sunlight and Shadows," Cruger Orchestra.
Scene—Liberty Seeking a Home.
Solo—"Le Chant du Soldat Chretien," Grand A. Champagne.
Characteristic Dance—"Lovey Mary," Kohlman.
Declamation—"Le chef-d'oeuvre anonyme," E. R. Armand Volsard.
Solo—"L'Ange de la Charite," Andrieu Aime Larin.
Chant—"Le pouvoir de la Melodie," Roland R. Aubertin, A. Champagne, J. Godcharles.
Declamation—"Unto Death," Fenne John P. McClure.
Two-Step—"Peter Piper," Henry Orchestra.
Distribution of Prizes.
Address, John P. McClure.
Chorus—"Farewell Song," Hood Choir.

LIBERTY SEEKING A HOME.

- Characters.
Liberty, J. McClure.
China, F. Curran.
India, P. Mulcair.
Russia, H. Larkin.
Germany, T. McCaffery.
Scotland, F. Coughlin.
Spain, H. Potter.
Ireland, J. Barnes.
Italy, F. Mulcair.
United States, C. Jackson.
Canada, M. Callaghan.
Page, F. X. Patenaude.

PRIZE LIST.

- Preparatory Department, 5th Class.
—E. Lemire, A. Choquet, T. McAuley, L. Gagnon, R. Leveque, E. Prudhomme, H. Boucher, E. Decary, F. X. Patenaude, W. Crowley, Leopold Lemieux, Thos. Hammill, A. A. A. L. Letang, C. Cordask, B. Grant, A. Decary, H. Filiatru, A. Desrochers, L. Provost, P. Huseareu, G. Beaulieu, A. Hammill, F. Cordask, A. Choquet, F. Decary, H. Schetagne, F. Voligny, H. Crowley, E. Gadouas, C. Fennell, A. Brophy, F. Scanlan, H. McCaffery, E. Lapierre, W. McCabe, L. Gauthier, A. Prudhomme, T. Cordask, W. Carroll, J. Taillefer, L. McGoogan, E. Sans-facon.
Preparatory Department, 4th Class.
—L. Benoit, N. Dupuis, A. Marcotte, F. Curran, N. Belanger, F. Coughlin, A. Tremblay, H. St. Denis, O. Lemire, M. Robillard, A. Malo, S. Stafford, A. Lemieux, J. Hebert, A. Leduc, E. Biron, A. Daoust, E. Deslauriers, P. Mercille, W. McMahon, S. Hartney, P. McKenna, T. Wasbrood, G. Flanagan, A. Fournier, A. Benoit, C. Lemire, W. Lefebvre, E. Prudhomme, J. Picard, J. Taillefer, D. Burke, O. Derouin, J. Dooley, M. Hartney, J. Lafesche, G. Foisy, P. Beauvais, H. Dubois.

- Intermediats Department, 3rd Class
—E. Fautoux, J. David, E. Fergue, R. Flanagan, F. McCabe, A. Champagne, J. Barnes, H. Potter, C. Godcharles, H. Roberge, J. Whelan, G. Rodier, L. Laroche, D. Labelle, G. Dagenais, O. Desjardins, H. Tetraault, E. Lariviere, A. Mallette, R. McAuley, J. Wasbrood, H. Larkin, A. Asselin, L. Page, M. Dianhan, L. Kearns, J. Meloche, E. Byette, A. LaJeunesse, E. Rolland, M. Decario, F. Barbeau, A. Giroux.
Intermediats Department, 2nd Class
—R. Benoit, L. Cardinal, G. Soucie, L. Prudhomme, E. Hammill, A. Whelan, A. Taillefer, J. DeGuise, C. Jackson, E. Dagenais, T. McCaffery, R. Marcotte, I. Gauthier, R. Lafortune, A. Seguin, A. Simoneau, F. Pare, J. Derouin, S. Viau, W. Dupras, V. Dupuy, A. Leger, A. Martin, P. Mulcair.
Academic Department, Special class
—G. Long, V. Legault, A. Larin, A.

Dufresne, A. Charlebois, R. Aubertin, J. Dufresne, J. Charron, A. Theriault, E. Legault, P. Pilon, C. Brunet, P. Palemont, R. Bergevin, R. Ballargeon, V. Gervais, W. Thauvette.
Academic Department, 1st Class.
Third Year—J. P. McClure, M. Callaghan, A. Volsard, J. B. DeGuise.
Second Year—H. McKenna, F. Mulcair, L. Anderson, E. D'Aoust, O. Geoffrion, L. Ballargeon, J. St. Maurice, M. Cadorette.

First Year—C. Terroux, H. Brosseau, L. Brunet, A. Hanley, E. Ferras, H. Dubuc, W. Carrick, D. Denis, T. Trihey.
Special prizes for the Sanctuary were awarded to J. Tessier, A. Vanier, G. Beauvais, L. Devoyeau and E. Fournier.

Special prize for best in Third Year presented by the S.A.A.A., and awarded to Master M. Callaghan.
Special prize for excellence in Second Year, presented by Mr. Thos. McBrearty, and awarded to Masters H. McKenna and Frs. Mulcair.

Gold Medal for Irish History, presented by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and awarded to Master Frs. Mulcair.
Silver Medal for Irish History, presented by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and awarded to Master William Carrick.

Diplomas for Penmanship granted by Prof. A. N. Palmer, editor of the Western Penman. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were obtained by C. Terroux, H. Brosseau, M. Callaghan, H. McKenna, J. St. Maurice, L. Anderson, L. Brunet, M. Cadorette, D. Denis, L. Ballargeon.

Commercial Diplomas, Grade B., awarded to John P. McClure, Martin Callaghan and Armand Volsard.
Gold Medal for Excellence in Commercial Studies awarded to Master John P. McClure.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils were inscribed every month on the Roll of Honor for the school term 1904-05.
J. McClure, M. Callaghan, A. Volsard, J. B. DeGuise, H. McKenna, F. Mulcair, E. D'Aoust, O. Geoffrion, J. St. Maurice, M. Cadorette, C. Terroux, H. Brosseau, L. Brunet, A. Hanley, W. Carrick, E. Ferras.

N. Legault, G. Long, A. Larin, A. Charlebois, A. Dufresne, R. Aubertin, J. Dufresne, G. Theriault, J. Charron, R. Benoit, L. Cardinal, G. Soucie, E. Hammill, L. Prudhomme, A. Whelan, A. Taillefer, C. Jackson, R. Lafortune.
E. Fautoux, J. David, E. Fergue, R. Flanagan, J. Barnes, F. McCabe, A. Champagne, H. Potter, H. Roberge, J. Godcharles, J. Whelan, D. Labelle, G. Dagenais, O. Desjardins, H. Tetraault, H. Larkin, M. Dianhan, E. Rolland.

N. Belanger, L. Benoit, F. Coughlin, F. Curran, N. Dupuis, A. Lemieux, O. Lemire, A. Malo, A. Marcotte, H. St. Denis, A. Tremblay, S. Stafford, M. Robillard.
H. Boucher, Az. Choquet, F. Cordask, C. Cordask, A. Decary, L. Gagnon, R. Leveque, L. Lemieux, E. Lemire, T. McAuley, E. Prudhomme, F. Patenaude, A. Hammill, P. Grant, H. Schetagne, F. Voligny, P. Huseareu.

DONORS OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

Irish History—The Ancient Order of Hibernians.
Roll of Honor—Mrs. M. J. Walsh, Mrs. P. McCrory.
Excellence—S.A.A.A. Association, T. McBrearty.
Sanctuary—Rev. J. U. Demers, Secretary to His Grace the Archbishop.

BELMONT SCHOOL CLOSING.

The closing exercises of Belmont School took place last Friday evening. The hall was crowded. There were present: Rev. Fathers J. E. Donnelly, P.P., St. Anthony's, J. Corbett, P.P., St. Joseph's, Rev. Abbe Perrier, Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese and a member of the School Commission; Rev. Abbe Mousseau, Chaplain of the school. The programme was well executed, the singing of pretty choruses, duets and solos calling for special mention.

Prof. J. A. Archambault presided at the piano. The school has had a record year, first in the large attendance, five hundred and twenty pupils being registered, and second in the largest number of boys obtaining their certificates and commercial diplomas and with the highest honors in French and English.
At the conclusion of the programme, Rev. Abbe Corbett complimented the pupils on their work, followed by Rev. Abbe Perrier, who spoke in French and English. He was proud to see the school make such good progress, and felt pleased to hear the boys sing their beautiful songs in such a heartfelt manner. He wished all a pleasant vacation.

PRIZE LIST.
6th Year.
A special prize, presented by Rev.

Dr. Fowler's Wild Strawberry. It is nature's specific for DIARRHEA, DYSENTERY, CRAMPS, PAIN IN THE STOMACH, COLIC, CHOLERA MORBUS, CHOLERA INFANTUM, SEA SICKNESS, and all SUMMER COMPLAINTS in Children or Adults. Its effects are marvellous. Pleasant and Harmless to take. Rapid, Reliable and Effective in its action. IT HAS BEEN A HOUSEHOLD REMEDY FOR NEARLY SIXTY YEARS. PRICE 25 CENTS. BEWARE SUBSTITUTES. THESE DANGEROUS.

Antheim Corbeil, Pastor of St. Joseph's, and awarded to Leon Renaud as a prize for excellence.
A gold medal, presented by the St. Joseph's section of the St. John the Baptist Society, and awarded to Leon Renaud for History of Canada.
A gold medal presented by Mr. F. X. Craig and awarded to Paul Gervais for industrial drawing.

A silver-gilt medal, presented by Mr. J. B. A. Martin, and awarded to Emile Cloutier for religious instruction.
N.B.—This medal has been blessed by His Holiness Pope Pius X.
A bronze medal, presented by Mr. Ludger Gravel and awarded to Eugene Douessard, 1st prize for arithmetic.

5th Year.
A silver medal, presented by Mr. Joseph Renaud, former pupil of Belmont school, and awarded to Hector Boire, as a prize for excellence.
A bronze medal, presented by the Dr. Leroux estate, and awarded to Edward Kirk as first prize for arithmetic.

A medal presented by Mr. J. B. A. Martin and awarded to Philias Beaudoin for gentlemanly deportment.
N.B.—This medal has been blessed by His Holiness Pope Pius X.
4th Year.
A silver medal, presented by a former pupil, and awarded to Lawrence Vandette as a prize for excellence.

A bronze medal, presented by Mr. F. X. Craig and awarded to Ernest Deslauriers as first prize for arithmetic.
Certificates of primary studies.
Model Course.

With great distinction for French and English—Leon Renaud, Emile Cloutier, Eugene Douessard, Paul Racine.
With great distinction for French—Paul Gervais.

Elementary Course.
With great distinction for French and English—Henri Savage, Joseph Meloche, Ernest Deslauriers, Ernest Cloutier, Jules Douessard, Arthur Warren, Edmond Dussault.

With distinction for French and English—Rene Gregoire, Emile Delier, Ernest Lariviere, Alfred Tellier.
With the greatest distinction for English—Lawrence Vandette.
With great distinction for English—Martin McLean, John Duggan, John Sullivan.

With great distinction for French—Edgar Therrien, Rene Labrosse, Germain Sicotte.
With distinction for English—Thos. Roach.

With distinction for French—Jean Louis Bourassa, Francis Labelle, Elphoge Lague.
6th Year.
Special prizes for application and good conduct—Paul Gervais, Leon Renaud, Emile Cloutier.

Special prizes for assiduity—Paul Gervais, Leon Renaud, Emile Cloutier.
Special prize for French shorthand awarded to Paul Gervais.
Prizes and accessits—Leon Renaud, Emile Cloutier, Paul Gervais, Eugene Douessard, Paul Racine.

5th Year.
Special prize for English Catechism presented by Rev. J. E. Donnelly and awarded to James Freeland.

Special prizes for application and good conduct—James Freeland, Edward Kirk, Philias Beaudoin.
Special prizes for assiduity—Hector Boire, Edmond Beriau, Philias Beaudoin.

Prizes and accessits—Hector Boire, James Freeland, Philias Beaudoin, Edward Kirk, Armand Lafesche, Oscar Milot, Edmond Beriau, Michael Flynn.

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OUR

Dear Girls and Boys:
What a grand day last in our great city. The Blessed Sacrament through our principal girls and boys in costumes were very on the scene when all arrived.
The scene was magnificent. Dame was magnificent. Where midst beautiful flowers, swinging gorgeous decorations a singing, Benediction was know all my little friends have liked to have been what liberty we enjoy in Montreal.
Your loving AUNT

Dear Aunt Becky:
This is my first letter. I like to read the stories in the True Witness. I go to school the 3rd of March. I go to school a grade eight. My studies, history, geography, nature and grammar. The country on a farm, four horses and a colt and old, four cows and a lot of cattle. We live two miles from church. There is Mass at six weeks. I am glad to soon be here. The strawberries are ripe. There are flowers in the fields. My two sisters and six brothers. The oldest. This is all I can for the present, so good-bye.
Your loving friend TEL

Dear Aunt Becky:
This is the first letter I ten to the True Witness. I read the letters and stories in the country ten miles nearest town and five miles nearest railway station. It is very pretty place in summer. Lots of wild strawberries in I have six brothers and two I guess I have written from this time. Good-bye, from Street's Ridge, Cumb. Co. AM

Dear Aunt Becky:
I would like to see you from my cousins. I have walk to the post office to True Witness, and was very see no letters in our column have about one hour to ride to church, and I can only weather, but now it is just the fields are all so green as orchards are in full bloom. to cross ever so many bridges over steep hills. On the way see people driving in all directions. St. Anne's Church, which stands high hill. The children who enough are going to make the Communion this week, and week we are going to have a tea party, then I will write to you.
Your loving niece, MO
Prince Edward Island.

AFRAID IN THE DARK
Who's afraid in the dark?
"O, not I," said the owl,
And he gave a great scowl,
And he wiped his eye,
And he fluffed his jowl—"To who said the dog, "I bark out loud in the dark—Boo-oo!"
Said the cat, "Mew!"
I'll scratch any one who dares say that I do
"Feel afraid—Mew!"
"AFraid," said the mouse,
"Of dark in the house?
Here me scatter,
Whatever's the matter—Squack!"
Then the toad in the hole,
And the bug in the ground,
They both shook their heads
And passed the word round.
And the bird in the tree,
And the fish and the bee,
They declared, all three,
That you never did see
One of them afraid
In the dark!

THE PRIZE WINNER.
"O, Miss Helen!" said Mar,
Growing herself in the big-