

SIDE TALKS

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LOST STORIES.

Two more lost stories have been found and sent to the losers, the one about the making of the American flag, and the little poem about Teddy Bear.

And still the lost stories come in. "Quite some time ago," writes one letter friend, "I read in one of your articles a few lines from a poem which ran as follows:

"As was a passing glance, Then out of my life forever." "Could you, or perhaps some of your readers, tell me from what poem that was taken and by whom written?"

"I don't seem to recall the poem. Perhaps some reader friend has a better memory."

She read it in a Church Paper. "Would it be possible," writes another, "for you to find the title of a book for me, or rather a story? This story was in a Church of England Church paper, and one of the girls names was either Monica or Mona. Some of the girls, as I can remember it, is as follows. This Mona, Monica's father was a Protestant and her mother a Roman Catholic. The mother brought the daughter up a

Catholic. The father died and before doing so he requested that his daughter should be sent to his sister-in-law in England. Possibly this might in some way help to find the story. An answer will greatly oblige.

A Lost Poem "Can you or any of your readers," inquires another letter friend, "inform me as to who wrote the following lines and in what poem it is featured:

"Oh sweet illusions of my brain That still allure and still pursue, The world is bright while ye remain, And dull and dark when ye are lost (or departed)."

When Did "Get Your Goat" Originate?

"Where," one reader wishes to know, "did the expression 'Get your goat' originate? If I remember correctly the late Albert Hubbard once wrote that a noted race horse had a goat put in his stall. He became so accustomed to its presence that when it was stolen the day before a big race, he was upset and lost the race. But as I've heard the expression used the story is not applicable." This explanation is interesting. We'd be happy to hear others.



LITTLE MRS. PTARMIGAN.

Little Mrs. Ptarmigan now has three different feather dresses a year, but there was a time when she didn't, and then she looked like a grouse and didn't like it at all. "You are a grouse!" the birds all told her.

"I'm not!" cried little Mrs. Ptarmigan. And the birds all laughed. So little Mrs. Ptarmigan made up her mind to make herself so different that nobody would take her for a grouse. With this in mind she went to Peter Stitch, the tailor bird who lives in a swinging cradle of a nest made of leaves and sews things for the fairies with his beak.

"Peter," cried little Mrs. Ptarmigan, "I want you to make me two more dresses, one for the fall and one for winter."

"What of?" demanded Peter Stitch, who was always sensible. "I don't know," said little Mrs. Ptarmigan.

"Then," said Peter, "I can't make them and the birds end of it."

Whereupon little Mrs. Ptarmigan stamped her bird-foot at him and Peter blurted out, "I want you," she said severely, "to tell me what to get and I'll get it."

"Oh!" said Peter. "In the first place," said little Mrs.

Ptarmigan, "I want a dress the color of snow."

"Well, that's easy," said Peter. "Whenever you find a white feather floating on the wind, save it. In time you will have enough."

"Then for the fall," said little Mrs. Ptarmigan, "I want a dress as gray as an autumn day."

"Perhaps," said Peter Stitch, "perhaps Old Man Year will give you an autumn day and I'll make your dress of that."

So Mrs. Ptarmigan went away. But, alas! it was very slow finding snow-white feathers, and little Mrs. Ptarmigan told the Wind about her troubles.

"Is that all?" said the Wind. "My, my, instead of blowing the white feathers every which way, I'll blow them all your way." And, do you know, he did.

Why, the birds thought it was snowing, snowing feathers! And when little Mrs. Ptarmigan had a bag full she put the bag upon her back and went to Peter Stitch.

"And, Peter," she said, "while you're about it, make me a pair of feather boots to keep my toes warm when the snow comes. I can't go and ask Old Man Year for a gray gray day until I have them. There's so much snow to cross."

So Peter made little Mrs. Ptarmigan a gown of white feathers and a pair of white feather boots that covered her toes, and when she wore it nobody ever dared call her a grouse, for a grouse hasn't feathers on his toes.

Ex-Lieut.-Governor A. R. McClean died at his home in Riverside, N.B., last night. He was 87 years of age. He was one of the men who promoted Confederation.

To Remove Dandruff Get a 25-cent tin of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. Working most, if not all, of this awful scurf will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff; stop scalp itching and falling hair.

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MISS' AND SMALL WOMAN'S DRESS.

By Anabel Worthington.

The universal note of the season is easily recognized in this frock. It is of the one piece variety, fashioned on lines that are decidedly youthful and finished with perfection of detail. To give it individuality, inserted pleated sections are introduced at the sides.

There is no fitted effect, but a wide belt proves its popularity at normal waistline, where it just gracefully holds the fullness. Fashion favors the wide and narrow belts this season, and this is a model where the wide belt shows to advantage. The sleeve, set in without fullness, is of interesting cut; it forms its own cuff and marks it with button decoration. The collar and neck reverse agree with the belt in tone and, in a season of collars, it is notable that the collar of this frock adds much to the back view of the dress, in rounded outline, descending almost to the waistline.

One may add wool or silk thread embroidery or braid to make the dress more effective, but the use of contrasting goods tempers the plainness enough to satisfy the average taste. Serge with satin or broadcloth in the pale shades for collar, revers and belt will give a neat and serviceable garment. Other materials suitable for such design are gabardine, wool checked materials, velveteen, wool poplin and satin. Its simplicity is evidence enough that the model can be easily reproduced in dressmaking.

The dress pattern No. 8,137 cuts in sizes 14 to 20. To make in size 16 requires 3 1/2 yards 24 inch material, 3/4 yard contrasting goods.



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NEWS OF THE STAGE

INTERESTING ITEMS FOR ALL FOLLOWERS OF THE DRAMA, SPOKEN AND SCREENED

The Brant.

One of the most powerful motion pictures ever screened, and teaching a tremendous lesson to all alike is the feature dramatization now showing at the Brant Theatre of the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's famous and gripping story "The Marrydome of Phillip Srong." With Robert Conness and Tadel Trunelle in the leading roles, supported by a strong and well balanced cast, the picture is one of the deepest heart interest, and last night found favor with an exceptionally large audience. Other strong numbers upon the motion picture bill are the sure-fire mirth provoking Mutt and Jeff cartoons, the seventh episode of the serial "The Shielding Shadow," and a series of the Pathé-Gazette pictures. The Guy Bartlett Trio are comedy entertainers of unusual merit. Their ability, and their singing and dancing performance is of the best. Scranton, Bell and Scranton appear in a sensational wire novelty act introducing a large number of original and daring gymnastic feats.

At the studio is completed.

Though it scarcely seems probable that there is an unoccupied corner in all cabaretdom, it is said that these dancers have already been engaged to appear at one of the New York cabarets. The introduction of the dancers to California is said to have been somewhat tragic in its details, owing to the fact that the players happened to return from Hawaii to the United States during a very cold spell. As a result they were most frightfully uncomfortable and nearly perished from the cold until the ubiquitous oil stove was mistaking in to come to their rescue. The Hawaiian costumes is not designed to meet the exigencies of cold weather and the dancers threatened to throw Art to the four winds if some means of keeping off stove was mistaking in to come to their rescue. The oil stove came as a response to the call of Art.

Vegetable Growers Hold Convention

The Brant County Vegetable Growers' Association met in the City Hall last night and organized for the coming year, officers being elected, and plans laid for future activities. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. J. C. Harrison; Secretary, Mr. J. C. Harrison; Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Harrison; Executive Committee, Messrs. McCamkey, W. Jeffrey, and J. Catchell.

Secretary Hackburn was deputed to attend a convention of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association to be held in Toronto next week.

Probably the most important item of business transacted was the reduction of the annual membership fee from one dollar, to fifty cents. Some time ago, the fee was increased to provide sufficient funds to enable the society to take advantage of the opportunity of co-operative buying, but since the establishment of the Brant County Farmers' Co-operative Society, who have offered to assist the Vegetable Growers to this end, the additional sum of fifty cents is now unnecessary, and hence the reduction. It is expected that the membership of the society will be greatly increased within the next few weeks, both as a result of the decrease in fees and in view of the fact that arrangements are now being made whereby experienced and capable speakers will be brought here from Toronto, and other centers to deliver educative and instructive addresses at some of the meetings.

More Hula-Hula Dancers Coming

Contrary to a well founded superstition, all the Hawaiian hula-hula dancers have not been imported from the mid-Pacific islands yet. Twelve of these interesting phenomena were actually found in Hawaii when the Lasky-Paranout company sent Sessue Hayakawa there for the sittings of "The Bottle Imp," the story which concerns itself with Hawaii. These twelve dancers were brought back to the Lasky studio in California by the company in order to complete the picture, and they will come to New York as soon as their work

FOOD SOURING IN STOMACH CAUSES INDIGESTION, GAS

A laxative to-day saves a sick man's money and gives a squawky child to-morrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, does not eat heartily, full of cold, or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first thing you do when you see that it is. Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a fifty cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

SALEM.

(From our own Correspondent) The ladies of the W. I. held a social at the home of Mrs. W. W. Miller on Monday evening. Quite a number attended, considering the roads. All had a very pleasant time.

Mrs. J. Terryberry is spending a couple of weeks visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity. A few from this place attended the lantern picture and lecture given by Rev. Mr. Jenkins, of St. Jude's, Brantford, in the armories at Burford, in aid of R. C.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Chant spent Sunday at Mr. W. Bonney's. Mrs. W. Poole has returned after spending a few months in Burford.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rutherford entertained a few friends on Monday evening to meet their brother, E. Burgess, who has been in an English hospital since June. It is very interesting to hear of his experiences from home to Ypres, and the life of the boys in the trenches, who are fighting for us.

The prophecy of the "loose birch bark and squirrels not making nests, etc." which was made last October, as the sign of an open winter, has simply failed.

James Torrance, ex-M.P., and chief collector of Customs at Stratford, has been appointed Juvenile Court Judge for Stratford and Perth County.

Lieut.-Col. P. S. Benoit has been transferred from Halifax to Kings-ton to take over the duties as officer commanding the Royal Canadian Engineers.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

I decked with gems my person fat, their jaded feet in search of work that always dodged them, and women turned into the street from squalid rooms that lately lodged them. I saw them by the soup-house tanks, poor, hopeless slaves, all trodden under; and as I looked my diamonds clanked, and made a noise like distant thunder. I saw a stiff fisher from a brook, some worn-out wife or wayward sister; and as I look a startled look, my diamonds seemed to scorch and blister. I've cut out all the precious stones; one can't enjoy that form of granite, while hearing all the walls and grans that rise from this old hard luck planet.

NEW BOOKS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Number of Latest Works of All Classes Placed in Circulation There

- The following is a list of new books that have been placed on the shelves at the Public Library for circulation: Wrack of The Storm, by Maeterlinck. Sketch of The European War, by Bellook. Wilson and the Issues, George Creel. Advance of the English Novel, by Phelps. Mythical Interpretations of the Gospels, by Thorburn. Life of Charles Frohman, by Marcosan. General Joffre, by Recouly. Healing of the Nations, by Carpenter. Life of Joseph Fels, by Mary Frels. Care of Consumptives, by French. Financial Chapters of the War, by Noyes. War and Laughter, by Opperheim. The British Campaign, by A. Conan Doyle. Shakespeares England. International Government, by Woolfe. Maurice Maeterlinck, by C. Clark. Boyhood Stories of Famous Men, by Ca'her. Desmond's Daughter, by Diver. Heritage of The Dixie, by Bowser. Battlefield of Engineering, by Bond. King of the Khyber Rifles, by Mundy. In Another Girl's Shoes, by Ruck. A Sunny Sub-Ittern. Anger's Business, by Harrison. Boy of My Heart. Profit and Loss, by Barr. Cab of the Sleeping Horse, by Scott. Breath of the Dragon, by Fitch. Bodbank, by O'Neil. Under the Big Dipper, by Duby. Canterbury Tales, by Hewlett. Cross of Hearts Desire, by Pawlow. Xenger, by Wherton. Souls Resurgent, by Carter. Incredible Homeymoon, by Nesbitt. Beechey, by VonHuttner. The One Way Trail, by Cullen. Six Pointed Cross, by Roland. Ten Nights in a Barroom, by Arthur. The Bendbox, by Vance. The Day of Days, by Vance. Partners of The Night, by Scott. Anzel Unawares, by Williamson. Equality, by Bellamy. The Golden City, by Verrill. From Pillar to Post, by Bangs. Between Two Worlds, by Curtis. Curious Case of Mary Dupont, by Luckmann.

STORMY WEATHER HARD ON BABY

The stormy, blustery weather which we have during February and March is extremely hard on children. Conditions make it necessary for the mother to keep them in the house. They are often confined to overheated, badly ventilated rooms and catch colds which rack their whole system. To guard against this a box of Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in the house and an occasional dose given, even the baby to keep his stomach and bowels working regularly. This will not fail to break up colds and keep the health of the baby in good condition till the brighter days come along. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ONONDAGA COUNCIL

(From our own Correspondent) Middleport, Jan. 29.—The council met in Mitchell's Hall at 1.30 p.m. All the members present. The communication of C. H. Burgess, Sawyer-Massey and Baines and Peckover were filed. The by-law appointing municipal officers, and which was laid over from last meeting, was finally passed. R. J. McMillan was appointed assessor and R. H. Allan collector. There were some changes made in roadmasters. Messrs. Edwards and Brown presented the report of audit, which was carefully looked over by the council and finally passed, also the Reeve was authorized to issue his order in payment for their services as auditors, the amount being \$15.

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PURITY FLOUR advertisement with image of a flour bag and text: "The dawn of 'More bread and better bread' arrived the day the sun first shone on PURITY FLOUR. MORE BREAD and BETTER BREAD. 10 years of better home-made bread. 5¢"

N.P. SOAP advertisement with image of a soap box and text: "You get extra good value when you buy N.P. SOAP at 15 cents for the big bar. For nearly 50 years women all over Canada have agreed on N.P. SOAP as the best soap for household and laundry—they try other kinds but always come back to good old N.P. 15¢"

Dr. Cassell's Tablets advertisement with image of a man's portrait and text: "Astonishing how my Strength and Fitness came back," says Mr. Inman, a Winnipeg business man, cured by Dr. Cassell's Tablets. "It was astonishing how my strength fact, pointed to a nervous breakdown, and fitness came back," says Mr. Inman. "It was then a friend told me about Dr. Cassell's Tablets, and I got some to try. The first result was that I could sleep at night, and then my health rapidly improved. It was really astonishing how my strength and fitness came back. I may add that some time ago my mother was very ill with pernicious anemia. I urged her to take Dr. Cassell's Tablets, but she would not, so I crushed them down and gave them in food without her knowing. She was confined to bed before she slept very disturbed. Everything, in well and bright."

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