

INGLE NOOK

THE RIGHT WORD AT THE RIGHT TIME

Dear Dame Durden:—Would you kindly answer this question in your query column:—

1. What is the most appropriate reply to a gentleman when he asks a lady for the pleasure of a skate with her?

2. And is it necessary to reply when the skate is finished when the gentleman says, "Thank you?"

A PICKWICKIAN ON ICE.

(It is quite possible, and much preferable, to get away from the stiffness of formal etiquette without going to the other extreme and appearing too eager and gushing. If it is someone you know very well who makes the request, a friendly smile and a "Certainly, Jack" is what will please him most. "I shall be pleased," in a slightly more formal tone is enough in response to an acquaintance.

When the skate is over and your escort has thanked you, a smile is sufficient reward, or you may say in reply, "I have enjoyed it, too." Don't be stiff about it; that is worse than being too grateful. I'm sure you know just the friendly "happy medium" that will make the boys want another skate with a girl who knows how to show that she is pleased, but not too pleased. D.D.)

THE AMATEUR BOTANISTS

THE ROOT OF THE PLANT

One of the miracles of the World About Us is, that no matter in what position a seed is placed in the earth, the root that is hidden in that seed, when it has germinated, always turns down into the soil, and the stalk tip as invariably turns up seeking light and air. The pointed end of the embryo in the seed is the starting point of the root and is called the *radicle*.

The root has two distinct uses:—To form an anchor for the plant enabling it to defy wind and storm, and, of even greater importance, to find and furnish the nourishment required by the plant that it may grow and mature as Nature intended. The plant can take food from the soil only in liquid form, but the necessary acids and salts are soluble in water and so the root drinks in these in the form of liquid.

Roots are not passive feeders, devouring only what is brought to them. They go after what they want with surprising activity. They reach out their hair-like tendrils and strain and stretch in order to obtain the food the plant needs. They will surmount the greatest obstacles to satisfy desire, even to thrusting aside and splitting rocks. In this effort to maintain the plant, they grow in length and strength. They are pliable and easily twisted, but not easily broken, fitted, you see, to worm their way through the soil after food.

All roots which are produced from the radicle and in a direct line with it are true roots and are generally called *primary roots*. The primary roots may

be divided into two main classes, *tap roots* and *fibrous roots*. The tap root is characterised by a thick, fleshy root much larger than any of the branches springing from it. It has the power to store up food for the plants future needs, as well as to gather it. The turnip, beet, carrot, mallow and radish belong to this class. The fibrous roots are a mass of fine branches coming out immediately from the radicle in all directions. The various grasses and grains are excellent examples of this kind of root. Sometimes the fibrous root will thicken as in the peony, until the branches appear almost as large as the tap variety; they are then said to be *fascicled*.

You have all noticed how the end of a runner on a strawberry vine will root itself in the ground and yet have no connection with the radicle. The verbenas does the same. All such roots not produced directly from the radicle are called *secondary* or *adventitious*. You can see them also above ground springing from the lower joints of the corn plant.

When their span of life is considered, roots are of three kinds, annual, biennial and perennial. If its whole life, from the germination of the seed producing it to the maturing of the seed it produces, is complete in one season it is an annual. It is biennial if it does not flower and ripen its fruit until the second season. It is perennial if it lives on for years. The trunk or stem as in trees or shrubs may remain, or the stem may die down and the root still retain its life as in the peony, dahlia, iris.

DAME DURDEN.

FRIENDS IN THE INGLE NOOK

Dear Dame Durden:—I guess you think I have forgotten the Ingle Nook, but I haven't by any means. I have been so very busy studying, buying presents, etc., that I hadn't much time for anything else. I had a good jolly vacation and "Father Christmas" was very good to me.

I have found out who "Prairie maiden" is and have had some nice letters from her. I also have another nice correspondent through your page.

The weather is very cold now. I froze my cheek going to school this morning and of course that isn't very pleasant. I am going to a party to-night and hope to have a good time.

I have been having a good time reading some good books lately. I do like to read books, especially good, wholesome love-stories. Do you see any harm in reading them?

I will close, wishing the Ingle Nook every success.

Man.

MINNEHABA.

(No, my dear, I do not see any harm in reading love-stories of the good, wholesome type, so long as the reading does not conflict with any duty at the time. If you can get "Great Books as Life Teachers" by Newell Dwight Hillis, you will find both pleasure and profit in reading it.

I hope the party was a huge success, and that Jack Frost paid you no further attentions. He touched the tip of my ear one cold Sunday. D.D.)

THE PRAIRIE FLOWERS

Dear Dame Durden:—I am pleased to see that the Ingle Nook is taking up the subject of Botany. I am sure that we shall derive a great deal of pleasure and profit from a study of our Canadian plants. I found several beautiful specimens last summer, but failed to get a name for them. Our country is so rich in beautiful wild flowers and other plants that I think it is a pity we do not become better acquainted with them. The botany class will overcome this difficulty. I am sure it will be a great success. Though it is the middle of winter I do not think it is too soon for you to waken us up.

I enclose a recipe for a Spanish Bun which is very good. It is as follows:

3 eggs, 2 cups brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, 1 teaspoon allspice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon cloves, 1 cup sour milk, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 cups of flour. Bake in a bread pan.

Wishing the Page every success, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Manitoba.

KELVIN GROVE.

numbers of foreigners, and they rule the vote,—a few hundreds of poorest grade bring in "sweeping majorities." Well, that is rather mannish talk for women, so I would like to speak on another subject that seems to be interesting Western women more than female franchise, viz: the dower law. My husband would hardly believe that such a law was lacking here. He says, "All women deserve one-third, some one half, but most of them more than that." Of course, if all men were like him it would not be needful to have a dower, but, unfortunately, many are not so fair-minded. As I am "No. Two" he should know what he is talking about. There is another subject that interests me and that is the union of the churches. I think it would be a grand thing, for there is so much ill-feeling started sometimes and fostered, by the different church members which only serves to retard God's cause. We live in a very nice neighborhood and all my friends have been so kind to me regardless of creed, and it does hurt so to find they have hard feelings for one another, just from misunderstanding



GENUINE LITTLE PAPOSES

(It is to all you interested people and bigotry. I am looking for help to make that botany class a success. We are very glad to have you with us. D.D.)

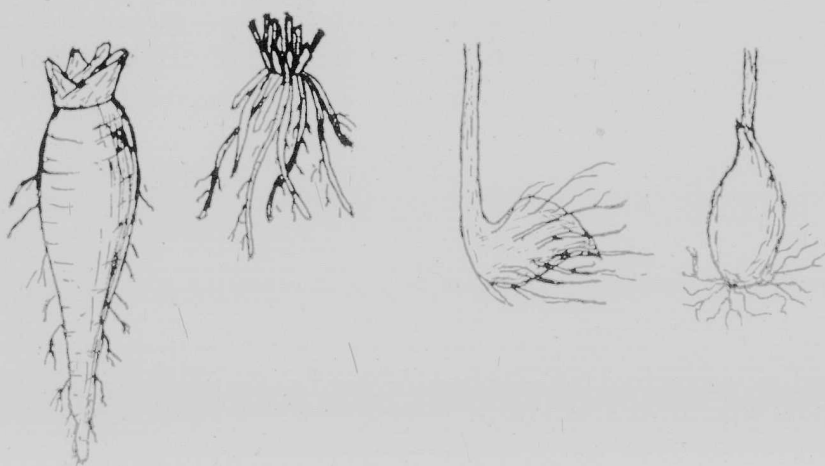
INGLE NOOK NEWS NOTES

"Wishful to learn" sends kindly greetings but has not felt well enough to write letters. She also sent some good recipes which appeared on page 70, January 13th issue.

WHO CAN HELP

Dear Dame Durden and the Ingle Nook:—I have been interested in this corner for so long that I feel as though I "belonged" to the Ingle Nook, and have often thought of writing before, but thought that nineteen dozen were surely members enough. Now, however, so few are writing, and I feel so disappointed when I turn to the page, that I will try and do my share. Like "Nameless" I never wanted to vote, but have often felt indignant at the men folk for taking so little interest in their country. Around here are such

Well, I had a very different letter in mind when I started this and have written so much that there will not be space for my wants. My husband has been ill for over a year now, and the doctor cannot help his case at all. We were in Winnipeg last summer, but they told me there was no hope for him. He is perfectly helpless. I have four small children, the eldest just past six, and I need help. There are a number of Galician girls here, but they do not fill the bill. What I really need most is a girl who could go to school with my little girl and help me night and morning. I have heard that there is a Home in Winnipeg where girls are sent out for a certain time for their board, clothing and schooling, and such an one is what I need. I would willingly give the managers leave to refer to my neighbors, the minister, doctor, or any other person as to the home and treatment the girl would receive. Of course, I should want a girl whom one could trust with little girls, as there is evil enough, and it is soon enough learned without having it taught them. If you could give me



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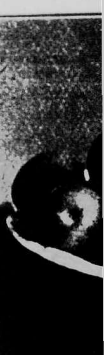


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