

Poison Gas to Kill Mice?

A Wisconsin farmer uses the poisonous gases passing out of the exhaust pipe of a tractor engine to rid his land of gophers, woodchuck and other burrowing pests.

Mrs. Manness Head of Trinity Chapter

lection of Eastern Star Officers Held Recently at Annual Meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Manness was elected worthy matron of Trinity Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at a meeting of that organization held recently. Other officers are: Worthy patron, Sid Jones; associate matron, Mrs. Harry Hooper; conductress, Mrs. Harry Luney; associate conductress, Mrs. Eva Noble; treasurer, Miss Florence Wootton; secretary (re-elected) Miss Annie B. Steele; trustee, Mrs. Thomas Rowe; auditors, Miss Ella Upshall, Miss Laura Baillie and W. W. Gammage. Other officers will be appointed by the worthy matron before the installation which takes place in January.

CLUB NEWS

PUPILS GIVE RECITAL.

At the home of Mrs. Tabraham, a very delightful recital was given by the St. John's pupils of Mrs. Grant Harris. About 75 friends motored in and enjoyed the music. Violin solos and trios were given by Jean Boyd, Howard James, and Ray Lawson of London; piano solos by Glenda Highway, Ora Smith, Marjorie Smith, Annie Webb, Marjorie Webb, Edith Carey, Reta Smith, Connie Crockett; piano duets, by Marjorie and Annie Webb, Marjorie and Ora Smith, and Reta Match and Mrs. Grant Harris; Miss Mottashed sang several songs which were greatly appreciated. After the music Mrs. Tabraham entertained her guests at supper, the evening closing with dancing and games.

LUCKY SEVEN CLUB.

Plans for a Christmas entertainment for the girls of the Salvation Army Home are to be made at a meeting of the Lucky Seven Club to night at the home of Miss Helen Laine, Byron avenue.

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER, I. O. D. E.

There will be no meeting of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., on Wednesday, the regular day of meeting. But there is a possibility that Mrs. Allan McLean, the municipal regent, will call the members of the chapter together early in the week for a final settling of business before the New Year.

PLANS CHRISTMAS TREATS.

Meeting at the home of Miss Olive Carly, King street, last evening, Miss Meredith's committee of the Catholic Women's League planned to plan treats to both Mount St. Joseph and Mount Hope for Christmas. Sets of tools will be taken to the boys, and wool to be made into garments will be given to the little girls. The old ladies and men at Mount Hope will receive fruit and tobacco. Candy will also be taken to the children at the hospital. Misses Marjorie Cox and Leone Maynard were appointed in charge of the treats. The committee received a generous donation from the league to carry on this work. The meeting, which was largely attended, was presided over by Miss Mary Hendry and a delicious supper was served by the hostess.

AIDES PLAN BRIDGE.

At a meeting of the Vocational Therapy Aides held at the home of Miss Alma Price, Oxford street, plans were made for a bridge to be held early in the New Year. The members are working energetically towards the securing of a vocational aide or the Children's Hospital, but as yet nothing definite has been done in this respect.

OPENING PARIS, BRANTFORD HIGHWAY SET FOR DEC. 12

Paris, Dec. 10.—Mayor J. M. Patterson has announced that the highway will be officially opened on Wednesday next, at a point about half way between Paris and Brantford. The Hon. G. M. Henry will open the route and the council of Paris, Brantford and Brant County will be present.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a banquet in the Arlington Hotel, Paris, to which some 65 will be invited. Mrs. B. Travers, sen., poured tea, assisted by Mrs. John Kelly and Mrs. H. Hatch at the reception held Saturday on the 65th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Maus' wedding. Miss Charlotte A. Buttery spent the week-end as the guest of Miss Jean Walton, Stratford.

DYSPEPSIA WAS SO BAD

Could Hardly Eat 'Anything'

Mrs. C. Stone, Nanticoke, Ont., writes:—"Some time ago I had a very serious attack of dyspepsia, and was also troubled with gas on my stomach. I could hardly eat anything, and very often had pains after meals. I had used different medicines, but they didn't seem to do me any good. At last I happened to run in the track of Burdock Blood Bitters, and after using it for a short time I felt a lot better. I continued its use until I was completely relieved and now I am ready to recommend it to anyone troubled as I was."

Burdock Blood Bitters is manufactured only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Adv't.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

The Woman Whose Husband Is a Slave-Driver—The Girl Who Escaped From a Parental Prison Only to Find Herself Locked in a Matrimonial Jail. Her Fiance Won't Tolerate Her Eyeglasses

Dear Miss Dix—I have been married for four years and have continued with the job I had before marriage all that time. We have our house almost paid for and could live easily on my husband's salary but when I suggest stopping work and staying home he becomes furious at the very idea.

When I get home it is nearly 7 o'clock and by the time I have cooked dinner it is 8. After that comes the washing, ironing, cleaning and all the other necessary work. I have found out that I entire day to keeping her home. My husband never helps with the housework. I have found out that I have nerves which I never had before. My husband also objects to the very idea of our having children and I adore children. I am so tired and I feel that I have come almost to the end of the rope. What shall I do? WEARY.

Answer: Revolt my poor woman. Rebel. And do it at once. Otherwise you will either be dead or in a sanatorium with a nervous breakdown which will leave you an invalid for life.

You have evidently had the misfortune to marry a man who is a slave-driver and who doesn't care whether he works you to death or not so long as he gets the benefits of your labor. Wives are cheap labor. When he has killed you he can marry another woman. So, if you are not anxious to sacrifice yourself to save your husband a few dollars, you will have to call a halt on your present mode of life, for no flesh and blood could stand the strain that you are putting upon it.

I believe in a woman helping her husband. I believe that it is very often the right thing and the wise thing for a woman to keep on after marriage with the gainful occupation she has followed before marriage in order to save up, and buy a home, and get a start in the world.

But a woman's duty to her husband depends altogether on his attitude toward her.

If he is appreciative and sympathetic and if he tries to save her and help her, she owes him much. But if he is selfish, and inconsiderate, and grating, and tries to wring the last ounce of service out of her, she owes him nothing—absolutely nothing.

And one thing is certain. No woman ought to keep house who is working outside of the home. She is trying to do two jobs and it will kill any woman on earth. No woman has the strength to pound a typewriter all day, or stand behind a counter, or toil in a factory, and then come home and cook, and wash, and iron, and sew.

So, Weary Wife, use a little common sense. Have a little courage. Give up your job or give up the housework. If your husband doesn't care enough for you to want to save you, save yourself. Ninety per cent of the men in the world treat women just as the women permit themselves to be treated. Don't forget that.

DOROTHY DIX.

Answer: Many girls find that they have jumped from the frying pan into the fire when they marry to get away from unpleasant homes, and the marriage jail is a more difficult jail to escape from than is the parental prison.

There are plenty of foolish girls who think that marriage means freedom and that if they can only get away from mamma's nagging and papa's lectures they can do just as they please and that life will be a perpetual joyride, running about to places of amusement and buying everything they like.

But they find that husbands are a lot harder to get along with than parents are, that mamma's chaperone is nothing to the eye that jealous husbands keep upon them; that papa's growls were innocuous compared to the things that angry husbands say, and that even the best husbands expect their wives to stay at home and get dinner instead of trailing off to the movies and coming back with something in a paper bag that they call dinner.

For the girl who has gotten herself into this sort of a box there are only two courses open. One is the divorce route, which is messy and unpleasant, and which will put her back in the home she left because she did not like it. The other is to make the best of her bargain and to be such a good, faithful wife that her husband will learn to trust her and give her more liberty.

But it is bad business, and a losing one, marrying for anything but love, for if you loved your husband, N. Y., you could be satisfied just to be with him.

DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Miss Dix—I have very bad eyesight, and for over fourteen years have been wearing glasses constantly. I am in love with a young man who objects very much to them and will not take me out when I have them on. So for two years I have not worn them in the evening when we went to places together. Now my eyes feel the strain and I am afraid I won't be able to continue going without my glasses any more. Do you think he might eventually learn to care for me enough not to care whether I wore them or not?

FLORENCE.

Answer: "Love me love my glasses" should be your motto. If the young man doesn't like you, glasses and all, he doesn't care for you. Don't risk your eyesight for any man. Cupid may be blind, but he doesn't aim his darts at blind women; and you may be certain that you will not win this hypercritical youth by ruining your sight.

DOROTHY DIX.

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Danny and Nanny Are Terrified When Mr. Snake Appears

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse watched Salamander the Gopher stuff the great pockets of his cheeks with grass. He stuffed it in with his paws, but he did it so quickly that they could hardly see how it was done. They were so interested that they forgot everything else. They forgot that they were in a land strange to them. They forgot that there might be such a thing as danger.

Suddenly Mr. Mockingbird began to scream in great excitement "Snake, snake, snake!" he screamed.

At Mr. Mockingbird's first cry Salamander turned with surprising quickness, and before Danny and Nanny really understood what Mr. Mockingbird was saying Salamander disappeared in his little mound of sand. Then they realized that the cry of warning meant. Of course, their first thought was to run. But where should they run to? They didn't even know where that Snake was. They might run right into his mouth.



MRS. ARTHUR BRICKENDEN,

who will be a dance hostess during the Christmas season, entertaining at the Hunt Club on December 26.

RYERSON CLINIC IS STORMED BY CHILDREN AND MOTHERS

Annual Christmas Tea Brings Out Large Numbers to the School To Be Examined by Doctors and Nurses.

FORTY-SEVEN CHILDREN VISIT RYERSON SCHOOL

There was no need to announce to the passer-by that there was a baby clinic at the Ryerson School yesterday afternoon. The baby carriages parked at the rear were sufficient evidence. And when one had worked one's way in through the barricade of buggies into the school, the prattling of small voices and the infant gurgling with an occasional wail all bore testimony to the fact that Miss Bertha Smith and her child welfare nurses were holding court.

The occasion was, indeed, an auspicious one, for was it not the first of the Christmas teas, which the Child Welfare Nurses, co-operating with the mothers' clubs of the city, will hold in the London Schools this week.

Forty-three children with their mothers visited the Ryerson clinic yesterday, keeping two doctors busy, not to mention a small army of nurses. Dr. F. Ferguson and Dr. Harold Little were the examiners, and a long array of children came under their notice.

But doctors and nurses have become quite an old story with the mothers and babies. They find them there at every clinic. The new feature was hot tea and cake for the mothers and milk and wonderful anti-stress for the children. And such a time as they did have. As mothers sipped their tea, they chatted together about "Tommy" and "Milly," and how much they had gained since coming to the clinic. And as they talked, the small children in question rolled happily on the floor or scrambled about the big tables. It was just a happy family party all around. And then when they left, came the biggest surprise of all. For each child was one of the school clutching a round, yellow orange in his chubby fist.

The tea didn't pour itself, how-



Never had they dreamed that there could be such a big Snake.

breath. They squatted close to the ground, as motionless as two stones. They were so frightened they couldn't have moved to save their lives.

But Mr. Gopher Snake didn't see them. He had seen Salamander, and now he glided straight for that little sand pile of Salamander's. Danny and Nanny wondered if he would go in after Salamander. But he didn't. No, sir, he didn't. For a moment or two he acted as if in a bad temper. He was disappointed, and disappointments often put people in a bad temper.

But in a few minutes, he was over it and glided away. Mr. Mockingbird following him and screaming at the top of his lungs. "Oh," sobbed Nanny, "I wish I were back home."

"I don't," said Danny stoutly. "But do wonder why he didn't go down after Salamander?"

Had Danny gone over to that little mound of sand he would have found out why. There was no doorway. Salamander had closed his door by packing it full of sand underneath.

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The next time, "Nanny's Courage" fails her.

LIFE BURDENED BY DYSPEPSIA

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CONSIDER THAT WORLD HAS NOT GROWN WORSE

Ministers Believe, However, That Shallow Optimism Is Dangerous.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Dec. 10.—The Ministerial Association of Kitchener, Galt and Guelph, at a conference here this afternoon, went on record as optimists after hearing a paper on the laxity in morals of the present age. It was the unanimous opinion that while the present age was no worse than preceding periods in the history of the world, there were causes for pessimism, and that the church had to guard against the shallow optimism which refuses to recognize those causes. The alleged laxity in the moral life of nations was due, it was felt, to materialism and undue emphasis of democratic ideas, the spread of pseudo scientific ideas and institutional religion. The conference was held at the King Street Baptist Church, following a luncheon served by the ladies of the congregation.

Liquor Charge.

Steve Chris against whom a charge of having liquor for sale was withdrawn on Friday, was arrested again this afternoon by Plainclothesman arrel, acting for the provincial police and immediately taken before Justice of the Peace Martin Hueneberg charged with selling liquor. He pleaded not guilty, and was allowed out on \$2,000 bail.

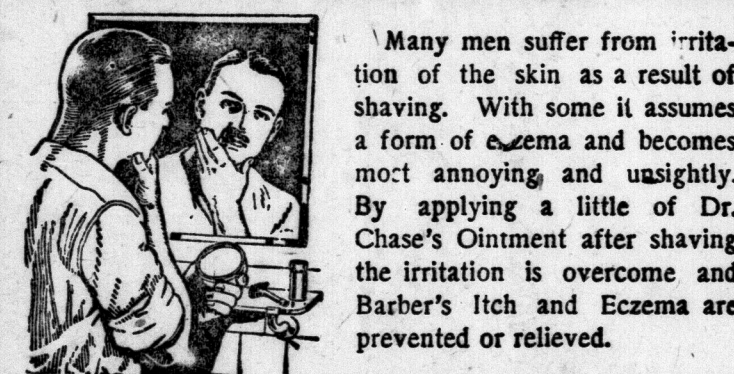
Measles Outbreak.

Seventeen houses were placarded in Waterloo today, as a result of the outbreak of a measles epidemic. It is stated that all the cases are out of St. Louis separate school, and that measures will be taken at the school to check the spread of the disease.

Goes To Mercer.

Myrtle Bowles, aged 30, was sentenced to six months in the Mercer Reformatory on a nominal charge of vagrancy. She was taken from a local hotel here a few weeks ago, when a quantity of narcotics was found on her person. The magistrate sentenced here, however, only on the vagrancy charge.

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