

...LOCAL ENIGMAS SOLVED...

Many Queries from Puzzled Residents of the Maple City Have Accumulated—The Expert Deals with a few of Them.

During the absence of the Foolish Expert, who has been out in the Canadian West trying to find out why coyotes like sheep, his correspondence has accumulated. He hastens, herewith, to answer the anxious inquiries submitted to him.

Are mushrooms a food? anxious inquirer.

We refer you to Mr. Larin, the barber.

Are Canadian chicken fighters protected in Detroit?—Game Sport.

The Chatham men are. The sporty Detroit alderman fixes the sheriff.

What's in a name?—Wm. Shakespeare.

A good deal sometimes, William. There is a Russian Jew who has 26 letters in his.

"How can I get to be a winning comedian?"—Wm. Blackface.

The receipt is now held by Burney Weldon. Perhaps W. W. Scane could tell you.

What is the latest in ladies' spring suits?—Alright Yes.

That's easy. The Maple City maid who last visited Detroit.

What is a good cure for rheumatism?—Sufferer.

Cats, I believe, the latest remedy is.

..City Cyclists..

...CONSTITUTION...

By the kindness of the secretary The Planet is enabled to give the following extracts from the constitution of the amalgamated association of cyclists of the city of Chatham recently incorporated:

Article 1.—The object of this Association shall be to remove from the fair name of sidewalk cyclists the unjust aspersions that our natural enemies, the City Council, have cast upon us.

Article 2.—The treasurer of the Association shall receive all dues and hold the same for the purpose of defraying legal expenses incident to suits brought against the city by reason of bicyclists being damaged as a result of riding on the city streets.

Article 3.—This Association puts itself on record as unalterably opposed to riding on the road. What we want is the privilege of riding on the sidewalks.

Article 4.—A model citizen is one who gets off the sidewalk when he sees a cyclist coming.

Article 5.—This Association demands that citizens keep their children off the sidewalks so as to avoid accidents.

Article 6.—This Association offers a reward of \$10,000 for the discovery—dead or alive—of the man who invented the by-law forbidding cycling on the sidewalks.

CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN

Charlotte Cushman, the actress, was in love but once in her life. She met in Cincinnati, where she was playing, an actor named Clark, with whom she fell in love. Through her efforts Clark was advanced to leading man in the company, and the course of true love ran smoothly.

One night the actress met a strange woman behind the scenes between the acts.

The woman came up to her and addressed her thus:

"You are Charlotte Cushman, the great actress. Haven't you got enough men to admire you without coming between man and wife and robbing me of my husband?"

"Your husband!" cried Miss Cushman, getting excited.

"Yes, and you have taken or you are trying to take him from me," continued the ragged woman, looking Miss Cushman full in the face.

"Who is your husband?"

"Conrad Clark," replied the woman, "the father of this child," pointing to a half starved, thin little child in her arms.

Miss Cushman started as if she had been shot.

She went through her part that night as usual—acted it splendidly—brought down the house; then, after the performance, she sent for Clark to come to her dressing room. Clark knocked and then opened the door. She brought forward to him his wife and baby, who had been waiting in the dressing room to receive him.

Such a reception! Charlotte Cushman never looked or acted so grandly on the stage in all her life as she did that night in her dressing room. She waved Clark away with a greater majesty than ever as Queen Catherine she waved away Cardinal Wolsey, and then going to her hotel probably she had a good crying spell.

But she never loved again.

What is an organism? I saw the word in a newspaper the other day and I can't find any one who knows what it is.—Jewshap.

An organism is a queer species of beast somewhat akin to the gynecolus. Fragmentary skeletons of this extinct species may be found at the British museum. It is believed that the organism succumbed to the encroachments of his inveterate foe, the organism, in accordance with Darwin's law of the survival of the fittest.

Is it proper for a man to wed his widow's sister?—One in Doubt.

Ask John Lee, M. P. P. He's the one that solves jokes and communicates with the unseen.

I hear the 24th Regiment have been invited to St. Thomas. Where is that place?—Militia Man.

Ask Bugle Major Plumeridge. He took a week off and finally located it on the 13th of last month—nuff said; unlucky for Bill!

Will you kindly tell me when the next big fight comes off?—Art. Mock.

Which one, Arthur? Between N. H. and P. D. or between G. G. and the L. E.? Spurs are a feature of the latter contest.

Was the Banner indicted for contempt of court on its recent outbreak on the Gamey charges?—Anxious little scribbler.

No, sonny, the Banner was not. It is understood that your sympathetic friends effectually presented the plea of mental disability.

THE HORSES

In caring for work horses, I like to give them a drink of water the first thing in the morning, then some hay, and finally their grain the last thing before going to breakfast, writes W. W. Farmer, in The Orange-Judd Farmer. By letting them eat hay awhile before feeding the grain, they are not quite so hungry, and will not eat so fast. If there is something in the stomach the grain will do more harm than good. In condition if worked steadily without short stops, than he will if hurried and allowed to stand still long at a time. The last half hour before quitting time, he should have short stops often, when he gets to the stable he can have some water. At noon give hay while the driver gets his dinner, then water and feed the grain. Give a little water when they go out to work if they want it.

At night the horses should have some water when they come in. Then give hay and afterward more water before they have their grain. If one does not feed the same at each feeding the horses should have the largest amount at night when they are going to have a long rest. I may seem over-cautious about giving water, but the horse wants plenty of it, and he will get it if you will see them go and drink often and take a little at a time. In feeding horses one should watch each animal, as the same rule will not apply to all.

Much can be done to keep the horse in health by careful feeding and changing the feed.

One can do his horses much good with wheat bran. There seems to be something in it that just fits the horse. One of our most successful feeders mixed corn, oats and barley equal parts by measure and ground then fed to his work horses. He said each driver fed his team, and every few days they had a case of colic.

Finally he mixed a bag of bran with each bag of meal and told the boys to give the horses all they would eat. He had no more colic.

Bright clover hay is good for horses. Most people seem to think that timothy hay is best and for driving horses I think it is, but if they can have hay with just a little well cured clover, they are more easily kept thrifty. One should be careful, and limit the hay for most horses, for if allowed all they will eat, they take entirely too much for their own good.

When given straw, some horses will not eat enough to keep their digestive organs in good order and they will soon get out of condition.

Linseed oil cake meal is a great help to building up a horse, or for fattening and improving the coat. In feeding, watch each horse closely and do not let him get too much.

While a single handful is enough for some horses, others will eat more than a quart.

A BLESSING TO CHILDREN

Strong words, but truthful, and the experience of a mother who has thoroughly tested the value of Baby's Own Tablets. Giving her experience with the use of this medicine, Mrs. George Hardy, of Fourch, N. S., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets and find them a blessing to children, and I am not satisfied without a box in the house at all times."

These Tablets cure all the minor troubles of babyhood and childhood. They are prompt and effective in their action, and are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug. They always do good—they cannot possibly do harm. Good-natured, healthy children are found in all homes where Baby's Own Tablets are used. You can get these Tablets from any druggist, or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.



MRS. BURTON HARRISON.

She is a Notable Housewife as Well as an Author.

Mrs. Burton Harrison is not a successful authoress and playwright only, but a notable housewife, again disproving the old fashioned theory that to write—or, to use the now almost obsolete term, to be a bluestocking—was the corollary of a lack of all housewifely qualifications, and even of proper pride in one's own appearance.

Mrs. Harrison exercises a careful supervision over all her household matters, the marketing as well, and not a detail escapes her keen eyes. Her charming old fashioned home in East Twenty-ninth street, in New York, as well as Sea Urchins, her cottage at Bar Harbor, which overlooks Frenchman's bay, are both as spotless and spotless at all times as though some invisible maid with equally invisible dust cloths and brushes were continually on her rounds.

The second floor of the Twenty-ninth street home is Mrs. Harrison's very own, from the study in front and through the large and airy sleeping room to the rest of the suit in the back. The study is a sunny room facing the south, with three large win-



MRS. BURTON HARRISON.

dows shaded by heavy net and with soft droll hangings. The hardwood floor is partially covered with oriental rugs, and the woodwork is white.

Low, well filled bookcases are placed around the room, and above them are a few vases and some water colors. There are many views of Venice, and the bright blue of Italian skies strikes one on entering. A low couch, some easy chairs and several small tables, including a tea table, and Mrs. Harrison's Chippendale desk, with its graceful curves, comprise the simple furnishings of this study. The large bedroom beyond is hung with toilet de Genes brought from Genoa by the authoress. These are in deep red on white, and the birds, vines, crocodiles and even the monkeys—which last adorn only the rarest of these so called "tapestries"—are all of deep red. Here also is a few water colors are hung.

Mrs. Harrison's dining room is her especial pride, and in it are the old mahogany pieces coming originally from England and used in the home of the Virginia Carys, for it will be remembered that Mrs. Harrison before her marriage was Miss Constance Cary. Here also is the old family silver, some of it very antique. Ancestral portraits hang on the walls. The effect produced is that of stepping into an old English dining room of a century or more ago instead of a modern American room.

Attractive Mothers.

It is the duty of a mother to have the admiration as well as the love of her husband and children. She may always hold their love, but their admiration she must work for by keeping herself bright, young in manner if not in face and entertaining.

One reason why the average woman wears out and grows old and plain is that through a mistaken idea of duty she lays out for herself a scheme of duty of which every hour is filled with work, with rare and short periods of relaxation.

This she follows religiously for years, feeling that she has done her duty because every household event occurs regularly and on time. She, however, soon becomes merely a machine, a thing without life of itself or volition. In other words, she settles into a rut and goes around and around on the same track everlastingly.

Can any woman keep brightness, originality of thought or even mere pretentiousness such a life, and without those things how can she keep her husband and growing children full of loving admiration, which is one of the strongest claims by which she can bind them to her? Decidedly no.

Constant association with others of her own age or younger, with her children and their friends, and an occasional period of recreation and relaxation are what the average woman requires to make her attractive.

To Give a Little Dinner.

Six or eight persons are enough for a pleasant dinner. At each place should be a place plate. On it are the napkin, plainly folded, and a roll. The roll may be laid in the fold so that it may be seen when the guest takes up the napkin. At the left are three forks, at the right two knives, a soup spoon and an oyster fork. The glasses to be used are grouped uniformly at the right.

The oysters on the shell are served

on plates with cracked ice, with half a lemon in the center, six oysters for each person. These are put on the place plates as soon as the guests have removed napkins and rolls. When all the oyster plates have been removed, soup is served, the plate of soup being placed on the place plate. After this course the soup plates and place plates are removed and a warm plate placed for the next course. After the meat course plates for the salad course are placed, and a bowl of salad is passed, each guest helping himself. The table is then cleared for dessert.

On each dessert plate as it is brought rests a smaller plate, and on it are a finger bowl and the small silver needed for dessert. Beneath the finger bowl is a dainty dolly. The guest removes the finger bowl and dolly to the left. After the dessert the plates are removed by the maid, leaving the plate for fruit. Coffee is passed on a tray after the ladies have returned to the drawing room and is served to the gentlemen in the dining room while they are smoking.

Jealousy and Its Cure.

While a wife may win her husband's confidence, she must never attempt to force it. She must in some way let him know that perfect truth between them is the only basis of a life in common. Even when the truth is unpleasant it is better than smooth dissimulation. To maintain happiness and a perfect relation between the husband and wife once the shade of doubt has darkened either mind the business and social relations of each should be made known to the other, and the first barrier of deceit should be torn down by a full and honest acknowledgment of any wrong that has been done. This is the only cure for jealousy. Mutual confidence must disarm suspicion and destroy jealousy, which are the gravest enemies of life's most serious, most beautiful partnership. White lies between husband and wife are to be abhorred, for the life of each is to be made an open book for the other.

Windows of the House.

To the passerby there is probably no one feature which lends more character to the general aspect of the house than do the windows, says Country Life in America. Windows are at once the eyes and the smile which light up the architectural face of a dwelling. Through the saving grace of well designed and well placed windows the humblest house may assume a charm all its own. They attract unconsciously and by contrast dignify even the plainest portions of the house. The successful home builder must wisely consider the distribution, placing and character of his windows. Moreover, every window should receive double consideration in each of these respects, for it must look well both outside and inside.

Bad Manicuring.

Many women suffer from the results of bad manicuring. First aid to these sufferers is the advice to give up having their nails manicured unless they can find a good manicure. Here is a good remedy for chopped and mutilated cuticle: Buy 10 cents' worth of pure olive oil and a small tin cup. Heat the oil over a gas jet, taking care that it does not get too hot. Soak the fingers in the oil for fifteen minutes, reheating the oil if it gets too cool. Do this three times a week, and in two weeks there will be surprising results.

Homemade Pastry Bag.

A homemade pastry bag costs less than one ready made and is quite as serviceable. Buy a twelve inch square of rubber cloth. Fold it together from two opposite corners, sew the edges together and you have a serviceable bag. Cut off the point and make it large enough to hold a pastry tube when slipped inside. The tubes cost 15 cents each, and three are sufficient for the woman who enjoys a little fancy cooking and pretty garnishing of everyday dishes.—Good Housekeeping.

Does Your Child Snore?

How many white mothers know whether their children breathe well or ill? How many take the pains to teach their offspring the office of the nose as compared with that of the mouth? How many are intelligent enough to realize that the difference between letting a child sleep opened mouthed and close mouthed is the difference between a nuisance and decent peace?

Ironing Ribbons.

In ironing ribbons instead of placing the ribbon on the ironing board and passing the iron over and over the surface the result will be more satisfactory if the ribbon is drawn from under the iron a few inches at a time, taking care that the edges are kept even. Else the ribbon will present a crooked appearance.

Night Sewing.

Busy mothers who find it necessary to sew in the evening are recommended by the mother of a large family to use self threading needles for night work and thus save time and eye strain; also to confine these evening efforts so far as possible to white sewing.

Ordinary glassware may be made to look almost as fine as cut glass if it be washed in hot soda, dried on a linen towel and then rubbed, while still warm, with tissue paper.

Clean pillows by putting them on the grass in a drenching rain. After being well soaked they should be squeezed and hung in a shady place to dry.

The corks of bottles or jars containing sticky substances should be dipped in salad oil before they are replaced.

Making the bed should be the last duty in putting a room to rights.

NEWS BY WIRE

Sir William Macdonald has endowed a new chair of moral philosophy at McGill University, Montreal.

Hon. E. J. Davis introduced a bill in the Legislature to extend the privileges of the veterans' land grant act.

Seven hundred and twenty-five carpenters, 700 builders' laborers and 15 granite went on strike in Toronto.

Mr. C. S. Hyman of London has been appointed Chairman of the special Committee on Redistribution at Ottawa.

Private letters received at Vienna say over 300 people were killed in the anti-Semite riots at Kishenev, Bessarabia.

C. C. McDonald, a wealthy rancher of Russell, Man., was drowned in the attempt to swim the Assiniboine River.

At Elko, near Fernie, B.C., an explosion of dynamite took place on the Great Northern Railway line. Two laborers were killed.

At Frankfort (Ky.) James Howard was found guilty of the murder of Governor William Goebel, and was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Rev. J. D. Robertson, M.A., D.Sc., of North Berwick, Scotland, has been appointed Professor of Apologetics, Homiletics and Practical Training in Knox College, Toronto.

At Quebec to-day Mr. Hanna of the Canadian Northern Railway has put his new staff in charge of the Great Northern road, of which the C.N.R. has secured control. The principal officers of the Great Northern are leaving for other railways, and the Canadian Northern men will take their places.

A good many poets are neither born nor made. They are perpetrated.

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The designs and colors cannot fail to please, and the low prices will surprise you.

Alexandria which surpass in beauty and value anything ever shown in Chatham before	\$1.30 and \$1.50 per yd.
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Brussels at	80c., 90c., \$1.00
Tapestries at	40c., 50c., 55c., 60c., 75c.
Wools , 2 ply and 3 ply, at	65c., \$1.00
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All Carpets over 50c. per yard made and laid without extra charge.

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A CHANCE FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

It should be easy for people who drink delicious Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea to say something that will induce their friends to try it

\$545.00 in Cash Prizes

Twenty-five cash prizes will be awarded in order of merit to those sending in the best advertisements for Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea.

First Prize	\$200.00
Second Prize	100.00
Third Prize	40.00
4th to 13th Prizes, \$10.00 each	100.00
14th to 25th, \$5.00 each	60.00
	\$500.00

In addition, beginning with the week ending April 4, a special weekly prize of \$5.00 will be given to the one sending in the best advertisement during that week, making for the nine weeks \$45.00 in special prizes, or a grand total of thirty-four cash prizes, \$545.

CONDITIONS

- 1st. No professional ad. writer, nor anyone connected directly or indirectly with the Blue Ribbon Tea Company may compete.
- 2nd. Advertisements must not contain more than 50 words, and shorter ones are preferable.
- 3rd. One of the cards used in packing Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea—there are two in each package—must be enclosed with each batch of advertisements sent.
- 4th. The competition closes June 1, 1913, and all competing advertisements must reach one of the following addresses on or before that date.

Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Winnipeg, Man.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Toronto, Ont.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Vancouver, B.C.

- 5th. No person shall be awarded more than one of the main prizes, but may also take one or more weekly prizes.
- 6th. In case of a tie, decision will be based on all the advertisements submitted by the competitors in question.

Mr. H. M. E. Evans, of the Winnipeg Telegram, has kindly consented to judge the advertisements and award prizes.

All advertisements that fail to win a prize, but which are good enough to be accepted for publication will be paid for at the rate of \$1.00 each.

Unless expressly requested to the contrary, we will consider ourselves at liberty to publish the names of prize winners.

A good advertisement should be truthful and contain an idea brightly and forcibly expressed. A bona fide signed letter with address and date from one who has tested the tea, is a good form. An advertisement for an article of food should not associate with it, even by contrast, any unpleasant idea. The best advertisement is the one that will induce the most people to try the article advertised.

Seek your Inspiration in a Cup of Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea and the Money is yours.