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## MORAL HOUSECLEANING.

By Rev. Thos. B. Gregory.

We are face to face with the house-cleaning season. All the women and some of the men are about to engage in the annual job of improving their physical environment.

Ever since Adam fell dust and dirt have had to be reckoned with, and every twelvemonth the housewife, assisted in many instances by the "mae man" of the establishment, is reduced to the necessity of cleaning things up.

Pots and kettles need to be scoured, the crockery especially washed, the furniture gone over with dust broom and cloth, and innumerable nooks and corners rid of the year's accumulation of dirt. The soot in the stove-pipes must be removed, the closets divested of their cobwebs, the carpets beaten and sunned, and the bed given an extra outing.

It is a time to try the housekeeper's soul, especially the "mere man" part of it but it is necessary, and should be faced with courage and resolution. Sanitation is in a very important sense salvation, and it behooves us, both men and women, to submit to the hardships of the season with all becoming grace.

But why not while we are about it, make the clean-up business an all-round affair?

A clean house is a most excellent thing; but would it not be still more excellent to have in the clean house clean men and women and children? Bright pots and kettles are not bad; but how much better are bright thoughts and shining aspirations.

It is well to have the nooks and corners of the house cleaned of the cobwebs and dust, but how admirably well it would be to have the cobwebs of the mind brushed away to make room for the knowledge which is power and victory.

What is the house, anyway, but the shelter of the soul, the soul of the human being who dwells under its roof-tree; and what a mockery of mockery it is to find shelter superior to that which it shelters; to find the house, by its cleanliness and staidness, shading the tenant of whom it was created.

In every home there are the closets and cubby-holes, the pots and kettles, the carpets and rugs, the chairs and tables, the lamps and pitchers that need to be cleaned, and dense indeed is the person who does not understand that in every home also are human souls

that need to be renovated, human dispositions that need to be sweetened, human weakness that needs to be strengthened by faithful inspection and the loving desire to do better.

Would it not be well, then, to accompany the physical housecleaning by that moral housecleaning which, if effected, would most surely result in so much good.

Clean up the heart. Rid it of the petty jealousies and spites, its vexatious petulences and complaints, its soul-trying habit of grumbling at everything that takes place in the home.

If it is the husband's heart that needs this cleaning, let him set himself to the task with alacrity and joy; if the wife's let her proceed with equal speed and cheerfulness to the performance of the duty that lies so clearly before her.

Clean up the character. Let the womanliness of the woman and the manliness of the man not be shamed by the neat physical environment. Let not the clean dishes, tables, rugs, floors and furniture rise up in mocking judgement against the unclean thoughts and deeds of the members of the household. Let not the shining ware and immaculate linen bring the blush to the anything but immaculate lives of the inmates of the home.

What is the material, anyway, but a parable, or symbol, of the spiritual, and the instinct to clean house, to make the physical surroundings clean, sweet and wholesome—what is it but the very strong hint from an authoritative source that we are under the still more urgent necessity of improving the spiritual situation by rectifying our evil habits, by, in a word, an all-round moral housecleaning?

## ETHICS OF THE FARM.

"Farmer John" in the Canadian Magazine.

Some say that conditions on the farm have greatly changed within the last 25 years. So they have.

Most of us older chaps can remember when every farmer of sense had cider in his cellar from one to five years old, when sides of bacon and strings of ham hung temptingly in the smoke-house, when sliced apples lay drying above the kitchen stove, when basins of milk, thick with cream, stood cool and sweet in the spring-house, when rosy-cheeked maidens beat the ploughshare at the dinner hour, and hired help could be had at a decent wage. But now the cider mills are nothing more than a picturesque memory; the apples all go barreled in a lump; the hogs are sold on the hoof; the smoke-house has disappeared from lack of use; the milk goes wholesale to the creamery; the rosy-cheeked maidens are young women of degree, and hired help—well, that has become an almost extinct phenomenon. Still, we manage to get along, and even if we are beginning to see that this is a materialistic age, an age when primitive and utilitarian wholesomeness has given way to practical, prosaic money-making.

Curious Fashions Relicts of War Usage.

You have wondered often, perhaps, when and where the custom of shaking hands originated. Like many other practices, it originated in military circles.

In early times, when soldiers met, to convince one another that no harm was intended and that they had no weapons, they extended and grasped each other's hands.

To let those to meet in peace know he had no fear of them and felt he was among friends, soldiers removed helmets from their faces when in the presence of acquaintances in feudal days. The custom survives in the lifting of hats to women.

Probably men when shaving in a hurry, have often wondered why their forbears ever began to remove hair from their faces. In the time of Alexander the Great it was found that when troops came in conflict the beard formed a good handhold for the enemy. Alexander ordered that all his soldiers shave their faces, to the advantage of his army.

There is no reason that men should wear buttons on the back of their coats except that it is the style. In ancient times, however, the buttons were required to support the sword belt. When men gave up fighting they retained the buttons.

In ancient times lords kept large bodies of retainers, who fought with them as well as served in the castles. On festive occasions they dressed in special livery. Thus originated the custom of servants wearing a livery.

## LOCAL OR OTHERWISE.

VISITOR (locking at the empty cage): Did your canary die a natural death? Little Jane: Yes, the cat ate him.

HOMESTAY: So you were sea-sick crossing the channel, eh? Traveller I should say so. The only thing I could keep on my stomach at all was a small mustard plaster.

THE PATIENT—Doctor, I owe you my life. I shall never forget it. The doctor—Yes. And you also owe me for fourteen visits. Don't forget that either.

A chap who sat up as a wizard Said fudge to a Winnipeg blizzard. He laughed at the blast, But when it was past, All they found of the guy was his gizzard.

MR. F. B. HOLTV, manager of the Luccan and Granton branch of the Merchant Bank, has received notice of his appointment as manager of the branch at St. Thomas.

A CHANGE in the Ontario law that shall give cattle protection from dogs similar to that enjoyed by sheep, is said to be under preparation by C. C. James, deputy Minister of Agriculture.

A LOCAL DEALER SAYS:—Paris green is going to reach its old price of 40c a pound this year. Our quotations are higher than was the retail price last season. The increase is caused by the demand for the article in recent years.

THE RAILWAYS have arranged for cheap fares for Victoria Day. Tickets will be sold on Thursday and Friday, May 23rd and 24th, good to return on or before Monday, May 27th. The railways have treated the public generously in extending the tickets to Monday.

THE LADY—"You're a smart little girl. What's your name?" The Little Girl—"My name's K. K. K. Katherine Hawkins." The Lady—"What do all those K's stand for?" The Little Girl—"O, nothing. Only the minister who christened me called."—"Pick-me-up."

RURAL postmasters will be confronted by the announcement made by the Postmaster-General in the House of Commons on Friday, that it has been decided to increase the remuneration of those officials and that the new scale would be ready in a few weeks. The minimum salary will be \$50 instead of \$25, as at present.

"I thought," said the visitor, "I'd drop in and tell you what your hair restorer did for a friend of mine. When he started using your elixir there were only a few hairs on his head, but now it's completely covered." "Indeed exclaimed the patent medicine man. "Yes: by six feet of earth."

LOOSE papers have been blowing around town quite freely the past few days. They constitute a menace to the safety of people driving spirited horses and are a nuisance generally. It should be remembered that throwing of papers on the streets and alleys constitute a breach of the law punishable by fine or imprisonment.

J. W. FRANGLEY, of the American hotel, Stratford, has entered his speedy "Monbars" pacer in a number of 3-year-old events for the coming year. London, Stratford, Listowel and Seaford are already on the string, and a number of other races will probably be added. The veteran driver, Earl Pierce, will handle the ribbon and local talent place great faith in the little racer's ability to corral the ducats.

KING EDWARD of England is a diligent collector of walking sticks, match boxes, caricatures and model ships. His collection of canes numbers nearly 2,000, and most of these have remarkable associations. A stick very highly prized by the King is one used by Queen Victoria in her closing days. It is made from a portion of the oak in whose boughs Charles II. concealed himself after his defeat by Cromwell at Worcester.

A VERY disastrous fire occurred at Keyser on Monday evening, the 22nd ult., when the handsome brick residence of Timothy Hay was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. Hay discovered the place fire about 11.30 in his dining room. The kitchen had already been consumed before the fire was noticed. By the timely aid of Albert Lorne, Wilbert Murray and Jos. Hoffer, a few of the contents were saved. Some of the personal property of Mr. J. D. Graves were lost in the fire. Mr. Hay's loss will be heavy, as there was but small insurance on the house.

## Will Deposits Decrease.

The Canadian Banking Association is the greatest monopoly in Canada and in some ways it has been the most beneficial. Nevertheless, when it refuses to pay more than the historic three per cent. on deposits when money has risen in value two to five per cent., it is taking an undue advantage. The bank deposits should be rising rapidly, yet in March they declined several millions. People are drawing out their savings and investing them elsewhere.

The banks were so short of cash recently that the Ontario Government was forced to come to their assistance and take part of its huge deposit in the Bank of Montreal and divide it up among the other institutions in hundred thousand lots. Probably the Dominion Government would have done the same thing if its expenditures were not jumping ahead so fast. Yet the banks in the face of this situation refuse to advance the rate of interest which their monopoly has fixed.—Courier.

## Arrested in Parkhill.

Inspector Duncan of the detective department was yesterday notified of the arrest in Parkhill of Charles V. Laughton, who is wanted here on a charge of obtaining \$27 from an agent of McWilliam & Everist, wholesale fruit dealers, on a forged note. It is alleged that Laughton represented himself as a buyer of the Forest Fruit Association Co., of Barling-

ton Beach, near Hamilton. According to the police, he secured the money on the strength of an alleged forged agreement, showing the schedule of rates at which he was to buy and sell several thousand barrels of apples, and purporting to be signed by Messrs. D. J. Johnson and J. Manger, who were said to be the Managing Directors of the Company.

## CHOP STUFF.

Glencoe and Parkhill are to have new F. O. buildings.

A town base ball league has been organized in Alvinston.

Negotiations are under way for organizing a canning company in Sarnia.

Col. T. B. Welsh, of Strathroy, leaves for a prospecting tour through the west shortly.

Mr. Robinson, of Brantford, is reported to have purchased the Gattis House, Thudford.

The Alvinston Power Co. and local council have adjusted their long standing differences.

Mrs. Wm. Lohead was made a life member of the Forest branch of W.F.M.S. at its last meeting.

Clifford Short and Miss Edna Brown, of Brooke, were quietly married at Sarnia on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Bert Wallen leaves Oil Springs for California next week. He will take a bicycle as far as Chicago and walk the rest of the way.

Glencoe Odd Fellows have been invited to attend a service at Strathroy on Sunday, May 5th, to celebrate the 88th anniversary of the Order.

John J. Colborne, an old resident of Brigiden, died quite suddenly on Saturday, April 20th. Deceased celebrated the 60th anniversary of his wedding a few days before his death.

Word was received by the family in Stratford on Monday, of the serious illness at Cranbrook, B. C., of Mr. Richard W. Armstrong, son of Mr. W. H. Armstrong, of Stratford.

Mr. William Stonehouse, of Wyoming, dropped dead on Saturday in the Ennisville town hall. Mr. Stonehouse was at work on some county business when he was seized. He was in his sixty-fifth year.

The City of Stratford is suing A. J. Murphy, contractor, for \$1,000. The city claims Murphy did not carry out his agreement on a paving contract. Another suit for \$5,000 is pending against Murphy in Pt. Huron.

Peter West, a fireman on the lumber boat J. C. Gault, down bound, walked over the edge of the boat in Lake Huron Saturday night, and in spite of all efforts to rescue him, was lost in the lake. His body was not recovered.

Mr. John Roche, of Stratford, who has engaged the Alvinston race track for the present season has a very fine string of horses in training. Mr. Roche is acknowledged to be one of the best trainers in Western Ontario, and has brought out some of the fast ones in late years.

Mr. McKenzie received work this week that an old townsman, Mr. F. Donley, of Dinuba, California, had almost lost his eyesight. Mr. Donley had to undergo a surgical operation and the latest accounts are that they think the operation will be successful.—Theford Tribune.

Rev. Wm. McDonogh, of Stratford, a prominent clergyman of the Methodist church, had the honorary degree of doctor of divinity conferred on him by the senate of Victoria College, Toronto, last week.

The rev. gentleman, now superannuated, at one time occupied the pulpit of the Front St. Methodist church, Stratford.

A peculiar case of adoption has occurred at the farm of Mr. Samuel Lucas, on the London road. Mr. Lucas recently secured four young foxes and for several days was in doubt as to how to raise them. He finally found a cat who had been bereft of her young and she has taken the foxes in charge and from present indications they are all thriving splendidly.

## Murder Done at Muncey Dance.

Muncey, May 3.—During a row which occurred at the home of Riddall Grassebeck at Munceytown last night, Thos. Noah was fatally stabbed, it is alleged, by Abraham Sox.

The murder was committed while a dance was in progress.

The police of Elgin County are at work on the case, and Sox will be placed under arrest.

Noah died almost instantly.

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