

## ARMENIA

HAVE you got a mother? A sister? A brother? May be a child? Surely someone most dear? Then you I am speaking to, you, not another Must hear.

She is dying in Marash! Your sister is dying! Didn't you know it? A league from the town by the road she is lying, While the soldiers are laughing and chaffing To see her die— And blind, broken, bitter, the dumb mass crawls by.

Of course she's your sister—just as much as your sister— Her God is the same, her form and her face. You've not even missed her or thought of that place? If Turkey-in-Asia were Turkey-Right-Here Then would you care?

Your mother was old—too old for such worry— But they drove her outside. Hurry! Hurry! But she was too old to hurry And so, she died.

Your mother? I know she's your mother— Just the same eyes, just the same breast— For mothers are mothers, one place as another, East or West.

Your brother? They tell me he's down on the Coast With a knife at his back and death in his eyes, Cursed and condemned by the Moslem host And Christ's allies.

He's another such fellow as you, no doubt, Yet he dies like a rat in a Turkish trench. Why? To keep his friends the English out, And the French.

Those who would save his wife—and yours— His little children—just like your own, While you? Well you read it as part of the wars— And go home!

Ottawa, 1916.

LLOYD ROBERTS.

### NEEDLESS EXPENSE

"No, me 'usband ain't killed, Mrs. Marks. No sooner did I put all the kids in mournin' even to Billy in the pram, when I got a telegram a-sayin' 'e's alive an' well. Yes, an' all this expense for nothin'."

### Money by the Bushel

She—"What's this I hear about you getting a large sum of 'money from some woman?" He—"Someone's been kidding you. Who was the woman?" She (innocently)—"Why, May Wheat they told me her name was."

## FARM AND GARDEN.

Specially Written For "The Mail and Advocate"

### USE ARTIFICIAL MEANS

THE period of warm weather necessary in this country for raising a plentiful supply of vegetables is so short that we should try and use artificial means in order to raise early plants. To do this there are two means of advancing the life of plants,—hotbeds and cold frames. As regards the former, they cannot be used where a plentiful supply of horse manure can be procured; and this should be kept free from water handy man can make. This should be 6 feet long x 2½ feet wide, with no crossbars, and the glass should be about 4 inches wide and lapped at least one inch. This makes for strength and solidity.

Hotbeds may be made wholly above ground or in pit form with the manure below the ground level. The pit should be made 18 inches deep and of the size of the frame which is to be placed over it. All beds should be on the south side of a shed or building, or some wind break to protect it from the northerly wind. One or two loads of manure should be enough for two sash frames. This manure should be fresh, and should contain only about one-fourth of its bulk of straw and this should be short. When obtained it should be carefully piled so that it will start to heat. When steaming it should be carefully turned inside out and allowed to heat a second time when it is ready for use.

The manure is then packed in the pit or frame and stamped down to a depth of about 18 inches. On this will be placed some fine soil about five inches in depth. The sash should then be put on, and the mass allowed to heat for two or three days. When the heat has become reduced to about 90 degrees the seed may be sown. The seed for cabbage, cauliflower, celery and other such plants should be sown in rows three inches apart and just deep enough so that they are covered. A little soil well sieved should then be spread over the whole surface and the sash placed in position. The seed should be watered sparingly, and only on fine days. As soon as the little plants reach

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## The 'Greif' Was Armed With 6-inch Guns

The Fight Occurred Between Scotland and Faroe Islands—Raider Answered all Signals Satisfactorily—As Party From Alcantara Were About to Board Her Fire Was Suddenly Opened

LONDON, March 27.—The German raider Greif, which, as was officially announced last Saturday, was sunk in the North Sea on Feb. 29 by the British armed merchantman Alcantara, the latter herself being destroyed by a torpedo fired at the last moment by the vanquished raider, was a vessel of about 10,000 tons, and was armed with 5-inch guns, according to a statement made by an officer of the Alcantara. It was easy for the Greif to torpedo the Alcantara, he declared, as the latter's rudder had been shattered by a shell. A few shots from a British light cruiser on the horizon hastened the sinking of the Greif.

The fight occurred between Scotland and the Faroes, which lie about 170 miles northwest of the Shetland Islands, the censorship prohibiting a closer description of the locality. A British patrol had sent word that a doubtful craft was about, but when the Greif appeared she did not answer the description given by the patrol, as she had evidently changed her disguise completely up in the North Sea. She flew the Norwegian flag, and answered satisfactorily all signals of the commander of the Alcantara. A boat was put off from the latter to examine the strange vessel's documents, when suddenly the Greif's false sides dropped away, her guns were uncovered, and a shell whizzed close to the boarding party.

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"As our shots found their mark, and the German's decks were soon a perfect shambles. Strange as it may seem the gunnery of the Germans was literally hopeless, shots missing and those which hit inflicting little damage. We were contemplating our easy victory when a wild shell-shattered our rudder, and we drifted unmanageable, an easy prey for the torpedo which the Greif launched as she was sinking. As the Greif was going down several shots passed over us from a British light cruiser on the horizon, which, with some torpedo boats, picked us up."

### On the Avnoo

"Did the burglars upset your house much?" "Terribly. When I entered and saw everything upside down my first thought was that Jim had come home unexpectedly and changed his clothes.

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### THE MILK HOUSE

FOR the proper handling of milk there is no way that will meet the necessities of the case so well as the milk house. We have heard several people complain of the manner in which some of the vendors of milk in this city care for their supply. To build a milk house need not entail either much expenditure of money or energy; and it would amply repay the farmer who has several cows. The size will depend upon the number of milch cows which the farmer has; but its height to the wall plate need not be more than 6½ or 7 feet. Floors and walls (if possible) should be of concrete; but failing this the walls should be boarded up with matched lumber, clapboard or shingled on the outside. The roof should be dust-proof; and a ventilator with an opening covered with cheese-cloth should be provided. Two good windows and a tight-fitting door are important matters. Along one side of the house there should be a concrete box about two feet wide and two and a half feet high with a movable lid. This will keep milk and cream cool and prevent souring for a considerable time. On the other side should be a receptacle for empty milk-cans which must be kept scrupulously clean and bottom up when not in use.

In connection with our milk supply, we would suggest that the Food Inspector get around occasionally in the mornings and examine some of the cans that come into the city as well as the methods used by some suppliers in lading out the milk to small customers. We have recently seen some of these methods, and we were by no means satisfied that the milk was being handled in the most cleanly way.

We would suggest that the Inspector (if he has jurisdiction) visit some of the barns where milch cows are kept; for we know positively that some of them are by no means adapted for the supplying of pure milk to customers. We have no doubt that our farmers will be only too ready to adopt any suggestions that are made to them, as these must be of practical utility not only to themselves but to the customers as well.