A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Our readers are invited to phone all news of this kind to the society editor. Phone 3670.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carson and little sons Basile and John of Calgary, Alberta, are spending some time with Mr. Carson's mother, Mrs. W. J. Carson, Prospect avenue.

Rev. Canon Tucker has returned from Toronto, where he attended several meetings in connection with the prayer-book revision.

The Senior Girls' Club held its monthly meeting last evening in St. Andrew's Hall. A large number of the girls were present.

Lady Falconer of Toronto will be a guest at the Y.W.C.A. on Thursday and will address a meeting there.

The marriage is announced of Elvira E. Gottschalk of this city to Lafayette Upthegrove of Port Colborne.

Miss Doris Belton is returning to Toronto today, after a delightful holiday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. George Belton.

Mrs. H. W. Bowles of Toronto and Mrs. G. Fisher of Galt are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hunt, Dundas street.

Henry A. Schafer of the east end market has received a telegram from his son, Pte. Walter A. Schafer of the 18th Battalion, that he landed safely in Quebec on Saturday. It will be remembered that Pte. Schafer was wounded and lost an arm at Vimy Ridge, and while in the hospital met with another accident. The many friends of Pte. Schafer will be glad to hear of his home-coming.

JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren G. Partridge.

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JIMMY COON PLANS PRANK ON PETER RABBIT.

Jimmy Coon was chock full of mischief. I think he must have dreamed of new plans to fool Peter Rabbit and the other Little Folk of the Great Forest. Well, Jimmy Coon had a slide-splitting plan this time. It was something new and it would scare Peter Rabbit almost into fits.

And Jimmy Coon got so excited that he had to run lickety-cut lickety-cut through the woods to find Teddy Possum. You would have laughed if you could have seen Jimmy Coon, with his right hand up to his mouth, like a little gnome, while he was pouring his news in whispers, into Teddy Possum's left ear.

And as Teddy Possum listened, with his roguish eyes dancing with joy, he kept snickering out loud, as he thought of the huge joke on Peter Rabbit.

"Well, Jimmy Coon," laughed Teddy Possum, "that's the best joke on Peter Rabbit I ever heard of. How do you think up all your tricks? You must lie awake in the daytime to plan the mischief you can do at night."

"Oh, that's nothing for me," answered the grinning Jimmy Coon. "Why it's just as natural for me to plan up tricks as it is to breathe. Mother says I inherited it from my father."

And soon Jimmy Coon and Teddy Possum went off, arm in arm, tiptoeing their way softly over the carpet of brown and green moss, flecked with the moon shadows.

"Where did you say you saw that cast off suit of clothes of Mr. Black Snake?" whispered Jimmy Coon.

"Why, as I remember," answered Teddy Possum, "it's near the big flat rock, near Horse Shoe Bend, in Murmuring Brook."

And those two scamps waddled away together on their short legs for Horse Shoe Bend. And soon Teddy Possum led Jimmy Coon to the very spot, where he saw Mr. Black Snake changing his old suit for a brand new suit.

Mr Black Snake was awfully mad at Teddy Possum for watching him, as he changed his clothes in that secret place; and he hissed, "Teddy Possum, you ought to be ashamed of yourself to sneak around and watch me when I'm changing my underclothes and shirt; and if ever I catch you I'll bite your head off your furry shoulders."

And Teddy Possum shuddered with a big terror in his little heart, and he ran for home like fur lightning.

But it was lucky he watched Mr. Black Snake change his spring suit for his winter suit, for Jimmy Coon wanted this suit of clothes for his immense joke on Peter Rabbit.

And those two scamps waddled away together on their short legs for Horse Shoe Bend.

Tomorrow—Jimmy Coon Getting Ready for His Big Prank on Peter Rabbit

RED CROSS AND C. W. C. A. COLUMN

The Americans Are Hearing Tales.

It is rather inspiring to read the woman's department of any American newspaper these days, and catch a glimpse of the great army of American women mustering at the call of the Red Cross. They are going into the work with splendid enthusiasm, but they seem young and inexperienced to us, who look back at them from the advanced position of more than three years of war work. For instance, they are just struggling with the story of the stolen sweater with the five, or was it ten? dollar bill in the pocket. Our stolen sweater is so old it was worn out months ago, so we feel very superior. Then they are just beginning to hear that all Red Cross officials receive huge salaries, that the socks are sold to the soldiers at the front, and all the poor old thread-bare tales that the Canadian slacker has used for the past three years and a half.

Or course, the earnest, self-sacrificing American woman is denying these rumors vigorously and indignantly, but we Canadian women know she will soon grow tired, and just leave them alone. They are all of German origin, and it is too bad that anyone of true Canadian or American blood would listen to them. But there is not time enough to sew shirts and knit socks and chase silly stories to their lairs at the same time, so, the American women will just have to "pitch in" to the socks and the shirts and leave the stories to the women who won't work.

The Red Cross at Home and Abroad.

The Red Cross meeting, which Mrs. Plumptre and Capt. Armstrong are to address on the afternoon of January 19, is to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 2:30. Mrs. Plumptre, our Dominion Red Cross secretary, has just returned from a trip to the West, and will give us a view of all the work the Canadian Red Cross Society is doing from coast to coast. Then Capt. Armstrong, D.S.O., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who has just recently returned from the front with his second wound, will show us the great and glorious work done under the banner of the Red Cross on the field of battle. The hour of the meeting is placed early so that the out-of-town visitors may be able to get home the same afternoon.

Get Your Tape Line.

The committee at Hyman Hall who joyfully gather in the splendid consignments of socks that come rushing through Hyman Hall on their way overseas, are looking less joyful these days than might be expected considering how the socks are pouring in, and this is the cause of their worry. To be just right every sock should measure exactly 12 inches from the end of the leg to the place where the heel starts. If they measure more there come loud complaints from the wool department, who declare that the extra length is a sinful waste, now that wool has reached such a shocking price. And if they measure less than twelve, here come wailing letters from poor cold boys at the front begging for a 12-inch sock to keep their poor legs warm.

So what are the poor sock censors to do? There is just one way out of their dilemma; every woman who knits must buy a tape line. It is very simple, after all, isn't it? Then she will know exactly when to start the heel, just 12 inches, not a stitch more or less, down the line.

It seems a little thing, this inch or so more or less, but it is a big thing to the soldier. His uniform is made to accommodate a 12-inch leg to his sock, and there is trouble if it is more or less. So we won't have our boys worried surely, when we can make them comfortable and happy with just a little measuring tape, shall we?

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held in Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, on Wednesday, February 6th, at 3 o'clock p.m.

ARE YOU WATCHING THIS?

The C. W. C. A. shipped from Hyman Hall on January 8 21 boxes containing the following articles: 1,196 pairs of socks, 977 towels, 504 shirts, 44 caps, 24 pairs of wristlets, 15 sweaters and 6 mufflers.

On the same date the Red Cross shipped 43 boxes, containing as follows: 1,305 shirts, 4,455 suits pyjamas, 22 bed bed jackets, 260 dressing gowns, 50 sheets, 2,376 pairs of socks, 21 comfort bags, 6 pillows and 12 boxes of surgical supplies. MARIAN KEITH, Convener Press Committee.

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REV. FATHER FINN WILL SPEAK AT THE WOMEN'S CAN. CLUB

Founder of the Paulist Choir Guest of Women's Canadian Club Thursday Afternoon.

Mrs. Donald McLean, president of the Women's Canadian Club, has secured the Rev. Father Finn of Chicago as speaker for the first meeting of the new year, which will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium on Thursday next at 4:15 o'clock. Father Finn, who is the founder of the Paulist Choir, will be especially interesting to London people at this time, as the Paulist choristers are to be in the Winter Garden on the evening of the same day.

QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE FOR V.A.D. NURSE

Expenses All Paid, But No Liability for Illness.

To satisfy many people who have been inquiring about the subject, The Advertiser publishes the qualifications for special services as a volunteer probationer V. A. D.

She must be a British subject of British birth, and not younger than 23 or older than 38 years of age. A good education and good health is essential, and she must possess a certificate of physical fitness for overseas service from a physician of good repute. She must also have a certificate of vaccination and inoculation, and must be free from varicose veins, flat feet or other deformity. There must be an absence of any organic disease and some hospital experience is most desired, but not absolutely necessary. She must possess a certificate in first aid and home nursing and be a member of some nursing division of St. John Ambulance Brigade of Canada or of a Woman's V. A. D., St. John Ambulance Association.

The terms of her service are as follows: She must enlist for service for the duration of the war in hospitals in England. She is paid by the British Government at the rate of £20 per year for the first six months, gradually rising to £30 per year, and her uniform is provided. An allowance of £4 per annum is paid her by the British Government for the upkeep of her uniform, and it has been found that this just meets the need. No liability for illness or accident is assumed by the St. John Ambulance Brigade or other association. She must work under the regular nursing sisters and be under the direct supervision of the officer in charge and the matron of the hospital to which she is attached. She is required to live in quarters provided for the nursing staff of the hospital and be under the control of the matron. She will receive her board, lodging and laundry. Rea[illegible]e expenses from the date of [illegible]ding in England to her arrival in the hospital will be paid by the joint war committee of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross, when this joint committee ends. Transportation to London and return from her place of residence in Canada will be given her.

FINE WORK OF NO. 4 NURSING DIVISION

Ambulance Station, as Well as School for First Aid and Home Nursing.

There are many people in London and the district round about who are in entire ignorance as to the work of No. 4 Nursing Division, which has its rooms at 404 Talbot street. These rooms consist of an office, a tiny hospital and a lecture-room, where instructions in first aid and home nursing are given. In connection with the hospital is a small supply cupboard, with all the instruments and medical supplies necessary for the work of the division. Among the instruments is even a violet ray electrical apparatus for treatment of paralyzed soldiers. Another interesting appliance is a collapsible litter on wheels, designed by Mrs. Thomson, the lady superintendent of No. 4 Division. This litter was made so that the girls would not suffer from bearing too heavy stretchers.

During the past year from four to five hundred accident cases were handled at the ambulance station. These cases included a badly-crushed leg, torn finger, fractured pelvis, heart cases, falls, dog bites, and the redressing of soldiers' wounds. In fact, the tiny hospital, with its clean white bed, is in use almost every day for some reason or other. Many patients come regularly for treatments. In each case the name of the patient, the treatment, and who gave it, is noted down in an occurence book for future reference.

All this work is done absolutely free of charge.

In addition to the hospital room at 404 Talbot street, the division sends nurses to every large picnic, so as to provide help in case of accidents. At the fair grounds every year will be seen a hospital tent which is maintained by this institution At the exhibition last year over 210 accident cases were dealt with, and many children cared for in an auxiliary children's tent.

At the present time there are three officers and 49 nurses in the division, six of whom are serving overseas. Mrs. J. F. Thomson is known as the lady superintendent or commander of the division, and is almost constantly on duty at the rooms on Talbot street. The work being done there is worthy of the support of the citizens of London. Any surplus left from the fees charged for first aid and home nursing is devoted to the other work of the station. Girls training here with a view to going overseas get special practical advantages, for after passing their first aid and home nursing examinations, they may join No. 4 Nursing Division, and are then eligible to be chosen for overseas service. Nurses in No. 4 Division are liable to be called for duty at the hospital on Talbot street, and in this way get excellent practical experience. Classes in first aid and home nursing are held at the Talbot street rooms on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively. Doctors who are specialists in the different branches of the work have been procured to deliver the lectures.

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.
By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.
"Jesus at Work." Mark. i., 21-45.

Golden Text—"I Must Work the Works of Him That Sent Me, While It Is Day." John, ix., 4.

5. Verses 23-26—What is the proof that the very worst of men, possessed of the vilest of devils, may, by coming to Jesus, be suddenly made the very best of men?

6. Verses 27-28—What was the popular opinion of Jesus "throughout all the region round about Galilee" at that time?

7. Verses 29-34—How much of the power that Jesus had in casting out devils, in healing the sick, and in saving sinners, may a preacher or other Christian have today?

8. Of how much benefit is it to us, or was it to them, to bring our sick ones to Jesus?

The Press Secretaries of all women's societies, both church and secular, are requested to mail or telephone reports of their meetings to the editor of this page. These reports should be written with a view to interesting the public, and should reach The Advertiser on the day of meeting if possible and not later than the following day. Such reports will help to advertise the societies sending then in and will also be of assistance to other societies.—Editor of the Women's Page.

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Patriotic Western Ontario

THAMESFORD.—The Thorncliffe Red Cross Workers met at the home of Mrs. E. Ellis at Thamesford, and packed the following articles for shipment to Hyman Hall: Eighteen pairs socks, 13 trench caps, 1 scarf, 70 towels, 11 suits pyjamas and 9 pillowslips. Total value of shipment, $69.60.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

Likes Honey Cakes.

Dear Miss Grey,—Please publish a recipe for little cakes made with honey, if you have one at hand. A friend, who makes such nice ones, has lost her recipe, and we would both like to try making them. Also have you a method for baked creamed salmon? Gratefully, LINDY.

Ans.—This recipe was supplied by a reader, "Floral Crank," and may prove to make nearly as "nice ones" as your friend's lost recipe:

Honey Drops—Honey ¾ cup, ½ cup butter or lard, ½ teaspoon each cinnamon and cloves, ½ cup raisins, 1 egg, a small teaspoon soda, 2 cups flour. Bake as drop cakes in a moderate oven.

Creamed Salmon—Three cups milk, 3 large teaspoons cornstarch, tablespoon butter, pepper and salt. Put in a bake-dish a layer of fish, then a layer of the sauce (which has been previously cooked) until a can of salmon has been used. Roll some soda biscuits, put on top, brown in oven.

Everybody—Don't Miss This!

Dear Miss Grey and Readers,—New Year's Resolutions—Did you make any? And have you kept them? Or do you, as many do, after a few days, say, "Oh, what's the use," and fall back into the old rut again? Why did you make these resolutions? Was it just because of a sort of a habit some have for making promises each New Year, or were you in real earnest in your effort to break off some habit or accomplish some task heretofore considered impossible? New Year's resolutions are not a joke, and to those who think so I must say they are ignorant. But to those who take them seriously, let me, if I can, add a word of encouragement.

If you make but one resolution, and keep it you will be better off at the end of the year, possibly, in health, perhaps in wealth, but most of all in having more will power, of which none of us have too much! There is only one way to keep the will active and ready to respond for us at the critical moment. That is by freely exercising it. And to do this right we should do it daily by doing something difficult if for no other reason than because it is difficult. Self-denial is one of the most difficult tasks we can undertake, and the one who has the will power to daily accomplish some act of self denial is the one who is traveling on the road to success. With continued practice of their efforts to make and keep good resolutions each year he is assured of a brilliant future. So I wish to all our readers unbounded success in the keeping of the new resolutions, which they have made for this year of 1918. Ahem—reverse to read 1891, and you have my starting point in life. Getting along fine, eh? Soon be in the B class, I guess.

I often wonder if we men really appreciate a woman's love when we get it; we get so used to having them wait on us that we take it as a matter of course, and the real extent of their sacrifices, or the real meaning of their love never enters our minds.

Consider, for instance, the love of the girl who has been brought up amongst all the luxuries that money could buy. Yet she willingly gives up all these comforts, perhaps be disinherited, in order to bring happiness to a man below her social rank, and with no means other than his daily wage. Again, we have the man who has made a failure of every business enterprise he has attempted, but who has the "nerve" to ask some fair one to share life with him. The chances are that if she accepts him she will, by her co-operation, start him on the road to success, and by her encouragement keep him going right. We even have the man who is addicted to drink and vice—in short, a social outcast, who is lifted out of the gutter and made a new man of by the woman whom he marries.

Then, there is the girl who has been brought up in the city, accustomed to all modern conveniences—cars in which she travels, mail delivered, telephone in the home, large stores, picture shows, schools, and lots of friends. Still she willingly gives all this second place in her mind when some man comes along with nothing to offer but love and a home away out on some desert or prairie a thousand miles from "nowhere."

But, perhaps, the most common sacrifice is made by the girl who from childhood has had an ambition for some particular walk in life, such as perhaps, a teacher, a trained nurse, on the stage, or a business career, and who after years of hard study and, perhaps, much self-denial, attains her coveted goal. Yet she gives it all up just when the future looks so promising to her, too, in order that she may make some selfish man a happy one, and, perhaps, he thinks he has done this girl a charity in giving her a home!

I might continue, but I have already taken too much space. Truly, I say, great should be the reward of our "better halves" in the future would, for very deserving they are thereof. And when all is said and done I just wonder if somebody will ever love me like this? Here is hoping that I may be worthy and deserving of such happiness, if ever it is mine. Sincerely, ORIGINAL LONELY.

Ans.—It would interest me awfully to know just what state of mind YOU were in when you finished "O. L.'s" letter. In regard to the last part, I mean. Do you think the average man "gives up" as much as the average woman, in marrying, and which gains most therefrom? Perhaps you'd like to tell the Pageites your opinion.

WAR RECIPES

Fish Pie—2 cups flaked fish, 1 cup seasoned white sauce. Mix the flaked fish with the white sauce, put into a greased baker, cover the top with buttered bread-crumbs, and cook in the oven until the crumbs are brown.

Cup Pudding—Put into each greased cup 1 tablespoon of jam. Cover to one-half the cup with a batter made as follows: 2 tablespoons of butter, ½-cup of sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup milk, 2¼ cups flour, 4 teaspoons baking powder. Cream the butter, add sugar gradually, and egg well beaten; mix and sift flour, baking powder and salt; and alternately with milk to first mixture. After turning into cups, put in the oven and bake.

Onion Chowder—Three quarts boiling water, 1 pint minced onion, 1 quart potatoes cut in dice, 1½ teaspoons salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, 3 tablespoons butter substitute, 1 tablespoon fine herbs. Cook the onion and butter substitute together for half an hour, but cook them slowly so that the onion will not brown. At the end of this time add the boiling water, potatoes and salt and pepper. Cook one hour longer, then add the fine herbs and serve.

Scalloped Corn—One can corn, 1 cup white sauce, 2 cups buttered bread crumbs. Put alternate layers of corn and bread crumbs and cover with a white sauce. Sprinkle buttered bread crumbs over the top, and put in the oven until brown.

Pea Soup.—Cover a shin bone with cold water, and bring to a boil. Boil gently for the whole of two hours. Then add one cup of peas brose, pepper and salt to taste, and a very little grated onion. Boil for half an hour longer strain and serve.

Emergency Biscuits—One cup white flour, 1 cup graham flour, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons butter substitute, 5 teaspoons baking powder.

Milk to moisten into a dough a little too soft to roll. Drop by spoonfuls onto a greased pan, and bake in a hot oven.

Snow Pudding.—½ box of gelatine or 1 tablespoon granulated gelatine, ¾ cup cold water, 1 cup boiling water, 1 cup sugar, ½ cup lemon juice, white 2 eggs.

Soak the gelatine in cold water, dissolve in boiling water, add sugar and lemon juice, strain, and set aside in a cool place; occasionally stir mixture. When quite thick, beat with wire spoon or whisk until frothy; add whites of eggs beaten stiff, and continue beating until stiff enough to hold its shape. Mold, or pile by spoonfuls on glass dish, serve cold with a boiled custard made from the yolks of the eggs.

Boston Roast.—2 cups dry kidney beans, 1 cup bread crumbs, 2 cups grated cheese, 3 teaspoons salt, ½ cup liquid, 1 tablespoon chopped onion.

Soak beans 24 hours. Cook in salted water until soft. Drain, put through food chopper, add onion, cheese, crumbs, more salt if needed, enough of the water in which beans were cooked (about half cup, to moisten). Form into loaf, bake in moderate oven for 40 minutes. Baste occasionally with hot water and fat.

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