WOMEN and THE HOME

With him was Baby Bunty, the little

orphan rabbit gir!, who was to spend

the Christmas holidays in the hollow stump bungalow.
"Oh, Uncle Wiggily!" salled Bunty,

isn't it lovely to be out in the woods

and fields now?"

"Very nice, indeed, my dear," an-

swered the old rabbit gentleman with

twinkle of his pink nose.

And then the Woozie Wolf, who was

slinking behind a bush, saw the two

It's stem cracked. Down

imped in the air.
"Wow!" he howled. "What's this?

And away off through the woods he

ast apple said:

"At last I am happy"

And if the electric light doesn't feel

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A FINE OLD CUSTOM.

eas, a custom we might well revive.

Your grocer has some Christmas

Mount Brydges, Dec. 16 .- The regu-

94, Mount Brydges, was held recently,

Mrs. S. Waters and Mrs. E. Bond; con-

57 CHILDREN ARE

Aberdeen School Clinic Is Scene of Happy Christmas Party.

MANY HELPERS

Miss Bertha Smith and Nursing Staff Conducts Examination.

The kindergarten of the Aberdeen school was the scene of another happy bables' party yesterday afternoon, fell the big fruit, and full on the nose him in my life so I didn't feel terribly bables' party yesterday afternoon, fell the big fruit, and full on the nose him in my life so I didn't feel terribly bables' party yesterday afternoon, fell the big fruit, and full on the nose interested, even though he was my when the Child Welfate association it struck the slinking Wolf! Up he when the Child Welfate association entertained the mothers and babies visiting the clinic. After the babies bad been duly weighed, 57 of them, they were given into the care of club members present, while their own mothers drank tea from a table attrac-

tively decorated with roses. babies and smal children had their party spread on kindergarten tables, and sat on small chairs as they partook of the delicious animal biscuits, milk and oranges. Later in the afternoon the nurses and doctors had tea from a rose-decked table.

proved a great success, largely due to the efforts of the assisting women, members of the Reccoe, Lord Reberts and Aber deen Mothers' clubs.



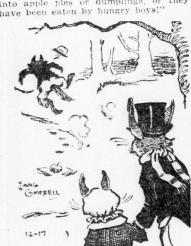
UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE LAST APPLE.

Hanging from a tree in the orchard was the last apple. No one had really given it that name, but it did not need half an eye to look and see that it was the very last apple of all. Not anothe tree had one hanging from its branches, and this tree had but the lonely fruit. "Oh, dear," sighed the last apply "Oh. dear!" it sighed again.

'What's the matter?" shrieked bluejay who was flitting about, making great deal of noise, as jays seem to

love to do.
"Oh, I am so lonesome, miserable and forlorn," said the apple. "I don't seem to be of any use in this world. All the other apples either fell off or were picked, and they have gone out "Ha! Ha! Yes, they have gone out laughed the jay. 'Apple sauce!"

What do you mean by that?" asked the lone fruit, surprised-like.
"I mean, what good did it do the other apples to go out into the world?" inquired the bird. "They have been stewed up into apple sauce or made into apple ples or dumplings, or they



he ran.

y a hungry boy," spoke the "That is doing good in the Even to be made into apple world. Even to be made into apple sauce is doing good. But what good do I do here, hanging on the branch, half frozen, and so lonesome?"

The apple waited a moment for the jay to answer, but the noisy bird had flown off to shout and call with some others of his kind.

"Oh dear" sighed the apple again.

others of his kind.

"Oh, dear!" sighed the apple again.

He was the very last of all the fruit
in the orchard. Somehow he had been in the orchard. Somenow he had been forgotten. And now hanging so late on the branch, he had been partly frozen by Jack Frost. Still the stem was firm and the apple did not fall. One rosy cheek had been turned brown by the cold, but otherwise the apple was good

to eat.
"But I fear no one will come to pick me or eat me!" sighed the fruit.

Just then, hopping along the snow-

ENGAGEMENTS

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Dr. Drummond Thomson, Muirkirk, ontario, announced the engagement of is elster, Jessie Marie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Angus Thomson, to Mr. John R. Bandeen, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Robert Bandeen (Rodney, Ont., the marriage to take ace early in January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson, fifth recession, London Township, wish to mounce the engagement of their dest daughter, Verna Marion, to Mr. ames Shute of Detroit, son of Mr. and rrs. C. E. Shute, London, the wedding take place shortly.

After-Supper Story

A Short Story Complete in This Issue.

COOL CASH.

As her cousin entered by the back door Lil Robinson smiled a welcome, exchanging a cool iron for a hot one and began to press out a tablecloth.
"Been down street?" she asked,
noting Benonia Peck's attire.

rabbits and said to himself:
"Yes, and their ears look very nice, indeed! I'll nibble them!" The Wolf crept along until he was under the "I've been to see Lawyer Smith," apple tree, and behind Uncle Wiggily apple tree, and behind Uncle Wiggily Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad Benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad benonia dropped panting into a chair, and Bunty, who did not see the bad benonia dropped panting into a chair, and benonia dropped panting in "I got a citation paper in this morning's chap. But the last apple saw the Wolf.

"Oh, if I could only fall down and bump him on the nose!" thought the lonely fruit. "That would scare the lonely fruit. "That would scare the lonely fruit."

"I got a citation paper in this morning's mail about Harvey Pitcher's estate. I'm an heir. Henrietta Skillen is an heir, lonely fruit." But the last apple saw the Wolf.

Wolf away and I would be doing some good in this world. I'll try!"

The last apple twisted and turned in the last apple twisted and turned in the was dead, of course, and that was a way and a helf are I never the last apple twisted and turned in the was dead, of course, and that was a way and a helf are I never the was dead, of course, and that was a way and a helf are I never the last apple twisted and turned in the way are and a helf are I never the last apple twisted and turned in the last apple twisted apple twisted apple twisted and turned twisted apple twisted apple twisted apple twisted ap "Haven't heard anything about it," a year and a half ago. I never him in my life so I didn't feel terribly

"But you don't understand! We are his heirs! For, of course, you will be cited, too-to appear before the magistrate in the city of Benham at 2 o'clock on Nov. 2 to show cause why the last will and testament of Harvey Pitcher ran, while Uncle Wiggily and Bunty laughed to see what had happened. "Who banged the Wolf?" asked deceased should not be admitted to probate." She was quoting impressively. Lil turned a laughing face from the

Bunty.

"It must have been this last apple," is said Uncle Wiggily. "It fell on him just in time." But it wasn't altogether an accident. The apple wanted to fall. Uncle Wiggily picked it up. "Nurse have can make apple sauce from the good part," said the bunny. "And Lehnpie and Billie Euskytzil the Souirironing board.

"Well, you have got it all by heart," she said. "But what does it all amount to, anyway?"

"I'll amount to, anyway?"

"I'll Benonia's voice and can make apple saute from the amount to, allyway, and part," said the bunny. "And only any said the bunny. "And trembled, "to \$60,000 to be divided

That is just what happened. And when the apple was cut up and stewing into sauce, and when the little squirrel into sauce, and when the little squirrel "How do you know?" she aske A momentary astonishment crossed papers. "How do you know?" she asked at nibbling the brown seeds, the last.

"Henrietta told me so. been working on this very thing said firmly at last, since Cousin Harvey died. That is what she has been going to Benham for our way of living. afraid to go out in the dark and play tag with the roman candle, I'll tell you Do you realize Lil what it means? ext about Uncle Wiggily and the acorn Sixty thousand divided between eleven of us-more than \$5,000 apiece. Henrietta is going to build over her house and get her a French seal coat. We're going have a new car and a new rug for In olden days there was a fine can only be young once. What are you Christmas custom of giving dear old going to do with yours?"
"Haven't got it yet." Lil folded and riends small packages of rare good

the bars. Her eyes were wistful. Five waiting for our things, is there?" attached, of that very choice teather they choice that they choice they should get a they could use the second and Reed RED ROSE ORANGE PEKOE.—

Advt.

PATRICIA L. O. B. A.

Pardere Dec 16—The regular content of they should get a they could use the second and Reed clamoring for more than their parents had ever had and George tiring out quicker than he used to. Her mind spun a web of fancies instantly—a fliving—room suite I wanted at Ashton's." ver next summer a grocer's bill paid, a ar meeting of Patricia L. O. B. A., No. new overcoat for George and a new stove. Dear, dear, how she needed a new stove! Only yesterday ashes had when Mrs. K. Vinen, the provincial when Mrs. K. Vinen, the provincial sifted through on her layer cake and grand secretary of Langemarck, Edith she had had to be mighty careful that of London installed the following of-ficers: Worthy mistress, Mrs. A. Hard-ing; deputy mistress, Mrs. C. Veale; chaplain, Miss C. Root; secretary, Mrs. W. Wyatt; finances, Mrs. I. Nicholls; treasurer, Mrs. H. Snelgrove; lecturers, Mrs. S. Waters and Mrs. E. Bond; 2022. Cavell and Harmony L. O. B. A., lodges Thelma didn't find it out. If there was \$290.

Mrs. S. Waters and Mrs. E. Bond; conductor, Mrs. I. Snelgrove; inner guard, Mrs. R. Bellamy; outer guard, Mr. C. Veale; chair lady of committee, Mrs. A. Erwin; committee, Miss M. Nicholis, Mrs. Wray, Mrs. I. Colvin, Mrs. F. Toles; guardian, Mr. Thos. Snelgrove; auditors, Miss C. Root and Mrs. Wyatt; planist, Miss C. Root.

But the children did find out. They came romping in from school wide-eyed and vociferous.

"Mother, we are going to get \$5,000. Did you know it?" Reed demanded.

"And when we do I'm going to have a new silk dress like Aubrey Scammon's," declared Thelma.

"Who told you this?" Lil said, dish-

ing up dinner.
"Dorothy Skillen. Her mother told her. She gets \$5,000, too, mother. Is that just salt pork stew again?"

"It is salt pork stew, Thelma. Run and get ready. Here comes daddy." George Robinson, a tired, gentle, loose-jointed man, entered. "Good dinner smell," he commented. only old salt pork stew,"
Thelma. "Daddy, we won't outed

have to eat salt pork stew when we et our \$5,000, will we?"
Lil and her husband exchanged glances, hers questioned, his an-

"Yes, I've heard. Never count your cabbages till they're harvested; woodlast night and destroyed every one. Guess we'll go on as we've begun." George sat down before his plate of stew and smiled into it appreciatively. A great unrest had been created in been talking in terms of wild travagance. Her mother was going to get her a white fox fur—when they got their \$5,000. Thelma wanted taupe fox. Reed wanted a real radio not that scrappy old set he'd fixed

That night there was more talk of the same nature. Lil, meanwhile, had been called upon by Mrs. Skillen and had also received her citation papers. There might be something in it. She sighed. Henrietta was so positive. That lawyer in Benham had assured her so thoroughly.

up himself.

money it won't make any difference in our way of living. I promise you that. It will be invested in a rainy-day fund and you might as well stick to your studies and get down to business." Next day Dorothy Skillen trailed in to show her new scarf.

the parlor and a new dining-room suite. It charged. And, oh, you ought to see I tell Frank we won't salt it all. You mother's new seal coat!" 'Charged, too?" George said dryly. Well, of course, we'll have plenty

"Haven't got it yet." Lil folded and of money in a week or so now, mother creased the tablecloth and hung it on says. And there's really no reason in Packages, beautifully wrapped, card thousand dollars was a lot of money. If Thelma looked so down-hearted that settling it had been met. There was attached, of that very choice tea—they should get it they could use it to Lii felt a pang. She drew a deep exactly \$700 apiece.

> "Did you have it charged?" Lil isked. Benonia looked irritated.

"Why not? Cousin Harvey's estate will be settled at once and I can pay for it out of my \$5,000. It was only

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PRETTY JUMPER FROCK.

Simplicity is the keynote of this is in the new porcelain shade, which

returned her mother. "But we are soon to get it."

fussing, my child, and attend to your A few days later the heirs received what was coming to them from Cousin

Harvey's estate after the expenses Henrietta wept. Benonia wailed. "We are owing every cent of it," Henrietta mourned. "The last thing I did was to buy a new toilet table

we'd get anything. I'm pleased through "They have a rug at Ashton's you and through."

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"Guess I'll wait and see," Lil replied. During the week that followed Lil heard each day of some new thing one or the other of her cousins had bought.

"Dorothy has a new gray dress."
Thelma commented. "They've got lots of new things. And we haven't that will mean more to me than all the ought them! What a glorious surjouring in the window at Ashton's you gone in a day or two, so if I were you I'd snap it up."

"No, I can get along without the rug. I shall put the money saide for a rainy-day fund, and let the interest accumulate. Nights when it storms or George isn't feeling good and things are a bit awry, I shall remember that nest-egg with pleasure and thank Cousin Harvey with pleasure and thank Cousin Harvey for the peace of mind it gives me. And the world," ended Lil earn-gone in the world, and through."

"I suppose now you'll get your world what a good time you'll ton's." Benonia said jealously.

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OVERSEAS GIRLS Eighty Girls Now in London Homes To Hold Re-

union. An interesting function takes place at Millford lodge, Salvation Army

hostel, for overseas girls, on December 22. On this occasion there will be a reunion of the girls who have passed through the lodge during the past three years and are now on duty in London homes. The reunion will take the form of a reception and Christmas dinner, and is being held on Tuesday instead of Friday because the girls will be at their work on Christmas Day.

From 50 to 80 girls are expected or this occasion, when they will be treated royally by the lodge authorities. The reception is held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be followed by din-

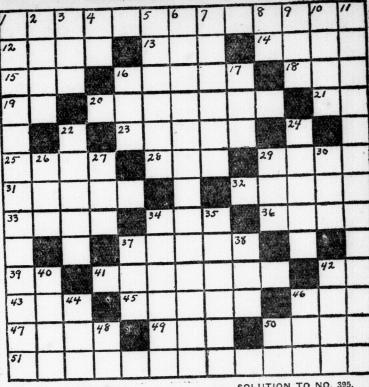
Birr. Dec. 15 .- The monthly meeting of the girl's branch of the W. A. was held at the home of Miss Avice Scott. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Arthur Shore; president, Miss Avice Scott (reelected); vice-president, Miss B. Hobbs; secretary Miss O'Neill (re-elected); easurers, Miss E. Shoebottom and Miss Lizzie Hodgins (re-elected); Dorcas treasurer, Miss K. Shoebottom; leaflet treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Hobbs; planist, Miss Rebecca O'Neill. The January meeting will be held at

ARVA W. M. S.

The missionary auxiliary of the Arva United church met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Berdan. It was decided that the quilts be given to the In As Much society of the Metropolitan United church, London and for Christmas cheer Mrs. George Connor gave an interesting talk on a chapter of the study book, "Building With India," and Mrs. McClary ought a splendid report of the district convention held in the Wellington United church.

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

brilliant red bell, hangs in the window A green Christmas tree, bedecked with tiny candles and much tinsel, stands beside the grate. But these signs of Christmas good cheer find no reflection for Dorothy's room. I thought sure there'd be plenty to build over the there'd before the fire—their boy, their girl will not be home this year. "We won't have a hundred dollars, free and clear," sorrowed Benorings, the door is answered and there nia.
"Well, \$700 looks like a lot of comfortable trip in a Canadian National train. Your mother fairly jumps into money to me, confessed Lil placidly, train. Your mother fairly jumps into "To tell the truth, I never expected your arms, your father circles around with happiness. What brought them! What a What joy you have



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