

# Scouts

PROVINCIAL TROOPS  
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On Tuesday evening, members of the above troop met at their headquarters and received valuable instruction from their scoutmaster, in Scoutcraft and physical drill. They also attended most attentively to a short address delivered by the Editor of these columns.

## The Scouts in War Time.

The Scouts' Defence Corps.

(Continued from last week.)

A temporary branch of the Scout movement is just now established to meet the wishes of boys who desire to train themselves in soldiering. For the boy has to be sixteen years of age, and to have passed such tests as prove him to be trained to a certain amount of character.

Over 6,000 Scouts are in this Defence Corps, and it is difficult to imagine a finer corps of its size and age in the world.

But instruction in drill and marksmanship, though practical, does not complete its technical efficiency. Groups of the corps can specialize in their own subjects, as bridge-building, ambulance, transport, ordnance and work, Army Service, and so on.

And these, while useful to the service, also continue the school training of the boy on to a practical standard for work in other lines of life. The training given an aim and point to his studies which impel the boy to learn for himself rather than to have the knowledge pressed upon him, and therein lies the value of the instruction.

Then some twenty thousands have gone into His Majesty's Services, and the wonderful tributes which have been received from their officers speak of something in the training which turns them out as better soldiers than is the case with the average lad whose character has not been systematically developed beforehand.

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## How to Run a Troop.

(Continued from previous article.)

2.—Induce Games in the Troop.

Scout's Chess (Scouting Games, p. 42-43).

To play this game you require a map of the country on a big scale. The Chief Scout suggests drawing it on the wall of the clubroom and using little flags to mark the positions of the Scouts and his pursuers. This game will give you still further practice in the local map and help you to that Pathfinder's Badge which you will be achieving to get.

3.—Drill.

Practise the following commands and movements.

(a) Fall-in by patrols from the right.

—The patrols should fall in two deep, dress by the right, and the rear rank take up its proper distance without further orders, or at the time.

(b) By Patrols, number.—The numbering is done from the right and rear rank have the same number and their front rank men.

(c) Practice the turns, Right, Left, and About Turn.

(d) Form Pairs.—Even numbers take one pace to the rear and one to the right.

(e) Form Two Deep.—Even numbers take one pace to the left and one to the front.

(f) Explain in Line and in Column.

—Review the work done before, marching in line and in column, and explain the difference between Troop Wheel and Patrols Wheel. (S. for B.—Drill.)

(g) Practise all these movements at the double, and also changing from column to line and line to column at the double.

All this is good physical exercise, tends to smartness, and has a certain usefulness on big parades. There is also the lesson of making an idol of these movements, but, from time to time, it is good to require the troop, as a whole to execute smartly words of command given to them by their officers or leaders.

This drill could be taken as the alternative to the indoor game, when the weather and the daylight permit. Otherwise, it is reserved for the half holiday, and practised either before or after the Scout Game.

4.—Games for Strength.

These can be played indoors, or out. About ten minutes for each game.

(a) The Struggle (S. for B.—Camp Fire Year No. 17).

(b) Wrist Pushing for one Scout alone and by two facing each other (S. for B.—Camp Fire Year No. 17).

(c) Kneel to Your Superior (Scouting Games, p. 106).

5.—Scouting Game.

Finding Places (Scouting Games, p. 30).

This is another game which leads to the knowledge wanted for the Pathfinder's Badge. The Scouts should be sent out in pairs, rather than singly, as they like the companionship.

The game can be repeated several times according to the time available and the number of Scouts and prepared cards.

Woodman's Point Bridge Closed.

The bridge at Woodman's Point has been closed for the purpose of making needed repairs.

# The Broad Highway

"Which We Call Life"

(Continued from yesterday.)  
"Indeed he does, Prudence, though I think you must know that without my telling you." So she stooped above the child, blushing a little, and sighing a little, and crying a little, and with fingers that trembled somewhat, to be sure, wrote these four words:  
"George, I love you."

"What new, Mr. Peter?" she inquired, as he began to unbuckle his leather apron.

"Now," I answered, "I am going to look for Black George."

"No—not!" she cried, laying her hands upon my arm, "no! I feel do meet him, he—he'll kill me!"

"I don't think he will," said I, shaking my head.

"Oh, don't go—don't go!" she pleaded, shaking my arm in her eagerness, "he's so strong and wild and quick—he'll give me no chance to speak—he'll be murdered!"

"Prudence," said I, "my mind is set on it. I am going for your sake, for his sake, and my own; saying which, I loosed her hands gently and took down my coat from its peg.

"Dear God!" she exclaimed, staring down at the floor with wide eyes, "he was to kill me!"

"Well," said I, "my search would be ended and I should be a dead man in all things that I am today."

"And he would be hanged!" said Prudence, shuddering.

"Probably—poor fellow!" said I. At this she started quickly up, and once again the crimson-dyed her cheeks.

"Oh, Mr. Peter, forgive me! I—I was only thinking of Jarge, and—"

"And quite right too, Prudence," I said, "he is indeed worth any good woman's thoughts; let it be your duty to think of him, and for him, henceforth."

"Wait!" said she, "wait!" And turning she fled through the doorway and across the road swift and graceful as any bird, and presently was back again, with something hidden in her apron.

"He is a strong man, and terrible in his wrath," said she, "and I love him, but—take this with you, and if it will be—use it, because I do love him." Now, as she said this, she drew from her apron what I came brass-bound pistol that had served me so well against the "ghost" and thrust it into my hand. "Take it, Mr. Peter—take it, but—oh!—here a great sob choked her voice—"don't—don't—don't—don't—"

"If you can help it, for my sake."

"Why, Prudence?" said I, touching her bowed head very tenderly, "how can you think I would go up against my friend with death in my hand? Heavens forbid!" So I laid aside the weapon and, clasping on my hat, strode out into the glow of the summer morning, but left her weeping in the shade.

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go to my lonely cottage and bury myself into my books.  
First Voice: "Theoretically!" is it for a philosopher to envy a whistling fellow—go to!  
Second Voice: Far better a home and loving companionship than all the philosophy of all the scholars; surely Happiness is greater than Learning, and more to be desired than Wisdom!  
First Voice: Better rather that Destiny had never sent her to you.  
Second Voice: (Rubbing his chin very hard, and staring at nothing in particular.) Her?

Second Voice: Her!—to be sure, she who has been in your thoughts all day long.

First Voice: (With lofty disdain.) Crass folly!—a woman utterly unknown, who came heralded by the roar of wind and the rush of rain—a creature born of the tempest, with flame in her eyes and hair, and fire in the scarlet of her mouth; a fierce, passionate being, given to hot impulses—even to the taking of a man's life!

"But," said I, somewhat diffidently, "the fellow was a proved scoundrel!"

First Voice (bellowing): Sophistry! sophistry!—even supposing he was the greatest of villains, does that make her less a murderer in intent? Myself: Hum!

First Voice (roaring): Of course not! Again, can this woman even faintly compare with your ideal of what a woman should be—this shrew!

—This temptress! Can a woman whose head is so full of wickedness, who would lead the wile to use it, be of a nature gentle, clinging, sweet?

Second Voice (sotto): And sticky not!—preposterous! Of course!

(Hereupon, finding no answer, I strode on through the alleys of the wood; but, when I had gone some distance, I stopped again, for there rushed over me the recollection of the tender pity of her eyes and the gentle touch of her hand, as when she had bound up my hurt.

"Nevertheless," said I doggedly, "her face can grow more beautiful with pity, and surely no woman's hand could be lighter or more gentle."

First Voice (with withering contempt): Our Peter fellow is like to become a preposterous man.

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## WOMEN SHOULD GET THIS HABIT AS WELL AS MEN

Don't Eat Bite of Breakfast Until You Drink Glass of Hot Water.

Happy, bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin; a natural, rosy complexion and freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood. If only every woman and likewise every man could realize the wonders of the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place.

Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nervous wrecks," "run-downs," "brain faggers," and "peevishness" we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking, each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations, and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance awaiting those who practice the internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.

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