

### HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Pleasant Evening Reveries dedicated to tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Home should be so truly home that the weary, tempted heart could turn to it anywhere on the dusty highway of life and receive light and strength. What a blessing it is when weary with care and burdened with care and sorrow, to have a home to which we can go, and there in the midst of friends we love, forget our troubles and dwell in peace and quietness. Home is the chief school of human virtue. Its responsibilities, joys, sorrows, smiles, tears, hopes and solicitudes form the chief interest in human life.

Home is the greatest school of life. Few can receive the honors of a college education, but all are graduates of home. The learning of the university may fade, its knowledge may moulder in the halls of memory, but the simple lessons of home impressed upon the hearts of childhood, defy the rust of years and outline the vivid picture of life. "Mid pleasures and palaces we may roam. Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

There is sweet music in every home where the heart strings are touched by gentleness and courtesy. The mild word, the gentle answer, the tender act, the patient consideration, will touch chords of kindness and make sweet melody in the family as everywhere. A desolate, dreary place is a home devoid of those little courtesies which are practiced in the best social life.

A great helper to gladness is a happy home. Many of us would never be able, day after day, to face life with its struggles, its duties, its antagonisms, were it not for the renewal of strength, which we get in our home.

A true home is a little fragment of heaven let down to earth to inspire us with patience and strength for the way.

The real pleasures of life are not to be bought. Amusement is for sale; but joy comes without bargaining. There are no figures set upon happiness; it springs up in the pathway like a flower the seed of which has been sown from some other world. The quiet, deep joys of life, benison like, fall from heaven upon our hearts. None can command them, none can corner them. You may purchase assistance and interest, but affection and love come unsought, unsolicited, unbought.

We do not care how poor a young man may be if he has good health, sound principles, is respectful of sacred things, is temperate in his habits, and is not afraid to work and work hard, and face the world with a determination to succeed. That young man can be trusted with the best and sweetest girl ever reared in a home. Marriage and all that a good loving wife means, is the developing power of such a man.

Kindness makes sunshine wherever it goes; it is the real law of life; the link that connects earth with heaven.

#### Colored Snow

The discolored snow of the Northern United States storm of March 9, 1918, has been shown by Weather Bureau observer to have fallen at least from Dubuque, Iowa, to Chelsea, Vt., and from Madison, Wis., to Newberry, Mich., the area covered, having been not less than 100,000 square miles. At Madison about an eighth of an ounce of dust was collected from a square yard of snow, and it has been estimated that the total quantity of dust that fell must have been at least one million tons, probably tens or even hundreds of millions. From the investigation reported by A. N. Winchell and E. R. Miller, it appears that the particles ranged in size from one ten-thousandth to one two-hundred-thirtieth of an inch. Under the microscope, crystalline feldspar and quartz seemed to form 65 to 75 per cent of the mass; amorphous material, including various minerals, 20 to 30 per cent, and all other constituents, 5 per cent. Feldspar, quartz, opal limonite, hematite, hornblende, calcite, mica, apatite, tourmaline, giron, and possibly kavin, were minerals recognized; and some organic matter was present. Besides plant fragments a few diatoms were seen. From a consideration of the winds the kinds of material, and the well-sorted, finely divided and chemically unaltered condition, it is concluded that the sand must have originated in a very arid region of granitic rocks, such as exists in New Mexico and Arizona, and been carried a long distance. The transport of a million tons a thousand miles in a single storm, suggests that wind must have been scarcely inferior to water, as a geological agent.

### 20 MINUTES

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### No Headache

Authority for the City of Ottawa to retire by debentures \$100,000 for the purchase of wood for the civic fuel yard was granted by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Would you live in the remembrance of others after you are gone? Write your name on the tablets of their hearts by acts of kindness and love. The noblest revenge we can make upon our enemies is to do them a kindness.

If you wish your children to be respectful to you, then you should be respectful to them. The boys and girls who are spoken to in a harsh rough tone of voice naturally fall into the habit of responding in the same way.

Praise the work of your children, no matter how trivial the act. It will give them an honest desire to do better the next time.

Do not think too much of your dignity. Do anything to make the boys think they are having a good time. In short, live with your boys. A little fun and good nature will go far towards turning work into play. When you get a boy so that he will love his home and his parents and you will have a strong arm to rest on as you go down the slope.

Home! One is more than ever impressed by the significance of that word, when, even in the roughest little hamlet, and most desolate looking hut, it may mean so much to those who were born in it. It is a beautiful trait, this clinging to the very soil of one's birth-place, sterile and unattractive as it may be to those who have no such associations.

The stern realities of life permit only short seasons of recreation, and it is only by planning judiciously the arrangements of time and divisions of labor that a busy mother can insure a child his rightful portion of her company.

Parental dignity and authority may be asserted with the utmost firmness, and yet without coarseness or arrogance. In fact it cannot be well asserted in any other way. A rude father or mother is likely to have rude sons and daughters.

If the mother is in the habit, in her common conversation, of coloring facts, of exaggerating what she hears and relates, can she expect her children to grow up with a love and reverence for the truth?

Where the stream of life is dark and unpropitious that the sunshine of a happy face falling on the turbid tide will not waken an answering gleam? Why these joyful, good-tempered people don't know half the good they do.

It is the person rather than the occupation that adds dignity to labor. There are those who can beautify the most menial occupation or service and there are others who can degrade the most honorable calling.

There is no rank, no condition that may exempt a manly man from a kind regard for a mother.

### GUARD THE BABY AGAINST COLDS

To guard the baby against colds nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets. The Tablets are a mild laxative that will keep the little one's stomach and bowels working regularly. It is a recognized fact that where the stomach and bowels are in good order that colds will not exist; that the health of the little one will be good and that he will thrive and be happy. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

#### Self-Feeding Hogs

Repeated tests at the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, as between the use of self-feeders and the usual method of feeding at stated periods, have proved that by the use of the self-feeder pork is produced more economically with regard to the food used and labour required. This sort of feeder consists of a box or hopper, so constructed that when filled with meal it will automatically deliver, or keep continually before the pigs, in troughs, a certain amount of dry food. It can be built, according to Special Circular No. 15 issued by the Department of Agriculture and obtainable from the Publications Branch, for about \$10. The method of construction is described fully in this pamphlet, which deals with the system of automatic feeding that should be followed.

#### Not So Bad

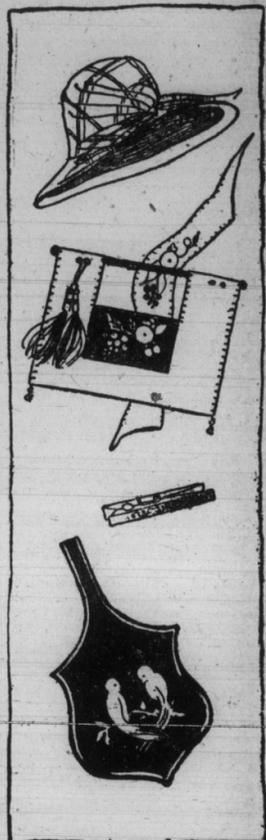
It was a hot day, and two sailors had just been released from a long spell of duty on a mine sweeper. They made a bee-line for the first public house they saw, and one of them ordered two quarts of ale. The men emptied their mugs in one draught while the barmaid looked on in undisguised admiration. The man who had paid stood for a second or two wetting his lips meditatively, and then turned to his companion with a grin: "Taint so bad, Bill, is it?" he remarked. "Shall we 'ave some?"

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Art Work That Tempts.

white brush felt buttonholed in black wool. The fruit is formed of cleverly painted wooden beads.

A reversible hat is of manila straw, its crown swathed in a silk plaid scarf. Reversed this hat is rose colored. A prosaic clothe-cap gilded and hand-painted was declared fit to hold back the guestroom curtains.

#### BEADS GIVE TOUCH OF LIFE

Necklaces or Pendants Add Much to Appearance—Enhance Cheerfulness and Beauty.

The most somber frock may be relieved of dullness by the addition of clever extras in the way of beaded or painted ornaments worn as necklaces or pendants. The swaying line of a brilliant string of painted beads gives life and a sanguine touch at once. Much enthusiasm has been given the handiwork of one of our successful little school of American artist folk who has whittled beads of quaint outline and painted them in rich, warm colors. For instance, a black cord strings some pendants of long "vamp earring" shape, threaded next to squatty little mushroom shapes. The paint color scheme is rose, deep blue and turquoise, buff and white—bead with black. The lacquer finish is effective.

Just now, when America is learning to feel, it is intensely interesting to watch the little beacons flare up to illustrate the need and craving for beauty—and beauty that shall not selfishly consume too much labor and material. A simple frock that suits its wearer and serves its purpose may be made lovely with clever colored buttons, or a touch of handwork or such beads as these just described. It is the wholesome individual need for cheerfulness and beauty.

#### SKIRTS DROPPED TO ANKLES

New Type of Garment Said to Be Accepted With More Than Usual Enthusiasm.

The skirts of suits are both narrow and short, and the women who appeared on the street in them without leggings or high shoes created some unpleasant criticism. But just when we are accepting with enthusiasm this continued style of short and narrow garments, notes a fashion critic, the prophets say that the real French skirts are growing longer. And the smart American designers say the same. They are making the garments slim, without using an inch of surplus material, but they are dropping them to the ankles, omitting the leggings and the high boots, and coming back to the flat-heeled pumps with broad ribbon bows across the vamp.

Three or four of the best houses emphasize these skirts, and those who are tired of the brevity of the skirts we have worn for years are accepting this new type of garment with more than the usual enthusiasm. If it had fullness it would be impossible for street usage, but its narrowness and the slight bias line at the sides, that comes from the material being pulled backward and upward, make it pleasing.

### SERIOUS FEED SITUATION.

Shipment of Feed from North to South Presents Serious Problem.

The Saskatoon Star reports that farmers about North Gully, Sask., are faced with a very serious situation in consequence of the severe frost of July 23. A special meeting of the local branch of Saskatchewan Grain Growers, was called to deal with the matter, and a resolution was passed calling upon the Government to take the situation in hand. There is no doubt, it is added, that the feed question is a serious one in many parts of Saskatchewan, though the recent rains have relieved the situation considerably. At the same time the question is largely one of distribution—the getting of feed to the stock or the stock to the feed. An investigation has been conducted by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, and everything possible will be done to relieve the situation. Practically all the obtainable hay of the country north of Edmonton has been taken up, according to Mr. A. E. Meyers of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Mr. Meyers states that there are some small lots owned by private individuals which are still to be had, but in most cases these are being held at exorbitant prices. It has been rather difficult getting the buyers and sellers together on the matter of prices. About 1,000 head of cattle from Gleichen have recently been located in the Killam district and more are going into Merna. A lot of sheep have been located near Millet and north and east of Ranfurley.

Mr. W. F. Stevens, Live Stock Commissioner for the Province of Alberta, reports having seen one of the frozen grain left standing than he had seen in the stack. Left standing until this stage, the value of the crop for green feed was largely gone. He found a great deal of hesitation on the part of farmers as to whether to bother cutting the wheat, not knowing whether there would be any sale for it or not, and not wishing to go to the expense of harvesting if it was not of any value. The rancher, on the other hand, is being filled up with stories that the frozen wheat will not be satisfactory feed for his cattle, so he is making no arrangements and, in the meantime, the wheat is past the proper moment for cutting.

Mr. Stevens is further quoted by the Edmonton Bulletin as saying that unless there are generous rainfalls very soon throughout the greater portion of the drought-stricken area of Alberta, there will be required a quarter of a million tons of feed to carry the southern farmers' and stockmen's animals through until another crop of grass is grown in the south country. "To move a quarter of a million tons of hay," Mr. Stevens says, "will require one trainload every two hours for one hundred days; it will mean a similar number of empties going back. As fully one-half of this hay will have to come over a line of railway but recently opened for traffic, it is physically impossible for such a road to handle that number of trains in addition to its ordinary traffic, and to encourage stockmen to rely upon it would be nothing short of criminal."

Big Crop—Labor Short. The wheat crop in New Brunswick this season covers about fifty thousand acres, while the acreage last year ran to about sixteen thousand, according to the Fredericton Gleaner. Oats are looking fairly well, except in the low-lying lands and in the clay sections, where the exceptionally wet weather did considerable damage. There will, according to the reports received, be a good average crop of hay this year, taking the province as a whole, but much was too ripe before cutting owing to labor shortage. The returns regarding barley, which are coming in from the district representatives of the Department, show an increased crop.

It is stated that potatoes are running exceptionally well in nearly all parts of the province, and it appears that, taking the province as a whole, the crop will average, if not surpass, that of other years. Reports from the Carleton County section would seem to indicate that the crop in that county will be lighter this year, but the Department is not yet quite satisfied that this will be the case. Blight is showing slightly on the potato crop in different sections of the province. This, the Department claims, is due to the fact that spraying has not been properly followed up.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, states that if weather continues favorable and the harvest is gathered in good condition, New Brunswick will have the greatest crop in her history. Wheat and oats are progressing particularly well and are ripening magnificently. Mr. Tweeddale states, however, that unless more is done to secure labor for farmers within the next five or six weeks a large portion of this season's crop will be lost. "Many industries might well be closed down and the employes turned out into the fields," he says. As a means of relieving New Brunswick's labor shortage no harvest excursions to the west will be permitted this year, and soldiers from Camp Sussex are being given harvest leave.

Profitable Pea Crops. The Oshawa Reformer reports that Mr. Thomas Newcombe of Whitby Township, has delivered 280 bushels of peas from five acres of ground, and 20 bushels of seed, a yield of 56 bushels to the acre, which netted him about \$156 to the acre, after allowing for his seed. Mr. F. T. Rowe, also of Whitby Township, delivered 263 bushels from seven acres, netting him \$689.75, after allowing for seed. "These," the Reformer adds, "are but samples of what the farmers in the vicinity have been able to accomplish this year growing peas."

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