

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

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

WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO-DAY?

We shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have we done to-day?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give to-day?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,
But what did we speak to-day?
We shall be so kind in the after-a-while,
But what have we been to-day?

We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,
But what have we brought to-day?
We shall give to truth a grander birth,
We shall speak the words of love and cheer,
We shall feed the hungry souls of earth,
But whom have we fed to-day?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,
But what have we sown to-day?
We shall build our mansions in the sky,
But what have we built to-day?
'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,
But here and now do we ask,
Yes, this the thing our souls must ask,
"What have we done to-day?"

—NIXON WATERMAN.

OUR CHILDREN—BOYS AND GIRLS.

Speak gently and quietly ask them not to do again, and if the boy has the proper idea of the respect due his mother, he will respect your wishes. This kind of thing is only what may be expected of them, for boys will be boys, as long as the world stands, and there is a boy remaining in it. If the same offense is repeated by that self-same boy, you need not feel discouraged, for the teaching of one day will not suffice for all.

It requires a great deal of perseverance to make a success of it. Some, of course, are a great deal worse than some others, but you need not expect to find saints in any of them.

Again, do not suffer the sister to censure them so severely, as is sometimes the case, just because she does not happen to inherit as much of the rebelliousness of old Father Adam as fell to the less fortunate brother. Impress the fact upon her that she has a great influence over him if she will only exercise judgment in exerting it for his good.

Teach the boy in turn to use kindness and politeness toward his sister. It will be the making of him, for, "as the twig is bent so will the tree be inclined." Neglect this and you will doubtless bring up a man to make some poor woman miserable, as it is impossible for a woman to admire an ungallant and snappish man as for him to love a coarse mannered, slovenly woman.

Be neat and tidy in your own person, else do not expect this in your children, for children pick up the ways of their elders as "pigeons peck." It is a superior child indeed who naturally rises above his parents in point of pride.

THE PURE SEED CAMPAIGN.

Year by year the importance of pure seed is being more and more recognized. Anything, therefore, of a helpful nature bearing on the subject is welcome, but when results are forthcoming from widespread and actively pursued experience then we have something of which every farmer, every grain grower, everybody interested in agriculture or in any kind of soil production, should possess a knowledge. Of such character is the Report of the Dominion Seed Commissioner for 1914, which has just been issued, and which can be had free by making application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The work of the Seed Branch, the Commissioner, Mr. George H. Clark, tells us falls naturally into three main parts—seed growing, seed testing and seed inspection. Seed growing includes educational and other work directed towards encouraging the production and use of better seed. For this purpose financial and other assistance is rendered by the Dominion towards conducting field crop competitions, seed fairs and provincial seed exhibitions.

Seed testing involves the analysis of samples which are sent to the laboratories at Ottawa and Calgary by seed merchants and farmers and investigation by experiment.

Seed inspection involves the enforcement of the law governing the sale of seed, the visiting of seed merchants and farmers and the furnishing of information regarding the Seed Control Act. The Report supplies a comprehensive summary of information obtained by inquiry regarding the wheat, oats, barley and flax being used for seed in Canada; reviews of the corn situation and timothy seed production and full details, with tables of results, of seed testing operations. A great deal of attention is given to noxious weed seeds, the different kinds that are found in differing circumstances being fully set forth.

Canadian War Horses at the Front.

There are 15,000 horses with the Canadian forces at the front, and so far the casualties among these have been only 10 per cent. When a horse is injured in a way insufficient to destroy its usefulness it is given the same care as a wounded man, and in some cases the injured animals have been back in service in a week. In one case a horse with ten bullet wounds was refitted for service. During the battle of Ypres, although Canadian guns were within 300 yards of the enemy, not a gun or wagon was lost.

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and etiquette. He or she may appear so to a casual observer, but rest assured, loose training eventually tells. As for the daughter, let me whisper softly, mother, do not for the sake of the love you bear, rush her into the matrimonial market at least before she is out of her teens. She is but a child as yet, and one child is not capable of assuming the care of another.

If a man wishes to hold the respect and love of the woman he has married, he must show her consideration and sympathy. It requires just as much brain force, just as much hard work, to be a good home maker as a man expends in the outside world. Some men fail to understand how dear little acts of kindness and consideration are to the hearts of their wives. The good wife struggles each day to cater to the husband's wishes and comfort, placing self in the background, and the husband, possibly, is grateful enough to refrain from criticism, but he allows her to take it for granted that he appreciates all she does for him. What she needs is spoken words of praise; real approval shown in acts and words is an elixir to the wife. Is there not something very beautiful and effective to be seen when we meet a wife and mother rising superior to her domestic troubles and overcoming the petty trials encountered in every home and endeavoring to make that home cheerful and happy? And is it not likewise beautiful when the husband comes to her assistance? There is found in these united homes an indulgence and repose that cannot be obtained elsewhere. The great woman and the average woman need alike the loving and unselfish help of the husband in the work of home making.

Have you done a real kind or saving deed to anybody to-day? Are you in the habit of doing such deeds whenever a chance offers? Are you on the lookout for such opportunities?

We often think the very rich must be very happy, but riches bring neither happiness nor content. The most perfect serenity is found with those who have learned to limit their desires, rather than with those who have unlimited means of gratifying their desires. To possess a home and those in it who love us, to have health and money enough to satisfy our actual wants—these are the elements absolutely necessary to be a contented life. The man who has a field to plow and plant has a better chance for health and happiness than the man who seeks, by golf, and other diversions, to get the exercise and development that the Lord meant he should obtain by labor.

Beckwith Machine Gun.

The special committee in charge of the machine gun to be presented to the militia department from the township of Beckwith, have received a very courteous reply from the department regarding the matter, and a special meeting of the patriotic committee ownership will be held Thursday evening, at the residence of Mr. Peter Drummond, to deal finally with the business of formally presenting the gift from the people of this historic township to the war authorities at the capital city. A full attendance of the members of the committee is requested in order that decisive steps may be taken.

Bible Trade and the War.

The makers of munitions of war are not the only American business men who are profiting by reason of the conflict in Europe. The knowledge may prove disconcerting to some peace at any price advocates, that the Bible business in the United States as a direct consequence of the war, is flourishing as never before. The publishers are sending large quantities not only to the Allies, but to the Tuetonic nations also. American made Bibles are being shipped, too, to the South African and Australian markets. Everywhere, according to the publishers, the demand for the American articles is unprecedentedly large. It is estimated that the increase over the best previous year is about 50 per cent. And the Bibles are not being purchased by missionaries or foreign auxiliaries of the Gideons, but by the great public abroad. Other nations are handicapped by their inability to publish, so the whole world is looking to the United States for its supply.

CARLETON PLACE DRUGGIST HAS VALUABLE AGENCY

W. J. Hughes has the Carleton Place agency for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika, the remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. This simple remedy has powerful action and drains such surprising amounts of old matter from the body that Just One Dose relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation almost immediately. The Quick action of Adler-ika is astonishing. W. J. Hughes, druggist.

Thomas J. Hill, a G.T.R. conductor, one of the oldest members of St. Andrew's church, London, was stricken with apoplexy while sitting in his pew with his daughter just before the morning service, dying almost immediately.

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LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Vincent C. Mounteer dropped dead in Chatham.

Germany is contemplating a new loan of \$2,500,000,000.

The date for summoning Parliament is fixed for Jan. 12.

Three Rivers, Que., voted for prohibition by 1,566 to 1,405.

The Japanese Emperor reviewed twenty-five miles of his warships.

The Canadian troops in the trenches are being supplied with larrigans.

Four Hamburg-American officials in New York were sentenced to prison.

A British transport sighted a Greek ship supplying an enemy submarine with oil.

An American steamer near the Isle of Crete was fired on by an Austrian submarine.

Over three hundred children in Toronto public schools are reported underfed.

The British Admiralty showed how the Austrians exaggerated their sweep of the Adriatic Sea.

The Maple Leaf Milling Co.'s mill at St. Catharines was destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$200,000.

Branches of the Ontario Soldiers' Aid Commission are to be established throughout the Province.

Disturbances are increasing between Bulgaria and Turkey and complications between these nations is threatened.

The troopship Saxonia which sailed Nov. 22, with 83 officers and 2,412 men aboard, reached England safely.

I. W. McPherson, of St. Thomas, a real estate broker, was found asphyxiated in a vacant house owned by him.

The troopship Lapland, carrying 2,294 Canadian troops, including the 37th Battalion, arrived safely in England.

Miss Emma F. Doherty, nurse-in-training in the Ottawa General Hospital, spent Sunday at her home in Beckwith.

The troopship California, which sailed from Canada Nov. 23, has arrived safely in England, with 91 officers and 1,817 men aboard.

In all probability the Ontario License Board which met last week in Perth, will reduce the number of licenses in the county town.

Mr. F. E. Foster, of Smiths Falls, received word of the death of his father, Mr. Thos. Foster, at Newboro. He was 90 years old.

Raymond Chapman and Miss Mary Salo, young persons of Copper Cliff, were drowned while skating on Lake Lady Macdonald.

Colonel Napier, former military attaché of the British Legation at Sofia, was taken off a Greek steamer by a German submarine.

Major Anderson was received by the King at Buckingham Palace. He is the Canadian officer who recently escaped from the Germans.

Austrian warships have begun sweeping the Adriatic Sea of Italian ships carrying arms and ammunition to the relief of the Serbians.

The first five cows in the dairy contest at the Winter Fair were Holsteins, the sixth an Ayrshire, quality and quantity being regarded.

Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, announces that there are now 2,026 Government-controlled munitions establishments.

Pembroke's fire chief, when on duty, will wear a white rubber suit, thus enabling his coworkers to easily find him at times when every moment counts.

Donato Mangino, a young Italian, was instantly killed at the Canada Glue Company's bone-crushing plant at Brantford, being caught in the belting.

Robt. Riddell, hotelkeeper, of Wyoming, was sent to Kingston Penitentiary for seven years for aiding and abetting in the setting of several incendiary fires.

President Wilson, in his address to Congress, announced that the relation of the United States to the republics of South America was on a new basis of partnership.

Two more French-Canadian battalions are to be raised, one in Montreal and the other in Rimouski and neighboring district, the latter to be part of a new French-Canadian brigade.

Mr. F. Perry, representative in Canada of a London private banking firm, formerly an attaché in the British Colonial Office, has been added to the Imperial Munitions Board.

Gunner Alfred James, of Smiths Falls, wounded in action, bringing back a Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, returned wounded a few days ago.

Any donations of money, groceries, toys or clothing for the Christmas baskets will be gladly received by the Sunshine Y., and may be sent to Miss Annie Brown any time before December 23rd.

Lieut. H. A. Stares, Mus. Bacc., bandmaster of the 91st Canadian Highlanders, and conductor of Christ Church Cathedral choir, Hamilton, has been secured as Bandmaster of the 80th Battalion.

W. D. Davis, 94 years old, took a fourth wife at Plymouth, N.H., a few days ago. Mr. Davis has been the father of 41 children, 33 of whom are living. He has 192 grandchildren. The bride is 39 years old.

Mr. James R. Fallis, M.P.P. for Peel, claimed the right to make fat profits on war horses when asked by Sir Charles Davidson, Loyal Commissioner, to explain his part in war horse deals which netted him nearly \$3,000.

During morning prayers, which are said every working day in the establishment of W. & J. G. Greey, manufacturers of mill machinery, Toronto, three workmen were killed and two seriously injured by the escape of steam after a valve had been blown from the boiler.

A HANDSOME FROCK.

Becoming to the Woman Who Can Wear Rather Severe Effects.

Sage green worsted, with a blouse that has set-on box plaits seemingly continued down the skirt, makes this good looking costume. The full skirt



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has braid trimming at the bottom of the plaits, the same effect being gained at the waist line, which is set off with a smart black patent leather belt. The fitted silk beaver sailor that completes this correctness has two fly-away white wings as trimming.

Cup Custards (Boiled).

Heat a quart of milk in a double boiler, but do not bring it quite to the boil. Beat five eggs light and stir into them half a cupful of sugar. On this mixture pour the scalding milk very gradually, beating steadily all the time. Return to the double boiler and cook, stirring constantly until the custard is thick enough to coat the spoon. If boiled longer than this it will curdle and separate. Remove the custard from the fire, season with two teaspoonfuls of vanilla and set aside to cool. When cold nearly fill glasses or cups with the mixture and heap with a meringue made by whipping the whites of the eggs stiff with two table-spoonfuls of sugar.

State Department Code.

The secret code books of the state department are guarded most carefully. Life is to be expended at any time to defend them. In fact, they are guarded as carefully as the code books of the navy, whose covers are so heavy that when thrown into the sea in case of emergency they will sink instantly.

Taking No Chances.

The manager of a vaudeville theater in Boston wired a team who had been out of work for six months as follows: "What is your lowest salary for next week here?" Half an hour later he received a reply. "We're coming," was all it said.

Unmasculine.

Tommy had a profound contempt for the little boy next door, who threw a ball like a girl, seldom had on any but a clean shirt, and who generally wore gloves.

"Do you know why he's a sissy?" asked Tommy of his aunt. "It's 'cause he looks just like his mother, and that shows he's got girl blood in him."

First Line of Defense.

"Pa, what is the first line of defense?"

"That depends on the circumstances, son. If this country were at war the first line of defense would be the navy. When a man's married it's usually the telephone line, by which he tries to square himself before he comes home."

Gender of Garlic.

"Why is garlic masculine gender?" asked the man who markets. "It must be masculine because the green grocers I buy from call it 'he.' They are mostly Italians and ought to know the sex of garlic if anybody does. Of all the vegetables are ascribed. Everything else is neuter. To call garlic 'it' would be an insult. The garlic, he is fresh, he is fine, he is cheap, he is dear. He's a man!"

Like the Collapse of a World.

A United Press staff correspondent says that before the big French drive of September began, a tornado of shells was thrown upon an area 15 miles long and three miles wide. This continued without intermission for three days and nights. A German officer's letter, interrupted by death, said the shelling resembled the collapse of the world. Practically every square yard of this forty-five square miles of chalky ground was, the letter says, tossed into the air by explosives. The Germans, their food supply cut off because supply trains could not approach, huddled at the bottom of their bomb shelters twenty feet under the ground, while their trenches were blown to nothing. Some companies lost half their men during the bombardment alone. Underground ammunition stores exploded; shelters were ripped up as though roofed with paper instead of yards of stone and earth. The world never saw such shell fire.

After the storm ended all over the field were broken transports, shattered wheels, splintered planks, clothing, German and French helmets, ammunition, guns, swords, books, shoes and revolvers, while arms and legs lay promiscuously about on the churned-up earth.

New cemeteries were made for the French who fell. There being no time to place crosses or headstones to mark the graves, a wire bottle, with name and number corked inside was stuck, neck down, in the middle of each new mound.

Mayor Marsh, of Smiths Falls, received the sad intelligence last Monday of the sudden death of his nephew Allan Marsh, son of Mr. Wm. J. Marsh, of Iroquois. The young man partook of his breakfast after which he took a severe pain and died shortly afterwards. He was about 27 years of age and had been married about a year and a half.

Mr. Rankin Best, assistant to inspector Phillips, caught three young men from Perth hunting on Sunday up in Burgess and confiscated their two guns and their game. They will be brought before a magistrate to answer to a charge of hunting on Sunday and shooting partridges out of season.—Rideau Record.

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