

# Housekeeping, Nursery, Gardening and News of Interest to Women

## WOMAN SENATOR WILL COME HERE

Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson of Colorado to Speak in Toronto.

## SENTIMENT IS GROWING In Favor of Extending the Franchise to Married Women.

An interesting meeting of the Equal Franchise League was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Hamilton, on Monday afternoon. The president was in the chair, and spoke briefly of the growing sentiment in favor of woman's suffrage, and the growing public knowledge of the aims and ideals behind the desire for the vote. She referred to the many letters on the subject which she had received from all over the province, and to the prominence given it at a recent Woman's Institute meeting in Toronto. Almost every speaker mentioned it in connection with the problems before the women of the country, and their solution.

She gave an account of the work of Mrs. Tilly, of London, Ont., who at the 70 years old, has been one of the moving spirits in the formation of a suffrage society there, and is its honorary president.

A letter was read from Miss Newcomb, of Australia, who is secretary of a newly formed Woman's Suffrage Union of British Dominions Overseas. This society owes its inception to the desire of the enfranchised women of Australia and New Zealand to help the women of the other British Dominions towards political equality. Miss Newcomb said they wished for a wider knowledge of our legislative problems which might help them in dealing with their own, and also hoped to be able to give us accurate information as to what the enfranchisement of women had accomplished in Australia. They seek affiliation with the Canadian Suffrage Association, which comprises of various suffrage societies throughout the country.

New Girls' League. Mrs. Hamilton announced the formation of a new Working Girls' Suffrage League, founded by girls in whom she has long been interested. These girls have been working assiduously for months preparing for a bazaar, which they are going to hold at her house on Saturday, Dec. 13. In the afternoon there will be a musical program, and in the evening a suffrage play.

She related her experiences in connection with a meeting held in connection of the since successful Conservative candidate, Mr. Follis. She said that she had been invited to give notice of her wish to put the claims of woman's suffrage before him and the audience, and when she and her husband arrived they were shown every courtesy, given seats of honor on the platform, and five minutes each to speak. Mrs. Hamilton spoke of the need for it, and Mrs. Davidson of the Justice of it from the man's point of view.

A unanimous resolution, which is important as showing the practical interest of suffragists in such pressing problems as the high cost of living, was passed. It was moved by Miss Newfeldt, and seconded by Mrs. Davidson, that the Equal Franchise League, being vitally concerned in the best interests of the home, hereby proposes to co-operate with the Canadian House- hold Economic Association to promote every effort that would result in better market conditions in Toronto, and closer co-operation between producers and consumers.

The interesting announcement was then made that the only woman senator in the world, Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, of Colorado, is coming to Toronto on Jan. 7, to appear to the Equal Franchise League and the public in Columbus Hall. She is a remarkably cultured and talented woman, who now that her children are grown, has leisure to devote her energies to public life, and has, both before and since her election, done much to advance social and industrial justice in Colorado. She is besides, a writer, an orator and a humorist, and Toronto is fortunate in having the opportunity to hear her speak.

After the meeting Mrs. Hamilton entertained the members and their friends at tea.

## HYMAN MILLER ESTATE PASSED MILLION MARK

Wholesale Hardware Merchant in Winnipeg Possessed Large Ontario Holdings.

The estate of Hyman Miller, wholesale hardware merchant of Winnipeg, who died at Los Angeles, Cal., on Jan. 8, 1912, was filed for probate in the surrogate court yesterday. The estate is valued at \$1,188,779, of which sum \$922,222 is held in Ontario. The sum of \$112,000 is left to charitable institutions. The son, Charles Alexander Miller, receives the residue of the estate in the neighborhood of \$1,121,470.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON CEMETERY ROAD PLAN.

Board of Works Will Meet Today to Discuss Mount Pleasant Topography.

A special meeting of the works committee will be held this afternoon to investigate the topography of Mount Pleasant Cemetery for the purpose of deciding the location of the projected thru roadway to parallel Yonge street. Aid. Rowland had the meeting called.

There were produced in Cuba from the manufacture of sugar in the year 1912-13, 77,573,359 gallons of molasses, an increase of 18,139,746 gallons over the preceding year.

Women will find more news of interest to them in The World's magazine page every morning than in any other paper.

## THE WOES OF MRS. NEWLYWED



"This jelly will not harden. What shall I do?" queried Mrs. Newlywed. "Place the jelly in a mold," said Mrs. Neighbor, "and put the mold in a basin of cold water, adding a handful of salt and soda to the water. It will get nice and firm."

## THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

A Famous Song and Its Composer

Samuel Woodworth, the son of a modest Massachusetts farmer, was born in Scituate, that state, Jan. 19, 1785. While the family were poor and had no luxuries, their lot was worse than that of the ordinary New England family, and they lived in comparative comfort.

Young Samuel received the usual education of the country boy of his time, began writing verse at an early age—and was apprenticed at the age of 15 to the printing office. While his life was a succession of ambitions, attempts and failures, his home rests secure on his faithful portrayal of the old-fashioned well and weather-beaten well-sweep, universally to be found on the farms of that day.

While living in New York City, on Duane street, he came home one July day, nearly overcome with the heat and with nothing to drink but the tepid water of the city—ice being unknown in those days in the summer months—he exclaimed to his wife: "What would I not give this moment for a long draught from the old oaken bucket hanging in my father's well!" "Same old bucket," said she, "that that is a good subject for a poem?" Forthwith he sat down—the throbbing recollections of his childhood crowded thick upon him—and that charmingly idyl of bucolic New England sprang into deathless life and fame. The result is said to have been adapted from an ancient Scottish melody by Frederick Smith. Woodworth died in 1852. His songs like so many of the heart lyrics of an elder day, are found in the famous song collection called "Heart Songs"—which this paper is entering nearly free of cost to its readers.

We recommend them to look at the Heart Songs coupon, to be found elsewhere in this paper today—and learn the terms upon which this remarkable book can be had.

## PLACE MORE BAD BOYS ON PROBATION—McCARTHY

Controller Tells Board of Control Industrial Schools Are Over-worked.

Aid. Wallace introduced a deputation to the board of control yesterday which asked for the annexation of an area of about two hundred acres, having these boundaries: St. Clair avenue on the south, Bathurst street on the west, Huron street on the east and Burton road on the north. The board will send on a recommendation in this area are the R. J. P. Farming farm and the site for an isolation hospital.

Aid. McBride, chairman of the sub-committee on streets, advocated that payments of the assessments for all street widenings and extensions be extended over twenty years instead of ten. He urged that this change would do away with much of the opposition to these improvements. The board adopted his suggestion.

The executive of the Industrial Schools' Association applied for an increase in the grant from \$2.25 to \$3.00 per week for each boy or girl committed to the Victoria, Alexandra and Blantyre Schools. The high cost of living necessitates an increased grant.

## Advices Short Sentences.

Controller McCarthy brought up the issue of stopping indefinite terms for that payments of the assessments for is needed is a radical change. "What is needed is a radical change. The schools should be for detention and discipline and the maximum term should not be over a few weeks. Excepting the mentally defective a large proportion of the present inmates should be out on probation." The department agreed to confer with the board next Monday upon Controller McCarthy's suggestion for amendments to the act. Hon. W. J. Hanna is to be invited.

## EFFICIENT HOUSEKEEPING BY HENRIETTA D. GRAUEL DOMESTIC SCIENCE LECTURER.

Beef Steak Pie. BEEF STEAK PIE need not be made from beef steak; any meat, poultry or game will do quite as well, if it is cut in small pieces. After the meat is cut prepare the seasoning; this is in three parts, one part salt, one pepper and the third just a pinch of nutmeg. You may dispense with the nutmeg and use onion salt or onion juice if you prefer, but the bit of nutmeg is delicate and usually well liked.

Put this seasoning mixture in a shaker and dredge it lightly over the pieces of meat, then sprinkle minced parsley over it and place in a well-buttered baking dish with white potatoes, cut in quarters, between the layers of meat. Add boiling water to make gravy, and over each layer sprinkle a little flour so the gravy will not be too thin.

Cover with a short paste and wash its top with yolk of egg diluted with a little water. Bake in a moderate oven until you are sure the potatoes are done. Serve in the dish it is baked in.

Chicken short cake is made from the same short paste with creamed chicken for the filling. Roll the puff paste out into a sheet about half an inch in thickness and cut in good-sized rounds. Chop or cut the cold chicken into small pieces. A little veal may be added to help out if there is too little chicken. Make a thin cream sauce and stir the chicken into it; season.

Fold each round of paste over one-half so as to form a sort of a pocket and place a tablespoon of the chicken mixture in it. Pinch the edges firmly together, wash the top with egg and bake. These little "cakes" may be baked with a top and bottom crust if you wish by using gem or cup cake pans.

Oyster patties are made in this same way, but the oysters must be steamed in their own liquor and thickened with a little cream and cornstarch. The seasoning for the oysters is pepper, butter and celery salt. If you use muffin rings bake the rounds of pastry in them and when finished cut the middle right out with a sharp knife and fill this well, or cavity, with the creamed mixture.

### The Wise Goose Says

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## More Books.

A book that mothers will be glad to add to the juvenile library is Mabel Dearmer's "A Child's Life of Christ." The book is divided into seven parts and gives in clear, simple language the complete story of the life of a perfect child. The beautiful life story as told in the Gospels is set in a child's world to follow, since the narratives are repeated and give the little one a very plain idea of the chronological order of events. It is for this reason that children's Bible stories are rewritten. Miss Dearmer is unusually successful in retaining the pure Biblical expression while at the same time she makes the meaning very clear to the youngest reader. This fact makes her story especially commendable, and there are eight colored illustrations by Eleanor Fortescue-Brickdale.

Of course there is a Santa Claus! If you have any doubt about it in your mind, read S. R. Littlewood's "Story of Santa Claus." He will not only tell you that there is, but prove to you scientifically, psychologically, geographically and historically that there was and is Santa Claus at Bethlehem—Santa Claus, the Saint; Santa Claus, the Pagan, and Santa Claus of the Future!

It is inevitable that because Santa Claus has to do with children any book about him must be classed as a "children's book"; but there are few adults who would not receive great pleasure and instruction from this story of a world-loved character. The author has secured his material from ancient records of church and people, and from old mythology—that is sufficient for the adult reader to know, to understand that the book contains real facts true to truth and great revelations as to the real meaning of the Christmas; while the children will revel in the delightful anecdotes concerning their patron saint.

Both books recommended today are published by Bell and Cockburn. The first costs one dollar and a half and the second, 50 cents.

## SCHOONER IS HELPLESS CAPTAIN STAYS ABOARD

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 10.—(Can-Press).—The New York schooner Laura M. Lunt was drifting helplessly off the New England coast today, her sails torn to ribbons, her deck load of lumber washed away and ten feet of water in her hold.

Capt. Johnson, her commander, last night refused to abandon the craft, when she was spoken, 32 miles south of Cape Elizabeth Lightship. The revenue cutter O. A. Knudson. The revenue cutter service has been asked to send a cutter to the Lunt's assistance.

Venice is equipping its fire department with steam engines on petrolion-propelled boats. Asbestos deposits throughout a region approximately two by four miles in extent have been discovered in Natal. One and one-half million workers are employed in the textile industry in Italy.

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## Coleus—The Wonderful Foliage Plant.

Of late years Coleus plants raised entirely from seedlings have become so popular for borderings and filling in garden beds, that most people have forgotten what an important part they played some thirty or forty years ago in the scheme of household decorations.

We have in mind now one huge plant (a Joseph's Coat," our grand-mother used to call it) which great crimson leaves rimmed with brightly gold were blotched and speckled with standing in one timely lighted corner of the great hall, it occupied an honored position opposite the solemn old grandfather's clock. Higher than our children's heads, and reaching to the ceiling and to even dream of stretching one timid finger in its direction, was a shiver-shaking crime.

Nor was this old farmhouse the single one possessing such a coleus plant. In those days the careful mother would visit her neighbors for miles around for supremely good plants of lovely plants, even as she did in the matter of useful and unique herb gardens, butter, the golden color of which rivaled the first rays of dawn of the early morning sun, and bread, the flaky purity of which put to shame any other bakery of the day.

How often were to be seen, on sunny windows, rows of sturdy foliage plants, the very same plants now known as coleus plants. No plant will show so quickly what the atmosphere of the house is. Healthy air means a healthy coleus. Hot, dry, stuffy air means a sickly drooping dying coleus. We are not saying a word about the effect of being living in houses with such air.

The vast range of rich variegated colors shown by these coleuses enables one to make an exacting choice. Do you desire something that is bright and showing glowing crimsons, melting into something soft and delicate, like gold and green, with wavy bands of orange brown along the fringed edges? Or every leaf and stem and stock shows the coursing life blood, ruby, with 'Tis easy to have your wildest desire, the field is so vast from which to choose. And never one leaf like another.

Buy a single package of coleus seed. Scatter this seed in some fairly rich earth, just such earth as you have been using for the other potted plants in the box upstairs in the attic. If the attic is fairly warm, just sufficient, so that the frost is kept out, let until the tiny shoots appear. If they come six or eight weeks, wait patiently. Once the plants grow up large is quicker than before. When large enough to show the colorings and leaf shapes, and carefully remove to individual pots. Give a fair amount of water. Too much moisture will cause a white mould to form on the leaves and stalks.

Turn the plants daily so that a symmetrical form is encouraged. Prune, and occasionally have the top of the house smoke his pipe into the wealth of colored leaves to drive away any insects that are fond of breeding in these tender coleus plants.

## PLAN BIG BANQUET.

A general meeting of the Winchester Street School Old Boys' Association will be held in Winchester School on Friday evening next, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of making final arrangements for banquet. All old boys are invited.

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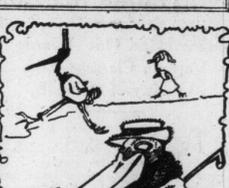
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## The Wise Goose Says



## Helen's Kitten.

By Virginia Vale. Once upon a time there was a little girl who wanted a white kitten. It must be little and all white, and she was sure some day she would get the kitten.

You know it is rather hard to find a kitten that hasn't a wasp of color on it somewhere. One day her uncle came home to dinner with her father, and after he had kissed her said: "Run, Helen, and look in my overcoat pocket and see what you find there, it is for you."

She looked, and there was the dearest white kitten you ever saw, all soft and fluffy. Helen could hardly eat her dinner, she was so happy with her pet. She rubbed the kitten Pinkey and tied a plaid ribbon around its neck.

Pinkey soon learned to follow its little mistress around the house and garden, and many a frolic they had together. If you saw one of the other wags somewhere around and the kitten grew to be very pretty and everyone loved it.

One day Helen's mother said: "Aunt Kate has written and asked you to come to visit her. Would you like to go?" Helen was so glad she could not stay still a minute and wanted to go right away, but her mother said they must wait until the next day.

All at once Helen cried out to her mother: "Oh, what will I do with me? Can't I take her with me? Oh please, please let her go!" So her mother fixed a little basket and put in the kitten and they started on their trip.

Pinkey was just as good as her little mistress, and at last they reached the end of their trip, and Pinkey was out of the basket. Auntie said: "What a pretty kitty," and she was glad they brought it.

Helen let Pinkey out in the yard to play and went with the others to take off her things and brush her hair. They were all sitting on the porch getting rested, when Helen looked down in the garden, and there was Pinkey rolling over and over, her feet in the air, then her head under some leaves, and again she would roll and wiggle on her back.

Down the path flew poor Helen. She had never seen Pinkey act that way. What could be the matter? Aunt Kate and her mother ran almost as fast, but when Aunt Kate came up to poor kitty, didn't she laugh.

"Why, Helen," she said, "Pinkey has only found a bed of catnip, and she likes it as much as you do candy. Let her stay and roll as much as she likes."

They all laughed and went back and Pinkey stayed and went to sleep right in the catnip.

Unclaimed Baggage Sale, Dec. 11. The Grand Trunk will sell a large number of trunks, valises, suit cases, etc., by auction to the highest bidder, without reserve, at Henderson's, 128 King street east, Dec. 11. Make a note of the date.

## WARNING!

Several unauthorized persons have gained entrance into Hydro users' homes on the misrepresentation that they were Hydro employees. For your own protection insist that every employee display his badge—and make sure that it is a HYDRO badge.

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## WILL WAGE WAR ON SWEAT SHOPS

Dr. Hastings Announces Campaign Against Industrial Diseases for Next Year.

MUCH OVERCROWDING In Toronto Boarding Houses, Says Medical Officer of Health.

In his report for November to the local board of health, Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., states that the death rate for the eleven months of this year from scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid fever has shown a very encouraging decrease from that of the past three years.

In the 630 lodging houses there are over 1500 lodgers too many. The number of deaths in November from pneumonia was double that from any other cause. Infant mortality is still high.

In the dental clinic the number of patients is steadily increasing. Four cases of abscesses on the face were cured by operations. Tooth brushes are being supplied free to children. A request from the Sunnyside Orphanage to take ninety patients will be granted.

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