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The Doukhobors at a Meal—Their Care of Birds and Animals—Their Passion to Learn English and Become Good Canadians.

Lally Bernard, in a most interesting communication to the Toronto Globe, tells of a recent visit which she made to the Doukhobor settlement, north of Yorkton, N.W.T. She found the people zealously learning the English language and ardently desirous that their children should be instructed as are native Canadians. They send their little ones to a school presided over by an educated young lady from Kingston. The Doukhobors are Quakers, they are vegetarians and strong and healthy. Here are some of the experiences of Lally Bernard among them:

When we marveled at them letting the little gophers and blackbirds live unharmed to destroy their crops and the fruit of their labor, they simply smiled and said, "God gives them hunger even as we hunger; it is not well to kill that which God has endowed with life." Living in their villages as pets we would find wild geese, ducks, storks and even cormorants, and the prairie chickens ran hither and thither among the vegetables in their cottage gardens. The great fields of oats and wheat were guarded by bands of brightly dressed women and children who tried to scare away the great rapacious bands of blackbirds with what sounded in the distance like most musical cries. Pretty sorry work it was during the wet weather which kept us house-bound for days. In early morning the smoke from tiny fires was seen curling its way through the mist, as they tried to dry their dripping garments by its warmth. Sometimes wooden rattles were carved by the boys, and I fear the birds learned to have a decided contempt for these toys which contained neither powder nor shot.

We had a most charming afternoon and evening at the house of one of the Doukhoborsti, who was a particular friend of Mrs. B——'s, and the novelty of a real "Doukhobo luncheon party" will live long in my memory. On our arrival we found the family scattering fresh sand before the door to obliterate the traces of three days of heavy rain, and the neighbors all came forward in their gala dresses to welcome us to our host house. I was rather fearful as to what we might be expected to swallow in the way of a vegetarian menu, but a more delicious repast I have never enjoyed. Perhaps the prairie air and the cordial hospitality had something to do with our appetite, but the delicate fried potatoes, and the "curd dumplings" made with delicately fluted edges, and cooked in melted butter, were really excellent. Then came great heaping platters of thin pancakes, cut into V-shaped pieces, laid one above the other, and served with butter and "smeetana" or sour cream, which is one of their greatest delicacies. Tea, the best I have ever had the pleasure of drinking, was brought in tumblers, and very slightly seasoned with cinnamon, our hostess apologizing for the absence of lemon; but luxuries were few. Vegetable soup, tasting like the German potato soup, followed; then fried eggs and tender young onions, and finally the feast wound up by hot buttered "bannocks," as light as feathers, and with a delicious taste of yeast made from the wild hops which abound in that part of the country.

DOUKHOBORS AT THE TABLE.

All this was served with the most immaculate dishes, and the table was covered with the whitest of cloths, with a scarlet border and deep edging of knitted lace. We had to open our own tea-basket for knives and forks, of which they had none. When knives are needed they use their own "jack knives" of finest Russian steel, but "fingers were made before forks," and when the wooden spoon is not effectual as a means of conveying the food to the mouth, fingers are substituted, and one long, narrow table napkin, which reached the entire round of the table, is used assiduously. I am not sure that this is not an "idea," for the constant slipping to the ground of table napkins in civilized society is often complained of. I found that Doukhobor meals, like the German, took a long time to complete, but there are practically only dinner at 1 o'clock and a very late supper, breakfast being eaten usually in the most casual way—just a piece of dry bread, and a bunch of radishes fresh from the garden, and a glass of "kvas" constituting their morning meal, which is not taken when they first rise.

The idea that tea is "made" in a Russian "samovar" is erroneous, for the samovar is simply a hot water kettle which has a charcoal fire to keep the water at an even temperature, and the tea-pot stands on the top, kept warm by the heat of the water. The one peculiarity of their making seems to be that the leaves never stand for more than a minute or two in water; the rest of the time the leaves are left to keep warm with the water drained off, and water is only added when it is really needed.

Advertise Always.

"How is it," said a Philadelphia business man to John Wanamaker, the merchant prince, that while many of your competitors advertise more largely—some of them only—on Friday and Saturday, you keep your great advertisements in the papers every day?"

"Well," said the great merchant, "on certain days, as you mention, there is a special inclinaton to shop, I reason that I should cultivate the buyers on other days also. It is to my advantage to do so, as it makes shopping easier for both shoppers and clerks. Besides that, I am for selling goods, and I would just as soon sell on Tuesday as on Friday, and on Wednesday as on Saturday. I consider the one or two days' advertising weekly as good; but I regard it as a serious mistake not to keep it up on the other days, or to try to draw special crowds on Saturdays.

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When you have rheumatism. Muscles feel stiff and sore and joints are painful. It does not pay to suffer long from this disease when it may be cured so promptly and perfectly by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine goes right to the spot, neutralizes the acidity of the blood, which causes rheumatism, and puts an end to the pain and stiffness.

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Miss Pepprey—I guess you're right. He was looking for a souvenir for you when I met him.

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When a man gets interested in his business he's apt to forget about himself.

When backache comes—when he feels depressed and out of sorts, he contents himself with the plea that he's worked too hard—he'll ease up some of these days.

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have helped hundreds of busines men to do their work and keep their health—eased their aching back, and restored the natural blood filtering functions of their kidneys. Read the evidence:

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Always ask your druggist for *Doan's* Kidney Pills and refuse worthless substitutes and imitations. THE DOAN KIDNEY PILL CO., Toronto, Ont.

ON HOLIDAYS

The Public Library Will Be Closed—Meeting of the Board.

In future the public library will be closed on holidays. Mr. Egan moved that this be done, and, speaking to his motion, said that he was governed by actual experience. He knew that the library was poorly patronized on holidays, but he added that if at any time a strong demand should be made to keep it open, he would immediately comply with the request. Other public institutions were closed on holidays, and unless the people showed by their attendance that they desired the library open, then, in his opinion, it also should be closed.

Mr. Macklin believed that the people wanted it open, and argued forcibly along that line.

Mr. Judd suggested closing on Christmas, New Year's, Good Friday and Thanksgiving Day, and Mr. Jeffery proposed keeping open on holidays from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Egan, Manigault, Jeffery and Judd—4.

Nays—Messrs. Macklin, Gunn and Macbeth—3.

The librarian's report showed an average circulation of books per day, during the five weeks ending Dec. 1, of 247, and of magazines 32.

The receipts for November were: Fines, $20 25; sale of cards, $8 30; sale of catalogues, $1 65; book lost, $1 50; book damaged, 35 cents; incidentals, $3 07, rent, W. A. C., $45, a total of $80 12. Eighty-four cards were issued in November, making the number of cards issued to date, 8,195.

The finance committee reported progress in the matter of establishing a museum. Votes of thanks were passed to Col. Leys, M.P.P., for ten bound volumes of the Globe and Mail; to J. Nicholson, for the Phonograph and How to Use It; to the Council of Women for The Women of Canada and Their Work, and W. A. Hardy for The Book of Mormons.

The library committee reported having subscribed to membership in the Ontario Historical Society. The librarian is authorized to dispose of such periodicals as are not wanted for binding, or reference purposes, also bound magazines and books worn out. City institutions are to have first choice, but the balance to be given to the Aberdeen Association. Eighty-four volumes of books have been purchased at a cost of $110. Ainslee's Magazine and the Girl's Realm will be added to the list of periodicals, and four others will be discontinued.

DESTRUCTION OF POMPEII.

Was Not as Terrible as the Galveston Disaster.

[From the Washington Post.]

Pompeii is believed to have had rather more than 20,000 inhabitants. The city stood on an elevation overlooking the sea, the whole of the Bay of Naples being in view, while in the background loomed grim Vesuvius, the destined destroyer. Close by flowed the river Sarno, which was crossed by a bridge. The volcano was supposed to be extinct, and its sides were cultivated all the way up to the summit. Grapes were largely grown, and wine-making was an important industry in the neighborhood, which likewise produced cabbages famous for their excellence.

It was the city of the clan of the Pompeys, founded by the Oscans, an ancient Italian tribe, in the sixth century B.C., or earlier, afterward conquered by the Samnites, a rival tribe, and eventually absorbed by mighty Rome. The culture of the people was very Greek; they worshipped various Greek gods and used the Greek names for their weights and measures. Being so beautifully situated, and having a delightful climate, Pompeii was a favorite resort of wealthy Romans, many of whom had villas there. Cicero had a handsome "cottage," as it would now be called, and the imperial family maintained a palace close by. The villas were mostly on the high ground back of the town, toward Vesuvius, and facing the sea.

Small earthquakes were frequent, but not much was thought of them. On the fifth day of February, in the year 63 A.D., there came a tremendous shock, which was a warning of what was to follow. It threw down a large part of the city, including the beautiful temples of Jupiter, Apollo, and Isis, but most of the damage was repaired by the time of the great catastrophe.

The eruption which was destined to be so memorable, began early in the morning of February 24, A.D. 79. Spectators looking from a great distance saw a mighty cloud spread and overhang the city like a vast and ominous umbrella. There was still plenty of time to get away in safety, and doubtless a majority of the people did escape before the impending volcanic storm began. Judging from the number of skeletons thus far discovered, it seems probable that not more than about 2,000 persons actually perished. However, a great many who attempted to leave in boats may have lost their lives.

Admiral Pliny, with a fleet, was not far away, and letters brought by mounted couriers reached him as early as 1 p.m. that day begging him to come as quickly as possible with his ships and help to rescue the people. He set sail immediately, and, arriving within sight of Vesuvius at nightfall, ran into the rain of pumice that was then falling. It was impossible to make a landing at Pompeii, and so he disembarked at Stabiae, where it was hailing cinders at such a rate that during the night he was obliged to leave the room in which he slept for fear lest the door might be blocked up. On the following morning he died, being suffocated by volcanic fumes.

Early in the afternoon of February 24, the hail of pumice began to fall upon doomed Pompeii, the pieces averaging about the size of a walnut, together with torrents of rain. It must then have been almost too late for anybody who remained in the city to get away. Repeated shocks of earthquake contributed to the horror of the scene, incidentally demolishing the bridge over the Sarno and so shutting off escape in that direction. Meanwhile, rivers of pumice mixed with water flowed down the slope of Vesuvius on the other side and overwhelmed the neighboring town of Herculaneum.

The pumice fell in Pompeii until the streets of the city were covered eight to ten feet deep with it. Its wight broke in the roofs of many of the houses, and the destruction of lives must have already been frightful. Nevertheless, many of the people still survived, seeking refuge in cellars and other such places of retreat. They must have imagined that there was still hope when, early in the morning of the next day (February 25), there came a great shock, and ashes began falling in a continuous shower with the rain. Though day had arrived, it grew darker than ever, if possible, a cloud of frightful blackness settling down over the land, while the lightning and thunder were appalling. Shocks followed shock, and the survivors must at last have concluded that their last hour was at hand. Such was in truth the case. The storm of ashes lasted nearly all day long; they drifted in through the windows of the houses and suffocated all who remained alive. They covered the whole city with a sheet of death six to seven feet thick.

Thus was completed the destruction of Pompeii. If the estimate of fatalities above quoted be fairly correct, the loss of life was not more than one-third as great as during the recent hurricane at Galveston, whose terrors may be said to have fairly equalled those of this ancient catastrophe, though so different in kind. When it was all over, the roofs of many of the houses still emerged above the volcanic debris which had overwhelmed the city. Herculaneum, however, had wholly disappeared under the streams of mud, 65 feet deep in spots, which had flowed over it. This mud, being a sort of natural concrete, soon hardened into stone, which is today of such solidity as to make excavating work extremely difficult.

Western Ontario.

The Liberals of Leamington and Mersea have decided to tender Mr. K. Cowan, M.P., a banquet on the evening of Tuesday, the 18th inst.

Farmers around Ridgetown with big bean crops are happy, prices remaining high. From 90 cents up to $1.10 is being paid.

J. Montgomery, of the M. C. R. solicitor's office, St. Thomas, left for Toronto on Wednesday. Before his departure he was called into Superintendent Murford's office, and on behalf of the employes of the M. C. R. station presented with a revolving bookcase.

Two unsuccessful attempts to destroy the business section of Kingsville by fire was made Tuesday night. At 2 o'clock fire was discovered in the loft of a barn in rear of Hotel Exchange. The department quickly had it under control. At 11:30 a second attempt was made by placing a barrel full of waste paper inside a shed at the rear of Wride's barber shop and igniting the same. The fire was discovered promptly, and extinguished without much damage being done. A liberal reward will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the firebug.

Prizes for Long-Time Servants.

Prizes to servants who had served their masters a long time were distributed in Austria on the occasion of the Emperor's seventieth birthday. Twenty-one prizes of $75 each were given for serving thirty years. Among the recipients were a valet 71 years of age, who had served his master forty-six years, a nurse 72 years of age, who had been forty-two years in one family; a maid of all work, 77 years of age, whose record was forty-one years, and a cook, kitchen maid and a maid of all work, who had each stayed in one place thirty-nine years.

Sad Result of Police Suspicions.

The London papers record the death of Julius Lipman, nicknamed "Leather Apron," a cobbler, who in 1889 fell under suspicion of being "Jack the Ripper." He satisfied the police of his innocence, but the stigma never left him. His business gradually disappeared and he went to another neighborhood, where he took to drink. He died of neglect and semi-starvation.

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Santa Claus Town.

Day by day this wonderful city of toys becomes more complete. Goods are coming forward, and before the week is out fond parents will find such a dazzling display of happy surprises for the children as probably never before was shown in London. And these we will place on sale at drygoods prices. As the Christmas crowd is sure to be with us as usual, and our desire is to render the public the best service possible, we bespeak early visits from intending purchasers.

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UNDER TWO FLAGS.

for Quebec and the daughter postmistress for Vermont. The post in front of the building is the boundary line. It was moved at one time by one of the citizens to get a road into his place that would be in Canada and cost the governments a great outlay to establish the exact line again. The cellar under the building, which was originally a general store," connected the two countries. Whisky was known to be put down in one country and come out in the other. The offices were put in the same building to accommodate the farmers, who did not wish to get out of their wagons at two points.

One of the Brook Farm Pleasantries.

Mr. Ripley once announced that a contribution would be taken to defray expenses at Brook Farm; "but, as the speaking was to be continued during the time the box was passing round," the audience was requested to put in as many bills as possible, so as not to disturb the speaker by the rattling of small change.—Boston Christian Register.

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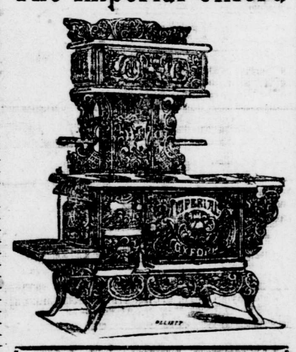

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