Real "Uncle Tom" Lived in Kent

In Village in England are Descendants of Escaped Negro Slaves

LEGIONS PRESERVED

It is a fact little known in this generation that in the town of Dresden, Kent County, there is a colony of negroes whose forbears were escaped slaves from the United states, and that among them are descendants of Josiah Henson, the undisputed original of "Uncle Tom," who gained immortality in Harriet Beecher Stowe's book "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The lot of the negroes at Dresden for a century and more has been vastly different from that of their forefathers, but many traditions and legends are still preserved of the early arrivals at the fugitive colony in Kent, and the grave of Uncle Tom may still be seen in the colored colony's cemetery.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Josiah Henson have records in their possession from which it may be learned that Josiah himself was born in Maryland in 1787, a slave son of slave parents. He was first sold into service when a very small child. Apparently he grew up a great little heathen, and caused his owners more worry of one kind or another than he was worth. But at a camp-meeting, the great religious conventicle of the negro, the lad was converted.

Finally it came to his turn to be sold "down river", the negro's greatest despair. His young master took him along with others on the river trip and on this journey Henson made up his mind to kill his master and make his escape. He had actually lifted an axe for the fatal stroke when he remembered his religious teaching and determined to endure his lot with fortitude. Then the young master fell ill, and instead of taking advantage of this situation to make his escape, Henson nursed him tenderly and assisted him back to their old home up the river. For this kindness he received no thanks what ever, and in fact was treated more like a dog than before. He made up his mind to escape and made preparations with great care.

Accompanied by his wife and two sons, Henson made the perilous trip to the Canadian border and managed to get safely across to the fugitive colony at Dresden. There he found a happier lot and became a reverend, ministering to the spiritual needs of the colony for many years. He died in 1883 at the age of 96. Before he died he published memoirs, and it was from this volume that Harriet Beecher Stowe got the information which resulted in the creation of the world famous character of Uncle Tom. Indirectly the information provided by Henson helped a great deal to bring about the emancipation of the slave.

Some time before his death "Uncle Tom" went with his wife to England and was received by Queen Victoria. He wrote his name in her autograph album and in return was presented with an autographed photo of the Queen. The city of Glasgow presented the aged negro with a watch and chain. The autographed photo of the Queen finally got into the possession of Mrs. J. T. McKinley, of Ridgetown, who also became the possesser of an autographed prayer book presented to Henson by Harriet Beecher Stowe.

IT COMES HIGH.

Although the highest market rates for buyers of American funds recently has been slightly over thirteen per cent. merchants in Clayton charged excursionists on the 21st Battalion Club trip, on Friday night, eighteen to twenty per cent. on Canadian money. However, some of the Kingstonians were able to "hoodwink" the Yankees cleverly. Merchants from town took over quantities of American pennies and paid for their purchases with the token coins. Some of the Clayton dealers were dumbfounded when they found great quantities of pennies drifting into their tills.

THE CANADIAN CLUB.

An effort is being made to increase the paid membership of the Kingston branch of the Canadian Club. Out of 175 members at the present time, only 114 are paid members.

WILL NOT WITHDRAW.

Major General Victor Williams refuses to withdraw his resignation as chairman of the Veterans' Reunion Council, Toronto.

HOLMES GAVE BOSTON ITS NICK-NAME.

The title, "Hub of the Universe," generally shortened to "The Hub," was bestowed on the Massachusetts statehouse by Oliver Wendell Holmes and has been extended in its application to the city of Boston. The allusion, of course, is to the hub of a wheel. The quotation from "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," published in 858, is: "Boston statehouse is the hub of the solar system. You couldn't pry that out of a Boston man if you had the tire of all creation straightened out for a crowbar."

IS CRITICALLY ILL.

Fred Abraham, Montreal, a former well-known newspaper man, and a native of Belleville, is critically ill.

TO HAVE A SITTING HERE.

Kingston will have a sitting of the Tariff Commission sometime in October. The enquiry will begin at Winnipeg on Sept. 15th. The commission will consist of Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance (chairman); Hon. J. A. Calder, President of the Privy Council; Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor.

RAILROADER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

A few hours after he had stood on the mound and pitched a splendid game of baseball for the C.P.R. yard team at Smith's Falls, Charles Maxwell, C.P.R. switchman, was found dead in bed. Maxwell, who was a returned soldier with several years' experience overseas to his credit, worked as usual Thursday night and on Friday took part in a game of baseball between the yard and freight shed teams. When the call-boy went to his home at midnight Maxwell was found lying dead. It is thought that death was due to heart failure brought about by the exertion of the game.

PRINCIPAL MILNE RESIGNS.

Rev. D. J. W. H. Milne has resigned as principal of Ottawa Ladies' College. He has been head of the college since 1914, and was previously minister of the Glebe Presbyterian Church. He is a Queen's graduate.

NEW KING OF SWAT.

"Babe" Ruth's pilgrimage to the uttermost realms of the Kingdom of Swat was marked by another milestone Thursday when the walloping Yankee outfielder lifted one of Howard Ehmke's slants beyond the reach of three frantic Tiger outfielders. Incidentally, it resulted in the only run the former member of the Star's hurling alloted to the Gothamites.

TO HAVE NEW BANK BUILDING.

It is rumored that Almonte is to have a new bank building in the near future. The construction of an up-to-date restaurant on one of the central business blocks is also being contemplated.

KILLED BY ENRAGED BULL.

Goodsell Codaire, a farmer living at Cherry Brook Station, Conn., was killed by an enraged bull on his farm on Sunday. He met his death in the pasture about half a mile from his home. No one witnessed the fatality. Codaire left his home about 11 a.m. to get a cow in the pasture. He had been gone several hours when a party headed by his son, started a search for the missing man, whose lifeless and battered body was found at the foot of a bank among some rocks. It is thought that the farmer was thrown down the bank by the infuriated animal.

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT GASOLINE.

We are now told that nobody need worry about gasoline. According to the United States geological survey, there are 7,629,000,000 barrels of oil still in the United States fields, that will last twenty years at the present consumption rate. The world's oil deposits have been estimated at 60,000,000,000 barrels, or enough to last for sixty-eight years. The United States Bureau of Mines reports that the surplus production of gasoline in 1919 was 149,446,488 gallons. The total production of gasoline in 1919 was 3,957,857,087 gallons.

TWO PERTH MEN ARRESTED.

Two Perth young men, Desmond Albury and Fred Daughen, were arrested on Wednesday in Perth. It is alleged the two are implicated in gaining an entrance to the store of Messrs J. Rubenstein & Co., on Aug. 3rd and robbing therefrom a quantity of goods. Wednesday afternoon Chief of Police Griffiths arrested Albury on suspicion and later the young man admitted to the Chief that a quantity of goods were stolen from the Rubenstein store by Daughen while he (Albury) stood on watch. The loot was taken in a bush near the C.P.R. railway tracks. Chief Griffiths and J. W. Gamble found a suitcase which contained a quantity of goods including suits of clothes, boots, caps, neckties and shirts. The two prisoners were committed for trial.

DISMANTLING STEAMER BIGELOW.

The hull of the ferry steamer H. P. Bigelow, burned early in the morning of Saturday, June 5, last, was towed Friday evening from Chapman's Point to the slip at Morristown, where it is being salvaged. The boiler, engine, pumps, shaft, rudder, chains, etc., are found to be in good condition and the hull itself could be overhauled and placed in use as a scow.

FISHERIES BOAT DAMAGED.

On Friday afternoon the steamer Graybird of the Ontario Fisheries' Protection service, formerly in service on the St. Lawrence, struck a detached boulder of a reef lying east of Port Dover. One bucket of the propeller was smashed off and the craft is leaking about a foot per hour. The boat was pulled off by the tug S. B. Grabell, and is now at Port Dover.

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. . .

Dr. Fleetwood Kilborn, Ithaca, Michigan, with his wife and little son, a sister from New York and a sister from Sharbot Lake, rolled into Carleton Place Tuesday evening, in his beautiful Hudson, pulling up at Dr. Downing's an old friend for supper, and later calling on another old friend, Mrs. W. W. Cliff. The doctor and family motored from Ithaca to Sharbot Lake where a fortnight was enjoyed at his sister's camp on an island. They reached Carleton Place at six o'clock and left for Sharbot Lake at nine—to be there in three hours and a half. Fleetwood's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kilborn, resided in Carleton Place for a long time.

STEAM YACHT SOLD.

Through George W. Mercier, Clayton, N.Y., the handsome steam yacht Wana, owned by the late George C. Sherman, Watertown, has been sold to James Clark, millionaire paper manufacturer, New York. The Wana is one of the finest and largest steam yachts on the St. Lawrence. It is equipped with wireless.

BOAT COMPLETE LOSS.

The P. D. Q. IV, which sank east of Darlingside Friday afternoon, is a total loss and there is little hope of salving even the engine of the boat. The latter is said to have cost the owner, A.C. Noble, of New York City, a sum in the neighborhood of $15,000. Parts of the wreckage, about the size of kindling wood, have been picked up as souvenirs by the summer residents and the flag which the boat carried was thrown up on the shore.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. William Yeo, third concession, Clarke, had a narrow escape from possibly a fatal accident while leading a cow by a rope. The animal plunging about, endeavored to throw itself into the ditch and in his efforts to hold it, Mr. Yeo threw the animal which fell across his chest, injuring him internally.

APPOINTED POLICE MAGISTRATE

William Squire Rowe Murch, Westport, is to be police magistrate for the village of Westport. Mr. Murch was a former resident of this city, a popular commercial traveller and Mason.

HAS SPEAKING CLOCK.

A clock that speaks instead of striking is the invention of Vincent Pinto, of Philadelphia. He has it running in his home. Pinto studied clockmaking in Italy, and with his 20-year-old son, Joseph, completed the clock after eighteen months' hard work. At present the clock says at 11 o'clock at night: "Eleven o'clock; time to go home." This was because Rosa, the 18-year-old daughter, entertains many friends. The clock is about the size of a grandfather's clock. The words and case were all made by hand. According to Mr. Pinto, however, the mechanism may be condensed to fit any size of an alarm clock. The clock is a 30-day movement. It can be made to call the hours, half or quarter hours, or all of them, with its phonograph mechanism, and has chimes in addition.

QUIETNESS.

The individuals and the organizations that accomplish most function smoothly and quietly.

A noisy, boisterous employe usually is a disturber. His loud and incessant talk interferes with the concentration and, therefore, the efficiency of others.

The right kind of quietness often betokens capability.

Gabbers frequently are shallow.

Have you never reflected that many of the most powerful forces of nature operate silently?

Thunder booms with the noise of a thousand cannons, but it is the silent tightning which possesses power.

The sun, on which all life on this planet depends, operates without suggestion of noise.

Frost tightens its titanic grip or splits mountainous rocks without heralding its approach by suggestion of noise.

That mysterious thing which we call Time keeps on the even tenor of its way as quietly as the motionless air.

The electric current, the modern miracle worker of miracle workers, indulges in no screeching.

It is only the surface of the sea that ever becomes tumultous; the depths are as silent as the grave.

The idea that in order to win popularity it was necessary to be a jolly, rollicking "good fellow" is out of date.

The business world today does not want blusterers but workers.

STRICKEN AT A PICNIC.

Mrs. Alexander Eddy, a former resident of Napanee, and sister of Mr. F. J. Roblin, died at Chilliwack, B.C., on July 23rd. While at the picnic she was suddenly taken with peritonitis and passed away in a few days.

ENGAGE IN RACE

Two automobiles engaged in a race Friday afternoon on the main street of Port Hope. They passed the Port Hope Guide office at a rate of nearly thirty miles per hour, and had any person happened to drive out from Cavan street a serious accident could not have been averted. The police should stop this dangerous pastime, says The Guide.

THIRD VICTIM DIES

Mrs. Margaret Blaney, Maxville, succumbed on Friday to the injuries she received in the accident which took place at Cameron's Crossing, near Maxville, last week, when the automobile driven by her husband, Thomas Blaney, collided with the Montreal-Ottawa C.N.R. flier. Mrs. Blaney is the third victim of the accident who has died as a result, her husband having been instantly killed, and their fourteen-year-old son William passed away shortly after being removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

LADIES' NAPANEE BOWLING CLUB.

On Monday a number of Napanee ladies met to form a Ladies' Napanee Bowling Club. The following were elected: President, Mrs. J. E. Madden; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. M. Galbraith; Secretary, Diana M. Miller; Treasurer, Hazel Leonard; Bowling Convener, Mrs. C. I. Maybee; Entertainment Convener, Mrs. Cameron Wilson.

HAS BEEN ADVANCED

Dr. George C. Kidd and family spent last week with his father and mother, Dr. E. and Mrs. Kidd, at the "Cedars", Trenton. Dr. George has been promoted and is now assistant superintendent of Brockville asylum for insane. He was formerly acting superintendent at Cobourg asylum.

TO SAIL FOR EUROPE

W. E. Danner, vice-president of Henry K. Wampole Co., Ltd., Perth, will sail from Quebec on the Empress of France on August 11th, for England, on business connected with the company. It is his expectation to visit the battlefields of France and Belgium during his stay abroad. He expects to return to Perth about the end of October.

TAKEN TO OTTAWA HOSPITAL

Miss Reta Brown, nurse, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, Carleton Place, met with an accident up the lake a few days ago while nursing a patient. She slipped and fell, breaking a bone in her leg. Notwithstanding careful treatment since the injured member has not been making as satisfactory progress as could be desired and she was taken to the hospital at Ottawa for treatment.

WANTS $20,000 DAMAGES

R. J. Carson has issued a writ for slander against the British Whig Publishing Co., Ltd., Kingston, for $20,000 damages.

SECRETARY TWELVE YEARS

Fire Chief James Armstrong, who was re-elected secretary of the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Association, at the convention held in St. Thomas, last week, has held this office ever since the Association was organized, twelve years ago. Chief J. E. Keyes, of Galt, who was re-elected Treasurer, has also held this position ever since the Association was formed.

STRUCK MOTOR CAR.

Travelling at a speed of between 40 and 50 miles an hour, G.T.R. express freight train No. 21 en route from Montreal to Brockville, struck a motor car at the public crossing at Beaconsfield station on Friday night, the driver, L. Martin, of Beaconsfield, who was the only occupant, having a miraculous escape from death. As it was, the car was not even overturned, one of its front wheels and its fender were torn off and the car pushed to one side, while the steps on the left side of engine 201 and the rear of the tender were broken. Had the car been six inches further in the path of the locomotive, Martin would most certainly have been killed. All warning signals were given by Engineer E. S. McMillan, Montreal, but Martin became confused. The train was in charge of Conductor E. G. Eaman, of Montreal.

FIRE IN PICTON COURT HOUSE

On Wednesday a fire alarm from Tecumseh Ward called out the fire brigade to put out a blaze in the Court House at Picton. When the firemen arrived on the scene the court room was filled with smoke, but the blaze had not gained much headway and was put out with a chemical extinguisher, the water not being turned on. It appears that some hornets had made a nest in the ventilator box that led from the outside wall to the court room and the jailer, Mr. Abram Huyck, thought the best way to expel the intruders was to burn them out. Hence the blaze. The damage was slight.

SOLD FARM

Mr. Samuel Jones has sold his two-hundred acre farm in Clarke Township to J. A. Cody and Son, lumber merchants, of Bethany. There were eighty acres of the finest beech and maple trees in this section and a gang of thirty-five men are now engaged clearing this part of the farm. The price paid was twelve thousand dollars.

KINGSTON WOMAN ON DELEGATION

Mrs. W. T. G. Brown, of Kingston, is one of the delegation of Ontario Referendum Committee to wait upon Premier Meighen in Ottawa on Saturday to urge that the date of the holding of the liquor referendum be October 25th of this year and not April 18th of next year.

AMENDMENTS TO THE O.T.A.

Lieut.-Col. Hunter, of Kingston, was notified on Saturday by Attorney-General Raney of the amendments to the O.T.A. by which the maximum penalty for first offences under the Act have been increased from $1,000 to $2,000 with imprisonment up to three months to be added at the discretion of the convicting magistrate. Attention is also drawn to the fact that it is not enough to prove that the liquor has been in a private dwelling house but the burden of proof that the liquor is not kept for sale is cast upon the defendant; also that an inspector who knows of a previous offence, and who lays the information as for a first offence is guilty of an offence.

DROWNED AT SYDENHAM

Venturing out into deep water, Benjamin Thompson, of Kingston, aged sixteen years, was unable to return to shore and was drowned in Sydenham Lake on Sunday afternoon. He had gone in bathing shortly after lunch and although he could not swim, endeavored to test the depth to which he could go out. He was drawn forward, however, and before any efforts could be made to save him he sank. Efforts were made to recover the body, but on Monday it was reported that the lad had not yet been found. The boy was a son of Mrs. Cote, Barriefield, and had been living with his uncle, Daniel Moore, Sydenham, for the past two years. Besides his mother, he is survived by two sisters and one brother. The whole village of Sydenham was shocked by the fatality and the sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved relatives of the cheery lad.

LINDSAY CAR ROLLED OVER.

A near fatal accident occurred on Saturday night about 11 o'clock, on Kent street near Victoria avenue, Lindsay. A car with three young men in it was on its way down Kent street. When just past the tracks the brakes were suddenly applied. The car skidded about sixty feet, turned completely around, and rolled over. The occupants disappeared from the scene. The car was badly smashed. The police have the names of the occupants and are making an investigation.

BETTING BRISK

Betting was so brisk at the baseball match in Oshawa on Saturday that the police interfered. It is reported that one Peterboro enthusiast cleaned up sixteen hundred dollars, says the Port Hope Guide.

THE THREE SEAS

Mr. F. L. C. C. C. Pelham-Clinton, who has more Christian names than any other white man who ever came out of the interior of China, has just arrived at Vancouver for the purpose of settling on a small farm in British Columbia. Mr. Pelham-Clinton comes from a collateral branch of the family of which the Duke of Norfolk is the head. He has been soldier, explorer, adventurer, idealist and editor, and has written a number of books on the Orient. Among his intimates he is usually referred to as "Three Seas."

FLOYD HAROLD BUSHNELL

Floyd Harold Bushnell, aged twenty-six, Mohawk avenue, Scotia, N.Y., died Monday. Mr. Bushnell was injured nine months ago on a threshing machine while working on a farm. He was able to be about following his injury, but after an operation about seven weeks ago he failed gradually. He was born in North Fredericksburg, Ont.

INLAND REVENUE COLLECTOR RETIRES

Thomas Grimason, for thirty-nine years one of the most efficient officers of the Department of Inland Revenue, and latterly collector for the division of Kingston, was granted leave of absence on August 1st in anticipation of his retirement. W. H. Montgomery, an officer of the district for many years, is acting collector. Mr. Grimason was born in Kingston, and entered the service in 1881. He served as an officer for a number of years at Windsor and Kinston, and on the retirement of the late C. T. Dickson in 1912, was made collector for the division of Kingston, which office he filled with conspicuous ability. Mr. Grimason as an official, and a citizen, was known for his integrity, industry and ability, and his retirement from official life is a matter of keen regret in the business community.

ANCIENT GREECE HAD LEAGUE OF NATIONS

When the Phoenicians came into the early history of Greece they brought with them the use of wine and the oracle of Delphi. This temple caused the abandonment of the sooth-saying oaks of Dodona, and became a central point of union for the different Grecian tribes. The Grecian tribes were distinguished by the name of Hellenes, from Hellen, son of a Thessalian chief. Hellen united a number of tribes and was the brother of Amphictyon, who established at Thermopylae, in a pass on the confines of Thessaly and Greece, a periodical assembly of deputies bearing delegated power from 11 or 12 small tribes, each of whom had two votes. The object of the assembly was to ameliorate manners and to promote religion, and it was ordained that the power of all the confederates should be directed against him who should destroy any town in the league, or even in war should plunder a temple or cut off or poison fountains. The general assembly endeavored to settle all disputes between the Grecian tribes, and more particularly those which occurred in individual states.

The Amphictyons brought their wives and children with them when they assembled, the festival of the tutelar god was held and contests were carried on in public games. So long as the tribes were small it was possible for this constitution to exist, but later it lost its power when the influence was brought to bear on decisions.

MOTORBOAT'S NARROW ESCAPE

A Gananoque motorboat owner started out for a trip one day last week over to Grindstone, having with him several members of his family. There was a heavy wind blowing, but all went well till they were on the point of rounding Kalaria Island, when the steering rope broke. This is a most treacherous spot in a heavy windstorm, as it is exposed to the heavy waves rolling down through the open water, and besides there is a back wash, with which all are only too familiar. In a minute or two the boat was almost on the rocky shore, and several times would have been dashed on the rocks only for a young man on board who climbed out forward and kept shoving it off. Several times he fell in, but eventually succeeded in working the boat around to the north side of the island where calmer waters prevailed, and the break was repaired. Had the boat been twenty or thirty feet farther south, it would have fared badly. It was a narrow escape, and one which the occupants will long remember.

ACTIVITIES OF TRANS-CANADA THEATRES.

G. G. Garrette has been appointed general representative of Trans-Canada Theatres Limited. Mr. Garrette's duties will embrace the supervision of various tours of England stars and attractions which are being brought to Canada.

The All-English cast of "Maid of The Mountains" sails for Canada, Liner "Empress of Britain" from Liverpool September 1st, being due to arrive in Quebec September 8th. The tour of the "Maid of the Mountain" opens September 20th, and will play through Canada to the Pacific Coast, thence into San Francisco through California and back to Chicago, where it opens a run in April, 1921. The cast includes Fred. Bentley, Fred Wright, Rita Collins and other well known English stars.

Martin Harvey and his company of thirty-five people is being brought to Canada by Trans-Canada Theatres Limited, and will open his tour in St. John N.B., December 27th, playing eighteen weeks in Canada. Mr. Harvey's repertoire will include "David Garrick," "The Breed of the Treshams," "Cigarette Maker's Romance," "Rosemary," "The Only Way," "Hamlet" and others.

Percy Hutchison is expected to make a return visit to Canada the season of 1921-22 in the new spectacle "Lord Nelson."

Mr. Driscoll, vice-president of the company, leaves for England on August 11th in connection with several English stars and productions with whom Trans-Canada are now negotiating for a Canada tour.

KIPLING'S STORIES REJECTED BY BRITISH PUBLISHER

A Bristol publisher named Arrowsmith many years ago received some stories from India, with a letter which made the publisher imagine the writer had too high an opinion of himself. He therefore rejected the manuscript, and regretted the act to the day of his death, because the young man happened to be Rudyard Kipling. Another publishing house has the record of having declined Stevenson, Barrie, Kipling and Crockett. In fact, Stevenson had no light task in selling "Treasure Island." Rider Haggard has said that "Dawn" was sent back to him six times before it found a publisher. W. W. Jacobs had a similar experience with his wonderfully amusing "Many Cargoes." He tried it all around London until another humorist, Jerome, took pity on him and ran the stories in a magazine he was at that time editing. "East Lynne," both as a novel and play, has been a perfect gold mine, yet was rejected by no less a person than George Meredith, then reader for a well-known publishing house. J. J. Bell actually had to publish "Wee McGregor" himself. He got an accomplished artist to draw the famous cover, and became his own publisher, with excellent results to himself and the public.

BICYCLE DAMAGED

A boy named E. Weber, of Herchimer Ave., riding a bicycle on the wrong side of Front Street had his bicycle damaged by an auto. The autoist, although not in the wrong, offered to pay for repairs.

CHRIST CHURCH PICNIC.

The annual picnic of Christ Church Sunday School is being held today at Twelve O'Clock Point. The Steamer Brockville is making trips from the city to the park.

WILD RUNAWAY.

On Tuesday afternoon a horse attached to the Canadian Express company ran away on Front street and turned on Victoria Ave., running into a window of Mr. R. L. Zufelt's grocery, smashing the glass. The horse fell in the window and was badly cut.

LUNCHEON TO VISITORS.

The members of the Chamber of Commerce tendered a luncheon today to the visiting newspaper men and others who were in the city this morning en route to Stirling to hear the address of Premier Meighen. Ald. Jamieson Bone, president of the Chamber of Commerce presided. There were eighteen journalists present representing the most important newspapers from Vancouver to Montreal.

Soviet Russia refused Britain's demand for an armistice with Poland.

Dublin Council decided to give the freedom of the city to Archbishop Mannix.

Hundreds of Sinn Feiners are leaving for the south of Ireland to cheer Archbishop Mannix.