

gained in two weeks. I went over to the weat field yesterday and help load a wagon of weat fore the barn and we got upon the top of the load and had a ride home and it was swell. I stood up two or three times when the wagon was going and I fell down on the weat again because we had to go over the bumps. I have just been an hour writing this letter, kisses for all—26 for Geo., 30 for Mother and 40 for Father."

Last year 530 children were sent out, many of them receiving a welcome from our "Advocate" readers. The expenses amounted to about \$550. The children are sent out in July, commencing Tuesday, the 6th. Those friends who are willing to undertake the charge of children should let the Secretary know, not later than June 19th, stating whether boys or girls are preferred. If the same children are desired again, as you had last year, kindly let the Secretary know. State P. O. address, and nearest railway station. Other directions will be sent by the Secretary on application. She says, in a letter recently received:

"The boys and girls are still needy—last year we had over 900 names on the list, but through lack of homes, only 530 were sent out."

How many doors will open to them this year?  
DORA FARNCOMB.

### A Great Opportunity.

#### I.

The month of June, 1909, will mark an epoch in the history of our country, when, on the invitation of its Canadian Branch, the International Council of Women will hold its fourth quinquennial meeting in Canada. Women who are leaders in thought and action, socially, educationally, and philanthropically, will be our guests, some of them accredited delegates, with their expenses paid by the Government of the countries they will represent, but all of them women selected and honored by their fellow countrywomen as those worthy to be their representatives, and to convey their sentiments and greetings, not only to their Canadian sisters, but to their fellow-workers from other lands.

The last quinquennial meeting was held in Berlin in 1904, on the invitation of the German Council of Women, and it was on that occasion that Canada's invitation for 1909 was tendered, and enthusiastically accepted. The time is drawing very near when the "glad hand" of Canadians, men and women alike, will be warmly grasped in token of friendship, of fellowship in work, and of kindred aims, by the women of world-wide reputation from across the ocean, from the United States, and from the sister colonies of Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, New South Wales, etc.

This is Canada's opportunity—one it cannot afford to lose—for the comparing of the methods of work on many lines, and under varied conditions, in many lands. That our own Dominion and Provincial Governments recognize this, is proved by the financial grants they are making towards the somewhat heavy expense fund, whilst the civil and other authorities in the several cities through which the visitors from overseas will pass en route, are arranging to do them honor, and to show them, as far as possible, the almost boundless resources of the Dominion, and how an intelligent and progressive people know how to develop them. With this object in view, the Ontario Government will take the guests to Guelph, to inspect and be entertained at the Macdonald Institute. The Canadian Women's Historical Society and the Toronto Travel Club will arrange a visit to Niagara Falls, whilst hospitable plans are daily being outlined whereby the guests of Canada may carry back with them sunny memories of our

country, and impressions of the high place it must always hold amongst the nations of the world.

Now that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are in affiliation with the Canadian National Council, they will, it is hoped, make special efforts to have their representatives present at the coming congress; and, seeing that it would be impossible for mortal man or woman to attend all of the sections, or to give due consideration to all of the many topics under discussion, they may like to take particular note of one which, under the heading of "Women in Agriculture," will have a prominent place on the programme. Amongst the addresses, followed by discussion, will be one by Miss Nellie Edwards, of Coaley Poultry Farm, Gloucester, Miss Edwards being reputed to be the only successful poultry-farmer in England, and it will be interesting to hear the experience of women of other countries engaged in the same industry. Miss Wilkinson, of Swanley Agricultural College, will speak of "Women as Gardeners," and Miss H. F. Seaver upon "Dairy Work." The writer remembers the fact that our own Mrs. Hoodless visited Swanley at the International Congress of 1899, and, as she has always taken a vivid interest in the subject of agricultural pursuits for women, we are very likely to hear her voice amongst those of the specialists who will discuss these subjects under their many aspects.

The responsibility of making preparation for this mighty gathering falls upon the Toronto Local Council of Women, and most bravely and unfalteringly are they undertaking it. It is at their request that the use of the university buildings has been granted, nine rooms to be daily occupied simultaneously by the several sections of education, philanthropy, industries, health, and physical training, literature, art, social work and moral reform, professions for women, and laws concerning women and children. There will be three immense evening meetings in each week, to be held in Convocation Hall, and open to all holding congress tickets. Mrs. Timothy Eaton, at her own charges, and under her own supervision, decorates this splendid hall, and it will be done not only artistically, but patriotically. Canada first, but also by flag and symbol marking the welcome Canada extends to sister lands.

Toronto homes will be hospitably opened to Canada's guests, and nothing will be left undone by the various committees of arrangement, whereby may be insured successful results. Railway, hotel and boarding-house charges will be published, and so will be artistically-illustrated handbooks, and the "Who's Who?" with photographs and biographical notes of the speakers. Anyone, whether gentleman or lady, in affiliation or not with the Canadian National Council, can obtain tickets at \$1.50 to cover admission to every section for the whole course, or for 25 cents for a single day, a badge for identification accompanying each course ticket. There are many evidences that the demands for these tickets will be phenomenal, and, therefore, it will be the part of wisdom to make early application for them, lest the supply should fall short, and the opportunity of a lifetime be lost.

H. A. B.

### Whippoorwill.

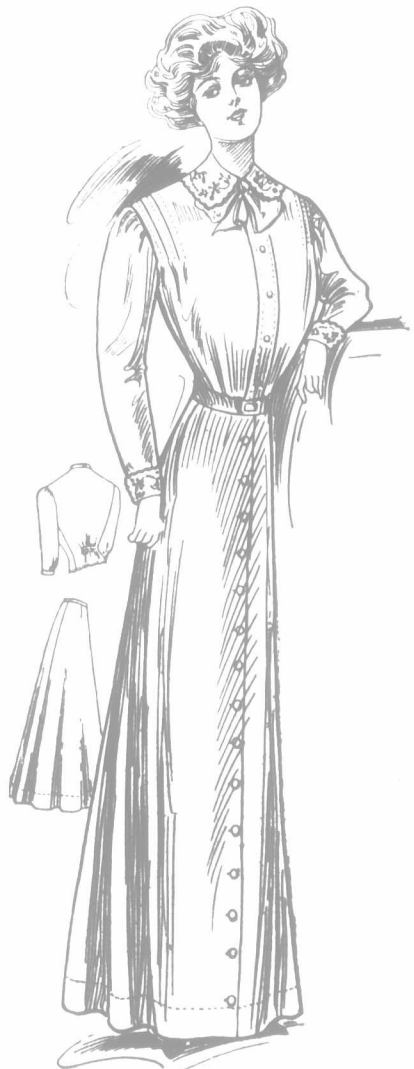
By Dora Read Goodale.

Voice of the long June twilights,  
Of the dusk-brown woods and streams,  
Dwelling half in the hill-gaps  
And half in the realm of dreams:

Hark! It throbs like a heart-beat  
On the mantling silence round—  
Joy, with a church-bell cadence—  
Grief, with a singing sound.

Lone and hushed is the landscape:  
The night is starry and still,  
And the earth flings up her challenge  
In the cry of the whippoorwill.

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### The Ingle Nook.

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#### Buffalo Bugs.

Dear Dame Durden,—This spring, while housecleaning, when lifting our carpets we found a little "woolly" moth which people tell us is the "Buffalo moth," and that it is impossible to get rid of them when once they get into a house.

Will you please tell me if you know anything of them, their habits, and manner of working? Also how to do away with them, if it can be done.

Thank you for the help we have received from the Ingle Nook. We do enjoy reading "The Farmer's Advocate" so much.  
"JEMIMÉ."

Grey Co., Ont.

The "carpet-beetle" (*Anthrenus scrophularia*) lays its eggs in woolen material of any kind. When the eggs hatch the larvae, which then feed on the wool, are tufted with hairs, and are then known as "buffalo-moth," or "buffalo-bug." The beetle itself is broadly oval, with brick-red scales along the middle of the wing-covers, and two irregular white bands running transversely. As a preventive of these pests in boxes and closets, a liberal use of naphthaline balls is recommended. To banish them from carpets, clean and beat the carpets thoroughly; clean the floor well, and pour or rub gasoline over the carpet, leaving it out of doors where the gasoline will evaporate thoroughly before relaying.

Handle the gasoline with care, as it is very inflammable and volatile. Do not let flame or fire of any kind, even lamp-flame, be about while using it, and do not let hot sunshine strike on the vessel in which it is contained, for fear of explosion. Gasoline is an excellent servant—I use it continually to clean net or silk waists, etc.—but it is a very bad master. With care, it is safe; with the least carelessness, it is exceedingly dangerous.

After treatment keep a close watch, and if more eggs should hatch, and the beetles again appear, repeat the operation. The gasoline is very effective, and a second treatment, at most, is usually sufficient for the season.

#### Cleaning Linoleum.

Dear Dame Durden and Nookers,—As we have taken "The Farmer's Advocate" for a long time, I have been interested in the Nook, and have been thinking about writing, but put it off till now. There are a good many things I am interested in—about housecleaning, and fixing up the home; flowers, and gardening, and care of the sick. I want to tell "June Eve" that I admire her courage in doing her work herself on crutches. I am afflicted with a lame arm; had my shoulder dislocated the day before Christmas; had it set inside of half an hour. Was near the village when our horse was frightened and upset us. It is not strong yet; cannot lift it up very high; but I have done all the housecleaning alone, washing over head, papering, and all.

Someone spoke about the kitchen cabinet. I have one. I do not like the zinc top, either, but I think it is a real help in housekeeping; everything in its place. If I were going to get one again, I would write to the Chatham company and ask to have one made without the zinc top. It would be real nice covered