

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

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

MAKING HOMES.

How true it is, as the Milwaukee Journal expresses it, that in family life, in the real home, the highest qualities of character may be developed. There is a force in family affection that makes and keeps the heart tender to all. It banishes selfishness, jealousy and malice. In happy home life, cruelty finds no place. Even animals feel the benefit of the tender heart. We need, and need greatly, more good will to all with whom we have to do. We need to know how to make allowances for failures in others, to make concessions to the wishes and conveniences of others. The friendly give and take of family life tends to make one more fitted for living in the community.

Happy, well-ordered homes are the foundations of society, a solid basis on which to build a state. Home making is something beyond and superior to mere housekeeping. It is a high calling. It requires noble traits of character and fine executive ability and real wisdom. The responsibility of the home making does not devolve on one alone. Every member of the family has his or her share. Friends are dear, strangers have a certain claim on us, but the members of our family are nearer and dearer. Give of your love, your help, your sympathy and comfort to your own family first and most. Those with happy homes are more able to give from the heart to others in need. No one can tell how far the influence of a happy home will go.

Don't be cross and hateful because everything in the world don't move to suit you. Of course you are a great deal smarter than any one else, and are just entitled to more recognition. While you are fully aware of your attainments your neighbor, who is dull of comprehension, has not found out that you are more than an ordinary individual. You have doubtless told him different more than once, yet in his dullness he has failed to comprehend the many brilliant points you know yourself to be possessed of. So do not kick because you are not appreciated. The best thing you can do is to get a divorce from your big head, come down from your high perch, and be a sensible every-day citizen.

THE GLASS OF NATURE.

It is our opinion that the new year ought to begin with spring. That sweet, fresh, budding season, when the spirit of newness is just awakening from its long sleep and begins with magic power its work of revival, breathing new life and energy into every vein of nature and, thrilling the heart of mankind with new joys, new hopes, new aspirations. The soul that can remain insensible to the charm of spring is indeed dull and heavy even unnatural. Hawthorne says, "From such a soul the world must hope no reformation of its evil, no sympathy with the lofty faith and gallant struggles of those who contend in

SWAT THAT FLY NOW

"The day of the fly is at hand. If we forget that he is due, he will not," is the very timely advice proffered in this month's issue of "Everywoman's Word," by Kathleen Elizabeth Steacy. "If we neglect to prepare for him," she goes on to say, "he will not. His preparations are made, and he is ready to do all in his power—and that is a very great deal—to help in keeping up the high rate of infant mortality."

"One of these days the first fly will crawl out of the manure pile, the garbage can, or the hole in the chimney in the attic, where he has kept comfortable all winter."

"One fly isn't much by himself and cannot do a very large amount of harm—one baby's life, or maybe two—but when he is multiplied by his uncles, his cousins, his aunts, and his numerous progeny, he counts up to a considerable number. Prevention, is the only safe course with the fly—since you can't cure him. And the only way to prevent the fly is to starve him. He will not stay where every one and everything is clean. He hates cleanliness as the devil is said to hate holy water. And wherever and whenever you see a fly, you may be absolutely sure that there is some dirt or filth somewhere near."

"The fly is sociable; he loves people and he is particularly fond of babies—who blame him for that? He is also generous and loves to share. He is not content to feed and enjoy filth by himself, but he carries all he can on his feet and wings, to the butter, the bread, the jam, and to the baby's milk. This means diarrhoea, and perhaps typhoid, and maybe we miss the baby's fluffy head when we come to put the kiddies to bed—we count one less when we talk of 'when the children grow up.'"

"Swat the fly!"

Quite Safe

Miss Fortyodd awoke in the middle of the night to find a burglar ransacking her effects. Miss Fortyodd did not scream, for she prided herself, among other things, upon her courage.

Pointing to the door with a dramatic gesture, she exclaimed: "Leave me at once!"

The burglar politely retreated a step, and said: "I had no intention of taking you."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SMALL MILLINERY.

How to Make a Little Girl's Spring Hat.

What is prettier than the mushroom shape for a little girl's hat? Not only can it be easily made by the unskilled mother, but it will be assured a second and even a third season, for the mushroom never goes out of style in juvenile millinery.

No matter how clever you are with the needle, it is always the best plan to buy the shape in the shop, then cover it with the same material used for the little girl's coat.

To begin covering cut a straight piece of goods wide enough to cover both top and bottom of the brim and long enough to go around the lower and larger edge. Allow several inches on both dimensions.

Sew the ends together on the wrong side, run white basting line through the center (use silk thread if the material is silk or velvet), then turn in the top edge on the wrong side and gather with tiny stitches until you have made it tight enough to fit snugly around the base of the crown. Sew it there after adjusting the gathers.

The basting line should be on the edge all round, when you finish the under side of the brim, by turning in the raw edge and sewing it well up into the crown, gathering if necessary.

The top of the crown is covered by a circular piece of the goods, no care being taken of the finish, as it will be hidden. Next a bias piece of material is cut long enough to exactly fit the sides of the crown as a band after the slanting ends have been joined. This is generally finished before being sewed on the crown, either by stitching or cording.

If the little girl's coat is velvet use corduroy of the same shade. It is more serviceable, and the stripes give the appearance of accordion plaiting without its perishability. The same idea can be carried out in silk by using material with a corded weave.

The trimming should be extremely simple. A silk cord, with tassels, tied on one side, or one of the new crocheted chain cords ending in balls covered with the coat's material makes a good finish.

SPRING NATTINESS.

Piquant Turban Made Up of Grosgrain Navy Silk.

Straight, flat necks, like the twelfth century pictures, are one of the newest finishes for frocks. The perky cock's



A CRISP MODEL.

quill reposing atop a nut shaped turban so neatly tailored with flat plaits running fore and aft is what holds our attention, however.

Cleaning Hints.

Few housewives enjoy cleaning wall paper, but it is a task that can be made easy and the work done with good results.

Surface dust may be removed with a cloth, a long handled brush or a broom covered with a cotton flannel bag. Take only downward strokes in going over the wall.

In giving a thorough cleaning a cheesecloth bag filled with warm bran or pieces of stale bread may be used. A very stiff flour and water dough may be rubbed over the paper, turning so that a fresh surface is always ready for the paper.

Grease spots that do not yield to this treatment are removed by applying fuller's earth with a soft cloth, rubbing well. Brush off after a few hours and repeat if necessary.

Fillet Lace Trimming.

New blouses show fillet lace used extensively as trimming. This fashion began in November, but was not widely taken up until the present month. The usual form the fillet lace takes is a wide turnover collar, extending into a broad panel that runs to the waist in front, and deep cuffs that fit the wrists and are fastened with small lace buttons. Although the lace is sometimes put on handkerchief linen blouses, the most fashionable combination is with tulle de chine and georgette crepe.

THE COST OF GROWING POTATOES.

(Experimental Farms Note.)

In potato growing provinces like New Brunswick there is always more or less discussion as to what it should cost to grow a good crop of potatoes, and statements vary from as low as \$40.00 per acre to as high as \$125.00. Naturally there will be much variation in cost according to local conditions, and especially to the ability of the land to produce without expensive fertilizing. It should be borne in mind that it will usually cost the potato specialist more to grow his crop than it will the farmer who follows mixed farming and makes his potato crop merely one of his many activities.

With a view to getting actual figures under average conditions in New Brunswick, a careful record has been made at the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, for the past two seasons with an acre of land set apart for this particular purpose.

Neither rent of land nor depreciation of machinery was included in the calculation, for these two are items that are largely in the hands of the individual grower. As a general rule, however, it would be fair to charge as rent, 10% of the value of the land, and special potato machinery will depreciate from 25% to 50% per year if used steadily for ten days each season. In 1915, the depreciation of the potato digger alone, used at the Experimental Station, was \$6.00 per acre.

In 1915, the acre was planted with Green Mountain, Irish Cobbler and Empire State. Seed, cultural operations and harvesting cost in all \$67.93. Eighty barrels of 165 pounds each of marketable potatoes were obtained and sold at \$1.75 per barrel making a profit over cost of production of 90c. per barrel. Seven barrels of culls were sold for \$3.50, so that the total profit for the acre amounted to \$75.50.

This land was rather wet naturally and during the very rainy weather of June and July was several times flooded, causing missed hills and inferior plants generally. This land was originally cleared many years ago and after cutting hay for thirty years it was allowed to grow up to spruce, birch and alder. It was again cleared in 1913 and grew buckwheat in 1914.

In 1916, an acre was planted with Green Mountain seed. The total cost amounted to \$82.33, the increase over 1915 being due to high priced seed, higher priced fertilizer ingredients and very dear copper sulphate.

One hundred and twenty barrels of marketable potatoes were harvested and could have been sold at \$2.25 per barrel, making a profit per barrel over cost of production of \$1.56, plus six barrels of culls at 50c., \$3.00, making a total profit of \$190.20.

Market price when potatoes were dug was \$2.25 per barrel. Later they could have been sold at \$3.25, but are held for seed.

The land grew bay for many years and was broken up and grew potatoes with 750 pounds fertilizer in 1913, corn with 18 tons barnyard manure in 1914, oats without manure in 1915. This land is, on a slope, fairly well drained and except for washing out slightly between the rows felt no bad effects from the June deluge.

RAMSAY COUNCIL

Council Chamber.

Almonde, April 28th, 1917.

The regular meeting of the township council was held in the town hall at 10 o'clock a.m., all the members being present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following applications were received:

From R. W. Fumerton, to have the stone already quarried for that purpose crushed and placed upon the 11th line opposite lot 2.

From W. P. Meehan, asking that the sum of \$10 be paid him for accommodating the teams while drawing gravel to the 11th.

From Messrs. John Aitken and Frank Paul, to have the town line between Ramsay and Huntley repaired opposite lots 1, 2 and 3.

From Edward Kennedy, offering to grade the 11th line, opposite lot 10, free of charge on condition the Council would gravel the same.

From Messrs. Robt. Baird and Neil Munroe, to have the road repaired opposite lots 1 and 2 in the 9th concession.

From James Galvin, to have a bridge put over a water course between the west halves of lots 10 and 11, in the 12th concession.

From Alex. McGill, to have the ditch cleaned out on the 11th line opposite lot 13.

From W. A. Toop, asking to have the limestone removed from the road between Wm. Cameron's quarry and the town of Carleton Place.

On motion of Messrs. Young and Robertson, W. C. Gilmour was instructed to spend the sum of \$200, opposite lots 11 and 12, in the 9th concession the work to be performed at the earliest possible date.

On motion of Messrs. Young and James, Councillor Turner was appointed to examine the road referred to in the applications of R. W. Fumerton and Messrs. Robert Baird and

Neil Munroe, and to report at next meeting of Council.

The application of W. P. Meehan, was referred to F. A. Ross, who had the work in charge.

On motion of Messrs. Turner and Young, Commissioner J. J. Ryan was instructed to expend the sum of \$100 on the 12th line opposite lot 10.

On motion of Messrs. Robertson and James, Councillor Turner was appointed as commissioner to act in conjunction with a commissioner from the Township of Huntley to decide what repairs, if any, would be made on the town line opposite lots 1, 2 and 3.

On motion of Messrs. Robertson and James, Councillor Turner was instructed to examine, in company with Commissioner J. J. Ryan, the place where James Galvin applied to have a bridge built, and also examine the ditch on the 11th line referred to in the application of Alexander McGill, and report at next meeting of Council.

On motion of Messrs. Robertson and Commissioner Wm. Paul was instructed to expend the sum of \$200 upon the 7th line.

On motion of Messrs. James and Robertson, J. A. Erskine was appointed road commissioner to succeed the late Mr. McMunn, and John S. Bowland was appointed sheep valuator.

The following accounts were paid: Geo. Graham, roadwork, \$2.00; J. H. Symington, do, 1.65; Mrs. M. McMunn, do, 10.40; Frank Paul, do, 6.20; Clifford Sadler, do, 4.95; John Drynan, do, 7.00; Edward Shane, do, 7.00; Ben. DeLarge, do, 3.00; Fred. Sadler, do, 1.50; E. J. Robertson, do, 7.25; W. Turner, do, 15.00; W. G. Dunlop, do, 7.95; Herb. Murphy, do, 18.00; Robert Barker, do, 13.50; John A. Robertson, do, 5.46; Thos. Curtis, do, 2.40; George A. Murphy, assessor, 90.00; appeal, 5.70; Geo. A. Murphy, do, 6.30; T. A. Thompson, do, 6.30; Herman Giles, S.S. No. 2, 200.00.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday, the 26th day of May, when it will meet as a Court of Revision.—T. A. THOMPSON, Clerk.

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