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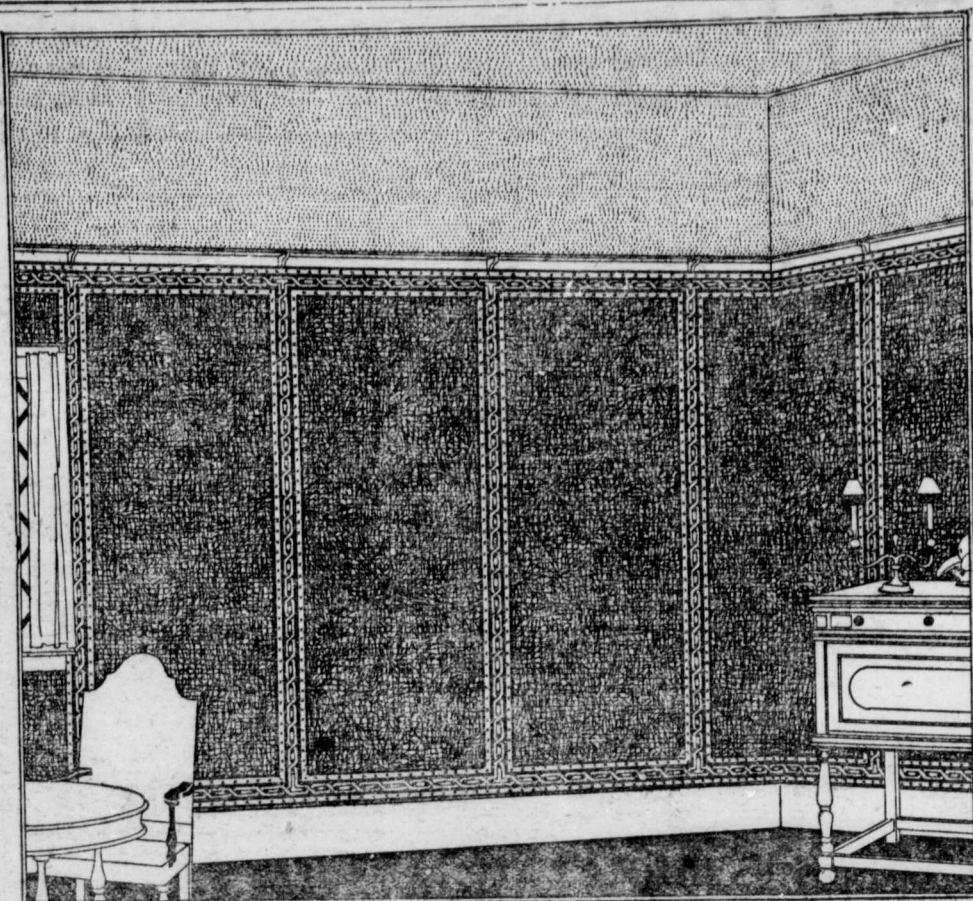
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### FOOLING MRS. PERKINS

It was April Fool's Day, and Buddy and Pen felt forlorn. They had not fooled anyone yet. They had tied an empty pocketbook to one end of a string and left it lying on the sidewalk while they hid behind the fence and held the other end of the string; but no one had picked up the pocketbook. Everyone seemed to know it was a joke. They had tried a good many other tricks, too, but so far not a single person had they fooled.

"It is no better than the 1st of March," said Buddy.  
"Or the 1st of September," said Pen.

Buddy tipped his cap back and scratched his head the way his father did when he was thinking. They must fool some one before the day was over!

When the two playmates reached Buddy's gate they looked up and down the street hopefully. The only person in sight was old Mr. Perkins, who was coming up the street with a big basket in one hand and a cane in the other. Presently the old gentleman reached the spot where they stood. He set his basket down.

"Pretty warm for April, isn't it, children?" he said and pulled his handkerchief out and wiped his face. When he put his handkerchief back he suddenly clapped his hand on another pocket.

"There!" he said. "I forgot all about that money order. I shall have to go way back to the post office and attend to it."

He gave such a sigh that Pen and

Buddy wished they could go back for him.

"Could you watch this basket while I'm gone?" asked Mr. Perkins. "It's pretty heavy to carry back so far."

"Yes, sir, we will," the children promised, and they were glad that there was something they could do. Mr. Perkins thanked them and went off; they could hear the click of his cane long after he had turned the corner.

"And still there's nobody to fool!" Buddy said with a sigh almost as deep as Mr. Perkins's sigh had been.

"And now we can't even leave to look for anybody," said Pen. "We've got to stay and watch this basket!" Just then Buddy happened to catch sight of his express wagon over by the porch. "I know what we'll do!" he cried. "We'll fool Mr. Perkins himself!"

Pen looked shocked. "O Buddy!" she said reproachfully.

"You just wait a minute!" Buddy replied. He ran into the yard and drew the wagon out to the sidewalk. Then he lifted the basket into it.

"Come along!" he said with a smile. "You come right along with me!"

Pen did not know what to make of her playmate, but she turned and followed him as he went hurrying up the street, dragging the wagon behind him.

"O dear!" she thought. "He's running away with poor Mr. Perkins's groceries! What will Mrs. Perkins say!"

After a while they came to a little white house at the end of the square, and there Buddy turned in.

"Why, this is Mr. Perkins's house!" Pen said.

Buddy rang the bell, and when the old lady opened the door he handed the basket to her.

"Mr. Perkins had to go back to the post office," he explained, "and so I brought his basket home for him."

When the two children got back to Buddy's gate there stood Mr. Perkins looking about him in surprise and disappointment.

"I can't find my basket, Buddy," he said. "You didn't let anyone take it, did you?"

"Somebody did take it!" said Pen, laughing.

"April fool!" Buddy cried. "I took it home for you myself!"

Mr. Perkins laughed, too. "That's the best April fooling I ever had," he said. Then he hobbled along home, with his cane tapping on the walk.

"Who says we haven't fooled anybody?" said Buddy, turning suddenly to Pen—Irene S. Woodcock, in Youth's Companion.

### SIGNS OF SPRING

There's a joyous note in the vibrant breeze,

In the softened winds of spring;

There's a vivid green in the grass and trees,

Where the birds have come to sing.

There's a fairer tinge to the azure skies,

Whence the breath of cold hath fled;

There's a sweet, glad hush as the winter dies—

A requiem to the dead.

To life once more springs bud and vine—

The urge to strive and grow;

And hope once more in love benign

Is attuned to the heart below.

—A. D. Garrison.

### EASTERTIDE

Oh, rare as the splendor of lilies,  
And sweet as the violet's breath,  
Comes the jubilant morning of Easter  
A triumph of life over death,  
For fresh from the earth's quickened bosom

Full baskets of flowers we bring,  
And scatter their satin-soft petals  
To carpet a path for our King.

We have groped through the twilight of sorrow,

Have tasted the Marah of tears,  
But lo! in the gray of the dawning  
Breaks the hope of our long silent years.

And the loved and the lost we thought perished,

Who vanished afar in the night,  
Will return in the beauty of spring-time,  
To beam on our rapturous sight.

In the countless green blades of the meadow,

The sheen of the daffodil's gold,  
In the tremulous blue on the mountain-tains,

The opaline mist on the world,  
In the tinkle of brooks through the pasture,

The river's strong sweep to the sea,  
Are signs of the day that is dawning  
In gladness to you and to me.

So down in thy splendor of lilies,  
Thy fluttering violet breath,  
Oh, jubilant morning of Easter,  
Thou triumph of life over death!

For fresh from the earth's quickened bosom

Full baskets of flowers we bring,  
And scatter their satin-soft petals,  
To carpet a path for our King.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

### All for the Child.

Those interested in the welfare of our country during these trying years of industrial and social unrest regard the welfare of our children as the greatest problem of the day. Throughout the country, thoughtful men and women are gathering in Home and School Associations to plan better ways of meeting the educational needs of a changing world. This co-operation of parents and teachers, whose most deeply concerned in the future of the boys and girls, has become a powerful factor in the solution of the problem.

During Easter week the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations will meet in Toronto with other great educational bodies of the Dominion and the province. This section will meet in Knox College, Monday afternoon. The evening session in conjunction with the O. E. A. in Convocation Hall will be addressed by Lady Baden-Powell, London, England, Chief Girl Guide of the British Empire, on "The Girl Guide to Work and at Play," and Dr. A. S. Lamb, Director of Physical Education, McGill University, Montreal, on "Education and the Playground." Tuesday afternoon's session will discuss Health Education of Children. Addresses will be given by Miss G. M. Cartwright, Director of Physical Education, McGill College, Montreal; Miss Edith M. Walker, Director of Public School Health Education, Rochester, N.Y.; Miss A. M. Connor, District Superintendent of the Department of Public Health, Toronto.

The Tuesday evening session in Convocation Hall will be addressed by Dr. G. W. Kerby, Mt. Royal College, Calgary, on "The Educational Challenge," and by Lieut.-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement, on "Boy Scouting as an Integral Part of Education." Religious education will be taken up in conjunction with the trustees' section.

On Thursday forenoon, a conference on "Home Making for Girls" will be addressed by Miss Helen Goodspeed of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. Luncheon will be addressed by specialists in all phases of training for children and by school inspectors.

A conference of representatives from the various provinces will discuss the formation of a national federation of Home and School Associations. Any one interested may attend any of these sessions. For further information address Prof. J. A. Dale, Social Service Department, Toronto University, or Mrs. A. C. Courtice, 109 Beech Avenue, Toronto.

Crabs chew their food with their legs.



### "WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"

There was a great earthquake: for the Angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. And the Angel said unto the women, "He is not here; for He is risen. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

### Already Attended to.

Uncle Jack asked little Celia if she didn't want him to play with her. "Oh, no," she said, "we're playing Indian and you're no use, 'cause you're scalped already."

What memories return with the April winds! The breath of approaching life sifts through the trees and grasses, the sound of running water stirs in the wild places, the birds make song as they fly; there is everywhere the renewal of the ancient rapture of the earth.—Bliss Carman.

### Weekly Market Report

#### Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.23 1/4.

Manitoba oats—Nominal.

Manitoba barley—Nominal.

All the above, track, Bay ports.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, 91c; No. 2, 89c.

Barley—Malting, 60 to 61c, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 75 to 77c.

Rye—No. 2, 79 to 81c.

Peas—No. 2, \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Milled—Del., Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$25; shorts, per ton, \$28; middlings, \$28.50; good feed flour, \$2.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.14 to \$1.16, according to freights outside.

Ontario No. 2 white oats—49 to 51c.

Ontario corn—Nominal.

Ontario flour—Ninety per cent. pat. in jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$5.10 to \$5.20; Toronto basis, \$5.05 to \$5.15; bulk, seaboard, \$4.95 to \$5.

Manitoba flour—1st pat., in cotton sacks, \$7.10 per bbl.; 2nd pat., \$6.60.

Hay—Extra, No. 2, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14; mixed, \$11; clover, \$8.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, track, Toronto, \$9.

Cheese—New, large, 30c; twins, 30 1/2c; triplets, 32c; Stiltons, 33c.

Old, large, 31 to 32c; twins, 33 to 34c; Stiltons, 35c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 54 to 56c; ordinary creamery prints, 51 to 53c; Dairy, 35 to 38c. Cooking, 25c.

Eggs—New, large, loose, 37 to 38c; new laid, in cartons, 41 to 42c.

Live poultry—Chickens, milk-fed, over 5 lbs., 25c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 25c; do, over 5 lbs., 24c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 21 to 24c; do, 2 to 4 lbs., 18 to 21c; hens, over 5 lbs., 31c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 28c; do, 2 to 4 lbs., 25c; roosters, 25c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 33c; 25c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 28c; turkeys, young, 10 lbs. and up, 31c; do, old, 18c; geese, 18c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, milk-fed, 35c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 35c; do, over 5 lbs., 30c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 25c; do, 2 to 4 lbs., 25c; hens, over 5 lbs., 30c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 25c; roosters, 25c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 35c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 33c; turkeys, young, 10 lbs. and up, 45c; geese, 25c.

Oleomargarine, lb., 21 to 27c.

Beans—Canadian, hand-picked, lb., 7c; primes, 6 1/2c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal. Maple sugar, lb., 23 to 25c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 11 1/2 to 12c per lb.; 5-2 1/2-lb. tins, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c per lb.; Ontario comb honey, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Potatoes, Ontarios—No. 1, 90c to \$1.00; No. 2, 80 to 90c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 28c; cooked hams, 36 to 42c; smoked rolls, 26 to 28c; cottage rolls, 32 to 35c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 33c; special brand breakfast bacon, 35 to 38c; backs, boneless, 34 to 40c.

#### Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$18.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$18; 90 lbs. and up, \$17; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$38; heavyweight rolls, \$35.

Lard—Pure tallow, 16 to 16 1/2c; tubs, 16 1/2 to 17c; pails, 17 to 17 1/2c; prints, 18 1/2c.

Shortening, tierces, 14c to 15 1/2c; tubs, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c; pails, 15 3/4 to 16 1/4c; prints, 17 1/2 to 18 1/4c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; do, good, \$5.50 to \$6; do, med., \$5 to \$5.50; do, com., \$4 to \$5; butcher heifers, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5 to \$5.50; do, com., \$4 to \$5; butcher cows, choice, \$4 to \$5; do, med., \$3 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, com., \$3 to \$4; feeding steers, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$5.50 to \$6; stockers, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; calves, choice, \$11 to \$13; do, med., \$8 to \$10; do, com., \$4 to \$8; milch cows, choice, \$70 to \$90; springers, choice, \$80 to \$100; lambs, choice, \$13 to \$14; do, spring, each, \$16; sheep, choice, \$7.50 to \$8; do, culls, \$4 to \$5; hogs, fed and watered, \$9.50 to \$10; do, f.o.b., \$8.75 to \$9.25; do, country points, \$8.50 to \$9.

Hog quotations are based on the prices of thick, smooth hogs, sold on a graded basis, or selects, sold on a flat rate. Bacon selects, sold on the graded basis, bring a premium of 10 per cent. over the price of thick, smooth hogs.

#### Montreal.

Oats, Can. Western, No. 2, 64 to 66c; Can. Western, No. 3, 59 to 60c; extra No. 1 feed, 66c to 67c; No. 2 local white, 64 to 65c. Flour, Man. spring wheat, 1st, \$7.10; 2nd, \$6.60; strong bakers, \$6.40; winter, \$6.25; choice, \$6.25. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.15 to \$3.25. Bran, 26 to 28c. Shorts, \$28 to \$30. Middlings, \$28 to \$35. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$13 to \$14.

Cheese, finest eastern, 47 1/2 to 48c; Butter, select creamery, 48 1/2 to 49c; Eggs, choicest, 39c. Potatoes, bag, car lots, \$1.

Com. dairy cows, \$3; good fat, \$4.50; choice lambs, \$12; calves, med., \$6 to \$7; do, com., \$5; good butcher and select hogs, \$10.25 to \$10.50; thick fat western Canada sows, \$8.

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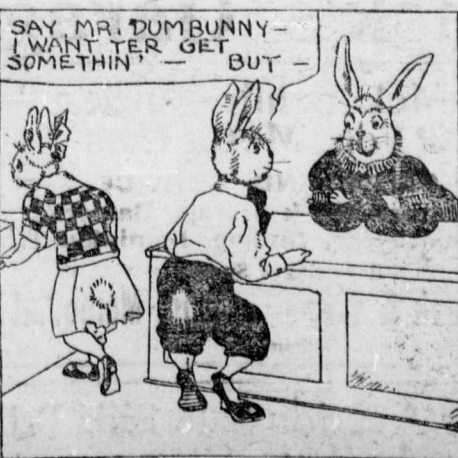
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