

The Scrap Bag

The jolliest train running north, south, east or west, through the whole Dominion on a certain date in September is the Muskoka express on the day of its last run from Gravenhurst to Toronto. The homeward bound crowd gathered together that day were all genuine Muskoka lovers, none of your half-hearted novices who run up for a couple of weeks in the hot weather, and then let a sore tooth, the black flies, or a pressing invitation given by somebody's second cousin's sister, to come and help make up a camping party on the Thousand Islands, or any other inferior place, be an excuse for leaving the sweetest, wildest, freshest paradise of a wilderness, that stands with wide gates thrown open to all who would enter. The last day in September on which the Muskoka express will run, brings hurrying in from distant points, and still remoter islands, those enthusiastic proselytes of wood and water, who would fain linger in rocky fastnesses and up their hidden streams, even at the risk of a gentle nipping from that ever foremost scout of the ozone regions—Jack Frost. Of all our inland cities perhaps the Torontonians are most truly wed to their Muskoka life every summer. Anyhow, Toronto was well represented on that homeward journey, and just here it may be interesting to remark how very much alike everybody appears in Muskoka, especially in the going and coming. Verily the cotton shirt-waist is a great leveller, and doth render distinction of classes more difficult than hitherto. More than one of those merry maidens who romped through the cars, with checkerberr leaves in their hair, and battered old sailor hats, evidently off duty, as far as tan and freckles be concerned, were recognized as the daughters of wealth and affluence, who will presently be tripping demurely along King street in the most correct form. But I wish you could have seen them all that day. "Good form" must have been stowed away in the lunch baskets or the trunks in the baggage car. No signs of it anywhere about, only fun, "jolly good fun," from the cow-catcher to the last wheel! Babies crowded. Small boys whooped and changed their seats every minute and a half. Placid mamma's, with all their tired lines smoothed away, smiled. While the queen of the camp (who is always a girl that carries a large supply of giggles) kept up a continual gale at her end of the car. Chatter-chatter, went everybody's tongue, and higher and higher rose everybody's spirits, until, were it not for the fishing tackle, and baskets of fern and cotton-grass, and chipmunk's tails, and porcupine quills stuck in everybody's cap, we might have been taken for a merry party of excursionists just starting out for a long day's outing, instead of a party of travelers returning. Sewer gas or pine-wood breezes! We are surcharged with the one going out and the other coming back, but, oh! what a difference it makes, which.

None can tell where the diamond goes to in combustion. Burn it, and it leaves no ash; the flame is interior, like that of a cork, and when it has glowed itself out, there remains not even so much as would dust the antennae of a butterfly.

Horton Ballard is a little flaxen-haired boy, nearly 3 years old. He had often watched, with much interest, his grandpa stirring his coffee before drinking, and one morning, thinking that grandpa had forgotten to do this, he said: "Why don't you wind up your coffee, grandpa?"

If you can't get half a loaf take a whole one—a whole loaf is better than no bread.—Billings.

A Boston man traveling through the South was obliged to stop over in a small town where there was but one hotel, at which the accommodations were hardly to be called elaborate.

When the colored waiter brought his dinner, Mr. C. found that he was to have roast beef, stewed tomatoes, corn, peas, potatoes and coffee, the vegetables served in the usual stone-china canoes.

Presently he said to the waiter, "Dick, pass the spoons!" The waiter rolled his eyes in genuine amazement.

"Spoons, sah? What you want with the spoons. There's yo' spoon in yo' corn."

The summer girl resembles the forest tree in the fact that she puts on a new ring each year.

If a man only saw himself occasionally as others see him, he would cut his own acquaintance on the spot.

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSE-KEEPERS.

The earth is full of glorious things. All tinged with light from rainbow's wings.

—Lydia Maria Child.

BREAKFAST—Peaches and Apples. Oatmeal. Beef. Sausage. Lyonnaise Potatoes. White Bread. Waffles. Honey. Coffee.

DINNER—Stewed Veal. Mashed Potatoes. Succotash. Lettuce and Cucumber Salad. Milk Crackers. Graham Bread. Currant Jelly. Fruit Puff Pudding.

SUPPER—Cream Toast. Baked Apples. Wheat Croquettes. Graham Bread. Tea.

STEWED VEAL. Three pounds of foreleg; cut in small pieces. Put to soak in boiling salted water. Stew gently for three hours. Make gravy as for stewed chicken.

SUCUTASH. Equal quantities of corn and lima or white beans. Cook slowly an hour; season well with cream, butter, salt and a little pepper.

Little is seen of the tailor-made girl this season. It is the picturesque maiden who delights our eyes. All morning she is nowhere to be found, but early in the afternoon emerges from cobwebbed garrets and dusty bookshelves, where she has been searching for quaint antiquities to adopt for her gowning. Everything must be spangled and gorgeous with some flashing decoration. Nothing is too gaudy for her, nor is the maid daunted by the most outre of styles.

Marie Antoinette she has taken into her heart; to Marie Antoinette she looks for inspiration for her gowns.

After weeks of search, one little woman called her friends together to rejoice over the "sweetest costume." The skirt was rather full over the hips, but otherwise was quite the regulation thing.

But the bodice! How those girls did



IN GORGEOUS ARRAY

delight in that bodice! It was cut to fit the figure, with sleeves that must have annoyed the wearer, so tight were they. The entire bodice and sleeves were covered with embroidery of green and gold, while immense bows of green velvet were fastened just at the elbow. A high collar finished the neck with a bunch of tiny green ostrich tips at each side. I forgot to mention that the dress material was black, and that the skirt was finished with bands of green velvet.

DRESS JUGGLERY.

A Clever Woman Who Contrives Several Costumes Out of One.

The economies of the toilet is a complex question that every woman answers more or less satisfactorily, according to her lights and purse through all the variations of dress, from a calico gown and checked sunbonnet to a temperate selection among the dainties displayed in the shops, this month of foreign importations. But for the woman who has a little money to buy, a little time to scheme, and a vast desire to make always a sweet, smart and suitable appearance, what shall she do?

Let her draw first an inspiration and lay a lasting cornerstone on which to erect dainty, effective little varieties of toilet by buying a good black silk.

To begin with, the silk gown needs to be made of good anne or peau de sole weave, also, says the feminine authority, who has tried and proved this plan, it requires linings at seventy cents a yard. The skirt ought to be made four and three-quarters yards wide at the bottom and fit the hips snugly, the waist cut absolutely plain, with sleeves of generous but not extravagant volume, the neck completed with a high, stiff collar band and the skirt so finished as to fit up smoothly over the basque's bottom.

With the six yards of lining needed and twelve yards and three-quarters of silk, such a pattern calls for the cost of the materials can be easily calculated, adding an item of \$8.50 for the well-chosen findings. The expense of dressmaking ought to be reckoned by the personal skill of the purchaser, plus the aid of a seamstress in the house for two or three days.

Here, then, is the gown for the statelier entertainments of the winter, to be worn with a stock and giraffe of clear peach-skin velvet, and a bag front, made of pleated black chiffon, spangled over with fine green iridescent beads, sewed on by the wearer's nimble fingers. Just on a morning and out of pretty bits saved from old gowns and bonnets can be put together enough girdles, stocks, fronts, lappets and collars to give the plain body all the needed decoration for general use, while the skirt calls for no ornamentation. However, here are planned three full metamorphoses of toilet, with the black silk as a foundation that will exalt its somber simplicity into a variety of elegance, fitting a theater party, grand reception, tea or wedding breakfast.

For the afternoon tea change, make a high full stock of white satin, then buy a piece of white, double width chiffon, one yard and an eighth long. Turn up a finger deep hem on the chiffon all about and herring bone it down firmly, with split white floss. Just above the herring boning frill full on a narrow edging of cream Valenciennes lace, cut exactly in the center of the square a hole large enough to slip the head through, and let the soft fabric fall in airy folds and points from neck to knees about and over the black silk under dress.

Now, for the theater party, the fleche is in order, and as the chiffon square called for one dollar and a half's worth of goods with ninety cents worth of lace, the fleche, as shown in the cut, needs as much cream India muslin as one dollar and eighty cents will buy, with seven yards of lace edging and ten of inserting, costing, in prettily tinted imitation Brussels, four dollars and fifty cents. The white satin stock should show lace and muslin points under the chin and at the breast, the front lappet of the fleche need to be caught up with a cluster of loose silk, variegated roses or poppies.

Silk tissue, in rainbow-like tints of yellow, rose and green, comes double width at one dollar and a fraction a yard. In yellow or green over black, asking no other trimming than its own cloudy, shimmering folds, one thickness in skirt and loose waist over the black silk gown composes a costume worthy of all admiration. The lighter and more airy the fold, the more satisfying the result in beauty, for everywhere it flies out, to show the clean lines of the black silk and body beneath, and lends a delicious youthful grace and slenderness to the wearer's figure.

Try brightening the rooms with fresh blossoms, and strengthening the plants by free picking.

MUST GET NEW SPRINGS.

The City's Present Water Supply is Insufficient.

It is Shrinking—Railway Companies to Pump from the River.

The city water supply has again become a serious question for the commissioners to handle. At yesterday's meeting of the Board, Engineer Moore reported the whole of the supply collected at Springbank had been used and he recommended that action be taken to increase the supply, by taking in Colville's lower springs, and Griffith's Byron springs. He also urged that the C. P. R. and the G. T. R. pump their own supply from the river during the summer months hereafter. The water in the reservoir is now so low that it has again become necessary in the engineer's opinion to have the G. T. R. draw from the river again. His report was laid over for consideration.

The pumping engineer reported only 5 feet 9 inches of water in the reservoir. The river is so low that the hydraulic pumps are idle and steam power is being used entirely.

Engineer Moore estimates that the Colville springs (which belong to the city) will yield 400,000 gallons a day, and the Griffith's springs (which are private property) 201,000 gallons daily. He wished work to be started this fall so that the supply will be ready by next summer. To the "Advertiser" he stated that he did not think the present springs were becoming exhausted, but thought the shrinkage due to the three past dry seasons and to the fact that the snow last winter fell on frozen ground, and when it melted ran off instead of soaking down.

The waterworks dam was reported to be in a leaky condition and in danger of washing away if not repaired. The commissioners will lower the river for a day or two to permit repairs.

Sim Fox made an offer for the catering and attraction privileges at Springbank. Filed for consideration.

Commissioners Cowan and Judd, the engineer, secretary and Inspector Plastow were present.

THE HURON GIANT.

Royal McKenzie Towers Away Above His Associates.

Duluth, Sept. 18.—Patrolman Royal McKenzie was until a short time ago the tallest officer at the head of the lakes. A short time ago Gust Anderson, police force at Superior, Wis., and as Anderson is a trifle taller and heavier than McKenzie, the championship medal has been handed to him. This does not mean that McKenzie, who is still growing and hopes by the time he is a year older to have distanced even Anderson. McKenzie was 26 years of age his last birthday. He came here from Huron county, Ontario, and now measures precisely 6 feet 10 1/2 inches in height and weighs 257 pounds and 3 ounces. He is a remarkably well-built man, and one does not notice his great height until he stands near a man of the ordinary size, when the latter looks like a dwarf.

For the last year Patrolman McKenzie has been growing steadily, and is now nearly three inches taller than he was in September, 1894. He was appointed on the police force two years ago, and is by all odds the largest man in the department, although Detective Hayden can make a scratch just nine feet two inches high on the wall. McKenzie some years ago gained quite a reputation as a member of a Canadian tug-of-war team and it is said he was more than a match for any two men who could be pitted against him. He was born of very large parents, his father standing 6 feet 11 1/2 inches and his mother 6 feet 1 inch, and each one weighing in the neighborhood of 250 pounds.

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