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GLENCOE, ONTARIO, CANADA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1918.

## CHRISTMAS BUYING

The live business men of Glencoe have the goods you want. Read their ads. and shop early.

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### TOWNSHIP OF EKFRID

#### Nomination Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Municipal Electors of the Township of Ekfrid will be held in the Town Hall, Appin, at the hour of one o'clock afternoon of Monday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1918, for the purpose of nominating fit and proper persons to serve as Reeve and four Councillors for the year 1919. All persons are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Dated at Ekfrid the 17th day of December, A. D. 1918.  
A. P. McDUGALD,  
Township Clerk.

### McALPINE HOUSE

#### Licensed Standard Hotel

Opened for the accommodation of the travelling public.

#### MEAL HOURS

Per Week  
Breakfast.....6 to 9 a. m.  
Dinner.....11.45 to 2 p. m.  
Supper.....5.30 to 7.30 p. m.

#### SUNDAY SPECIAL

Breakfast.....8.30 to 9.30 a. m.  
Dinner.....1 to 2 p. m.  
Supper.....5 to 6 p. m.  
Rates: \$2 per day. Special rates to steady boarders.

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### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

#### Township of Metcalfe

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the municipal electors of the Township of Metcalfe will be held in the Town Hall, Napier, on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1918, at the hour of one o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of electing fit and proper persons to serve as members of the municipal council for the year 1919. And further notice is hereby given that if required a poll will be opened at 9 o'clock a. m. and kept open until 5 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1919, in the several polling subdivisions within the said municipality.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1918.  
HARRY THOMPSON,  
Clerk of the Township of Metcalfe.

#### \$5,600-90 ACRES

Ekfrid, 1 mile from station and school, on gravel road, 3 miles from good village, good frame cottage, basement barn, well fenced, best of clay loam, not heavy. \$1,000 cash, balance at 5 per cent. Great buy.—T. A. FAULDS, London, Ont.

#### FARM FOR SALE

Moss township, 100 acres, 4 miles from Glencoe, gravel road, good house, barn, orchard, windmill and water supply. Considerable good timber. Soil, clay and loam, under pasture 25 years. Must be sold to wind up estate. Apply GEORGE INNES, Glencoe, Box 21.

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WINDSOR, ONTARIO  
A High Grade School. Write for Catalogue. Hundreds of students placed annually in DETROIT and WINDSOR. L. S. McLean, Pres., P. O. Box 48 Accountant

### Cream Wanted

Cream received, tested and paid for daily at the Glencoe Butter Factory. Phone 73 if you want our delivery truck to call.

#### LAMBTON CREAMERY CO.

ALEX. McNEIL,  
Local Manager.

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Fire, Life, Accident and Plate Glass Insurance Agent, representing the greatest fire insurance companies of the world, and the leading mutual fire insurance companies of Ontario. Office at residence, first door south of the Presbyterian Church, Glencoe.

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Agent for Fire, Life, Accident, Automobile and Animal Insurance. A share of your business solicited. Office at residence, Main street, Glencoe. Phone 74.

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Lincoln Sheep  
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MAIN STREET - GLENCOE  
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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

See our beautiful display of Watches, Clocks, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass, Ivory and Ebony, China, Umbrellas, etc.

### BARAINS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BUYER

#### Men's and Boys' Watches

Luminous dial Wrist Watch, silveroid case, regular \$15, for \$11.95.  
Plain dial, silveroid case, 15-jewel movement, regular \$11, for \$8.25.  
15-jewel movement Wrist Watch, nickel case, regular \$7.50, for \$5.  
Regina works, in guaranteed gold-filled case—\$10 to \$35.  
Boys' Watch, special—\$2.  
Ingersoll Watches—\$2 to \$5.  
Hamilton 17-jewel movement, in guaranteed gold-filled case, regular \$30 for \$24.

#### Ladies' Watches—special value

Regina 7-jewel works, 6 size, in guaranteed gold-filled case, regular \$20, for \$14.95.  
Regina 17-jewel works, 6 size, in diamond-set 14k gold case, regular \$55, for \$44.

#### Ladies' Bracelet Watches

High grade gold-filled case and bracelet, convertible style, fitted with our special guaranteed movement—\$12 to \$22.  
See our special value gold-filled Bracelet Watch, \$15.  
Solid 10k gold case and bracelet, convertible style, 15-jewel works—\$26 to \$35.



#### Spectacles and Eyeglasses

Give mother or father a pair of our Glasses. Prices \$2 to \$7.

#### Other Gifts for Men

Gillette Razor, Cigar Case, Pipe, Cuff Links, Ring, Tie Pin, Chain, Pouch, Military Brushes, Umbrella, Bill Fold Purse.

#### Silverware

Rodgers' Knives and Forks, \$5 to \$8.50 dozen; Tea Sets, \$14 up; Caseroles, \$4.50 to \$10; Butter Dishes, \$1.50 to \$5; Marmalade Jars, \$1.75 to \$4.50; Cream and Sugar Sets, \$3.50 to \$8.90; Meat Forks, 75c up; Tomato Servers, \$1.25 to \$2.50; Cream Ladles, \$1 up; Butter Knives, 65c to \$1.25; Rodgers' Tea Spoons, \$2.80 to \$5.75 dozen; Community Adam Pattern Tea Spoons, \$7 dozen. These are just a few of the many pieces we can show you.

#### Umbrellas

For Ladies and Gents. Gold, silver and horn handles, also the new style ring handle—\$5 to \$13.50; tape edge covers.

#### Cut Glass Specials

Bowls, \$3.50 to \$7; Bon Bon Dishes, \$1.65 to \$3.75; Cream and Sugar Sets, \$1.75 to \$6; Water Jugs, \$2.25 to \$8.50; Tumblers, \$6 to \$11 dozen; Pepper and Salt, per pair, 80c to \$1.50; Vases, \$2 to \$8.50.

Waterman Fountain Pens, self-filling type, \$1.75 to \$7.50.  
Ivory Hair Brushes, \$3 up.  
Ivory Trays, 50c up.  
Ivory Brush and Comb Tray, \$1.65.  
Ivory Jewel Cases, \$2.50.  
Ivory Powder Boxes, \$1.25 to \$2.50.  
Ivory Soap Boxes, 45c to \$1.25.  
Ivory Talcum Boxes, 50c to \$1.75.  
Ivory Tooth Brush Holder, 35c.  
Ivory Buffers, 50c to \$1.  
Ivory Bonnet Brushes, \$1.50 up.  
Ivory Cloth Brushes, \$1.90 up.  
Ivory Combs, 35c to \$1.  
Ivory Files, Corn Knife, Cuticle Knife—40c up.  
Ivory Hoof Sticks, 25c.  
Ivory Scissors, \$1 to \$1.75.  
Ivory Perfume Bottles, 75c.  
Ivory Match Holders, 50c.  
Ivory Manicure Rolls, \$1.50 to 3.75.

#### Hand Painted China

We have a very fine selection of China, from Bon-Bon Dishes to 23-piece Tea Sets. Our stock must be seen to be appreciated. Prices 25c up.

#### Other Gifts for Ladies

Pearl Brooches, Signet or Stone-set Rings, Fountain Pens, Pouches, Bracelets, Locket and Chains, Pearl Beads, Thimbles, Community or 1847 Silverware, Hand Painted China, Leather Purses, Gold Jewel Cases, etc.



#### Cuff Links

50c to \$6

See last week's issue of this paper for a complete list of Christmas suggestions suitable for every one in the family.

## DAVIDSON - THE JEWELER

Marriage Licenses Issued

Optician

## Gift Suggestions for Men

### TIES

All men appreciate additions to their stock of Ties. Our selection is the largest and is rich in color combination and in designs in good taste to please all customers. Prices from 50c to \$2.00.

### MUFFLERS

In wool, silk and wool and all silk. A large selection of smart, suitable effects that will be appreciated during the cold, stormy days from January to March. Prices from \$1.25 to \$3.00.

### SUITS AND OVERCOATS

In a splendid selection of suitable materials, including Indigo Blues, Worsteds and Tweeds. Prices from \$28.00 to \$48.00.

## TOMLINSON'S THE SHOP FOR MEN

Gifts from our shop will be appreciated on account of our reputation for goods of recognized quality

### DISTRICT AND GENERAL

St. Marys ladies are forming a Buy-at-Home League.  
Ontario's No. 1 Baldwin apples are selling in England for \$18 a barrel.  
Benjamin G. Graham, reeve of Rodney, has been appointed treasurer of Elgin county.

The marriage took place in Wardsville on November 27th of Duncan McCallum of Wardsville and Iva Tunks of Mosa.

Dutton council will prepare a list of those who enlisted from that municipality for a roll of honor to be placed in the town hall.

There is keen competition among the poultry buyers at Alvinston and prices last week reached as high as 33c live weight and 38c dressed for turkeys.

David Smith of West Lorne pleaded guilty at the Elgin assizes to a charge of attempting to kill Mrs. Taylor, wife of the proprietor of the Argyle Hotel, on September 9th.

The family of the late Mr. Gosnell of Highgate were awarded \$3,500 at the Elgin assizes in a suit against the M. C. R. Co. for the death of their father, who was killed at a highway crossing.

Albert E. Oke of Alvinston has received a letter from his son, Ernest, who tells him that he is among the boys who are going through Germany. Pte. Oke has been in the trenches for over three years.

The doctors of St. Thomas have increased their fees for professional calls at night, both within and outside the city. Hereafter all calls will be \$2.50 for city attendance and 50 per cent. extra for country calls.

Fifteen passengers of a C. P. R. train bound from Winnipeg to Toronto were burned to death near Fort William on Monday night when a tourist coach took fire. Nearly all were Ontario people coming home to spend the holidays.

On account of a revival of the influenza epidemic in the surrounding country the churches of Alvinston have been requested to cancel all Christmas entertainments this year. In the vicinity of Inwood there are said to be about 140 cases of the disease.

The marriage of Maribel, daughter of the late Archibald and Mrs. Campbell, to James Macpherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Macpherson of Crinan, took place quietly on Wednesday, December 11th, at the home of the bride's mother, "Glenwood," Crinan. Rev. A. McD. Haig of West Lorne officiating. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Macpherson will reside at Crinan.

Malcolm Patterson, a pioneer of Dunwich township, passed away at his home near Dutton on December 12th. He was in his 82nd year and was born in Lochgair, Argyllshire, Scotland, and came with his parents to Canada in 1843 and settled near Iona. His wife, Janet McPhail, died eight years ago. He leaves a daughter, Miss Manetta, and three brothers, James of Newbury and John and Angus of Dunwich.

A death of more than ordinary sadness occurred on Friday, when Miss Laura McPhail of Alvinston passed away while she and her mother were on a visit to Detroit. Deceased had been away about one week when she was taken ill with pneumonia. The remains were brought to her home and the funeral service was held in the Presbyterian church and interment took place in the Alvinston cemetery. Deceased was about twenty-four years of age.

### THE J. C. ROCKWELL

#### "SUNNY SOUTH" COMPANY

J. C. Rockwell's "Sunny South" company, an organization numbering about twenty colored people, is announced to appear in the Town Hall, Glencoe, Saturday evening, December 21st. This is conceded to be one of the strongest combinations of colored talent ever sent on tour. It is entirely different from nearly all other colored shows, inasmuch as it is clean to a fault, and during the entire performance there is not a line, an action or an intimation to which exception can be taken. The fun which will be handed over the footlights is all new and needs no arrow to point the way to the laughs. It is bristling with new, novel and entertaining features and it is brimful of laughable situations, charming musical numbers and clever vaudeville stunts, together with clean and amusing comedy. Mr. Rockwell claims to have the newest, freshest, most artistic and thoroughly equipped colored show touring the country. He backs his claim and arrests public attention by presenting a musical performance that has more original ideas and up-to-the-minute novelties than any similar organization. It is characteristic throughout, being a mixture of fun, melody and dancing, consisting of all the features peculiar to the negro in Dixie Land, presented by negroes of the cultured and educated class, free from vulgarity, without any objectionable features, at the same time sparkling with wit and good humor. It is claimed by the management that the music is all new and original, most of it being of that catchy, rippling sort which captivates the audience to such an extent that they hum tuneless snatches when leaving the theatre and whistle it on the streets for days to come.

The organization is accompanied by an excellent solo concert band and a superb orchestra. The Kootenay parade takes place at three p. m. Prices of admission are 50c, 80c and 75c, including war tax. Seats are now selling at Lumley's drug-store.

### GLENCOE COUNCIL

The final meeting of the municipal council of the village of Glencoe was held in the council chamber on Monday, Dec. 16th. Members present—Reeve A. J. Wright; Councillors McPherson, Keith and Hagerty. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Dr. Walker's report as M. O. H. for the year was read and on motion of Messrs. Keith and McPherson was accepted.

On motion of Messrs. Hagerty and Keith the following accounts were ordered paid:—A. E. Sutherland, printing, \$21.70; A. McPherson and W. A. Hagerty, expenses to Toronto re provincial highway, each, \$11.35; A. Graham, 2 11-12 cords gravel, \$4.75; McPherson & Clarke, cement, posts and lumber, \$24.60; James Poole, leg. grant to bailiff, \$13; Charles George, fourth quarter's salary, \$37.50; post-charge, 27c; leg. grant to court clerk, \$12; matches, 30c; soap, 9c; J. W. Smith, fourth quarter's grant to fire department, \$25; J. E. Hull, 23 cord gravel, 55c; Dr. John Walker, services as M. O. H., \$35; John Hills, refund cement walks, lot 8, block K, E. s. for two years, \$2.82; Kate Blackwell, over-charge, board of health, \$1; James Wright & Son, telegram 90c, supplies \$4.97; S. Thompson, salary for December, \$40; Fletcher Mfg. Co., work on road log \$8.01, collar and screws for bell rope 30c, less material in old bell \$4.15—\$4.15; J. M. Anderson, new pipe and cleaning pipes, \$1.95; R. A. Eddie, supplies for town hall, \$1.79; Peter Perkins, balance due him on account of board of health work, \$46.15. A. B. McDonald and J. W. Eddie, on behalf of the Mosa & Ekfrid Agricultural Society, requested a grant of \$50, and on motion of Messrs. McPherson and Hagerty the council granted \$25 to the said society.

Council then adjourned.  
CHARLES GEORGE, Clerk.

### NO TRANSCRIPT NEXT WEEK

On account of the Christmas holiday falling on publication day, there will be no issue of The Transcript next week. Thursday, January 2nd, will be the date of the next issue, when, with the opportunity afforded by the brief respite to make a few needed alterations and repairs in the plant, we hope to turn out a brighter and more interesting paper than ever.

We extend the season's greetings to all our readers, and trust the coming year will usher in a long period of peace and prosperity for the world in general.

### GLENCOE RED CROSS

December shipment:—To Hyman Hall—66 pairs of hand-knit socks, 15 pairs of children's socks, 2 pairs of hospital socks, 32 towels, 3 suits of undergarments, 1 mattress pad; overseas—47 pairs of hand-knit socks; to Queen Alexandra Sanatorium—50 qts. canned fruit and pickles.  
The rooms will be closed during the holiday week, opened January 3rd. Anyone wishing to do sewing or knitting in the meantime will get work at Mrs. James Poole's or Mrs. R. A. Eddie's.  
On Wednesday evening, January 1st (New Year's night), a concert will be given in the opera house by Miss Helene L. Rogers, reader, of Toronto, supported by Miss Marion Henry, soloist, also of Toronto, and other talented. Seat plan at Lumley's. See bills for particulars.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. G. S. Lloyd, M. A., Minister  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22  
11 a. m.—"Peace on Earth." Baptismal Service.  
7 p. m.—"Visit of the Wise Men." (Illustrated.) Lantern Map Talk on Austria-Hungary.

### HINT FOR "AD" WRITERS

In advertising, tell your readers the same story you would tell them if they came to your store personally and asked about your goods. You are not expected to write a college president's thesis.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

On Friday next, commencing at 6 p. m., there will be a Sunday school and choir tea in the schoolroom, followed by a Christmas tree and a program of songs, recitations, readings, etc. All returned soldiers are asked to be present who are members of the congregation to receive a church welcome. All parishioners and their children heartily invited. Program at 7.30 p. m.

### WAR TROPHIES

J. N. Currie, president of the Glencoe Patriotic Society, has received the following letter from the Department of Militia and Defence in reply to his application for war trophies for Glencoe:—  
Sir—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th inst., and to inform you that your request will receive due attention when the distribution of these trophies is finally considered. At present steps are being taken to obtain an inventory and full description of all captured articles, but no distribution will take place until this is completed which probably cannot be accomplished for several months.—M. Cruikshank, Brig-General, A. W. S.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

First Tuesday in the month meeting at 7.30 in the evening. Every Thursday following Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2.30.

Homemade Christmas Cakes for sale at Mrs. Currie's, in aid of the Refugee Fund.

### PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

—Miss Aggie Campbell of Melbourne spent last week with Mrs. F. Hayter.

—Mrs. A. E. Archer and two children of Tabary are visiting Mrs. Archer's mother, Mrs. Blackwell.

—Miss Florence Keith, who is attending London Normal School, is recovering from a severe attack of influenza.

—Mrs. Dugald McTavish, who has spent the past four months with her uncle, John McPherson, has returned to her home in Saskatoon.

—Capt. Hugh McAlpine of the steamer Seandubhe paid a short visit to relatives in Glencoe and vicinity last week and was accompanied by Mrs. McAlpine.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McLean of Ekfrid announce the engagement of their daughter Catharine to Dougald Patterson of Appin. The marriage will take place early in January.

—Graham McDonald of Saskatoon visited his uncle, A. B. McDonald, on Thursday and Friday, on his way home to Saskatoon, after getting his discharge from the aerial corps, Toronto.

The engagement is announced of Ethyle Minnie Squire, daughter of I. R. Squire, Glencoe, to Charles Hildrain Scott, Limerick, Sask. of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott of Owen Sound. The marriage is to take place this month at the home of Mrs. Edward Galbraith, Limerick, Sask.

### ENGINEER TALBOT ON PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY

"No one outside of St. Thomas and the people of London, who have been boycotted, has ever thought of or suggested the Sarnia gravel road as a provincial highway," said County Engineer Charles Talbot. In regard to the suggestion that the provincial highway be built on the southern route and that another highway be built on the Sarnia road.

"The Sarnia people and the Lambton people are unanimous for the Longwoods route, and hope, by the application of the provincial county road system, to develop their road system in Lambton county, using the Longwoods road as a base," he declared.

"The people on the Sarnia gravel road are satisfied with the present road, as it can take care of all the traffic on it. They wouldn't want to pay for a concrete road when only a gravel road is necessary."

The engineer remarked that neither Stranroy nor any part of Lambton wanted the Sarnia road chosen as the route for a provincial highway.

Mr. Talbot remarked that by the Longwoods route it would be only three and one-half miles longer for the people of St. Thomas to go to Windsor than by the southern route, whereas the London people, the Caradoc, the Ekfrid and the Mosa township people would be inconvenienced to the extent of 17 miles if the southern route were chosen. He said that if the people of Wardsville wanted to go to London by the southern route they would have to go to Rodney, a distance of nine miles out from them, after reaching St. Thomas, they would have to go north ten miles to Lambeth. He mentioned the fact that it is the same distance from Wardsville to Lambeth as it is from Rodney to St. Thomas.

### PRESENTATION TO PTE. COTTEL

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Police Magistrate D. C. McKenzie on Monday in honor of Pte. George Cottle, who has recently returned from the war. A large crowd was present and a nice program was given consisting of music and speeches. During the evening Rev. Mr. Charlton of Glencoe read an address and Willie Coulthard presented Pte. Cottle with a well-filled purse, both of which were suitably acknowledged by the recipient. After this the evening was spent in dancing until the wee sma' hours of the morning. All had an enjoyable time.

## NOTICE!

Unpaid taxes of Township of Ekfrid must be paid by December 30th to avoid costs of collection. This is your final notice. I will be at Appin Town Hall nomination day, December 30th, from 1 to 4 p. m. for your convenience.  
W. R. McEACHREN,  
Collector.

The Underwriters' Association, in a circular recently received, again calls the attention of the public to the danger to life and property with Christmas decorations, and warns them to take particular care in the use of inflammable material for such purpose.





#### Inexpensive Holiday Cakes.

**Soft Spice Cakes.**—One-fourth cup of chicken fat, one-half cupful of brown sugar, one-half cupful of molasses, one-half teaspoonful each of ground cinnamon, ginger, allspice, and a pinch of nutmeg, one teaspoonful of baking-soda, one-fourth teaspoon of salt, one-third cupful of hot water, three-fourths cupful of ground and sifted bread-crumbs and three-fourths cupful of flour. Cream the shortening, sugar and molasses together; add the spices, the salt, and the baking-soda which has been dissolved in the boiling water. Sift in the flour and bread-crumbs, mix the ingredients; put into well-greased gem pans. Bake in a moderate oven.

**Dutch Crullers.**—Two eggs, one cupful of granulated sugar, one cupful of mashed potatoes, one cupful of milk, one teaspoonful of vanilla or grated rind of a lemon, a pinch of salt, one tablespoonful of melted butter, two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking-powder, and flour to make a stiff dough. Mix the butter, sugar, salt and potatoes together. Add the eggs, well beaten, then the milk and flouring, then the flour and baking-powder. Roll out dough to about one-half inch in thickness and cut with a cruller cutter and fry in hot fat. The addition of the potato reduces the amount of flour needed and keeps the crullers fresh.

**Fruit cookies.**—Take any good cookie recipe, roll out and cut in rounds. Prepare, beforehand, a mixture of chopped

raisins, currants, citron and a few nuts. Place spoonfuls of this mixture on cookie rounds, cover with another round, press edges together and bake. The heat of the oven produces a combination of the fruit and dough which is very toothsome.

**Gingerbread.**—One cupful of molasses, one-half cupful of boiling water, one and one-third cupfuls of fine bread-crumbs, two-thirds cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of baking-soda, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of ginger, one-half teaspoonful of salt, four teaspoonfuls of melted lard or chicken fat. Add water to molasses and combine with the dry ingredients mixed together, then add fat, and beat. Bake for about twenty-five minutes in a hot oven.

**Canadian War Cake.**—Two cupfuls of brown sugar, two cupfuls of hot water, four tablespoonfuls of lard, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, one teaspoonful of cloves, one cupful of raisins. Roll all these ingredients for five minutes after they begin bubbling. When cold add three cupfuls of flour and two teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in one teaspoonful of hot water. Bake in two loaves in a slow oven for an hour and a quarter.

**Farmer's Fruit Cake.**—Soak three cupfuls of dried apples over night in cold water. Drain and cut into small pieces and simmer for two hours in two cupfuls of molasses. When cold, add a cupful of butter, two eggs well beaten, two teaspoonfuls of dry soda, one and one-half cupfuls of sour milk,

a cupful each of sugar and chopped raisins, a little salt, four cupfuls of flour, and spices to taste. Mix and bake in a moderate oven.

**Cocoanut Macaroons.**—One-half cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, one egg, one cupful of milk, two cupfuls of shredded cocoanut, two cupfuls of rolled oats, one cupful of flour, two rounded teaspoonfuls of baking-powder. If the mixture is not stiff enough to drop in rough lumps of a teaspoonful each, add a little more flour. Bake in a moderate oven until a light brown.

**Ginger Snaps that snap.**—One pint of molasses, one tablespoonful of baking-soda, one cupful of chicken fat, one tablespoonful of ground ginger, one tablespoonful of ground cinnamon, one teaspoonful of ground cloves, and four enough to make a stiff dough. Roll the molasses five minutes, remove from the fire and stir in the soda, fat, spices and flour. Set away to cool, then roll out thin, cut with a cookie cutter and bake.

#### Sugarless Suggestions For Christmas.

**Tutti Fruiti Balls.**—1 cup puffed rice or corn, 1 cup seedless raisins, 1 cup stoned dates, 1 cup figs, ½ cup chopped nut meats, 1 tablespoon chopped angelica or citron, ½ cup chopped candied orange peel, 2 teaspoons vanilla extract. Put the rice, fruits, peel and nut meats through a chopper, stir well, adding the extract. Make into small balls and allow to dry. Roll in shredded cocoanut.

**Popcorn Balls.**—1 cup syrup, 1 table-

spoon vinegar, 2 to 3 quarts of popped corn. Boil together the syrup and vinegar until syrup hardens when dropped in cold water. Pour over freshly popped corn and mould into balls or fancy shapes. Either honey, maple syrup, molasses, white cane syrup or corn syrup may be used.

**Peanut Brittle.**—1 cup white corn syrup, 1 tablespoon vinegar, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup freshly roasted peanuts, halved. Cook the corn syrup, vinegar and salt in a saucepan until a light drop in cold water forms a soft ball. Put the peanuts and this syrup into an iron skillet and stir until the syrup becomes a golden brown. Remove from the fire and stir in vanilla. Have ready a shallow buttered pan, pour candy in and spread out in a thin sheet. Allow to cool, then remove from pan and crack into pieces.

**Syrup Nougatines.**—Boil 1½ cups light-colored syrup and ¼ cup water until it forms a firm ball when tried in cold water. Pour slowly onto a well-beaten white of one egg, beating constantly with a wire whisk. Place bowl over water kept just below the boiling point and fold and turn three or four minutes. Remove from fire, add ½ teaspoon vanilla or other flavoring, continue folding until mixture is nearly cool. Add 1 cup of chopped salted peanuts or a mixture of any desired candied fruits and nuts. Spread ½ inch thick on wax paper, cover with wax paper and cut in rectangular pieces.

**Popcorn Balls.**—1 cup syrup, 1 table-

#### DELPHINA'S CHRISTMAS

When the Baroni family moved, just before Christmas, into the tenement on Ternuley Street, Delphina was nine years old, and was beginning to feel ashamed of the way her mother made her dresses and of her queer Italian hood. They had come from Sicily four years before, but her mother had been slow to change from the ways of her own people to the Canadian ways. Delphina had been going to school for three years, and she loved everything Canadian, from the big bows of ribbon on the other children's hair to her Canadian teacher, Miss Wendell. By the time they were settled in their new home the Christmas excitement was already in the air. Two little girls who lived in the same tenement house and went to the same school with Delphina were full of plans for their Christmas tree, a real, green one, which they said they were going to trim with candles. Delphina's face flushed, and she said nothing about the Christmas plans of her family, for she well knew they would have no tree. Italians have, instead, a little manger, and of that Delphina was ashamed.

So the day before Christmas, when Addie and May knocked on the Baroni's door to ask if Delphina could come over to see their tree, she slipped quickly through the door and shut it behind her. She did not want her little friends to see the small, newly varnished manger on the table with candles in front of it and houses of colored cardboard near by, and a sky of blue paper stretched above it, and a silver-paper star of Bethlehem in the centre of the sky. It was not Canadian.

In the afternoon another knock sounded upon the Baroni's door, and Delphina ran to open it. There stood her teacher, her beloved Miss Wendell, waiting there, all smiles.

Delphina hung her head in shame. There was no chance to cover up the things on the table. How could she ask Miss Wendell in!

But Miss Wendell must have thought that Delphina was too bashful to ask her, for she smiled again and patted Delphina's black hair and went in and put a box with red ribbon on the table, and said she had come to wish Delphina, and her mother, too, a merry Christmas. When Mrs. Baroni came in, carrying one of Delphina's baby brothers and leading another, Delphina had not a word to say and had kept her eyes on the floor the whole time. She was so quiet that Miss Wendell asked if she were not well.

"She's ashamed," said her mother, pointing at the manger. "Our Christmas, our kind, she like you not to see. She will not show girls."

"But why?" asked Miss Wendell, turning to Delphina.

Delphina scraped the bare floor with the toe of her shoe. "Because," she said presently, "they do not know. They will laugh. It is not Canadian."

"But," said Delphina's teacher, putting her arm about her and leading her over to the table, "this is a beautiful way to celebrate Christmas. Tell your little friends this is a likeness of the manger in which, more than nineteen hundred years ago, the wonderful Christmas Baby was born. What could be lovelier?" Miss Wendell reverently touched the little wooden manger.

"Oh, do you like it?" cried Delphina, with a beaming face.

"Indeed, I do. It really has more meaning than our Canadian tree."

"Then I like it, too," announced Delphina, shyly looking up into Miss Wendell's eyes with a happy smile.

So, after Miss Wendell had gone, Delphina ran to bring Addie and May. "This," she said, proudly leading them up to the table, "is our Christmas. Miss Wendell likes it." And when Delphina had reminded them that the Baby Christ had been born in a manger, Addie and May said they liked that kind of Christmas just as well as they liked a green tree.

#### A Christmas Carol.

I.  
The winter night was dark and still,  
The village lay asleep:  
In meadows underneath the hill  
The shepherds watched their sheep:  
The shepherds watched their sheep,  
Good Lord,  
But angels watched o'er Thee,  
While Mary held Thee to her heart,  
And they sang jubilee.

II.  
As now the Yule-log glows aflame,  
And winds without run wild,  
We softly speak the blessed Name  
They gave Thee as a child,  
They gave Thee as a child, good Lord:  
O winter winds, be still!  
O Christmas star, shine down again  
On meadow and on hill!

III.  
Lord Jesus, look from Heaven above,  
And come, Lord Jesus, here,  
To fill our home with Christmas love,  
Our hearts with Christmas cheer;  
Our hearts with Christmas cheer, good Lord,  
And happy may we be,  
All lads and maidens in our homes  
And sailor boys at sea.

IV.  
O Mary's Son, for her sweet sake  
All womankind is blest;  
We praise Thy name when first we wake,  
And when we go to rest;  
And when we go to rest, good Lord,  
Our nightly thanks are given  
For all good mothers—some on earth,  
And some with Thine in Heaven.

#### A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.  
Sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious.

Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works! through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

All the earth shall worship Thee and shall sing unto Thee; they shall sing to Thy name.

Come and see the works of God: He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men.

He ruleth by His power forever; His eyes behold the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voices of His praise to be heard:

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For Thou, O God, hast proved us; Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net; Thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

#### Simple Gifts for the Little Ones.

One or two suggestions of inexpensive gifts which never fail to please any child, may help some one groping for an idea. A surprise ball may be made to suit a child of any age. Take a ball of bright colored string and re-wind it. Start with a new penny in the centre, and every few yards put in a little toy. When each one is covered, another one may be added and so continue until you have used all the string. The cost and number of toys will of course be governed by the amount of money you wish to spend. If the child is old enough to knit or crochet, worsted may be used instead of string.

A book which is kept in our "sick box," the box in which toys are kept to be used only when the children are kept in bed, is made by using a composition book of any medium-sized notebook. Cut from old magazines figures of men, women or children. In selecting these, keep in mind the fact that the head must be so arranged that it can be cut from the body without spoiling the figure. Carefully paste them in a book, each page of which has had a vertical line drawn exactly through the middle of the page, and a horizontal line two inches from the top on each page. When pasting on the figure have the neck of each come as nearly as possible at the intersection of these two lines. After the paste is dry cut each page across on the horizontal line. Then, by turning the leaves the heads and

bodies are interchanged, producing grotesque effects which cause shrieks of joy from the youngsters.

All children love to dress up and play make-believe, so an inexpensive costume made of paper cambric will delight the heart of a child. One little boy received a clown suit made of white cambric and covered with figures in varied colors of stars, cats and geese. A long pointed cap was made to go with this. For a little girl a regular "lady's dress" would please more than anything else.

When the children hang up their stockings for Santa Claus to fill, it is not always easy to think of small gifts that will fit in the stocking. Little girls always delight in small fancy bags. One little girl found a set of jackstones in her bag, another had a package of colored crayons in hers, and in a pretty blue bag was found a box of fancy beads from which the child could make wonderful necklaces and bracelets. A hair ribbon will also tuck into a stocking, and any little girl is happy to have a new hair bow. A boy will appreciate a new pair of particularly if it has a bright color. It, no matter how small its denomination. One boy kept his shoes neat and free from dust all through the year just because he found in his stocking a folding shoe polisher which he could always carry with him.

"The right word is always a power and communicates its definiteness to our action."—George Eliot.

#### SWEETS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saying the sugar used for Christmas candies and in your own home is an excellent conservation measure.

There are all sorts of substitutes, such as stuffed dates, candied ginger, fruit pastes and salted nuts. Not only delicious, but stuffed prunes are delicious. Wash them thoroughly, take out the seeds and slip into each one an almond or a peanut and see how eagerly the children will eat them. Dried fruits such as dates, figs, prunes and raisins not only have sugar but are also highly nourishing. Raisins and nuts if given with moderation will not prove indigestible.

A half pound each of dates, figs, prunes, raisins and nuts run through a grinder, softened with lemon juice and cut into squares like caramels

move the skins from one quart of roasted peanuts and chop fine. Beat the white of one egg until stiff, but not dry, and add gradually one cupful of brown sugar, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt and one-half teaspoonful of vanilla. Fold the peanuts into the mixture, and spread evenly in a buttered shallow pan. Bake in a quick oven until well puffed and browned. As soon as taken from oven, cut in bars, using a sharp knife.

**Chocolate Caramels.**—One pint of sugar, one pint of extracted honey, one-quarter pound grated chocolate, one-half cupful sweet cream, one tablespoonful of vanilla extract. Try this often while boiling by dropping a small portion in cold water. When it will form a soft ball, pour about one-quarter



inch thick on greased tins. Mark in squares just before it hardens.

**Walnut Creams.**—Boil to the snap stage one cupful of grated chocolate, one cupful of brown sugar, one cupful of extracted honey, one-half cupful of sweet cream. When it hardens on being dropped into water stir in a piece of butter the size of an egg. Just before removing from fire add two cupfuls of finely chopped nuts, stir thoroughly and pour on buttered plates to cool, then cut it into squares.

**Cracker Jack.**—One cupful of brown sugar, one cupful extracted honey. Boil until it hardens when dropped in cold water. Remove from the fire and stir in one-half teaspoonful of soda, and when this dissolves, stir in all the pop-corn it will take. Spread on greased tins and mark in squares.

#### By Georgene Faulkner. A Visit to Santa Claus Land.

Once upon a time there were two children, a little boy named Willie and a little girl named Annie. Now, they could hardly wait for Santa Claus to visit them, so every day they said to their mother: "Oh, mother, how many days until Christmas?"

The busy mother felt the days slip by all too rapidly, but the children counted the days and were very impatient. At last they shouted in glee, "Santa Claus will come to-night, and to-morrow is Merry Christmas."

They hung up their stockings, and when their mother came to kiss them good-night they said, "We are going to watch for Santa and maybe we will see him come down the chimney."

"Oh, no," answered the mother as she turned out their light. "You must go right to sleep and he will come all the faster."

After she had gone downstairs Willie whispered to Annie, "Say, Annie, are you awake?"

"Yes, but I am so sleepy. I do wish he would come right now," answered Annie. "I can hardly hold my eyes open."

"I am sleepy, too," said Willie, with a big yawn, "but I am sure we will see him if we can only keep awake."

The next thing that they knew Annie and Willie were way up in the north-pole country, with snow and ice around them on all sides, and right in front of them stood a high ice wall. "How I wish that we could go through this wall," said Willie, and just then his wish came true, for they went right through a gateway into the strangest garden. It was a garden of toys, and Annie and Willie could hardly believe their eyes at the wonders they saw about them.

Hanging over the wall they saw something that looked like morning-glories, but they were really toy talking machines, and near by on a trumpet vine they saw real trumpets growing like flowers. Willie picked a trumpet and played on it. "Toot-toot-toot-toot!"

"Oh, but you must not pick the toys," said Annie. "We do not know who owns this garden."

Just then the children saw the gardener. He was the jolliest old man, dressed all in red, and his coat and hat were trimmed with ermine. His hair and beard were as white as the snow, and his cheeks were like red, rosy apples, while his eyes twinkled like stars.

The children knew at once that this

gardener was Santa Claus. He was cutting down a crop of whistles with his sickle. He had a large red sack at his side and smaller bags near by, and he was so happy that he sang as he worked:

In my wonderful garden of toys  
Grows a crop for the good girls and boys.

Candy, cake, sugar plums,  
Dolls, cannon and drums.

All grow in my garden of toys.  
When Santa Claus saw the children he stopped in surprise and said, "Ho! ho! How did you two children get in here?"

"We really do not know, Mr. Santa Claus," said Willie, "but now that we are here, can we not help you in some way?"

"Yes, indeed!" said Santa Claus. "I am glad to have such good helpers. Will you please go over to that garden bed in the corner and pull up some tops?"

And soon Willie was pulling up tops which grew just like turnips, beets and radishes. Then he climbed a tree and picked red marbles, which grew like cherries, and purple marbles, which were like grapes, and balls that were like apples and oranges.

All this time Annie was helping Santa to pick dolls. There were large dolls with the dearest little bonnets on their heads, which grew like roses, and then there were tiny dolls, turning up their little faces at Annie like pansies.

Presently Santa began to water the grass, and suddenly every blade of grass was a tiny soldier, with his rifle held high, while soldiers' tents, like mushrooms, sprang up all around. Vessels, sailboats, steamboats, motor-boats, submarines and all kinds of boats were in a lake nearby. Then they visited Santa's big farm and saw horses and leather cows and woolly lambs and all the toy animals, just like the real animals one would see on a real farm. Next they visited a menagerie of wild beasts, and they saw toy animals, just like the big lions and tigers and elephants one would see in a real zoo. Then Santa Claus took the children out to the forest of Christmas trees, and he cut down a crop of trees, and they picked sugar plums and candy from the sugar plum trees.

Next Santa was working like a carpenter with his tools, and he finished a doll's house just as the clock struck 12.

The reindeer were prancing and pawing outside, impatient to be off. Santa Claus hurried and put his pack of toys into his sleigh and put in his Christmas trees. Picking Annie and Willie up as though they were live

dolls, he tucked them into the magic sleigh and away they went, down toward the earth, and at last they were on the roof of their own home. Then they went down, down the chimney, and there they were in their own little beds. The sunlight was streaming into their eyes and their mother was calling "Merry Christmas!"

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" they both shouted, and they scrambled from bed and rushed for their stockings. And soon Annie was hugging a new dolly and Willie was blowing upon a toy trumpet. In the other room stood a tall Christmas tree from the Christmas tree forest, with toys hanging from the branches.

"Oh, we know where these toys came from," said Willie. "They came from the garden of toys, for we visited Santa Claus."

#### Christmas Out of Doors.

Don't forget the birds and the squirrels and the wild mice on Christmas Day, especially if it is a white Christmas. This is one way of expressing the good-will-to-all idea, of feeling it yourself and of setting an example of it.

If you live in a town or in the real country near open fields and woodlands you have a chance to show kindness to seekers of winter fare which, with ice covering everything, is often a terribly scanty fare.

You will be repaid for this many times. Build sheltered feeders where the wild wood folk can come and dine generally unmolested; there are many plans for such, as pivoting lunch counters, boxlike, that turn with the

wind so as to present the closed sides so as to be sheltered best on the side from which the worst storms and blows come, the north, east and west sides. Little shelves can be tacked to the sides of trees and loaded with food for the squirrels and little boxes with round holes no larger than an inch and a half in diameter will permit the wild mice to enter safely. Scatter food also, in bare spots near the haunts of the wild, will add many a hungry little quadruped and bird.

#### The First Christmas-Card.

The very first Christmas-card was designed by a Royal Academician, the late W. A. Danson. He was a young man then—it is over seventy years ago when he sketched a family group toasting distant friends, surrounded by Christmas greenery, and sent it to a friend, who showed it round. The next year many brother artists copied the idea.

Then the business man saw money in it, and began to produce cards in large and ever-larger numbers, until the production and distribution and sale of Christmas-cards became a great international industry. But if the Christmas-card again comes into its pre-war popularity, it is to be hoped that we shall no longer see in small print on so many millions of cards the horrid words "Printed in Germany." Let our token of peace and goodwill be printed at home, or let us go without them!

Why is Santa Claus so popular? Because he gives everything but advice.



"Twelve—Thirteen—Fourteen—Gee whiz! an' I got helped last!"



## THE CULTURE OF THE SILKWORM

DESCRIBED BY A TRAVELLER IN JAPAN

Life of This Delicate Creature From Time It Ceases to be an Egg Until Making of Its Cocoon.

Few occupations seem more delicate and kindly than that of the silkworm culture. In Japan at First Hand, Mr. Joseph L. C. Clarke gives an unusually interesting picture of it as seen under the guidance of a young girl in a gray kimono, who exhibited in a loving life the various stages of worm life. First, says the author, the shoji, or sliding door of a wooden shed, was pushed open, revealing a dusky interior, and a boy came carefully forward bearing a tray out of many scores seen dimly on racks within. The tray was about two feet by four, covered with shredded mulberry leaves and showing the silver-white bodies of hundreds of silkworms writhing lazily among the bright green shreds of leaf.

All seemed one writhing mass at first, but the dainty fingers of O Suza San pointed to differences. These particular worms, two inches long, she said, were nearing their fourth sleep. You must not approach too close to them; they are sensitive to human breath. They sicken with a blast of air. They die of bad odors.

"They take cold," she said. "Do they sneeze?" I asked. "No, they do not sneeze." Then she gave me a sidelong glance, as if asking whether I meant it.

I noticed that the worms had faint but pretty markings of yellowish brown. Ever more of them seemed to be working up to the surface through the mulberry leaves, and surely they did eat voraciously, their little jaws closing on the juicy scraps like little piners. Listening closely, I heard a faint, low munching sound like a whisper of mastication.

"They eat like that all the time for five days. They must be fed with fresh leaves five or six times a day and two times at night. Look, here is one gone to sleep!"

The worm in question had raised its head until it looked like a miniature contour of the raven's ships of the Norsemen with their figureheads, and so it remained.

"There is one that will be asleep in a few minutes," she said. "It was not eating, but was yawning, lifting and dropping its head."

"And then what?" "Then it will be transferred to make its cocoon."

It takes thirty-three days for a worm, from the time it ceases to be an egg, to reach the making of its cocoon. With every batch of worms a certain few of the finest are selected for breeding. These are laid aside, and the butterfly is permitted to eat its way out of the completed cocoon—which it does after twenty-one days. It is a handsome butterfly, but it never flies. Without any feeding it is placed in a little round box an inch and a half in diameter, one of many that are laid in rows on a sheet of thick paper. In those boxes the butterflies lay their hundreds of eggs—little dots—in concentric circles.

"Then they die," said O Suza San with real pity in her tone.

The eggs hatch, and the resulting little thread-like worms are brushed off with a fine hair brush, placed on the tenderest buds of the mulberry and at once begin to feed for four or five days until their first sleep. They sleep two days, and then repeat the sequence a second, third and fourth time. They grow rapidly, and after the fourth sleep they are fed for a week and are ready to spin.

Then they are placed on mats to which bent straws are fastened. They climb the straws to the highest point, and there they begin giving forth the silk in a fine golden stream that as it hardens to a thread they wind about them. He—or is it she?—has had a grand time for a month, but that is the end of him—or her. About the time he feels ready to come out the farmer places him in a lethal chamber, where he is heated and over-heated until he gives up his ghost. But then the glory of his silkiness begins, for O Suza San or some other fine-fingered, clear-eyed daughter of Japan will lift off the outer skin of the cocoon and, finding an end of the miraculous glistening thread, will place it in a little flature machine invented in Italy, and unwind it all upon a reel.

Penty of Fresh Air Is Good Health Insurance.

Do not close up the house the first cold day.

The best protection against colds and influenza is plenty of fresh air.

Open all the doors several times a day and thoroughly air the whole house.

Fresh air is more quickly heated than stale, hence it saves fuel as well as health to have good ventilation.

All winter leave at least one screen in a window in each room. Cover it with muslin—an old flour sack is excellent for this purpose. In this way fresh air is secured without a draft and dirt is kept out.

Sleep at night with the windows open. The body replaces the waste of the day during the sleeping hours and plenty of oxygen is its first aid.

## Montreal Daily Star.

### WHAT SOLDIERS WANT.

A suggestion to those who are sending gifts to soldiers overseas comes from Lt.-Col. (Canon) Frederick George Scott, Senior Chaplain of the First Division, in a cable received by friends in Montreal. He says "The men want playing cards and chewing tobacco."

"Ever-lastingly Good"

## STRANGE CUSTOMS OF THE ORIENT

WAYS OF THE EAST STRANGE TO OCCIDENTAL EYES

Persians Object to Type-Setting and Employ Lithography for Production of Books.

Mohammedanism is as much a social system as a religion. The mosque is no more like a church than it is like a clubhouse. People do not consider it improper to eat or sleep in it, to discuss secular matters, or to read books or newspapers. It serves as a refuge for homeless strangers and as a meeting place for the folk of the town.

Sometimes the mosque sees even stranger sights. In this relation an American tells of a curious incident. On the last day of Ramadan, or the period of fasting, a tumult arose in the town where he was stopping.

It might have had a serious consequence, though the cause of the disturbance was absurdly trivial.

A man who belonged to the heretical Wahabi sect was in the mosque when some persons were visiting the tomb of a prophet who is supposed to be buried there. These visitations consist in standing in front of the vault and reciting a long salutation. By the Wahabis they are held to be idolatrous.

A Strange Riot.

This man started to declaim against the custom and attracted a considerable audience, one of whom, a Meccan Arab, a learned man, put an end to the sermon by hitting the preacher on the head. The governor of the city, who happened to be in the mosque at the time, observed these indecorous proceedings and ordered the arrest of the Arab without troubling to make inquiries.

Nothing further happened until evening, when a crowd began to gather in front of the Government offices and demanded that the prisoner be released. When the crowd began to assemble the American was under the impression that they had seen the new moon, which marks the end of

the fast and is always an occasion for rejoicing.

He at once sallied forth to see what might be going on, and so got mixed up with the crowd just as the row began. The crowd broke open the door and rushed into the building, from the balcony of which a strong lunged orator addressed them.

The arrival of several companies of infantry put an end to his speech; the soldiers retook the building and drove the intruders out. Reinforcements coming up charged the crowd. The people retaliated with sticks, stones and anything else that came handy. Several were injured, but none seriously.

The troops threatened to fire, but fortunately for the crowd, did not do so. At midnight, the whole place being in an uproar, the Governor gave way and released the prisoner, who was carried home in triumph and amid general enthusiasm. The American had been rather roughly handled during the scuffle, in which he could not avoid taking part.

Lithography in Persia.

Type printing is unpopular in Persia. The straightness of the lines offends the Persian's artistic sense, and he feels that in printed books the character of the letters is entirely lost.

Persia is to-day largely dependent upon lithography for its own production of books. Naturally these are very scarce. At the beginning of the nineteenth century a press with movable types was set up in Tabriz, and a certain number of books was printed. The effort met with no encouragement, however, and had shortly to be abandoned.

The same taste which makes a Persian esteem so highly the great calligraphists makes him deplore the absence of character in a type printed book. What delights him most in this relation is a well written manuscript, and he takes the same delight in the copyist's work that we take in the touch of an old master. Failing this, he contents himself with a lithograph, which is usually a facsimile of the writing of some fairly good scribe, and has, at any rate, a human element in it.

It is hard for us to credit the vast amount of attention that is paid to calligraphy in the East, where men of learning devote years to its acquirement and their best days to making artistic copies of classical works. Although this art is to a certain extent dying out, owing to the cheapening of lithography, a man may even yet in Persia become as famous for his writing as a poet is for his verses. A curious contrast is thus presented by the Persians, who cling to written books, while elsewhere in the East there is a rapid spread of type printed books, printing, bookkeeping and journalism in the Orient in the last twenty years or so having developed to a comparatively high degree. Both Cairo and Constantinople possess excellent printing presses, which turn out numberless books and journals.

Gambling in India.

An odd form of gambling has developed in India, for which the New York cotton market is indirectly responsible. Five quotations from the New York market are cabled to India every day, and the natives conceived this to be a direct invitation to them to establish a simple but none the less absorbing form of gambling.

The gambling consists in guessing what the five figures would amount to and the persons most nearly approximating the right amount wins. So fascinating did this game prove that the authorities became greatly worried over the indulgence of the poorer class of natives in it. Efforts have been made to lessen it, and it is believed that at last some success has been attained by those who are unwilling that the poorer people should squander their scanty funds in this pastime.

"Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great, though they make an exception in your favor to all their rules of trade."—Emerson.

When making plea for a change, fill a pie plate with sliced apples seasoned as usual, or apple prepared as for frying, then pour over it a thin corn or johnnycake batter, and bake.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

## The Weekly Fashions



What a fascinating little design for the kiddie! The fulness at either side of front and back may be smocked, shirred or tiny tucks used as illustrated. McCall Pattern No. 8656, Child's Dress. In 5 sizes, 6 months to 6 years. Price, 15 cents.



An entirely new idea for a house dress. The belt and pockets are in one, being connected with the back belt. McCall Pattern No. 8637, Ladies' House Dress. In 3 sizes, small, 34 to 36; medium, 38 to 40; large, 42 to 44 bust. Price, 25 cents. These patterns may be obtained from your local McCall dealer, or from the McCall Co., 70 Bond St., Toronto, Dept. W.

Nothing finer has come out of this war than this line from an epitaph in a British graveyard in France: "For you to-morrow they gave their today."

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Andrew King, Halifax. I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT. L. T. COL. C. CREWE READ. I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Markham, Ont. C. S. BILLING. Lakefield, Que., Oct. 9, 1907.

"Heroism is the brilliant triumph of the soul over the flesh—that is to say, over fear; fear of poverty, of suffering, of calumny, of sickness, of isolation and death. There is no serious piety without heroism. Heroism is the dazzling and glorious concentration of courage."—Amiel.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c.

Canada is a land of motor cars, holding third place in the number of automobiles in use. In 1917 there were 199,802 cars registered in Canada, an increase of 47,705 over 1916, while the number of new cars registered in that year was nearly 76,000. The increase for 1918 is expected to be on a proportionate scale. One Canadian in every 40 owns a car, and roughly speaking, there is one automobile for every eight families.

Keep your shoes neat

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**ROYAL YEAST**

Has been Canada's favorite yeast for over a quarter of a century. Bread baked with Royal Yeast will keep fresh and moist longer than that made with any other, so that a full week's supply can easily be made at one baking, and the last loaf will be just as good as the first.

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To the Sleeping Heroes.  
For you who answered duty's call  
We deeply grieve to-day.  
You, who went forth to win or fall,  
Yours was the warrior's way.

Where'er you lie 'tis honored dust.  
Of you be truly said:  
Our comfort is the old-time trust,  
God rests his own brave dead.

And now at last the dove of peace  
O'er us her pinions spread.  
Our thanks to you shall never cease,  
'Twas victory's fires you fed.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows  
Quite a Feat.  
A sergeant was drilling an awkward squad.

"Company! Attention, company; lift up your left leg and hold it straight out in front of you!" One of the squad held out his right leg by mistake. This brought his right-hand companion's left leg and his own right leg close together. The officer, seeing this, exclaimed angrily: "And who is that blooming galoot over there holding up both legs?"

A double boiler should have a good large base, so that the water will not boil away quickly.

The Hospital for Sick Children  
TORONTO

War Laid Heavy Hand on Children's Charity.

Dear Mr. Editor:—The annual report of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, marks a new record, due to the heavy hand laid upon its work.

The task of ministering to the suffering youngsters of this province was no light one in view of the Hospital's splendid response to the national call 25 doctors and 43 nurses from its forces have seen service overseas. Yet the number of patients treated in 1917, 5,048, or 1,368 more than last year. Of these in-patients, 739 were from 266 places outside of Toronto.

The tireless efforts of the staff made possible also a reduction in the average length of stay necessary for the little patients from 24 days in 1914 to 14 this year.

These results show that the Hospital has again paid to the children rich dividends of health upon the invested kindness of its supporters.

There has been careful stewardship of the funds entrusted to the Hospital. There has been saving—almost scrupulous—in every direction, except where it would prevent the Hospital's soothing the suffering or shortening the sickness of one child. The daily cost of operation was held at the lowest point which would still allow the children entrusted to the Hospital to get the best medicine and the best of care.

And yet so high has risen the cost of every item in the Hospital's budget—in labor, in fuel, in food, and, above all, in medical supplies—that the minimum expense of taking care of one child for one day has risen from \$2.34 back in 1914 to \$3.21 in 1917. Of that, \$1.66—the amount per patient per day that the official Government grants do not cover—must come from voluntary contributions.

During the past four years debts were incurred to the extent of \$100,000, which the Trustees felt assured would be wiped out by the public as soon as the war drew to its close, and those heavy demands cease which have been made upon the generosity of the loyal people of this province. The time has now come when it is necessary to make known the Hospital's dire need of financial assistance.

If this 43rd Christmas appeal falls to rally the friends of this Charity to its support, it will be necessary to mortgage its land, buildings and plant. By the bounty of the late John Ross Robertson that property has just been cleared of debt for the first time since it began its ministry of healing mercy. Little children have lost a big-hearted friend, and the province a noble benefactor. It is for the public to decide whether his life-work shall be shadowed with a mortgage within less than a year of his passing.

What think you? Send your answer as soon as possible to the Secretary-Treasurer, Hospital for Sick Children, College Street, Toronto. Meanwhile the Charity will "Carry on," trusting in your support.

IRVING E. ROBERTSON,  
Chairman of Appeal Committee

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The world's total losses of merchant tonnage from the beginning of the war to the end of October, 1917, by enemy action and marine risk was 15,063,786 gross tons, according to official announcement issued in London on Dec. 6th.

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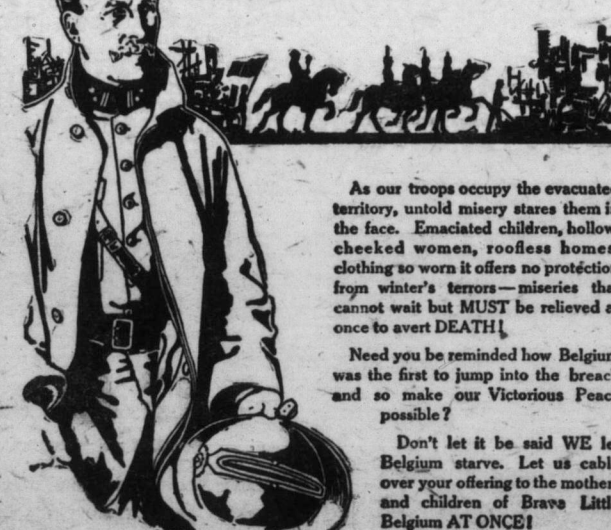
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There is pressing need for our help in Belgium today, and there will be for many months to come.



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Don't let it be said WE let Belgium starve. Let us cable over your offering to the mothers and children of Brave Little Belgium AT ONCE!

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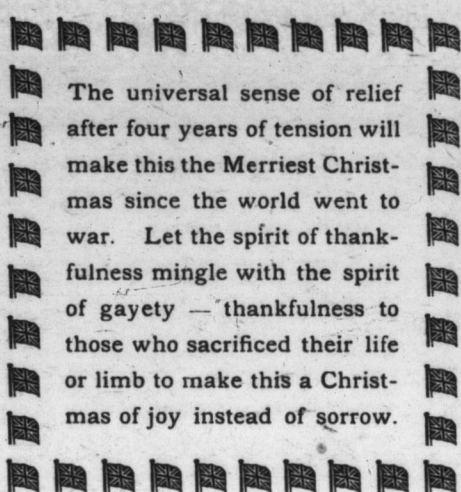
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We are glad to report a decided increase in sales for the year and thank you for this pleasing result.

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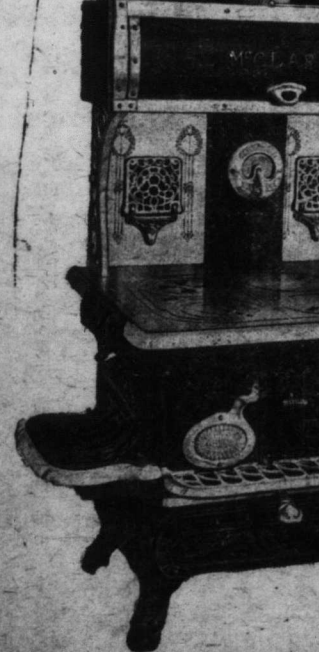
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1918



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be paid for and maintained. There is a strong feeling that Ontario as a whole would be better served by good gravel roads leading from the country's source of production—the farm—to the nearest market towns than by a concrete highway designed mainly for joy riding by those who have little else to do. The "bone and sinew" of the country have yet to state their case.

What is really wanted in good roads is more gravel and less graft.

A Holland Landing man who had two whiskey stills in operation told the officers of the law that he was experimenting with a new kind of pig feed. Swill, of course.

The annual school meeting in rural school sections will be held this year on Thursday, Dec. 26th, owing to the regular date of meeting falling on Christmas Day. The Public Schools Act as it applies to rural public schools says:—A meeting of the ratepayers of every section shall be held annually on the last Wednesday of December, or if such Wednesday be a holiday, then on the next day following, commencing at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose (among other things) of electing a school trustee or trustees.

Spare the children from suffering from worms by using Miller's Worm Powders, the most effective vermifuge that can be got with which to combat these insidious foes of the young and helpless. There is nothing that excels this preparation as a worm destroyer, and when its qualities become known in the household no other will be used. The medicine acts by itself, requiring no purgative to assist it, and so thoroughly that nothing more is desired.

### WINTER ENTERTAINMENT.

(Peter McArthur, in The Globe)

Now that the long winter is setting in, it is time to begin considering the need for literary societies, debating clubs and similar means of public entertainment. The moving picture shows that are now penetrating to every village of any size are to some extent crowding out local entertainments, and that is a misfortune in many ways. We also have professional singers and reciters whose work is in demand, but nothing really takes the place of well-developed local talent. Entertainments that give a chance to the young people to develop their abilities should be encouraged in every way. Having had an opportunity to observe entertainments of many kinds, I have no hesitation in saying that a good entertainment with local talent is just about the best for both the performers and the audience that we can possibly have. We have allowed altogether too many things to become commercialized—among them our simplest enjoyments. Our games—baseball, hockey, etc.—have passed almost entirely into the hands of professionals, and the people get a rather poor kind of enjoyment by looking on. It is the same with entertainments where the performers are all paid and do not belong to the locality where the entertainment is given. The performers often go through their work in a perfunctory way, as they are engaged for one night only and may never come back. The audience assumes a critical attitude and lacks the sympathy it feels when the performer is someone whom they know and in whom they are interested. An audience made up of the fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters and sweethearts of the performers has an entirely different atmosphere from the professional entertainment. The ones who are being entertained have something at stake as well as those who are entertaining. We all feel a healthy thrill of pride when one of our own does well, and that is good for us as well as for them. And there is another side to the question. When the entertainment is being given for some charitable purpose it will often be found that the result from an unpaid group of local talent is often much more satisfactory than when the bulk of what is taken in at the door is paid to outsiders. One part of our work of reconstruction should be to get back our faculty for being readily pleased. We should get back control of our own enjoyment instead of letting it be exploited for profit. Let local talent have its day again and we will develop plenty of good singers, readers and speakers such as the country needs.

Strangles—Its Cause and Cure. Strangles, commonly called "Colt Distemper," is an infectious, febrile, eruptive disease peculiar to horses, especially to colts or quite young horses, but those of all ages are liable to suffer. One attack does not render an animal immune from a second, but there are few cases in which an animal suffers the second time. The disease appears in two forms, known as (a) Regular Strangles, (b) Irregular Strangles, often called "Bastard Strangles." As with all contagious or infectious diseases it is caused by a specific virus which is communicable from animal to animal by contact or surroundings, may be carried from a diseased to a healthy animal on the hands or clothes of the attendant, on pails, forks, harness, clothing, etc., and it is possible it may be carried considerable distances in the air. Symptoms.—When the abscesses form in the space between the arms of the lower jaw (called the maxillary space) the general health is usually so little affected that nothing wrong is suspected until the abscesses break, but in most cases there is a dullness, more or less loss of appetite, increase of temperature, nasal discharge, at first watery, but soon becoming purulent, cough, often difficulty in swallowing. A tumor or tumors can be felt, and generally seen in the neighborhood of the head, usually in the space already referred to in the throat or higher up, just posterior to the lower jaw. In severe cases the patient becomes unable to swallow, the cough becomes very painful and breathing more or less labored and difficult; and he usually stands with his nose protruded, facing a supply of fresh air if at liberty. Treatment.—In mild cases good care and comfortable quarters are all that is needed, other than flushing out the cavities of the abscesses three times daily with a five per cent. solution of one of the coal tar antiseptics or carbolic acid. In more acute cases in addition to the above it is good practice to steam the nostrils occasionally by holding the patient's head in steam escaping from a pot of boiling water, to which has been added a little carbolic acid. Feed and water out of a high manger, as he swallows with greater ease when head is elevated. Give the patient two to four drams of hyposulphite of soda (according to size) three times daily. Keep hot poultices to the throat, lance abscesses as soon as ready and treat as above. Feed on soft, easily swallowed and easily digested food. If he won't eat keep up his strength by giving new milk and raw eggs with an oz. of sweet spirits of nitre several times daily. Do not attempt to drench him. Give the powders out of a spoon, placing them well back on the tongue. Give the liquids with a 2-oz. syringe.—If there be danger of suppuration and the amateur cannot relieve it, a veterinarian should be sent for promptly. In cases of irregular strangles the same treatment, less the local attention to the forming abscesses, and all that an amateur can do after all, that a veterinarian can do.

### MAKE CONCRETE TILE

Well Cured and Properly Made Cement Tile Equal to Clay.

Strangles, an Infectious Disease of Colts May Be Controlled — The Cause, Symptoms and Treatment of This Serious Disease.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

TO make concrete tile satisfactorily many things must be taken into consideration. In the first place it is very necessary that the manufacturer have experience in the making of concrete tile; besides, it is essential to have good strong machinery, a good quality of sand and gravel, or crushed rock, first-class cement, material and cement thoroughly mixed, and a kiln where the tile may be steam cured. Only strong, heavy and durable machinery should be used. With respect to material a good aggregate would be one part material, which would pass through a twenty-mesh sieve, and two parts, which would range from the previous size mentioned up to one-quarter inch stone. Only good sharp material should be used — one in which there is clay should be avoided. If this cannot be procured a sand washing machine will have to be added to the equipment of the plant.

Where a great many tile manufacturers make a mistake in the making of concrete tile is in the fact that they use too "lean" a mixture, that is not enough cement to the material. The proper mixture for concrete tile is one part cement to 2 1/2 parts of crushed material, and in no case should the mix be more lean than one to three of a total aggregate, sufficient water being added to the mixture to make a gum consistency. When the tile are completed they should be placed in kilns where they may be steam cured and left there for a period of not less than 48 hours.

The kiln should be about six feet in height and of a width sufficient to allow the required number of trucks on which the tile have been placed to rest during the curing process.

The tile should be placed in the kiln not more than 1 1/2 hours after it has been manufactured and kept there for 48 hours during the steaming process. After it has been cured it might be removed from the kiln and piled in the yard, and should have at least two weeks hardening before being again stored. Before the product of any tile plant is offered for sale samples should be tested either at the plant or sent to the Drainage Department at the O. A. C., Guelph, to be tested to see if it is of the proper strength.—W. R. Scott, B.S.A., O. A. College, Guelph.

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On sale everywhere.—There may be country merchants who do not keep Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, though they are few and far between, and these may suggest that some other oil is just as good. There is nothing so good as a liniment or as an internal medicine in certain cases. Take no other. The demand for it shows that it is the only popular oil.

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### TOWN AND VICINITY

The Willing Workers of Glencoe Presbyterian church have elected officers for 1919 as follows:—President, Mrs. Allan McPherson; vice-presidents, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. McLachlan, Mrs. George Innes; secretary, Mrs. Neil Graham; treasurer, Mrs. Sult. The society will assist the board of managers to the extent of at least \$200 to decorate the church in the spring.

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### MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mail, on a proposed contract for four years, six times a week, over the route from Newbury, Glencoe, to the Postmaster General's pleasure. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Newbury, Glencoe, Wardville and Bothwell, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, London. CHAS. E. H. FRIEDEL, Post Office Inspector, London, 18th Dec. 1918.

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Westbound—No. 13, local mail and express, 7:30 a. m.; No. 15, Detroit express, 1:31 p. m.; No. 17, local mail and express, 4:37 p. m.; No. 19, International Limited, from Toronto and east for Detroit, 10:45 p. m.

No. 114, 116, 118 and 120, Sundays included.

##### Wabash and Air Line.

Eastbound—No. 302, mixed, local points to St. Thomas, 9:35 a. m.; No. 3, Wabash, 12:40 p. m.; way freight, 1:20 p. m.

Westbound—No. 3, express, 12:50 p. m.; No. 302, mixed, local points, St. Thomas to Glencoe, 2:50 p. m.; way freight, 3:25 a. m.

No. 3 and 302, Sundays included.

##### Kingsport Branch.

Leave Glencoe for Alvinston, Petrolia, etc., connecting for Sarnia Tunnel and points west—No. 385, mixed, 7:55 a. m.; No. 285, passenger, 8:40 p. m.

Arrive at Glencoe—No. 272, passenger, 7:05 a. m.; No. 384, mixed, 1:51 p. m.

##### CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Eastbound—No. 634, 12:42 p. m.; G.T.R. West, 6:00 p. m.; London and East, 7 p. m.

Mail received—London and East, 8 a. m.; G.T.R. East, 7 p. m.; G.T.R. West, 4:45 a. m.

Street letter box collections made at 8:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

The ladder's top isn't easily attained but the view is worth the effort.

### Born

CRAWFORD.—On Sunday, December 15, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Crawford, Ekfrid, a son.

### Card of Thanks

Mrs. John Grant and family wish to express their thanks for the kindness extended to them in their bereavement.

### TOWN AND VICINITY

Lights are on.

Miss Ethel Copeland is ill with the flu.

Glencoe stores will be open evenings until Christmas.

George Bechill has received word that his brother, Isaac Bechill, has arrived safely in England.

The young men of Glencoe have invitations out for their annual New Year assembly on December 31st.

Division court will be held in Glencoe in 1919 on Jan. 7, March 4, May 8, July 8, Sept. 2 and November 11, at 1 p. m.

Dr. Walker, who we regret to say is again in very poor health, left on Sunday evening for the Mayo Institute at Rochester, Minn. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Florence Walker.

Municipal nominations will be held throughout the province on Monday, Dec. 30th, and polling will be a week later where necessary. Glencoe's nomination meeting will be in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The death occurred at Byron on Saturday of Lora Darling, second eldest daughter of Mrs. H. Clannahan and the late James Clannahan, aged nine years.

The Masonic Lodge had a turkey dinner at McLachlan's on Thursday evening in honor of an official visit from District Deputy Grand Master Pye.

The suit brought by the Woodburn Milling Company against the Niagara Grain & Feed Company, a dispute over a sale of grain, has been settled out of court.

Several interesting letters from soldiers are in hand for publication, but on account of the season's rush of work they are being held over for a week or two.

It is at this time of the year that the aspirant to municipal honors puts his ear close to the ground and keeps it there until he gets an idea as to who will be in the running.

Dutton and Dunwich will erect a monument in some public place to perpetuate the names of the heroic lads from both municipalities who fell or took part in the great war.

Sapper Clayton Armstrong, who went overseas one year ago, was married on November 14th to Nurse Ruth Cork of Eastbourne, England, and is expected home with his bride shortly.

Pie. T. A. Craig arrived home from England on Monday evening. T. A. was in a battery division for a time and was then transferred to a heavy tank battalion. He had not reached France before the war ceased.

W. A. McKeen of Glencoe was one of the leading exhibitors of corn and seed grain at the winter fair in Guelph last week and succeeded in winning nine prizes, including first on white oats and first on flint corn.

D. W. Gillies has received a letter from his cousin, Mac McLarty, of Franklin, Manitoba, formerly of Glencoe, who writes from France, stating that he was wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel, but is now quite recovered and expects to be home shortly.

Major-General A. D. McRae, former quartermaster-general of the Canadian forces and recently chief of staff of the British ministry of information, reached Montreal on Monday from overseas. He is in Glencoe today on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Mary McRae.

Large quantities of red and alsike clover seed are being shipped from Glencoe and surrounding towns by Frank I. Abbott, local buyer. Several farmers have received record cheques for seed, as the price this year is about the highest ever paid so early in the season.

The retiring public school trustees in Glencoe this year are E. T. Huxton, J. A. McLachlan and Wm. Hillman, all of whom are eligible for re-election. Nominations for trustees will be received at the municipal nomination meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 30.

The Durham Review records the death on November 24th of Mrs. Wm. Smith of Dornoch, in her 83rd year. Mrs. Smith was the mother of Rev. J. Frazier Smith of Blenheim, formerly pastor of Burns' church, Moss, and a pioneer missionary to Honan, China. Besides four other sons and two daughters Mrs. Smith leaves 43 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

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See Mayhew's adv. for Christmas presents.

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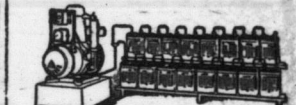
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# Tonio, The Clown

Wounded, Weaponless, in a War Hospital, He Played His "Little Joke a Glorious Courage."

By Edna Howell.

## CHAPTER II.

Then his eyes met the eyes of the soldier in the orderly white coat beside him. It was Pietro Morosi who gazed back at him—Pietro Morosi who had run away with the clown's wife, she, who had been his one true lamb.

Tonio's eyes, like tarnished gilt mirrors, reflected nothing; but pain, sudden, massive and heavy as a stone wall, crushed down upon him. Tonio swooned.

When he awakened his arm was still damp with the plaster of his bandage. He had a sense of his wounds being newly, more firmly bound. On his head was a round barrette made of a gauze bandage, and his left hand was a mass of soft white cotton held up by a cardboard support. On his right were soft little cushions in the hollows of his body, giving it pleasant support. He had a sense that after the years of seeking, he need seek no farther for he had found it. He turned his head to the other cot. The nurse who had come to feed him stood at his side. Her eye followed his own. Morosi slept, his long black lashes on his cheeks like a babe's, his lips parted with heavy breathing. His hands, even in their sleep, restlessly moved.

The nurse went to Morosi's bed, stooped over him, her hand on his pulse. A little frown gathered in her brow like the faint wings of a seagull and smoothed out again.

"Let me go. For pity's sake, let me go! I never did you—!" The voice of the sick man paused and went on in the delirium of feverish sleep. Tonio's eyelashes drooped. The man sank into a deeper sleep and was silent. The nurse passed on to the next man.

So Tonio lay next to Morosi and listened to his delirium but there was never a word which Tonio longed to hear of his one true lamb.

Tonio was the life of the sala, the quickening spirit of the hospital. There was no man so ill but Tonio could bring a smile to the weary lips. His humor could no more be described with words than the spice of a carnation could be conveyed to an Eskimo.

Thursday was visitors' day. Wives, mothers and children brought gifts. Tonio had no one of his own kin to see him, but a line of visitors, fellow-artists, admirers, statesmen, journalists lingered at his bedside. Tonio smiled and talked to them but his wandering eye never left Morosi's bedside where no visitor had as yet appeared.

When she came. The chaplain beside Tonio, talking to him of value of his life and how he had endeared himself to the whole floor. She who had never worn a hat in the old days, was dressed as though she had stepped out of Kansas City. Tonio's eye opened wide. A little black toque with a white airrette sat above her softly waved hair; she who had once gloried in colors as bright as Joseph's coat wore a trim black tailored suit.

Deep color mounted to Tonio's temples and the chaplain smiled. How modest was this man under praise, he thought. He blushed like a girl!

She sat in silence watching Morosi and sometimes she leaned her head against her hand to cupped her white chin in both her little white-gloved hands and stared at the white wall. She might have been in her coffin for aught she said or did.

She looked neither to right nor left. Only once her eyes lifted and Tonio drew the covering over his face but she did not recognize in the distinguished man the poor little clown who had danced and laughed at every thing.

Suddenly she rose and bent over Morosi. He opened his eyes, for her words seemed to cut through his consciousness. "I have come for the last time. Good-by!" she said, so low that only Morosi could hear the words.

It was not yet the hour when the bell would ring for all visitors to leave before the rounds of the surgeons but she had swiftly vanished from the sala and from the extended arms of Morosi, who flung himself violently back on his cot and began to toss from side to side.

That night when the soft-spoken day nurse came left and the moon hung in semi-light through the space where the curtain of heavy linen swung wide from the window, its light shone on the face of Morosi and on his clasped hands. Faintly like a flower and then deeply like a tropical rose, there widened upon Morosi's breast a scarlet blossom, which spread to full bloom as the bandage was dyed deeper and deeper with the life-blood.

Tonio's eyes opened wide. Why should he move? He was helpless, hand and foot! By lying still and saying nothing it would be ended. Strange that Tonio of all persons, should wake just at this hour to watch his enemy die—or to save him!

The night-corporal was going his rounds. His footsteps were far down the corridor. A moment ago he had tiptoed within the room and thrown the light of his tiny electric lamp full on Morosi's breast where the heavy bandage was, had stooped over Morosi and all had been well. Through the stillness of the sleeping room, rose Tonio's clear full voice. The corporal came running swiftly and nurse and surgeon followed. Tonio closed his eyes through the next ten minutes as surgeon and nurse worked over the unconscious man.

Tonio watched his mortal enemy. The moon laid mysterious fingers on Morosi's face, touched every line, silvered his white cot and the whiter



## After The War, Thrift.

Canada has entered upon the period of reconstruction. During this time the practice of thrift by the housewives of Canada which has accomplished so much during the trying four years of war, is still a national duty, in view of the needs of Europe and of Canada. Our national war debt is over a billion and a quarter dollars.

The health and happiness of simple living is the lesson the war has taught Canada. This lesson must not be forgotten in the exaltation of victory. We have yet to make up the enormous waste and expense of the war. Buy wisely. Keep on using food carefully, avoiding waste. We must still feed the soldiers who cannot be completely demobilized for many months. And 250,000,000 people in Europe are short of food.

It pays these days to keep household accounts. In fact it has always paid. Order your supplies in each line on one bill if possible and a week in advance. This simplifies house-keeping, and gives the housekeeper better control of her expenditure. She can then work out a standard within her allowance and give her family meals a well balanced variety, such as health demands.

In three years France paid off the crushing war indemnity demanded by Germany after the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. This was accomplished by the indomitable spirit of thrift and industry inherent in the French people. Canada's great natural resources will enable us to sacrifice, but the voluntary spirit of housewife's thrift is essential.

When foodstuffs are scarce in the world, prices of food are high. War economy has shown the wisdom of fewer courses at meal-time. People can be happy and well nourished on one-dish meals. Combinations such as cheese, rice and tomatoes; cheese and macaroni; meat stew vegetables and rice; baked rice and cheese, pork and beans; bean soup with milk; chopped meat and potatoes; rice and Salisbury steak provide all the essentials of a full course meal at less expense.

Meat is expensive owing to the demand of our Allies in Europe and the cost of feed for live stock. It is well to remember that the food properties of meat can be secured in fish, milk, eggs, green vegetables, and bread and butter. Food experts hold that children under seven years of age do not need meat. Some people declare from their own experience that we can do well without meat. Canadians should eat more fish.

**Why Tools Wear Out.**  
The want of thought in the care and use of equipment is often the cause of its short life. Some of the apparently trifling mistakes which cause utensils and tools to wear out before they should are the following: Contents of saucepans and kettles boiled until dry and the metal overheated.

Handles, screws and fastenings of knives, forks, egg beaters, etc., loosened from having been left in hot water.

Metal utensils put away wet, causing them to rust.

Covers put away wet with steam as they are taken off the saucepan.

Brooms and brushes used continually on one side and worn to a point.

Brooms allowed to stand on the floor until their weight bends or breaks the straw.

Glasses broken because the bottom instead of the side is put into hot water.

China dulled by washing with too strong soap suds.

Liquids spilled on rugs or polished surfaces because the container was to full.

Contents of the saucepan boiled over on the stove or in the oven because allowance was not made for the expansion of liquids by heat.

Burners of gas and oil stoves clogged and useless by burned food.

Rugs torn by having been held by the edge while shaking in cleaning.

## Confidence Inspired By Bank of Montreal Statement

Bank in Strongest Position Reports Total Assets in Excess of Five Hundred and Fifty Millions—Prepared For After War Period of Re-Adjustment.

The Bank of Montreal comes out with its Annual Statement at a time when the strength shown must lend considerable confidence regarding the manner in which the Dominion will be able to pass through the period of readjustment.

It is especially fortunate that the Bank of Montreal at a time of general uncertainty like the present, should be in a position to disclose such strength and solidity. This is the best guarantee of the assistance the Bank stands prepared to give the country and governments.

With its total assets in excess of Five Hundred and Fifty Millions and Liquid assets in excess of Three Hundred and Seventy Million Dollars, the Bank of Montreal in reality becomes a national institution that enables the manufacturer and commercial interests of the country to realize the resources back of Canada in a period during which must occur such a marked industrial evolution.

Throughout the uncertainty of the war period the Bank of Montreal, while maintaining its position as a Canadian industry, has steadfastly followed and counselled a policy of keeping strong. As a result the reversal to peace conditions finds the Bank in exactly the position it desired to occupy when the change came to this country as well as to the rest of the world.

A study of the Bank's position at the close of its fiscal year will immediately enable every Canadian to become more confident regarding the outlook. Such an exhibit could hardly come at a time when it could be calculated to benefit Canada to a greater extent in the money centres of the world.

The very unusual strides made during the year are due in part to the absorption of the Bank of British North America but at the same time month by month the Bank has forged ahead and with its large resources has been able to lend fullest assistance to both the Imperial and Canadian governments as well as looking after the growing requirements of a considerable portion of Canadian municipalities and industries.

Just how great has been the progress made during the past few years can be appreciated from the fact that in 1914, the first year of the war, the total assets stood at \$281,552,775, while to-day they have increased to \$515,412,415. Liquid assets alone now stand at \$370,351,000, being \$30,000,000 above what the total assets were four years ago.

**Expansion of Year.**  
The past twelve months have witnessed steady expansion even without nowadays we use salted beans, pistachio nuts, peanuts, Brazil nuts, and even mixed nuts of all descriptions. Pecans and walnuts are not blanched when they are salted, but most other nuts are blanched to remove the dark skin.

We must hope that the long tale of sacrifice, suffering, heroism, and courage is about to bear its just fruit. Subscriptions of New Zealanders to War Loans amount to over \$200 per head.

Where would we all have been but for the British Navy—Senator Marconi.

Three Sweet Odors.  
Sweet odors are of three kinds—the floral, the aromatic and the balsamic. The first group includes all those derived from sweet-smelling flowers and plants; the second, those derived from musks and resins; the third, those derived from leaves and gums. The otto, or essential oil of perfume, is obtained in three different ways—distillation, maceration and enfleurage.

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## From The Middle West

BETWEEN ONTARIO AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Items From Provinces Where Many Ontario Boys and Girls Are Living.

The late Flight Commander Capt. George I. Paterson, son of A. C. Paterson, customs inspector for Saskatchewan, has won the Victoria Cross.

Three years in Stony Mountain penitentiary and a fine of \$1,000 was the penalty imposed upon Michael Charitonoff at Winnipeg, for having seditious and objectionable literature in his possession.

Several oil-drilling rigs supposed to be the property of the Imperial Oil Company, are moving into the Peace River field, and it is reported they are to be used to drill several wells in various locations over the northern oil areas.

Competitive examinations under the directions of the civil service commission were at the following points in western Canada on Nov. 15: Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Nelson, Edmonton, Calgary, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Regina, Brandon, Winnipeg and Port Arthur.

Colonel J. S. Dennis C.M.G., has been appointed Red Cross commissioner for Siberia. Colonel Dennis, whose home is in Calgary, is now on his way west. He is familiar with conditions in Siberia, from residence both in northwest Canada and in Russia, where he is a member of the Russian investigation committee.

Mr. A. E. Angell, farmer of De Salaberry, is bringing action against the local council, alleging that noxious weeds were allowed to ripen on the roadside opposite his farm. Mr. Angell claims \$1,850 damages.

Major G. W. Northwood, Winnipeg, has returned home after three years in a German prison camp.

St. Boniface children under 16 years of age are to be kept off the streets after 9.30 by a curfew bell.

Brig-Gen. Cyril Critchley, D.S.O., R.A.F., the youngest general in the service, has returned to his home in Winnipeg.

A Women's Service League, to co-operate with the Great War Veterans' Association, has been organized in Winnipeg.

The G.W.V.A. of Regina object to the Y.M.C.A. building a hut in Regina, stating that it will interfere with their plans for a soldiers' home.

Lieut. J. A. S. Gardner, a former Wesley College teacher, who has been reported missing, has been located at Karlsruhe, Germany.

Lieut. L. L. Johnson, Winnipeg, has been appointed district vocational officer of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment for Alberta.

S. R. Henderson, president of the Manitoba Good Roads Association, asked the City of Winnipeg for grant this year. The controllers passed a grant of \$200. This year 1,316 miles of road was dragged.

Owing to a decline in the cost of flour sacks the various milling companies announce a reduction of 10 cents a barrel to the trade and a reduction is also announced of 20 cents a barrel to bakers buying in car lots.

Lethbridge and district claim the distinction of being the first division in Alberta to go over the top on the Victory Loan.

Lieut. T. B. Caulken, Lethbridge, late of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, has gone to Siberia.

Dr. J. A. Snell, principal of the Normal School at Saskatoon, has been promoted to be inspector of high schools, colleges and normal schools in Saskatchewan.

Lance-Corp. William Hy. Metcalf, M.M., of a Manitoba regiment, has been awarded the Victoria Cross.

HAIRY HEROES.  
Contrast Between Ancient and Modern Styles for Soldiers.

It is one of the peculiarities of modern days that hair is rather at a discount where fighting-men are concerned. However you may have prided yourself on your flowing locks when you were a civilian, you must "get your hair cut" when you join up.

Short hair does not spell courage, for we read in classical history how the three hundred Spartans who held the Pass of Thermopylae, and thus won an immortal fame, were seen combing their long hair, making themselves look "nibs," because they were going to fight to the death against invaders. If the pictures our artists give us of the Vikings are at all like the real thing, those sea warriors wore their hair long also. It is quite certain that the Cavaliers who fought for Charles I. wore abundant locks to distinguish them from the Roundheads of Cromwell, who went well cropped. Then we know our soldiers came back from the Crimea with beards and long hair, and that they did more than anything else to bring beards again into fashion.

But they, poor fellows, had no option. Probably having scarce a rag to their back, they grew their hair for warmth. However, we may take comfort from the fact that Absalom seems to be the only recorded instance of a soldier actually dying of long hair.

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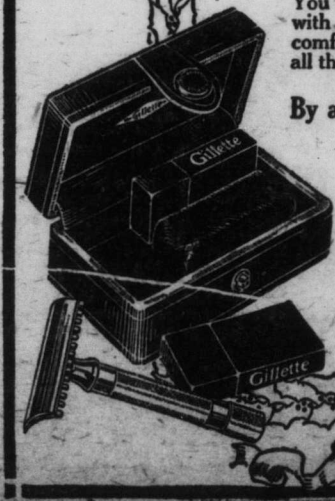
**Is he 35?**  
Having put up with old-fashioned shaving methods for 15 years and over, he would appreciate among his Christmas gifts a Gillette, so that he may, for the next 15 years and more, know what real shaving comfort is.

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# Christmas Goodies



**Sweets for Christmas.**

At this time when we are urged and commanded to be economical in our use of sugar, it is well to prepare Christmas sweets which can be made without any, or a very small amount of that scarce article.

The fairly plentiful materials that are suitable for making sweets are syrup, maple sugar, honey, popcorn, and all kinds of nuts. Sugary dried fruits will also help. Chocolate and cocoa are always safe to use. The following are some tested recipes which call for only a minimum of sugar:

**Stuffed Dates.**—Stuffed dates are a most wholesome sweet, and quickly made, too. The dates must be first picked apart, washed in warm water and dried in an old napkin. Remove the seed from each with a sharp knife, slip a nut in its place, press together, and sift over with granulated sugar. Leave standing a while on oiled paper to become firm.

**Chocolate Dates.**—Prepare dates as described for stuffed dates. Sift each date lengthwise, just far enough to allow the kernel's being extracted without bruising the fruit. Grate one-fourth pound of good chocolate, add an equal quantity of confectioners' sugar, and two tablespoonsful of boiling water. Boil until a soft ball forms in cold water. Before removing from the fire, add a few drops of vanilla extract. Place the pan inside a larger one, half filled with boiling water, to keep the chocolate fluid while the dates are being filled. Take up a little of the mixture on a teaspoon, open the date and pour it neatly in. When filled, press the sides gently together. Place in a cool place to harden.

**Stuffed Figs.**—Chop fine any kind of nuts. Mix with half the quantity of well washed and dried currants. Open figs at one side, and pack with mixture, rounding the fig to look like a pear. Close the opening, then at one end of the fig stick a clove to look like blossom end, and at the other a stick of cinnamon bark for the stem. Dust lightly with powdered sugar.

**Parisian Sweets.**—Pick over and remove stems from one pound of figs and stones from one pound of dates. Mix with one pound of English walnut meats, and force through a meat chopper. Work, using the hands, on a board dredged with confectioners' sugar, until well blended. Roll to one-fourth of an inch thickness, using confectioners' sugar for dredging board and pin. Cut with a sharp knife in three-fourths inch squares. Roll each piece in confectioners' sugar, and shake to remove superfluous sugar. Place in layers in a tin box, putting paper between each layer. These confections may be used at dinner in place of boudoirs.

**Sugared Popcorn.**—Put two tablespoons of butter in a sauce pan, and when melted add two cups of brown sugar, and one-half cup of water. Bring to the boiling point, and let boil for sixteen minutes. Pour over two quarts of popped corn, and stir until every kernel is well coated with sugar.

**Taffy.**—Dissolve half a cup of sugar in four tablespoons of cider vinegar, mix with two cups of molasses, and cook very slowly in a kettle large enough to prevent the mass from boiling over until a little dropped in cold water hardens, then stir in a heaping teaspoon of butter, and a half teaspoon of baking soda dissolved in a tablespoon of hot water. Stir up, remove from fire, and flavor with a teaspoon of vanilla, or lemon extract; turn into a greased pan, and when cool enough to handle pull until bright with flour or greased hands. When light enough, pull into narrow strips and cut off in pieces the right size for a mouthful with a pair of greased scissors. Wrap each of these in a little twist of paraffin paper.

**Fruit Cheese.**—Stone a pound of dates, add to them a pound of figs, half a pound of blanched almonds, half a pound of pecans and half a pound of Brazilian nuts. Any nuts at hand may be substituted for the ones named. Put the mixture through a meat-chopper, and pack into tumbler. Keep in cold place. This may be rolled into tiny balls and dipped in chocolate, cut into blocks and used as a sweetener, or cut into thin slices and put between bread and butter, or crackers, to serve in the place of cake.

**Conservation Dainties.**

**Maple Popcorn Balls.**—3 cups popped corn, 1 cup maple syrup, 3 teaspoons vinegar, pinch salt, 1 teaspoon butter or substitute, pinch of baking soda. Put syrup, vinegar and butter substitute into shallow pan; bring to boil slowly; add salt and soda. Boil slowly until the soft ball stage (that is, when a drop will form if dropped on cold plate); brush plate with a little butter substitute, cover with popcorn that has been carefully picked over to be sure all has popped, then pour the hot syrup over, stirring quickly so each kernel is covered with syrup. Rub hands with a little butter substitute; take a spoonful and roll into balls at once. If small balls are desired (the size of English walnut), the corn must be chopped fine. If popcorn is not obtainable, use puffed rice.

**Peppercorn, Molasses and Nut Squares.**—3 cups chopped popcorn, 1 cup finely chopped nut meats of choice, 1 1/2 cups syrup or molasses, pinch salt, 1 teaspoon butter or substitute, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 cup sour milk. Mix the molasses and butter substitute. Beat the egg and add to the sour milk. Mix the seasonings and soda, add to hot molasses, and when foaming pour into the egg and milk. Mix well, add gradually the flour and beat until smooth. Pour into a greased, shallow pan and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes.

**Hardens.** Again, puffed rice can be used if no popcorn is to be had.

**P.S.**—Instead of nut meats, 1 1/2 cups of cornflakes can be used on bottom and on top.

**Old-fashioned Yellow Jack.**—1 quart New Orleans molasses, 1 teaspoon vinegar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon butter substitute. Put the molasses into large saucepan so it will not boil over. Bring to boil slowly; stir continuously until it spins a thread; add vinegar and soda; boil a few moments, then try a little in cold water. If it hardens, remove from fire at once: pour into buttered plate, and as soon as it is cool enough to handle, rub hands with a little butter substitute and begin to pull it. The longer you pull it, the better it will be. Draw into long strips and cut into pieces with buttered knife or scissors.

**P.S.**—Chopped nut meats can be added before it hardens.

**Conservation Sandwich.**—1 cup fresh grated coconut, 2 cups seeded raisins, 1/2 teaspoon salt, thin slices of brown bread. To the raisins that have been washed, dried, and put through food chopper, add coconut and mix well. If it seems dry, add a little of the coconut milk so the mixture can be spread between thin slices of day-old wheat or brown bread.

**No butter is used with coconut.**

**Rye Flour Gingerbread.**—1 cup molasses, 1/2 cup shortening, 1/2 cup sour milk, 2 cups rye flour, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda, 1/2 teaspoon clove, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Mix the molasses and shortening in a saucepan over the fire until melted. Beat the egg and add to the sour milk. Mix the seasonings and soda, add to hot molasses, and when foaming pour into the egg and milk. Mix well, add gradually the flour and beat until smooth. Pour into a greased, shallow pan and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes.

that I want to remember, and now but two weeks remain."

There are little post-card jingles and greeting cards to be had, that will show a friend that he is not forgotten. But there are also scores of little inexpensive gifts that may be purchased or made at the last minute, and that will fit into someone's Christmas stocking. But be sure that they are last minute gifts.

For the girl who works in a dusty office or who travels much, run up a black sateen bag on the sewing machine which is large enough to hold her hat without crushing. She will think of you and thank you every working day.

For the girl who should be learning to do housework, a couple of dishmops which cost five cents at the ten-cent store. Dress these up in tissue paper and label them the "Helpful Twins." Make holders of bright scraps of material for use around the hot stove.

To the flower lover or gardener send some of your own choice seeds. In dainty envelopes, or an order on the seedman, or a bouquet of cuttings from your window plants, or a promise as follows on a Christmas postcard: "On April first, or thereabout, if you will bring your basket out, I'll dig for you a root or so of things that in my garden grow. And you may plant them in your yard to remind you of my regard."

For the grandmother who sews but whose eyes are not so good as they once were, buy a package of self-threading needles, or two spools of No. 30 cotton, black and white, and thread a paper of common needles onto the end of the thread, on each spool. Grandmother will know how to slide the needles along and break off a length of thread with a needle upon it as she needs.

For the woman who crochets or knits and one of the books of samples of crocheting or knitting. They cost from 10 to 25 cents and give directions for doing the work which any needleworker can follow.

What child would not like a box of cookies cut into animals and wonderful men, such as old-fashioned grandmothers know how to make without cutter or pattern. The man who lives in a boarding-house will be wonderfully pleased with eatables, too—cookies, little mince pies, or big ones, or a fruit cake. Any woman who depends upon a city bakery for her bread and desserts will hail with delight a loaf of new bread wrapped in a holly paper napkin.

Any child old enough to sew for her doll family will be delighted with a roll of scraps of cloth, suitable for doll clothes. A paper of needles and a spool of thread will add to the completeness of the gift. A quilt maker

## A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

By Mabel McKay.

Most of us Beech Grove Neighborhood women would have been offended by Alice Cochrane's lecture on Christmas charity had it not been for the little school-teacher's interpretation of it.

"Of all neighborhoods that give to charity, Beech Grove leads," said Portia Young on our way home. "I can't understand why Grandma Wheeler wanted us to hear that lecture."

Then our little school-teacher, whom people outside Beech Grove Neighborhood call Anne Elizabeth Sutton, protested.

"She didn't mean to offend us—I'm sure, Mrs. Young. You know charity is just a limited name for love and every neighborhood needs all the love that it can get."

Portia looked straight ahead of her, down the road toward the corner at which the little teacher would turn away from us. Stiffly she outlined the plans for the tableaux and entertainment our club was to have on Christmas Eve at the club house.

After the corner had been passed and she and I were alone, Portia told me that Anne and Clarke Anderson, who was Portia's best-beloved brother, were not to marry in the spring. "They've quarreled again," she ended. "Meaning Clarke has quarreled," I thought to myself. I knew Clarke Anderson. Aloud I said, "Why, it will spoil our Christmas!"

However little Anne, in the way that school-teachers have of forgetting themselves, valiantly tried to forget and go on with our Christmas entertainment. A few days later she called a special meeting of the neighborhood women. Jamie brought me news of it when he came home from school.

"I think she's going to give the mothers our Christmas letters," he said wisely. "She had us write them to-day."

John laughed. "Far-seeing boy!" he remarked after Jamie had left the room. "Guess you'd better write one and give it to the teacher. Or do you know what you want?"

I shook my head. I could not tell him that I was thinking of little Anne's romance, and that probably she was the only person in Beech Grove Neighborhood this year who would be lonely at Christmas time. I thought of it all the way to the club house.

"Before I give you mothers your own children's letters," I want to read one from Bennie Newton. Anne told us after Grandma Wheeler had called the meeting to order.

The scrawly little letter was handed from one to the other. Bennie Newton had so many brothers and sisters that his mother seldom could come to our meetings. This time she was absent.

"Dear Santa Clause," he had written. "This year I want you to be square with us Newton children. There's more of us than in any other family in this neighborhood and we always get the littlest Christmas tree of all. Now if their aunt enough big trees to go around won't you be square and bring everybody a little one?"

Yours Respectfully,  
Benjamin Newton.

"P.S.—I don't mind the little tree myself. It's for the other kids. I don't want you to make a difference."

Grandma was wiping the tears from her eyes before the letter had gone around the room. Portia Young forgot the anxiety she had seemed to feel toward the little teacher and sprang to her feet. "Let's see that youngster has the biggest tree in the neighborhood!" she said. "He deserves it."

When Mrs. Harris tried to speak, she could not for a sob choked her. Little Anne, dry-eyed and woefully sad, talked gently to us. "We couldn't do that without hurting his mother," she said.

Portia very kindly asked Anne if she knew any way to get a big tree for the Newton children without offending Anne. Anne nodded her dusky head and stood up to talk; her dusky eyes still sad but strangely alive as if with a great purpose.

"Bennie Newton isn't the only child in this neighborhood who wonders over the difference in the size of Christmas trees," she told us. "Lots of little ones who are as silent over small trees as their neighbors have. The only way for us to bring happiness to everyone is to have one big tree for us all at our club house—a community Christmas tree as some of you have already mentioned."

"But having it will not be enough. It must be the only Christmas tree in the neighborhood. We'll all have to give up our individual Christmas trees in favor of this one. Don't you see how it would look for all to have one great tree together and then after going home for some of us to have other Christmas trees? That—there was a little catch in her throat—"that wouldn't be square either."

Grandma Wheeler's white head nodded approval. So did several others. A few hesitating ones showed signs of agreement. That would be real charity," said Grandma.

"Love is the word that describes what we Beech Grove people feel. We won't be giving or receiving but sharing. On the first Christmas everyone shared the same gift. Wouldn't you like our children in Beech Grove Neighborhood to feel that way about Christmas?"

The morning after we had decided to have a community tree we awoke with a love that before had just lain dormant, now alive in our hearts. It

was a love that was the basis for universal brotherhood. Without mentioning it we were all drawn together in the mysterious way that love has of uniting people.

How our tree grew! The Christmas tableaux dwarfed beside it. If the hall in our club house had not extended past the second story up to the very rafters of the building, I am afraid the tree would have outgrown it.

"At first I was a little afraid of the idea," Mrs. Newton told us as she helped Portia Young tie the balls to the tree's lower branches. "I was afraid that Bennie might not be satisfied with a tree that belonged to every one. Bennie is hard to understand."

"Caste is forever abolished by a community Christmas tree," prophesied Portia Young's husband. "It makes you people who have children all the year round, share them impartially with us."

He was helping Lucien Wheeler fasten the incandescents to the top branches of the tree. They talked all the time they were working although they had not been friends since they quarreled over a boundary fence five years ago.

That same night as John and I sat by our grate, he told me, "I'm beginning to think your tree is a wonderful thing after all. It's going to make the older people as happy as it will the children."

"All but Anne Sutton," I answered. "Clarke Anderson hasn't come near the tree. If some one could only get him there so that he could see how sad her eyes are then everything would be all right. No one can even interest him in it. Portia says it's impossible. I've a notion to try myself."

John laid his hand over mine. "No," he said firmly. "Clarke's hot-headed and stubborn. Besides I don't like to meddle in such affairs."

After that I tried not to look into Anne Sutton's eyes but whenever she talked I thought I heard a wistful note in her voice. One day John too heard it.

The next afternoon he brought Clarke home with him to supper. While I was making my yeast biscuit they sat in the living room talking.

"The trouble with you and Anne that you quarrel so much is because you are too self-centered, Clarke," I heard John say. "Mother and I used to have a great many sharp words when we thought just of ourselves and lived for ourselves. Now that we are interested in many other people, we don't quarrel. When you get to thinking of your neighbors and grow interested in their lives, there's a universal feeling comes into your heart that takes all of the selfish pettiness away. You won't quarrel then."

Clarke laughed scornfully. "I prefer a home feeling," he said. "It would be more attractive to me."

"You'll come to the tree?" John suggested.

"No," Clarke was gruff.

Yet he did come although it took all John's persuasive powers to bring him. I did not see him until the school children began singing their carols on the first night, Christmas Eve. Then I forgot him, for the lights were flashed on the great tree and, together, every one in Beech Grove saw their universal gift. Something gripped my heart that made me feel as if I were in another world, a world in which you and I did not exist but just WE did.

Mrs. Harris, who was standing next to me, reached out and took my hand. It was as if we were renewing our friendship. Slowly I looked around at my neighbors' faces. They too were swayed by that understanding.

While the last carol was being sung I saw John again but Clarke Anderson was not with him. I turned my head and there close to my shoulder were the little school teacher and Clarke. The sad look had left her eyes and in his there was more than joy; there was understanding. He too now knew the universal feeling that was invading Beech Grove Neighborhood. I did not need to worry any longer about our romance.

While I was looking for our Jamie so that we could go home, little Bennie Newton slipped his hand into mine. "I know a secret," he whispered radiantly. "That tree isn't all a whole tree at all. It's got lots of little ones all spliced to that biggest one. I guess Santa Clause made it out of all the trees he aimed to give us kids in this neighborhood."

Everyone in Beech Grove Neighborhood was happy!

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## THE BABY'S CHRISTMAS

Several years ago a train in the Canadian mountains was snow-bound a few days before Christmas. Within a day or two the passengers had eaten all the food in the dining car. Nine miles farther on there was a town, but no one would volunteer to make the trip.

"It's almost sure death to start in this blizzard," everyone said. "Relief will come when the snow stops; with in forty-eight hours away. Human beings can do without food two days."

Some of the passengers had gathered in one of the sleepers. Darkness was falling; it was bitterly cold, and the snowy gale whistled outside. Fortunately, there was coal enough to keep up steam in the engine and to warm the cars a little.

A negro porter came through the car. "There is a little child in the day coach," he said. "His mother is dead, and his grandmother is taking it to her home in Winnipeg. The milk they brought with them is all gone. They're afraid the baby may die of hunger."

The effect of those words on the passengers was electrical. Several men jumped to their feet.

"Who'll go with me to get that baby some milk?" one big fellow asked.

Every man in the car except an elderly lady volunteered. The invalid drew some bills from his pocket and offered one to the man who had called for volunteers.

"Take this," he said. "I'm not able to walk, but I want to be in on this. Get the baby's milk with my money. If you need help coming back, hire the men and I will pay them."

The party eventually was reduced to six, including the locomotive engineer—men who were experienced in "bucking snow." Those who stayed behind watched the six plough their way through the drifts in the darkness. There were four high bridges to cross before they could reach the town. A gust of wind might send them to death at the bottom of a gorge. But they started.

Morning dawned clear and cold. The blizzard had abated, but the flying particles of frozen snow cut like knives when they hit the uncovered faces and faces of those who ventured out. Just as the sun began to brighten the tops of the highest mountains the milk party returned. Each man carried a can, so that if one fell and lost his burden there would be enough left for the baby's needs.

The milk was warmed and the baby had his breakfast, while the passengers crowded round and enjoyed the little one's satisfaction as much as if they themselves had been eating.

Two of the men who made the trip froze their feet; but when the relief train came the next day and took them to a town where they could have their feet treated, one of them remarked to the other:

"Did you ever see anything that made you feel better than when that little fellow began to draw on the nipple?"

For the Christ-child was a little babe!

Bethlehem in 1917.

At Bethlehem, at Bethlehem. Dark rooms go to and fro. Can they be shepherds with their sheep. Shepherds that nightly vigils keep. As shepherds long ago? What gleams there in the hands of them. At Bethlehem, at Bethlehem? No shepherds these—ah, no! For Bethlehem, that Bethlehem which saw the angels draw the veil from heaven's gate aside, Keeps now the strangest Christmas-tide. That Bethlehem e'er saw. All night the tramping feet go by. All night the creaking guns go by. Grim-faced the weary gunners ride. Where shepherds knelt the Babe beside. And Christ lay in the straw.

Is there no light in Heaven's high face At Bethlehem, at Bethlehem? Those men that guard the holy place, Is there no word of joy for them? The sentries walk their watchful round Where shepherds lay upon the ground. At Bethlehem, at Bethlehem, Where holy Mary's Child they found, And angels sang, by God's good grace.

Ah, yes! the wide sky spread above Still holds the silent waiting host. The sentry stands upon his post. And laboring columns forward move: But all the mighty ranks on high Wait, while men strive and bleed and die.

For Christ's command of peace to them, At Bethlehem, at Bethlehem. For his command—oh! wait not long, Lord of the lowly and the strong! Speak thou the word, and Bethlehem Shall hear again the angelic song. Thy healing power, O Lord, release—Good will and peace, good will and peace—

And all the amazed sky above With the triumphant song of love!

Xmas Thank-You Note.

The easiest time to write thank you notes for Christmas presents is immediately after Christmas. The longer one neglects this little courtesy the harder it is to find time for it. There is no law of etiquette which says "wait a little while before acknowledging the gift." The most perfect good form in this case is to answer as soon as ever it is possible.

## LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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## How to Keep Christmas.

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Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really

## Glory in the Highest!

When Christ was born of Mary true, In Bethlehem that fair clime, Angels sang there with mirth and glees, In Excelsis Gloria!

This King is come to save mankind, In Scripture truths we find; Therefore this song we have in mind, In Excelsis Gloria!

## LAUS DEO!

It is done! Clang of bell and roar of gun, Send the tidings up and down. How the belfries rock and reel! How the great bells, peal on peal, Fling the joy from town to town!

For the Lord On the whirlwind is abroad; In the earthquake He has spoken; He has smitten with His thunder The iron walls asunder, And the gates of brass are broken!

Did we dare, In the agony of prayer, Ask for more than He has done? When was ever His right hand Over any time or land, Stretched as now beneath the sun?

Ring and swing, Bells of joy! On morning's wing Send the song of praise abroad! With a sound of broken chains Tell the nations that He reigns, Who alone is Lord and God!



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### The Transcript.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1918

#### NEWBURY

An old resident of the village passed away on Tuesday night in the person of Elizabeth, relict of the late James Avery, aged 86 years and 3 months, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Grant, with whom she had lived for some years. Deceased was of a happy, gentle disposition, with always a smile and bright word for young and old. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. F. Irwin of Glencoe; interment in Wardville cemetery. Among the floral offerings was a beautiful wreath from the grandchildren. Besides Mrs. Grant are five grandchildren—Mrs. Pringley and E. J. Grant, London; W. H. Grant, Windsor; Albert in France; Mrs. Melvin Waterworth, Glencoe—and five great grandchildren, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends.

A couple of freight cars left the track on Saturday on the G.T.R. The damage was slight.

Walter Regis is relieving at the C. P. R. at Chatham, owing to illness of the regular operator.

The Red Cross Circle gathered in over a barrel of sealers of fruit for the Byron Sanatorium on Friday last. The circle is actively engaged on relief work now.

A number of the friends of Miss Rosamond Jeffery gave her a shower on Tuesday evening prior to her marriage, which included a dozen Old Colony silver tea spoons, a berry spoon, cold meat fork, butter knife and salt and pepper shakers, all matching; also hand painted china. Miss Rosa was a moving spirit among the young people and will be missed. All good wishes go with her to her new home.

On December 11th some of the members of the Institute met at the home of Mrs. Hammett, picking and dressing 29 chickens. These were sent to the Women's Institute Canning Centre at Parkhill, arriving there quickly and in splendid condition. The chickens will be sent to the Canadian boys in the hospitals overseas. The Institute paid \$27.30 for the fowl, live weight, and the ladies gave their work of preparation and paid expressage to Parkhill. Mrs. Hammett presented each woman present with a piece of linen, which was spun and woven by her relatives over half a century ago, as a souvenir of the afternoon and its labor of love for the wounded Canadian boys. At the prior meeting, held on December 4th, 55 pairs of socks were packed, also boxes for the boys. During the war the Institute gave in cash and goods to the value of over \$1,300 for war purposes alone, not including work done for the village or the Northern Ontario fire sufferers.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Jeffery on Wednesday, Nov. 27th, when their grandson, Ralph J. Collier of Melbourne, was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Hiscott, also of Melbourne. The bride looked sweet and pretty in a modest gown of rare lace and pale blue chiffon with bridal veil, and carried shell pink rose buds. They were unattended. Rev.

Mr. Malcolm performed the ceremony, after which luncheon was served. Owing to a recent bereavement in the bride's family only the grandparents were present at the ceremony.

Mrs. M. J. Marshall of Detroit spent a few days at the Commercial House recently, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jeffery.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, at the parsonage, Glencoe, Rev. R. F. Irwin united in wedlock Miss Rosamond Jeffery, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Jeffery of Newbury, and Calvin Stiller, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Stiller of the Longwoods Road. The bride was suitably attired in a navy blue French serge suit with ivory Georgette blouse and grey polka bonnet and gloves, and wore a corsage bouquet of sunburst roses and a set of black fox furs, the gift of the groom. They were unattended. Miss Ella Jeffery, sister of the bride, and Norval Stiller, brother of the groom, witnessed the marriage.

The young couple left on the 2:55 train and will visit in London, Belmont and St. Thomas before returning.

MELBOURNE

Mrs. Earl Beatty is ill with appendicitis.

George Spontenburgh and son, formerly of Windsor, purchased a business in St. Thomas recently. The business will be looked after by Mr. Spontenburgh, Jr.

Mr. Borthwick has sold his farm to Henry McCracken and will give possession in April. We are informed that Mr. Borthwick will take a trip to England.

Ed. Bateman has purchased Robert Hardy's farm, joining the village, formerly owned by the late J. M. Corneille. Mr. Hardy may move to London.

The anniversary services which were held in the Methodist church on Sunday last were a great success. Services were conducted by Rev. W. G. H. McAllister, M. A., of Ridgeway. All services were well attended, as Mr. McAllister was a former pastor here. The choir rendered special music for the occasion which was very much appreciated by all present.

The service in the Presbyterian church was withdrawn in the evening.

The officers and members of the Methodist Sunday school are preparing to hold their "White Christmas" services on Sunday evening next. The "White Gifts to the King" will be in the form of gifts to the poor, which will be sent to Mrs. (Rev.) T. E. Harrison of London, to be used in her work there.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held in the hall on Christmas night, December 25. Rev. G. S. Lloyd of Glencoe will assist in the program with his limelight views.

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#### APPIN

Graham McDonald of Longbranch, Toronto, formerly of Saskatoon, is renewing old acquaintances here.

Mrs. J. A. McTaggart, who has been suffering from an attack of the flu, is probably.

Mrs. J. S. McDonald and Mrs. Herman Galbraith spent last week-end in London.

Duncan McIntyre spent the week-end at his home here.

The young people of the Presbyterian church purpose forming a Young People's Society, final arrangements to be completed shortly.

The Appin Women's Institute will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Jones on Thursday afternoon, December 26th.

Mrs. John Congdon, sr., had the misfortune to trip over a board last Sunday morning, dislocating her right shoulder. She is now recovering nicely from the injury.

The Women's Institute shipped in November to the boys overseas 32 boxes containing good things to eat, a pair of socks and a shirt.

KILMARTIN

Graham McDonald of the Royal Air Force, Toronto, called on friends here last week before leaving for his home in Saskatoon.

Rev. Mr. McConky, representative of the Dominion Alliance, conducted the service in Burns' church on Sunday morning, and Mr. Norris of Toronto rendered two very acceptable solos. Rev. Mr. MacMillan of Toronto conducted the service in the evening and gave a most interesting address on "Praise Worship and Song."

Mrs. Hugh Munro is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dan Walker.

Two new oil wells were brought in on the farm of John Seord last week.

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STRATHBURN

George Webster returned home from the Guelph show and is now laid up with the flu.

Robert Dymock has leased his farm in Mossa to oil drillers, who, as soon as the roads are in fit condition, will put up a drilling rig on the farm and drill.

Charles Annett has arrived home from Guelph and has taken the flu.

Will Cyster, while on his way to the party at Dan McKenzie's on Monday night, had the misfortune of having his horse frightened by some cattle on the road. It ran away, breaking the harness and badly damaging the buggy. The occupants of the buggy escaped without injury.

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#### WARDSVILLE

The following recent donations to the Wardsville Relief Society are gratefully acknowledged:—Mr. Purdy \$3, Mrs. Jefferson \$1, Miss Atkinson \$1, Miss Aitchison \$1, Mrs. Branton \$2, Mrs. T. Simpson \$1, Mrs. Lamont \$2, Mrs. T. Mulligan \$1, A. Douglas \$1, Mrs. P. King \$1, Mrs. Blott \$1, Miss E. Brinson \$1, Mrs. McLean \$2, Mrs. Cornelle \$1, Miss Ila Quigley \$2, Mrs. Atkinson \$4, Mrs. A. Roberts \$4, Agnes Douglas, Treasurer.

The ban has been lifted and schools are open again.

The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Douglas on Thursday.

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DOBBYN-REYCRRAFT

On Wednesday, December 4th, an exceedingly pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reyecraft, Euphemia, when their only daughter, Bertha, was united in marriage to Douglas Dobbyn, a prosperous young farmer near Shelburne, in the presence of immediate relatives.

Promptly at twelve o'clock the bride, daintily gowned in white georgette crepe, entered the parlor on the arm of her father, to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Mary Munro of Kilmartin, and took her place under the beautiful evergreen arch by the side of the waiting groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Donnelly of Alvinston.

After partaking of a sumptuous wedding dinner, the happy couple left for Toronto and other eastern points, amid showers of confetti and good wishes, the bride travelling in a coupe suit with hat to match.

The many beautiful and costly gifts of which they were recipients show the high esteem in which they are held by their many friends.

Mrs. Dobbyn was one of the neighborhood's very popular young ladies and on Monday evening previous to her marriage was given a miscellaneous shower by the friends and neighbors.—Alvinston Free Press.

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