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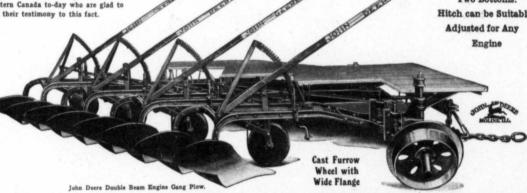
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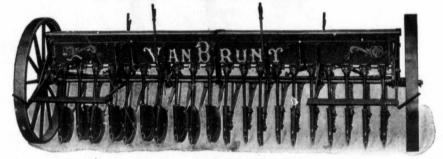
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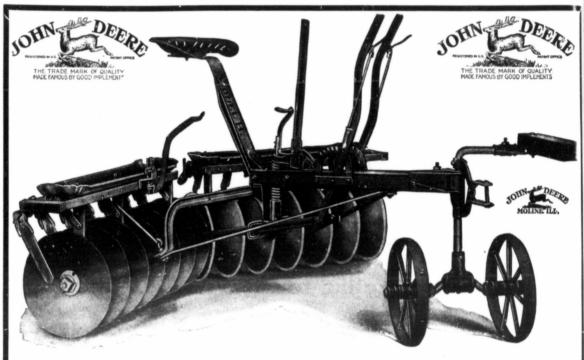


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## Good Seed Bed Means Dollars at Harvest Time

Many practical experiments and a good deal of scientific study just recently has proven the advisability and, in fact, the absolute necessity from an economic standpoint of properly preparing the soil before plowing.

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## Fertilizers with high Percentage of Potash Increase Yields and Promote Maturity

This is a very important fact for the Western farmer to note, since it often means the difference between Success and Pailure to have his crops ripen one or two weeks earlier than they otherwise would, besides obtain-ing larger yields of superior quality. Another important point to note is seasons after their application, a fea-ture which should never be lost sight of.

Properly balanced fertilizers, containing adequate supplies of Nitrogen, Phosphoric Acid and Potash, in the proper proportion demanded by the proper proportion demanded by the various cross, should be used in order to obtain the best results.

When one considers that in Great Britain and Germany where fertilizers are most largely used, the average yield of wheat is more than 30 hushels per do wheat is more than 30 hushels per large that the property of the property of the property of the wheat lands of the Dominion could be enormously increased by the judicious use of fertilizers.

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unicious use of fertilizers.

In order to meet the increasing de-tand for information on this subject number of treatises on the fertiliza-tion of the various crops have been required by agricultural experts; mongst them are:

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'OT to get "behind the man who goes in front of us," we invite every reader of this magazine to join our great co-operative organization. Co-operation' seems to be in everybody s mouth (figuratively speaking), and in keeping with the spirit of the age we are seeking to conduct our own little compact in what may be called "potted experience."

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There must at least be two parties to every confederacy, and forgetting all others now, we specially address ourselves to YOU-the one man or woman, or promise of a man or woman who will read this page the moment you clap your eyes on it. The deal is entirely between you and ourselves, whether you are a subscriber or merely one who may have accidentally stumbled on a copy of the present issue.

Knowledge of the greatest value to the world of men is hidden away in all sorts of odd corners-"wasting its sweetness on the desert air" or hermetically sealed in the dark holes of the earth, useless for every pratical purpose as the coal seam that has never been shattered by the pick-axe of the miner.

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Wrapped up in YOUR personality there cannot fail to be certain experiences that all the world would be glad to know about. They may not individually be worth much more than the 'hill of beans," but who shall say what they might not lead to in unsuspected wealth if communicated to some one else who may hold the complement that in a perfectly natural way would complete and stamp them with a value that cannot be computed?

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We are writing personally to many thousands of up-to-date farming friends to ask them to give us for publication their most recent experience in handling one feature or another of their farming equipment. If by chance you may not have heard from us, we beg of you to accept this very personal invitation to give us any story of success or failure that is on your mind.

If you should have received this request by mailmay we ask you not to set it aside but to take the opportunity to pen a few lines while the subject is hot in your good intentions. You will confer a favor upon us and you will have done a duty you owe to your neighbors in this great hustling West where we hang by each other like a bee-swarm.

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and it has also unconsciously cured more in flesh and blood than all the restorative prescriptions the medicine men hold in their catalogue of "remedies."

Habit of thought is far stronger than ten preaching archangels to change the current of a man's and it has killed NE of the mightiest forces in the world of men and ani-mals is habit. \*Habit has more than

"As a man thinketh in his heart impending judgment to convince and convert. crusted is he, ed conviction it takes then the clarion-call of has and when the thought become

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liere, however, we are set down in the very centre of the biggest and most enterprising phase of agricultural activity that the eyes of the modern world have yet illustrated looked upon and looked towards for that "testimony in the life" that, all who seek to inculcate Egypt and even in the highlands of Scotland were described and cently. that was all we could do of d in these pages quite We smiled at them bewere described and these India

# THE BRAWN IN THE E BARLEY BARLEY BARLEY

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doubt, as suggested by Dean Henry of Wisconsin University, the brewers are responsible for the widespread prejudice with which it is regarded in this conhad but scurvy treatment. doubt, as suggested by





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with extraordinary results as a human food, in certain parts of Europe, in North America it is barely recognized. ments have earned for it. While (as "pearl" barley and in other forms) it is used extensively and research and conclusive experitaken the any strenuous "thought habit," yet no time nor anywhere has it ken the place which scientific

Even for stock feeding, it has

far as to allege that it is

The probabilities are that the brewers, wishing to control the entire use of this crop, have furthered the prejudice and kept alive the belief that there is only one real market for this much maligned cereal—that which will conduct it straight to the distil-lery and the beer vat.

Not to speak of the absurdity of the "poison" myth, no intellithat which will

gent farmer to-day will belittle the feeding qualities of barley, but for several reasons he has not yet risen to a full conception of just how great these are and of the point to which the value of this cereal may be carried in Western Canada where it can be so easily grown.

ocen greatly diminished. The wise stockman will use such barley for feed rather than force it on the market at the low price to which its "color" condemns is the brewer exposure to rainfall, etc., before they were in a position it would be a source of comfort to them, when they find much of their barley crop discolored by men realize just what this means it would be a source of comfort Did some of our Western stock y were in a position to thresh Such grain has lost little or of its nutrients, though for prewer its value may have

Now, this articl tended to take th discursive treatise plant. All that is needful in that respect is about the commonest but not many realize the possi-bilities it offers as a flesh forming plished than the raising of a good barley crop in Western Canada things in of our common knowledge. cultivation n agriculture are ood or more easily : article is not the on the nature the commonest better barley Few of Ħ

crop, or that might come to some-thing in any old place that looked a risky spot for any other in the mixed-farming or pure grain growing business, a sort "handy-man" to clean up t deserves to be as a stock food, it would not figure as it so often does as a kind of after-thought to wait on the aristocratic wheat Were barley recognized as y-man" to clean a kind of "fag" or purely or

one of the most popular of the American farm journals, there is not a single reference made to barley except in one melancholy instance where it is quoted as a America, and in looking up a long file of rations published as the long file of rations published as long file. The habit of thought has been that the great stock feeder is corn, corn and again corn. Corn is king in the cattle states

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It is astonishing how indispensable to success are so many things that you haven't got! Again and again it has been said when the stock-raising industry Western Canada has been under tribute that to get these fine show beasts and the ideal beef cattle that adorn the pages of the "Stock Breeders' Gazette": "You cannot get results like that unless you give them corn, and

then you see we are not yet able to reckon on corn as one of our safe crops in Manitoba.

Long live the corn belt, and may the borders of that indefinable country extend until they compass the remotest point where the genius of men can make it grow; but if we cannot as vet reduce our corn crop to the obedience

obedience of barley and "No. 1 Hard Red Fyfe," we can, as it has recently been demonstrated in the most conclusive manner harness our barley crop to the performance of wonders in feeding that have not been surpassed by the best corn diet ever fed to a steer.

It will, of course, take some time until the average man really gets into the habit of thinking that as great things can be done with the crop that grows easily around his own door as he can with the much coveted but unattainable corn. But it is really worth taking some pains to look into, and this is an invitation to take the subject seriously to heart in the light of recent events both in Eastern and Western Canada

Barley seems to kick against no climate where it has been invited to stay. It is one of those friends we delight to welcome who "take things as they find them" and adapt themselves so readily to circumstances. Barley grows without protest as north as 70 degrees latitude in Lapland near the North Cape, while we find it in Arizona or flourishing side by side with the lemon and orange groves of California. It is one of the most hoary of our ancient food plants.

veloped some wonderful things, and among them was the fact that feeding methods are changing rapidly, the evidence of the value of cheaper rations being one of the predominant features seen on every hand. The story of McGregor's Aberdeen-Angus has gone all round the world, and does far more than serve to point a moral and adorn a tale.'

We have already referred to this historic event at some length but it is not the purpose of the education department in Cana-

the barley and oats." That is a simple statement, by there's a wealth of thought in and brain food that every s man will masticate and rumina upon for many years to com At the risk of appearing to undue prominence to this ep we will quote again what if

owner of this world's champion said recently, when speaking corn and barley: While not depreciating value of corn as a food, he made

a strong bid for the more genera

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a "scratch" crop that may sown in "any old place". if grown on the best land, th average need not be short 50 bushels or more, and weigh for weight, barley is very little at all behind corn in feed value

"The books" have much to say about barley and its place as a stock food. But here is a box who has beaten them all with his intuition. Are there not other 'stock-fitters" in Western Canada who have very definite experences worth relating of what they have done by "chumming with their beasts? Who some way get to know infallible how to cater to the appetite of the animals? Let us hear from



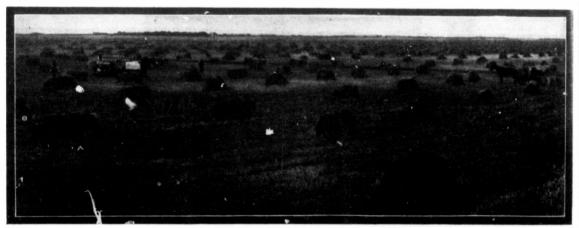
the toiling beasts."

(You could tell that by its beard.) It was probably for a long time the chief bread plant of the ancients, and just why it seems to have become practically obsolete as an article of human diet in the "upper circles" is not to be accounted for by reason of any limitations or disqualifying points in its composition as a flesh-forming heat-giving food.

The tide of fashion set in against it and so it has drifted in the esteem of men until this date But some of our most successful stock men have been experimenting with it and the eves of a big audience of interested people have been opened wide with astonishment at the results.

The 1913 International

dian Agriculture to let it rust or become a forgotten incident while the West remains in business. The boy who nursed the winner from infancy was asked by a spectator what were his rules for feeding. "I have no ruce,
the last "I just fed him what I "I have no rules," said thought he needed. I could tell what he liked and what was doing him good. A few times he got off feed, but not very often. He got mostly barley and oats and a few turnips. During the summer I fed him green barley sheaves. He had a few bundles of corn fodder that we hauled over from another farm. You know corn doesn't mature up here, so we didn't have any of the grain. Sometimes we boiled



This scene never comes on the stage "by accident."

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O political issue, immediate ment. be or prospective, more vitally affects the West than that of increasing its rural population. With an up-to-date farmer on every quarter-section or half-section of land and a system of crop rotation rigidly adhered to, crop failure would be of rare occurrence and the wealth of the West increased by leaps and bounds. The smaller farms could then be given the intensive cultivation necessary for the conservation of moisture and for the

destruction of weeds, and suffi-

cient live stock bred on every farm for maintaining the fertility of the soil.

I mention these three things as being fundamental in the business of profitable farming in localities possessed of a naturally fertile soil, but supplied with limited precipitation. For drouth unquestionably cuts deeper into the farmers' profits than any other single adverse agency. Barnyard

manure is not a direct substitute for moisture, yet its liber application to the soil not only retains moisture on account of its waterholding capacity, but a highly fertile soil containing a large per cent of humus will produce a crop with considerably less moisture than soil that is run down and impoverished. Any system of farm management, therefore, that does not admit of thorough cultivation amin: and the production of abundance of manure necessarily lowers the productivity of the land with every crop that is produced with increasing uncertainty. For obvious reasons, the older any state becomes under a system of farm management that constantly impoverishes the soil, the smaller will become the average yield of grain and other crops. Farming a large way-farming with power machinery on a big scale

## The Waste of Soil **Fertility**

By DR. J. H. WORST President North Dakota Agriculturai College

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with live stock, spells exploitation by the present land owner, and results in altimate impoverishment of the soil which future generations must occupy,

unless amply compensated for large acreage under cultivation, but little improvement in farming methods can be expected. There are not families enough engaged in farming to cultivate the acreage already under the plow except

tainty where a man aims entirely at large acreage and trusts in providence for timely rains and other things on which profitable crops depend-and upon transient farm hands to care for the crop during the harvesting and threshing season.

Farming is a business. quires a better business head-a man of broader vision-to farm scientifically than to practise in any of the popular professions. The farmer, therefore must acquire business habits. He should rank as a business man.

> The shrewd business men of this generation are ever on the alert to increase their profits. Otherwise they would not be classed as business men.

> Only, however, by curtailing needless expense and attaining greater efficiency can busines men honestly increase their annual income.

> The manufacturer is governed by the same laws. Captains of industry are ever on

the alert to lessen the cost of production. This may be accomplished by utilizing byproducts, eliminating waste of raw material, by the installation of improved machinery, and more especially, by promoting the efficiency of the labor they employ. Small savings made in this way aggregate tremendous totals and materially increase the dividends of stockholders. What was formerly wasted in many important industries is now relied upon as the principal source of profits. In short, how to avoid waste is given quite as much concern as the improvement of laborsaving machinery.



Agriculture has been exceedingly wasteful. The spirit of waste still abounds. This is more Continued on page 28



## Towns Must Build the Country

The cities and towns are also interested in soil conservation. Their prosperity depends upon increasing yields of grain and animal products, as well as the farming communities. Commercial bodies, therefore, should pay more attention to increasing the population of the country districts and less to bringing increased numbers to the towns. The towns will take care of themselves. Double the population of the country and improve the efficiency of farming methods and the increased wealth produced, in consequence, will prove a sufficient etimulus for urban popu'ation. Moreover, it will prove a healthy, permanent growth for both town and country.

With the present limited rural population and correspondingly in an extensive way, which always invites disaster during seasons when the weather conditions are not reasonably satisfactory or when farm laborers are not immediately available to care for the crop. The past season fully demonstrated the handicap farmers suffer from on account of their dependence upon inefficient, unreliable, transient labor.

"More farmers and fewer farm hands," obviously, is the best and perhaps the only permanent solu-tion of the farm labor problem.

## Good Farming is Insurance

Moreover, good farming is the best insurance against crop fail-The causes that produce crop failures are not difficult to observe by expert farmers, but precautions necessary to modify or destroy their influence cannot be taken with any degree of cer-



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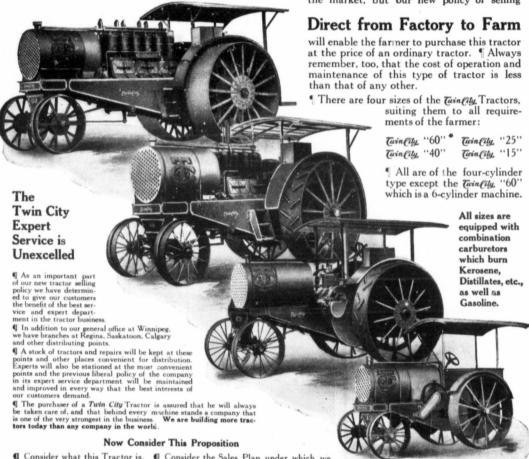
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His countrymen, first of all of Scotland and then of the British Empire, are proud of the great facts of his public life. Its splendid contributions to the national progress in so many departments are still fresh in the public memory. To education, to the interests of unfettered commerce, to the amelioration of human suffering, these gifts were bestowed in such a way that their munificence was forgotten in the still more happy insight the act of giving unconclously opened up to the heart of the man.

To those who were admitted to the inner sanctuary there was a warmth, a simplicity and an enthusiasm not so readily apprehended in the outer courts. There are luxuries that every man is entitled to keep to himself, to screen from the eyes of the world and when all his public benefactions have become encrusted with the course of time, there are acts of private benevolence scattered all along the pathway of this man's life of which the world had no account. "The world" had neither the means to understand nor the prescience to forecast in

them their eternity of influence.

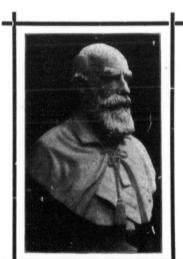
Those thirteen years of apparent barrenness in Labrador! What an object lesson do they not offer to the growing impatience of the age we live in with its epidemic of

get-rich-quick! Those thirteen years o isolation and toil were perhaps more than all others in his long life the formative years of Donald Smith's character, and they sufficiently explain all that followed.

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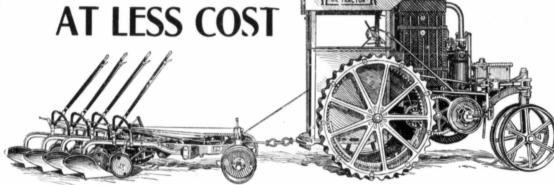
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## Horses Good but too Slow

Dear Sirs: In reply to your letter regarding my experience. I have a 25 horse power Case steam tractor and use about a ton of coal to twelve acres and about 1,500 gallons of water per We had only one man to haul water besides myself when plowing. We used two horses with the outfit, they hauled the water and coal to the engine once a day; the coal we hauled on a pile before we started to plow. We can plow for \$1.50 per acre. I can disc harrow and seed at 50c. per acre, that is double discing and seeding with one machine, and pull the drag at back of disc and seeder. I do not think a tractor is detrimental to plowed land. But we all know that the most of the plowing and breaking done in the spring is to be cropped the same year, and it is done too fast and consequently not as well done as if they were not going to crop it. We all know there is no power as good as horses when it comes to good The biggest trouble is plowing. that the horses are too slow and one would have to have so many of them and more men to do the same work that the engine and a few men can do.

Yours truly, L. O. Valkers. Lathom, Alta.

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### More Profitable than Horses

Dear Sirs: I have a 26 horse power American Abel steam engine and a 7-bottom Cochshutt gang, which I have been breaking with for the past two summers. In 1911 I broke about 100 acres and in 1912 about 300 I averaged 10 acres per day. I employed two men and a team of horses; one of the men fired and the other drew coal and We used about 150 gallons of water and about 200 pounds of coal per acre. It costs us about \$1.50 per acre.

I think that plowing by steam is more profitable than with horses.

As I have not had any experience seeding with my engine, I would like to hear others' ex-

Yours truly,

Creelman, Sask.

R. Venn.

### Gasoline the Coming Power

Dear Sirs:

I am glad to give you my experience and answer your question about the use of gas power on my farm. My engine is an International 25 H.P. type The engine gives lots of power when threshing and breaking. My separator is a Rumely 28 x 44. I threshed for 58 days and put through about 67,000 bushels of grain, mostly oats. I use between 25 and 30 gallons of gasoline and 60 gallons of water per day in threshing or plowing. My plows are the Vanslyke Brush Breaker with rods. My land is very rough and covered with brush and willows. On level

### Too High Priced

Gentlemen:

On your request. I will give you my experience with my traction engine, but I will first answer your questions.

I use a 45-22 Hart-Parr gasoline tractor, and use on an average of 65 gallons of gasoline per day of ten hours, and 45 gallons of water.

For plowing, I have one engineer and one man to handle the plows, and for threshing, seven bundle teams, one extra team, one engineer, a separator boss, one spike pitcher, two to three field pitchers, and one cook. Prairie breaking costs me on an average of \$1.80 per acre. Seedtors is that they are entirely too high priced. I paid \$2,750 cash for mine of which sum the selling agent got a commission of 40 per cent, or 1,000, which the farmer has to pay. Besides, it is no dust proof enough to make the gears last. On this account I did not use the machine for discing and seeding. Without doubt these faults will be in time eliminated, and then, when that is accomplished, the tractor may be called a modern farm horse.

When I made my report to the government of my threshing operations this fall, I had as a reward my choice of several Canadian farm papers, so I chose The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer to start March 1st. would therefore appreciate your speed indicator.

Yours truly, Robert Hansen, Castor, Alta.

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### Advocates Extension Rims on Drivers

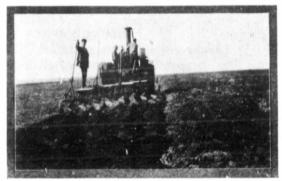
Dear Sirs:

I bought a 15-30 Rumely in the spring of 1912 to work on the farm. I have a farm of three quarter sections. I used the engine for seeding (this engine having two speeds will pull two drills at 3 miles per hour). I did not keep track of the oil used on each job. There are less stops with the engine than with horses as the grain can be piled on the drill and emptied while running I had one man on the engine and one on the drills.

I broke 100 acres in eight days of 12 to 15 hours each. I used 8 barrels of oil breaking and moving 15 miles and return. We also used about one barrel of water per day. I used four 'furrow Cockshutt gang.

In summerfallowing I used 6 discs, John Deere engine gang The engine pulled this and two sections of drags and made barely two miles per hour, low speed

We used about the same amount of oil at this job as break ing and plowed about the same amount. The plow is wider but makes less speed on the soft ground. The summer fallow is very dirty on the engine. I have two horses with the outfit when working away from home, but when at home only have them



"Plowing the deep under all canvas."

ground I can pull three 22-inch plows but on rough ground I pull two. I can break plow from six to nine acres per day, and it takes about 31/2 gallons of gasoline per acre. It was so wet last year that I did not get a chance to use it for It takes two men to plowing. It takes two men to operate the outfit, one on the engine and the other to tend the plows. I have one team to draw water and gasoline. I consider gasoline to be the coming power on the farm. I have never tried seeding with my engine, but have disced and harrowed. I can start my engine in very cold weather with very little trouble. I put gasoline in tin cans and hang one under the igniter, one under the cylinder and one at the water

I trust my experience may be of some use to you.

Yours truly,

A. Goldstrom, Hill End, Alta.

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For threshing, we used a Case 32 x 54 separator, which gave good satisfaction.

The first season we broke 700 acres, but by this time, the machine needed costly repairs, as nearly all the gears were worn out, because it was not made to protect the gears from dust, also the drive wheels were not made strong enough, the spokes breaking often, so I decided to use the machine little for traction work, but for belt work on a grain separator. For that purpose it did well, although on cold mornings we had trouble in getting it started. We overcame this difficulty by starting a fire under the machine, and using a blow torch.

Though the machine is made for oil-cooling, we used water, as that lessened the heat of the cylinder.

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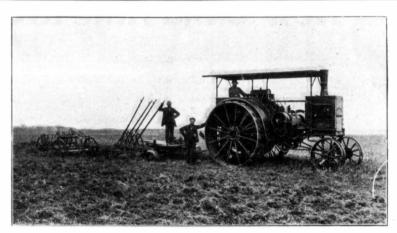
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You certainly can't afford to pass through another season with insufficient power and help. You know from experience that horses are unreliable and costly. You know that it is almost impossible to procure hired help, except at exorbitant prices. You know that each succeeding year shows an increase in your operating expenses and a reduction in your profits. These are existing conditions which confront every farmer. He, to be successful and lay away a competence for a "rainy" day, must seek a more reliable and economical way of tilling the soil.

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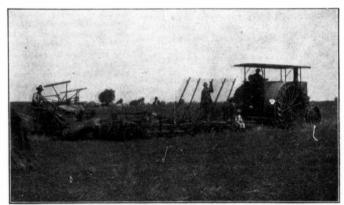
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once every two or three days to haul fuel and water.

When cutting I pulled two binders on high speed or a little better than three miles per hour. The engine would pull three binders on high speed but the grain was very heavy and tangled, that horses could hardly pull the binder through. I cut 35 acres of oats in 8 hours. The engine uses 30 or 35 gallons of kerosene per day when cutting. Oil costs 191/2 cents per gallon.

I do not consider an engine detrimental to plowed land but think if extension drivers were used the engine would travel easier and the weight would be

spread more.

I figured that it cost me about \$1.00 per acre to plow, break or summer fallow. I think an engine should be about 20 H.P. for farming as work would be done quicker with the same number of men and easier on the engine.

This year I intend to drill on low speed and cultivate the ground at the same time. It takes less horses with the engine and the work is done quicker as the engine can work longer days without rest. I estimate the cost of running engine to be about 10 cents per day, this is cash, whereas you can grow the feed for your horses and save expense.

Ernest Leng. Caron, Sask

B B B Good Investment for a Big Farm

Thave been operating a Hart-Parr gas kerosene engine rated at 60-30 H.P. In our work we have been using a Rumely separator, 34 x 56 and a P. & O. sixfurrow plow. I will say that I made one mistake in selecting equipment, that of under estimating the working power of my engine.

I believe that an engine of the above type can easily handle a 36 x 60 separator. Then our six furrow plow, while all right for breaking was much too small for stubble. We have been using about three gallons of kerosene per acre for breaking at a cost of 20c. per gallon at the Imperial Oil Company's tanks at Estevan. I try to keep three men on the job when plowing, keeping two on the outfit and one to haul oil and

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of interest, depreciation or repairs.

about my experience regarding traction work and will be only too glad to give same, if it will be of any help to my farmer and thresher friends.

The size of my engine is a 20 H.P., I.H.C. gasoline, which I consider one of the best makes because of its simplicity. One has enough to look after and repair, be it ever so simple. I use about 25 gallons of gasoline for each 10 hours hard work and probably two quarts of gas engine oil. The engine requires nearly 60 gallons of water for the same time. In the plowing season, two

to the profit of using one, I not see any profit in raising wheat at 50 cents per bushel with either engine or horses. They are both too high for a farmer. advice is for a farmer to let a engine alone unless he is a good machine man and can run his ow rig and do the most of his ow work.

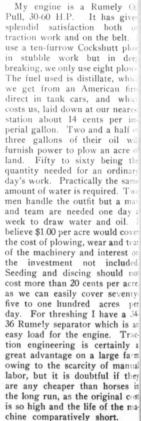
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for seeding and we think on the average farm it can be done better by horses. We did a little discing with very heavy discs and made a fine job. We double disced about 45 acres per day at the cost of 35 cents per acre.

I do not consider an engine detrimental to plowed land if the soil is in the right condition to

be worked properly.

As a general proposition I do not think the average man will get rich buying a tractor to do custom work. For the farmer who has a large farm to crop, I believe a tractor of the right kind to be a good investment.

I believe the larger type of kerosene turning engine will be found to be the most economical for a given amount of work, everything considered.

Frank D. Sutherland. Estevan, Sask

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Your letter to hand enquiring

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> I do not consider a light engine of any damage to the land it runs over, rather an advantage I think as I find where the drives wheels run over sod, the crop is better. My choice would be one with broad tires on all four wheels so as to cover as much surface as possible.

> I find that my engine does all that the company recommended it to do but I think it could be made out of better material. As

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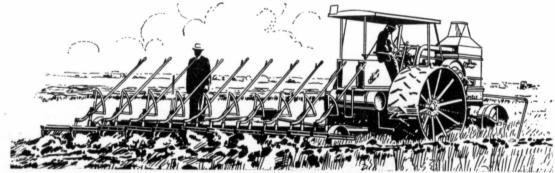
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Theory and Practice Hand in Hand

NOWLEDGE of any subject may be divided into theoretical and practical, in order to have the best acquaintance with any subject, the more of each kind we have the better we are equipped. The truly educated man recognizes this fact, but there are many so-called "practical men" who look upon the "theoretical man" with disgust, and vice versa. And yet, if all men belonged to either one or the other of these classes, it would be very difficult for either class to get along without the other. It is necessary, therefore, that the practical man who has learned what he knows from actual experience to acquire as much as he can of the theory of what he practices. It is likewise essential for the man who has learned from books the why and wherefore of this and that to get by experience some additional knowledge which cannot be secured in other ways.

I once heard of a young man in a college class who was given the dimensions of a certain gas engine and asked to figure out the size of pipe necessary to supply the engine with gas. The young student in question gave as his result, a 1½ inch pipe. The professor in charge claimed that 1½ inch pipe would be sufficient, but was met by the answer: "Where will you get your 1½ inch pipe? Standard pipe is made 1 inch, and the next large is 1¼ inch."

Experience is, no doubt, an efficient, but wearisome, and oftentimes, a costly teacher, and sometimes from the experience of others we can learn a great deal. Oftentimes facts stick in our minds and are called to mind when needed, when the bare statements of the principles they illustrate would never be thought of. Sometimes these practical experience of others will save one a great deal of both time and money, and they are, therefore, often worth remembering.

When an engine fails to explode its charge, there may be any of several causes for it, among which is the failure of the igniter to work. This also may be due to several things, and it is usual in testing for the cause to place together the wires from the battery and see if they make a good spark when separated. If they do, we know that the battery is all right. The next step is to learn if we get a spark inside the cylinder. Most engines are provided with a small hole near the igniter points, and in this hole a plug is screwed. The plug may be removed to clean points or test for a spark. Several years ago an engine was being 

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tested in this way. The engineer called to a man nearby to see if the gas was turned off. The man reported that it was, and the engineer snapped the igniter, at the same time peeping into the hole to see if there was a spark. At that instant there was an explosion in the cylinder, and, of course, the flame blew out through the peephole into the engineer's face. That he was not rendered totally blind was only a miracle. As it was, he was taken to a hospital, where it was two weeks before he could see at all. As for the cause of the explosion, it was never known just what caused it, whether there was in the cylinder a charge of gas, which had not been exploded after the gas was turned off, or whether the person who stated attempt to lool for the spark, and when you do look, keep your face some distance away from the hole and a little to one side, or else use a mirror to reflect the spark. While these may seem to be rather extraordinary precautions, nothing should be overlooked unless one wishes to run the chance of losing both his eyes.

A somewhat similar accident was told to me by an expert from a gasoline engine factory. He had been sent to locate and correct some reported difficulties in an engine. These were soon fixed all right, but the people had been using a self starter to operate the engine, and found that it was just as easy and a little less trouble, to start it without the self starter. They, therefore,



A good bit of hard practice.

mistaken. Or, possibly, the gas cock was accidently opened, even if it was closed at the time the that the gas was turned off was gas was reported as shut off. Since the first case of this kind that came to my attention, I have heard of several others, although none resulted so seriously.

In making this test on the igniter, it is well to bear in mind the old saying: "If you wish a thing done well, do it yourself." First see that the supply of gas or gasoline is shut off from the engine. Then turn the engine over several times and operate igniter so as to explode any charge which may be in the cylinder. It is also a good idea to turn the engine over once or twice with the valves and cocks open so as to blow out any charge which may be in the cylinder, for the igniter may not work for several times, and then, just at the moment you happen to be looking in for the spark, it may ignite the charge. As a further safeguard, operate the igniter several times before you

asked the expert if he would disconnect the engine and starter. They were exceedingly busy and did not wish to be out of the use of the engine any longer than necessary, especially as they had been shut down for several days already. The expert told them that he could easy disconnect them without stopping the engine, and proceeded to do so. There was a pipe leading from the compressed air tank to the engine cylinder. All that was necessary was to disconnect this and put a plug in its place. This could easily be done by throwing out the switch in the battery circuit, when the engine would run without exploding for several revolutions, during which time the pipe could be unscrewed and a plug put in. Then the switch could be thrown in and the engine would begin to explode the charges, not having lost more than two or three impulses, so that it would soon be up to speed again.

But again, "If you wish a thing done well, do it yourself." Everything was ready. The expert

was at the engine with a pipe wrench, plug, etc. A man stood at the switch, and at the word through out the circuit. The pipe was unscrewed and the plug was just going in when the engine fired. The switch had fallen back into contact and completed the circuit. The expert's hands went "chunk" into a bucket of oil that happened to be standing near. A doctor was summoned and dressed the hands, but it was several weeks before they were of much use to their owner.

Sometimes troubles with gas engines occur in a place where the cause is seldom looked for because the trouble may have come about gradually and seem to be due to other things. For instance, when an engine heats too much there are several things which may be the cause of it, and yet one of them often escapes the mind of the operator. A steam engineer usually uses some kind of boiler compound to prevent deposits in the boiler, a gas engineer often overlooks the fact that these same causes may occur in the water jacket of the engine.

In one case an engine was reported as heating a great deal more than it had formerly done. When the expert examined the engine he found the lower portion of the jacket space practically filled with mud, lime, etc., which had baked hard. Of course it had taken several years for this to occur, but as the result of it the water did very little good and the engine became very hot. In another case, while the jacket space had not become so completely filled up, the space around the inlet pipe had become pretty well clogged up, so that the water supply was choked down and the engine heated too much.

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These jacket spaces should be thoroughly cleaned out about once a year, depending on the nature of the water used, if the tank is used, and the same water circulates through the engine over and over, a boiler compound may be used or rain water instead of water containing lime and other substances which will deposit. This will prevent the trouble to a large extent.

Sometimes the cause of trouble seems to be rather ludicrous when the explanation is known. When large engines are placed in office buildings, it is usual to draw air from outdoors through a pipe instead of from the engine room, as the sound of the suction is then reduced and is then not annoying. In one case an engine was so arranged, and the end of the air pipe was just outside "e building about ten feet from the ground. Some street urchin happened to hear the noise of the air being drawn in ! 4

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and began to throw his cap up towards the end of the pipe, and was amusing himself by seeing the cap suddenly diverted from its course by the air going into the pipe, but once the cap went too near the pipe and was sucked into it, and, of course, shut off practically all of the air supply causing the engine to stop.

If the boy had not wanted his cap back the engineer might have hunted a long time before he discovered the cause of the trouble. But caps are not to be thrown away by street arabs, and so he went into the building to inquire as to how he could get his cap back. This, at once, may claim the cause of the engine stopping. After trying in vain to blow the cap out by exploding a charge in the engine and holding the air valve open, the pipe was finally taken down and the cause of the trouble restored to its Since then I have owner. noticed a wire screen is placed over the end of this pipe.

Frequently we are inclined to laugh at the mistakes of others, and say that if that particular trouble happened to our engine, we would not be long in finding it. But this is not always a safe position to take, as the following incident will show: A gasoline salesman went to see one of his

engines, which was reported by the owner to be giving him continual trouble. He found that the real cause was that the man that was employed as engineer did not seem to be able to understand the engine at all, and as a result it easily got out of adjustment, and so on.

After making some slight adjustments and cleaning up the engine, the salesman proceeded to give the engineer some instructions in the presence of the He illustrated trivial owner. causes of trouble by relating an experience he had had two days before, when he went to find what was the matter with another engine. He found that the engineer in wiping up the engine had allowed a string of waste to get fastened to the gasoline feed, and it had lodged in such a position that it practically cut off the supply of gasoline. When the waste was removed the engine started off at once with no further trouble.

The engineer to whom the incident was being related, said, "Well, I'm not that dumb anyway; I'll bet I'd have found it." Soon after he went out of the engine room and the salesman placed a piece of waste in the feed just as he had described. When the engineer returned the

engine was evidently in trouble, and his face seemed to say, "I told you so; you think the whole trouble is with me, but I know it is the engine."

The salesman refused to look for the cause of the trouble, as he said he wanted to see how the engineer went about looking for the cause of the trouble. After some fifteen or twenty minutes of vain endeavor, the engineer inally gave up. When the salesman went up to the engine and picked out the waste, it, of course, made the engineer angry, as he thought a trick had been played on him. Nevertheless it showed that he was unable to locate the slightest trouble with the engine.

The greatest trouble with en-

they do not have any idea as to how the engine works and what its various parts are for. They can start it or stop it, but when trouble comes, they are not sufficiently acquainted with the theoretical part of the engine to understand where to look for the trouble. Many of them will see that the spark was all right, but forget to see whether the engire is getting gas or gasoline. Others will see to the fuel supply and forget that if their muffler is choked up the burned gases cannot escape. Still others test the engine for compression, but forget that a spark is necessary.

When an engine gives trouble, unless it is very apparent that the cause is in some particular part, it is well for the engineer to have some one method of going

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## PRACTICAL TALKS TO THRESHERMEN

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Note.-The term "gas engine" in these lessons will be used indiscriminately in speaking about all internal combustion engines.

I N the case of a steam engine when the operator reverse the machine he merely reverses the direction of the motor. This is easy enough to do because all that is necessary is to

In the case of a steam engine when the operator wishes to reverse the machine he merely reverses the direction of the motor. This is easy enough to do because all that is necessary is to change the time of the opening and closing of the valves by shifting the mechanism which operates them. It might seem to one not versed in the intricacies of the gas engine that it would be just as easy to devise a mechanism which could change the time of opening of the inlet and exhaust valves and the instant of igniting the spark as it is to shift the motion of the valve in a steam engine and thus reverse the motion of the engine itself. It would seem as though this might easily be done but the problem presents so many difficulties that it is seldom attempted. Theoretically, it is easy enough. All that is necessary is to cut off the fuel, let the engine slow down and then shift the mechanism, consisting of cams or gears, until the valves open at the right time for the reverse motion. The matter of changing the spark is simple and easy to arrange, but not so with the valve mechanism, though it has been attempted with some of the large sized four cycle marine engines. It is possible to devise a reversing mechanism for any gas engine but not easy to make one that will be certain in action and durable, because of the heavy

versible gas engine is that in order to be reversed the load must be thrown off because at low speeds it has little power and would stop, whereas if the reversing is done by means of gearing it may be accomplished machinery or vehicles driven by gas engines by means of gearing. There are several different

ways of changing the direction of motion of a tractor or other machine driven by a gas engine, among which we have, first,

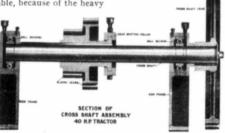
OUTER HALF CLUTCH LEVER CRANK BEARING CAR **BELT PULLEY** PLANETARY PINION AND CLUTCH WHEEL PLANETARY REVERSE FOR 40 H.P TRACTOR Fig. 189

almost instantly and under the full power of the engine. Since in almost every position where a reverse motion is used it must be instantly available, and as this cannot be obtained as we have seen with a reversible gas engine it follows that no great efforts have been expended in inventing reversible valve and ignition

mechanism On traction engines a quick acting reverse motion with the

sliding gears; second, planetary gears; third, friction transmis-sion. These three types of reversing gears are all used on traction engines. The first named is the one most commonly adopted just as it is for automobiles. Several reverses of this type have been described and illustrated in the preceding lessons, so now we shall proceed to a description of the second or planetary reverse gear. To do this we shall describe in detail the type of planetary gear used on the Hart-Parr line of tractors. Automobile gears of this type differ somewhat in details of construction from the one we shall describe but the principle of designing combinations of gent ing of this kind in which one or more gears travel around a central gear.

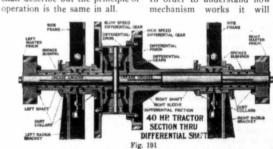
The planetary gear is a little to explain than the sliding gear transmission, and so we shall have to refer very frequently to figure 189, in order to obtain a clear understanding of its operation The names of the principal parts are all clearly marked on the drawing. The first thing to be observed, is that the planetary gear is mounted on the engine crank shaft since this is the source of the power which is to be transmittted to different parts of the system. The central unit of this aggregation of parts is the clutch wheel which is securely keyed to the engine shaft and revolves with it. Surrounding the clutch wheel there is a pulley made up of an outer and an in ner half bolted together and carrying on the side next to the engine the engine shaft gear. On the back of the clutch wheel and bolted thereto will be found the planetary gear which also revolves with the engine shaft. To the left of the planetary gear will be found the planetary arm which is keyed to the friction disc sleeve which in turn is free on the engine shaft. On the ends of the planetary arm there are two gudgeons each of which cara planetary pinion which meshes with the planetary gear Surrounding the two planetary pinions and meshing therewith may be observed an internal gear which forms a part of the inner half pulley. There are thus four gears in mesh the central planetary gear the two planetary pinions on either side and the in ternal gear surrounding the three In order to understand how the



loads, vibration and wear to which it is exposed and the necessity for very accurate timing of all the movements. Small two cycle engines used for marine work are usually made reversible by merely changing the time of ignition. There are no valves to shift and the operation is very simple.

One serious objection to a re-

full power of the engine is a necessity, as there are many occasions for backing up to hitch to a load, to turn around or to escape danger. It would never do to have a slow acting mechan-The same is true of ism. hoisting engines, marine engines and many other kinds of engines. All of this being true, reversing is accomplished in the case of



The term planetary gear derives its name from the fact that the outer gears travel around a central gear like the earth does around the sun. Sometimes the term elliptic gearing is used in

necessary to keep the relationships of the different parts clearly in mind as follows:

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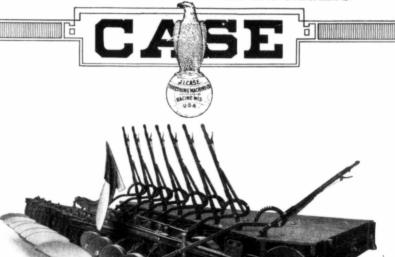
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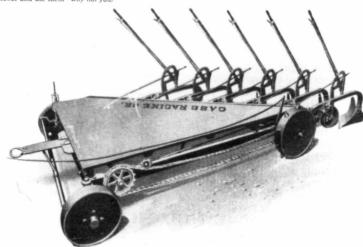
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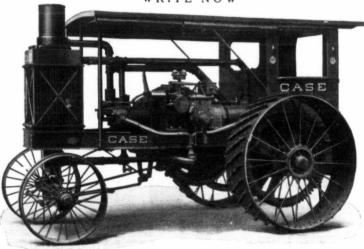


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G.A. 1. I ran a twentyfive horse power engine for a couple of days this fall in threshing. It acted rather queerly at times when pulling in the belt. The governor valve seemed to stick-it would jump up and down at every revolution of the fly wheel, cutting off the steam only on one side. The engine was equipped with a Waters governor, and to all outward appearances it seemed all right in every way. There was something the matter with the valve stem or stuffing box, and the belts and pulleys were all in good shape. When moving, the governor seemed to work all right, but when threshing the only way I could manage was to partly close the throttle. What do you suggest as a remedy?

2. Will this rule always hold good with the Woolf single eccentric reverse gear? "When the engine is on dead center and the eccentric is properly set, moving the reverse lever from one end of the quadrant to the other will not

move the slide valve.

A. The governor is certainly not acting right. There are a number of things which may be wrong and which would cause it to act in the manner described. The first thing that occurs to us is that the belt may be a little too loose or, what is even more likely, that it is oil soaked and This is a fruitful cause of trouble and one that has occurred many times in the field. It may be also that there is a tooth out of one of the beveled gears or the gear itself may be loose on the shaft. There may be a nick in the valve stem or a drop of paint or it may oe slightly bent. If you will look into the matter carefully we are sure you will find the trouble at one of these points.

2. As a general rule the quotation which you refer to is correct, but unfortunately there are a number of Woolf valve kears which are not designed exactly in accordance with this principle, and there may be a very slight movement. We do not hesitate to say, however, that this should exced one-sixteenth of an inch and in general, there should be no movement at all. The engine, however, must be placed exactly on dead center, and this can only be accomplished by using the trams and by careful measurement.

Q. P.S. 1. Does it do the flues any harm if water is allowed to remain in the boiler all summer?

2. Does it do the flues any harm if, when burning straw, the straw chute is allowed to become empty once in a while? I have had a considerable amount of trouble with the flues during the past fall. The engine is only twenty horse power, and it has to work very hard to handle the 36 x 60 separator. Would working the engine hard have any tendency to make the flues leak?

A. It is not good practice to allow water to remain in the boiler all summer. There will be considerable corrosion at the surface of the water. If the boiler could be kept full and some soda were put in the water there would be no trouble, but this is something that few threshermen will do. and, furthermore, the boiler is liable to leak slowly and let some of the water escape. We prefer to drain all of the water off the boiler and then store in a dry place. One of the best ways is to let the water all out when there is a pound or two of steam pressure. The heat left in the boiler plate will evaporate all the water and leave the inside of the boiler perfectly dry. The hand hole plates should be removed and the boiler left open during the time it is not in use.

2. It is very harmful to the flues to allow the straw chute to become empty, because cold air will be drawn in, which, striking the flues, will cause them to contract quickly and leak. This is one of the most fruitful causes of the leaking of flues. The fact that your engine works very hard made it necessary to maintain a heavy fire and heavy draft, and that also is a cause for the leaking of flues.

Q. P. 1. Will it make any material difference in the distribution of the steam in a Woolf reverse engine if the position of the main shaft is slightly altered in the boxes, provided it is in correct alignment? What is meant by the term guide pivot as applied to Woolf reverse engines?

2. Why do some engines require heavier fly wheels than others of the same size? Do not single cylinder engines require

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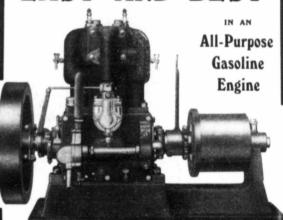
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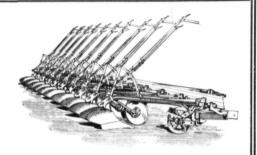
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especially true of a state during the period of its pioneer development. But as every section of our great country at some period has experienced pioneer conditions, the evil effects of exploitation are everywhere more or less apparent. And what is worse, the habit of wastefulness thus contracted is most difficult to restrain or overcome.

As population swept westward across the continent, the virgin soils were everywhere exploited with sinful prodigality. Like a swarm of locusts that devour and spare not, so the pioneer took no thought for the future. In most instances, he could not. Conservation was out of the question. He had to support his family as best he could. Hence, how to get the most out of the soil in the briefest time and with least effort became a logical characteristic of the American pioneer, even before the Alleghanies were crossed or the Western prairies were discovered.

### Not Yet Self-Sustaining

It may safely be asserted that the age of economic agriculture has not yet fully dawned upon the American continent. Indeed, it may safely be asserted that a permanent self-sustaining system of agriculture has not been established in any country. The marked advance in cereal production made in Germany, Holland, Belgium and Denmark by means of applied fertility cannot be considered conclusive or self-sustaining, for the reason that much of the fertilizing material they employ on their farms is imported from other countries. They maintain the fertility of their soils at the expense of other and less provident nations, of which the United States cannot be excepted.

Chili is robbed of her potassium nitrate beds to enrich the fields of the European farmer. South Sea Islands contribute thousands of tons of bird guano to maintain the fertility of English and continental soils. Moreover shiploads of linseed and cotton seed oil meal are annually imported into European countries which, together with the bran and shorts made from the large volume of wheat annually imported by those countries and all fed to beef and dairy animals, produces a prodigious amount of the choicest and most active fertilizing agents with which European and English farmers maintain, at least temporarily, the fertility of their lands.

The United States contributes a very large proportion of the live stock food just mentioned, and to the positive detriment of our country. No single state contributes a larger share than North

Dakota, for our principal exports are wheat and flax seed. Every bushel of grain we export of wheat, flax or of any other cereal, whether sent to Europe or only across the state boundary, means an ultimate loss to the state by the commercial value of the fertilizing material it contains. This annual loss of fertility cannot be wholly checked, nor is it necessary that it should. We should, however, practice such systems of farm management as will, as nearly as possible, annually restore to the soil the equivalent of what each crop takes out of it. For the intrinsic value of any agricultural land depends, almost entirely, other things being equal, upon the available fertility it con-

If a large quantity of plant food is withdrawn by the cereal crops and a nearly equal amount is restored again by keeping live stock on the farm, many, many years must elapse before the depletion of fertility will visibly diminish the yield of crops. Not so, however, if large drafts are annually made upon the fertility of the soil, as is the case where exclusive wheat, corn or cotton farming is practiced, and nothing returned to it.

### Some Startling Figures

When we come to scientifically estimate the value of soil constituents which a crop mines from the soil, the figures, to say the least, are startling.

According to the very best authority one acre producing 20 bushels of wheat, including the straw, mines from the soil:

Four-four pounds of potash, worth 5 cents per pound, \$2.20.

Twenty pounds of phosphoric acid, worth 4 cents per pound, 80c.

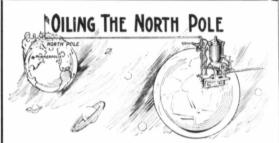
Forty-two pounds of nitrogen, worth 15 cents per pound, \$6.30. This makes a total of \$9.30 per

acre, or 46½ cents per bushel. As a matter of fact, these items are never taken into account; but in the long run, they cannot be evaded. They are related as essentially to correct farm book-keeping as the farmer's check book is related to his bank account.

Where the wheat is shipped out of the state and the straw burned —which is largely true of both our wheat and straw—it should not require much mathematics to determine whether the average farmer, after making due allowance for cost of production, is getting the commercial value of his plant food, to say nothing of making a legitimate profit.

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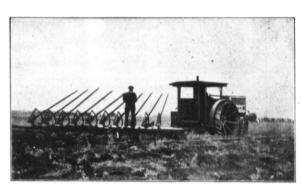
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less than the full market value of the material the crop takes out of the soil, and a reasonable profit besides. To this value, moreover, the farmer must add labor, cost of production, interest on investment, cost of marketing, depreciation, etc., which, according to the United States department of agriculture's estimate for land worth less than \$50 an acre, is 58 cents per bushel for wheat.

This brings the cost of a bushel of wheat (including the commercial value of the constituents removed from the soil) up to \$1.04½.

If, however, the straw is converted into manure and returned to the field, the equivalent of 23½ cents per bushel goes with it, back to the soil, which lessens the cost of a bushel of wheat by that amount, or reduces its intrinsic cost to 81 cents. If the bran and shorts also were fed to live stock on the farm and the manure applied to the land, the cost of the bushel of wheat would be lowered still further, by probably 15 cents, making a bushel of wheat cost approximately 66 cents.

On the other hand, where the bran and shorts are not fed to live stock on the farm, but exported, and the straw is not converted into manure, but burned instead, the farmer must estimate his absolute profits by what he receives for his wheat above \$1.041/2 per bushel-which is nil. Instead, he produces at a positive loss, when he takes into account overhead expenses or the value of the fertilizing constituents which the wheat mines out of the soil. And this he should do. There is no other fair way to reckon the actual cost of a bushel of wheat. The mere fact that owing to its providential abundance, we may draw upon the fertility of the soil for many years without replacing it, is masquerading under false colors; it is flaunting present prosperity by discounting the No more can a man withdraw valuable constituents regularly from the soil without making due compensation in the form of manure than he can preserve his credit at the bank without compensating it for the checks he issues against it.

### Millions Lost in a Single State

Assuming then, that 46½ cents per bushel represents the commercial value of the nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash which every bushel of wheat takes from the soil and carries with it to some foreign market—carries it away, never to return—then the account stands thus:

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volve as it does. It also carries the planetary gear.

2. The pulley and engine shaft gear are bolted together and revolve freely on the sleeve of the reverse friction disc.

3. The reverse friction disc and the planetary arm are keyed together but are free to turn on the engine sheft.

With these relationships fixed in mind let us now see how the device operates to run the tractor forward or backward at the will of the operator. We will first look at how it works when the belt pulley is traveling forward or in the same direction as the drive wheels. The shifter spider will be shoved in and the clutch shoes set as shown in the figure. It will be noted that the clutch levers are bolted to the belt pulley, hence when the shoes are locked against the clutch wheel both it and the belt pulley, together with the engine shaft gear, must all revolve together. The latter gear is in mesh with the train of gears leading to the drive wheels, hence the tractor moves forward. The forward movement of the belt pulley carries with it the planetary arm and pinions, and these in turn cause the reverse friction disc also to revolve. Thus it will be seen that when the tractor is in its forward road motion all parts of the planetary gear revolve as one.

Now let us see what happens when we throw in the reverse. The same lever that throws the shifter spider in and locks the clutch levers against the clutch wheel, when moved in the opposite direction, releases the clutch wheel and permits it to revolve independently of the belt pulley. An instant after the clutch levers are unclamped a pair of friction blocks, not shown in the figure, and operated by the same lever, clamp the reverse friction disc to the truck frame. This holds the planetary arm stationary. The planetary gear revolves forward with the engine shaft and being in mesh with the planetary pinions causes them to revolve, but in the opposite direction. These pinions are in mesh with the internal gear in the rim of the belt pulley and cause it to revolve in the same direction or in a direction opposite to the engine shaft. This also carries the engine shaft gear backward and reverses the trac-

The operation of changing from forward motion to reverse is very simple. There is only one control lever. When it is pushed as far forward as it will go, the drivers will move forward; when clear back, the drivers are reversed.

When the controlling lever is

in its neutral or middle position both the clutch wheel and the reverse friction disc are unclamped. The belt pulley is not compelled to revolve with the engine shaft and the reverse disc and planetary arm are free to revolve. The planetary gear still drives the planetary pinions and they continue to revolve around inside of the belt pulley but without causing it to move.

To show how the belt pulley is made to revolve without moving the drive wheels, it will be necessary now to refer to figures 190 and 191. The former is a sectional view of the cross shaft and its gears. The large cross shaft gear is keyed to the cross shaft. It is also in mesh with and revolves with the engine shaft gear, figure 189. In the middle of the cross shaft and secured thereto by means of a feather key are a pair of sliding gears which mesh with either the high speed or the slow speed differential gears shown in figure 191, thus providing two road speeds forward and two reverse. If, however, the sliding gears are set in neutral position so that they mesh with neither of the differential gears, then the cross shaft will revolve, the belt pulley will revolve but the tractor itself will stand still.

A planetary gear of this type combines both clutch and reverse and gives the operator very complete control of his machine. The reverse lever can be moved over to set the clamps only slightly, providing for slippage and a slow movement of the drivers or they may be set hard, utilizing the full speed and power of the drivers. A very flexible system of control is thus provided

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## Course in Gas Engineering

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## Quo Vadis

WHITHER goest thou, O World? Are things getting better or worse?
"Worse!" says the chronic pessimist. "Children are lawless, crime abounds, religion wanes, politics are corrupt, business methods are unchristian, society has gone pleasure mad, poets are without vision, and for years no prophet has appeared—worse!" But I turn over the page of history, and comparing George I with George V, I read: "England, in the reigns of George I and George II, was a sink of iniquity. George I imprisoned his wife for thirty-two years without trial or proper hearing. He was a drunken, besotted monarch, utterly wanting in knowledge of or sympathy with the best of England. He detested his own son, saying, 'He is the greatest ass, the own son, saying. He is the greatest ass, the greatest liar, the greatest brute in the world, and I well wish he were out of it." But he was no worse than many of the Court. Drunkenness, licentiousness, brawling—."

### Hold Your Tongue

As a rule, you will never be sorry for the things you don't say. In polities the available man is very often the man without a record—that is, the man who has said little and written less. He is a wise man who can talk a great deal and not entangle himself. The silent man is always a mastery to his The silent man is always a mystery to his enemy. The man whose lips are closed keeps enemy. The man whose lips are closed keeps the enemy guessing. Of course, it is possible to say much and divulge little—the man who can do that is a diplomat. A certain historian remarks concerning John Quincy Adams:—"While he was President, his party, that of the Federalists, was ruined. He served but one term, and was succeeded by his great rivel Thomas lefteren.

rival, Thomas Jefferson.

"The night before the inauguration of Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Adams left the city of Washington. On reaching an inn, a short distance from Baltimore, it is said, he noticed a portrait of Washington, hanging in the public room. Walking up to it, and placing his fingers on his lips, he exclaimed:—

'If I had kept my lips as close as that man, I should now be President of the United

### Go To Church

ARE you a business man? Go to church A RE you a business man? Go to church.

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## Good Nature

GOOD nature is better than pollsn. Good nature is better than culture. Good nature is better than style. Good nature, which is real good, is the friend of morality and next door neighbor to religion. If I can be persuaded that a man is "sound at heart" I will reachen that which is neculiar and eccen-OOD nature is better than polish. Good I will pardon that which is peculiar and eccentric in his character. Samuel Johnson was rough, impatient and imperial in the manifestations of his wrath; but his biographer says: "It must not be forgotten that at the same time he could be very tender—women who knew him bore witness to that—and was the soul of generosity. His house became an asylum of refuge for the strangest imaginable collection of poor dependents. At one time he harboured in it two poor old ladies (one of them blind) the daughter of one of these, another reduced gentlewoman,' and a rather disreputable old quack doctor. They presumed grossly on Johnson's goodness and frequently made his own house unbearable to him; but he bore it all for the sake of being able to help them. Two pleasant traits recorded of him are his love for children, and his so icitude for his favourite cat."

## Letter Writing

BE careful what you write. A letter is a document. It can be filed It can be published. It can be photographed. It can be held as a bit of evidence. It can be shaken in your face by an angry orator. It can be held over you as a threat. Be careful of your mood when you write. A famous American divine once said:—"When at some injustice inflicted upon you, or some insult offered to or some wrong done, the best thing for you say is to say nothing, and the best thing for you to write is to write nothing; if the meanness done you is unbearable, or you must express yourself or die, then I commen a plan that I have once or twice successfully addented. Take a cheet of practs. adopted. Take a sheet of paper. Date it a your home or office. Then put the wrongdoer name at the head of the letter-page, without any prefix of 'Colonel', or suffix of 'D.D'. and begin with no term of courtesy, but a bold and abrupt 'Sir'. Then follow it with a statement of the wrong he has done you, and of the indignation you have felt. Put into it the strongest terms of execration you can employ without being profane. Sign your name to the red-hot epistle. Fold it. Envelope it Direct it plainly to the man who has done you wrong. Carry the letter a week, or two weeks wrong. Carry the letter a week, or two weeks if need be, and then destroy it. In Gods name, destroy it!

### Old Furniture

ENTERED the home of a millionair some years ago and gazed on such a collection of old family photographs, weather worn carpets, disjointed chairs, out-of-date mottoes, and dismantled gas fixtures as would have made a prospecting junk dealer chucks with hope, and I muttered to m.self, "Cas without culture, money without manners, and things without thoughts." Relatives of a pas things without thoughts." Relatives of a past generation looked down from the walls through photographs which were ghostly and frame which were ghastly. Heavens! what a collection of worthless brica-brac. Remember the words of William Morris:—"Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be either useful or beautiful."

## Brains and Business

QUALITY is produced by forces which are invisible. The engine room and the are invisible. The engine room and the power house are comparatively quiet in the operations. The quietest spot in a manianatomy is his brain. Thought is silent subtle and invisible, but well nigh all powerful The man who thinks the clearest is king and conqueror in the realm of human achievement Everything depends on how much "brains a man puts into his work. Dr. Hillis says a his book, entitled, "The Investment of In "brains fluence" (a great book, by the way):—"Mille bought a yard of canvas for one franc, pail two more francs for a hair brush and some colors; upon this canvas he spread his genius giving us 'The Angelus.' The original investment in raw material was 60 cents; his in telligence gave that raw material a value of \$105,000."

### Character

THERE is nothing like a good character It is the rose among flowers, the diamond among stones, Venus among the stars of the evening, the lion among animals, Mont Bland among the everlasting hills, the Mississipp among the rivers of the earth, the Bible among books, and approaches the proportions of that one who is spoken of as the Perfect Man Character! Prof. Henry Drummond, whot the students called "the prince," possessed character. When an artisan of Possil Pan was dying, his wife knocked hurriedly at Drummond's door late one Saturday night and begged him to come at once to her house, ing, "My husband is deein', sir; he's no able to speak to you, and he's no able to hear you and I dinna ken as he can see you; but I would like him to hae a breath o' you about him afore he dees.

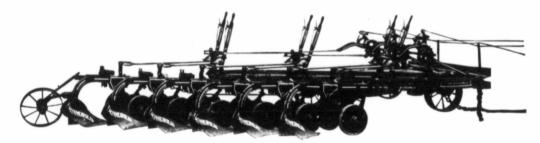
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## Land Farming

By PROFESSOR THOS. SHAW

Address delivered at the Canada Land and Apple Show, 15th October 1913

HE question of Dry Land Farming is one of great moment to the world, and for the reason that more than half the tillable area of the world if tilled at all must be tilled on the dry land plan, that is, by the methods that must be followed if the farming is to succeed.

In the Western United States are no fewer than 300,000,000 acres of tillable land that never can be farmed successfully by any other plan. In Western Canada it would seem safe to say that dry land methods may be applied in whole or in part to no fewer than 100,000,000 acres. From what has been said the importance of this question will be at once apparent

### What is Meant by Dry Land Farming?

It means farming under conditions where the rainfall is not enough to produce crops by the ordinary methods of tillage. It means the adoption and practice of methods that must be followed if crops are to be successfully grown. It also means the growing of such crops only as are adapted to dry conditions. It must not be concluded that the crops are the same under all conditions, nor, that the methods of growing them are the same, for they vary with the conditions, but the fundamental principles by which they are grown are essentially the same.

### Precipitation and Crop Production

The question naturally arises as to how low the precipitation must descend before it is necessary to farm by dry land methods in whole or in part? It may be answered as follows: Lands with regard to precipitation may be classed as arid, semi-arid, subhumid and humid. A country may be classed as arid when the annual precipitation is not more than nine inches.

It may not be true that it is impossible to grow a paying crop on less than that amount of precipitation, but it is usually true. Arid lands can only be tilled successfully when irrigating waters are present. A country is semi-arid when the precipitation runs from, say 9 to 18 inches in a year. The precipitation may so vary as to render it arid some seasons and sub-humid other seasons, but ordinarily the conditions are such that it will produce paying crops

where dry land methods of farming are practised.

A country is sub-hamid when the precipitation runs from say 18 to 27 inches. Crops may be grown under such conditions without resorting to dry land methods, but these methods followed in part may be very helpful some seasons. Lands are humid when the precipitation is more than 27 inches. In humid climates water is frequently present in excess in the soil.

## Influences That Affect Aridity

Aridity is not by any means the result only of a shortage in the precipitation. It is also influenced by the character of the precipitation, by the season at which it falls and by the influences that effect evaporation and leaching.

In arid and semi-arid countries the precipitation comes betimes in dashes, insomuch that much of it runs away rather than going into the soil. In some instances the bulk of it falls in the months when growth is not much present. When this happens it cannot be utilized as it would be of it came chiefly in the season of growth. Evaporation is much more rapid in some areas than in others, hence in the former the rain that falls does not go so far, and this also is true of soils that are over leachy.

### Fundamental Principles in Dry Farming

The fundamental principles underlying dry farming include the following: (1) Open up the soil so that moisture may enter it. (2) Hold the moisture that enters to the greatest extent practicable until it supplies the need of the crop. (3) Adjust the quantities of seed sown to the moisture that may be present or that may be expected to fall under average conditions; (4) Grow such crops as have shown themselves to be more than ordinarily drought resistent. (5) Do not try to grow crops more frequently than the normal conditions as the moisture will admit of.

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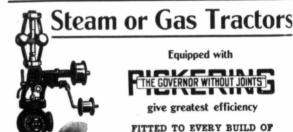
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Theoretically the more deeply the land is broken the better. But to this there may be the two objections, first, breaking beyond a certain depth is costly, and second, that it may not be best in all instances for the first crop or even for the first crops. It is usually considered better to plow to a reasonable depth at first, say 6 inches, and to deepen the plawing gradually. Shallow breaking, say to the depth of only 3 to 4 ins. has led to much crop failure in dry areas,

The best time for breaking in all areas is when the soil has the largest amount of moisture in it. This in nearly all areas north of, say Wyoming, and east from the Rocky Mountains, is the months of April, May and June. In the inter-mountain States it is considerably earlier. If the land is fallowed the first season on judicious lines, the moisture will go downward to the depth of say 2½ to 4 feet the first season.

If cropped with grain, the first season, the moisture will all be absorbed by the grain. When the land is fallowed subsequently, the aim should be to plow as in the case of the breaking when it is moist. In many instances it is better to plow the land in the autumn if sufficiently moist rather than in the spring. The exceptions are where the soils blow badly and where the frost does not penetrate far enough to hinder blowing in the early spring. When it is improbable that the land wiill be plowed in the fall, the aim should be to disc it soon after harvest, that any moisture falling may penetrate it more easily. This plan is good even though it should be plowed subsequently the same season.

## Holding the Moisture That Falls

One chief reason for plowing when the land is moist is, that the work may then be done most easil. A second reason is, that it furnishes the opportunity to conserve moisture. If the soil is devoid of moisture when it is plowed, of course it cannot be conserved. Unless when the weather is moist, summer fallow land should be packed and harrowed the day that it is plowed.

Usually the ordinary disc properly used will pack it sufficiently,

but on very light soils some other form of packer may be better. The harrow that follows will make a dust mulch, and as long as this is maintained, much of the moisture from below will be prevented from escaping. Should rain go down through the soil mulch, the ground should be harrowed when it is drying to renew the mulch.

When corn for fodder or other uses is grown, or potatoes or any crop that calls for cultivation while it is growing, the moisture will be conserved by the cultivation. It is different, however, with a grain crop. It cannot be cultivated during the period while it is growing. It will usually be profited by harrowing just when the points of the grain first begin to appear, and again when the grain is say 5 to 6 inches high.

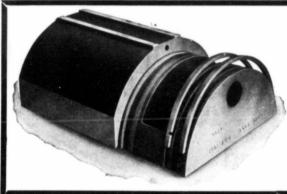
## Adjusting Seed to Moisture

The quantities of seed to sow in dry areas are much less than would be required in humid areas. In the former grain stools much more. If too many plants occupy the ground for the moisture present, there will not be enough to perfect the plants, hence all the crop will be on a supply so short as to hinder it from being perfected. The yield, therefore, cannot be large.

While conditions may and will call for variations in the amounts that should be sown, the amounts now submitted may be taken as averages. These are as follows: Winter wheat 3 pecks, spring wheat of the fife, marquis or blue stem varieties 3 pecks, Durum spring wheat 4 pecks, winter and spring rye 5 pecks, oats and barley 4 pecks each by measure, pease 5 pecks, speltz 5 pecks, flax 11/2 pecks, alfalfa 5 to 6 pounds when all the ground is occupied, and 2 pounds when the alfalfa is drilled in rows 36 inches apart. Corn and potatoes are usually best planted in squares 42 inches apart, as then the cultivation conserves the moisture more perfect-

Crops Adapted to Dry Conditions

The crops that may be sown in the autumn are the most suitable among grain crops for dry land conditions. These include winter wheat, winter rye, and where the winters are not too severe, winter barley and winter speltz. Where these grains come through the winter safely, they have the great advantage of ripening as a rule before the weather becomes severely dry. Of all the grain crops grown, winter rye will best stand adverse conditions, but it does not yield as much profit as wheat. Among winter wheats



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Flax will stand conditions more dry than any other spring grain. It usually grows well on newly broken land, but when grown as the first crop it usually leaves the land without moisture in both the soil and subsoil. Potatoes and artichokes are both relatively well adapted to dry conditions and the same is true of corn. In northern areas it is only grown for fodder. Among the clovers alfalfa is by far the best, and next to it is probably sweet clover. The conditions are too dry to meet the needs of other clovers and also to meet the needs of a considerable number of the tame grasses in good form.

### Avoid Growing Crops Too Frequently

The attempt to grow grain crops every year on the same land will not succeed in dry areas, and for the reason that enough moisture cannot be secured to accomplish this. The frequency with which they may be grown will depend largely on the amount of the precipitation.

To grow grain crops continuously on the same land where the rainfall is under say 9 inches, would almost call for two years of moisture conservation, for each crop grown, and this would not Where it is 9 to 12 inches, one grain crop each alternate year is about the best that can be done. When it is 12 to 18 inches, three crops may be grown in four years, providing one of the three is a crop that calls for cultivation during the period of its growth, as corn or potatoes.

The order would be as follows: Summer fallow, grain, cultivated crop, grain and summer fallow again. In our experience such a rotation has been quite successful on a rainfall of say 12 to 15 inches. When the rainfall is more than 20 inches good crops may be grown upon the land every year, under proper conditions of farming. When the rainfall is less than 15 inches in a year, and where subterranean irrigation is absent, it is somewhat doubtful if the growth of alfalfa for hay will be completely successful where it is not planted in rows and cultivated

### Fodder Crops in Dry Areas

One of the most difficult problems for the dry land farmer is to secure an ample supply of forage for his horses and such other animals as he will keep on the farm. Chief among these in Northern areas are alfalfa and corn for fodder. The straw produced by grain is also much more valuable than the same in humid areas, because of its very superior quality. The question of pasture has not yet been fully worked out, but it would seem probable that the best plants for such use will include winter rye, sweet clover, alfalfa and Russian brome.

### Soils That Blow in Dry Areas

No problem confronts the Dry Land farmer that is more difficult than the management of soils that lift with the wind. The difficulty arises with the fact that some of the methods by which moisture is conserved cannot be followed with blow soils. The summer fallowing of the land accompanied by much harrowing only facili-tates the blowing. When handtates the blowing. ling these soil the aim should be to keep them well stored with humus.

The burial of winter rye sown the previous autumn on land that is to be fallowed should help greatly, and as soon as alfalfa can be established it will prevent the land from blowing while it occupies the land, and for two or three years after it has been broken up. The aim should be to disc rather than to plow these lands when plowing can be avoided, as the stubbles are then kept on and near the surface.

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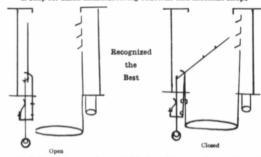
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#### Windbreaks in Dry Areas

One great need of the homes in dry land areas is that of windbreaks. Because they are dry by nature, they are treeless, and because they are treeless they are wind swept at least in some degree. Such protection can be furnished but not without some labor. It would be well to summer fallow some land on the exposed sides of the buildings, and not too near. The object of the fallowing is to store moisture for the trees and to bring the land into a condition that will make it susceptible of cultivation subsequently on the surface.

The following spring, and quite early, a furrow should be opened and willow cuttings about a foot long inserted in the same. The earth should then be filled in, leaving 3 to 4 inches of the cutting projecting. This windbreak should be cultivated like corn for several years. If two rows are wanted they should not be closer than a rod and as much farther apart as may be deemed best. When the windbreak is well started, other trees may be planted, but only on its leeward side and on land that has also been previously well summer fallowed. The trees must also be given cultivation for several years.

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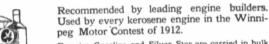
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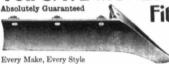
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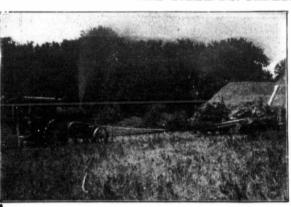
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Farmer His Own Butcher

Hog Killing at Home Saves Money—By A. M. Paterson.

THE animal to be butchered should be in perfect health, fat, and gaining in flesh. Twenty-four or thirty hours before slaughtering it should be taken off feed and given nothing but water. During this time gentle handling is very important, for an animal which has been run around or bruised before butchering will not bleed well, will not keep well, and its meat will be dark and blotched.

#### Don't Shoot a Hog.

The work of killing and dressing must be done rapidly. A dry, clean, place must be used and the necessary tools-a sticking knife, a scalding barrel, a gambrel stick, and scrapersshould be close at hand. Never stun or shoot a hog before sticking. To do so retards bleeding and affects the quality of the meat. Throw the animal on its back and cut a gash four or six inches long just through the fat from the end of the breastbone toward the jaw. Then, with the sharp edge downward, run the knife below the breastbone, toward the back of the head, at an angle of 45 degrees. When the knife is inserted four to six inches, depending on the size of the hog, raising the handle will cut the arteries leaving the heart, and proper bleeding will follow.

The scalding barrel is set at an angle of forty-five degrees, so that the carcass may be more easily handled. Water for scalding should be very hot and should have wood ashes or a small quantity of lye in it, which will loosen up the scurf and hair. The temperature of the water may be tested by running the fingers rapidly through it three times. If one can scarcely stand to put the fingers in it the third time, the temperature is correct. Put the hog in the barrel and work up and down until the hair comes off easily. Do not scald too long, however, as that will set the hair and it will then have to be shaved off. In scraping, always clean the head and feet first and then scrape the remainder of the carcass with a scraper or corn knife.

How to Hang Up.

After the hog is thoroughly cleaned, open the tendons in the hind legs, insert the gambrel stick, and hang it up. Wash it thoroughly with hot water and shave and scrape it with a sharp knife to remove any remaining hair or scurf. Then throw cold water over it to whiten and bleach it. Wipe thoroughly dry, and it is ready to be gutted.

In gutting, first split the hog between the hind legs through the bones. Separate the bones and with a knife cut down the belly to the incision made when sticking, shielding the knife with your two fingers to avoid cutting the intestines, and split the breastbone with an axe. Loosen the rectum by cutting around it, and then pull the entrails downward, cutting the places where they cannot be pulled out. Remove the intestines and the paunch together. after which take out the liver. The gall bladder should be cut off carefully. Cut around the diaphragm and remove the heart, lungs, gullet, and tongue. Place a corn cob between the jaws to allow drainage and then wash thoroughly with cold water and a cloth. If the weather is warm, the backbone may be split to facilitate cooling.

#### Cool it Thoroughly.

Before the pork is cut up, it should be thoroughly cooled through. Lay the carcass on a block and remove the head, cutting an inch back of the ears, remove the shoulders between fourth and fifth ribs, and cut off the hams two inches in front of the pelvic bones. Split the hams and trim them neatly and smoothly. The feet may be removed at the hock joint, though it is advisable to cut them off two or three inches above the hock, as the hams will then pack closer when cured. Split the middle pieces of the carcass with a saw or an axe and remove the leaf lard, if this was not done when the hog was dressed.

In removing the leaf, begin at the front and peel toward the back with the fingers. The kidneys come out with this fat. Take off the loin and spare ribs, leaving the lean meat of the back on the loin, which may then be used fresh as a roast or as chops. When cutting the meat from the ribs the separation should be

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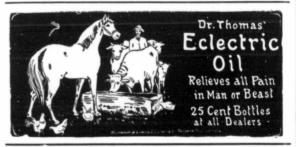
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made as near the ribs as possible, as this improves the quality of the bacon. Cut the sides into even size pieces to be cured and smoked, trimming the edges up square and cutting off all ragged end pieces to be used for sausage or lard. Trim the shoulders,

taking out the ribs and neck bones and cutting off all bloody spots. Remove the feet at the knee joint. Next, split the head. On heavy hogs the jowls are removed and used for salting, but ordinarily they are used for head cheese or sausage.



See that the chickens have plenty of pure water during cold weather. The water freezes so easily that the fowls often go without anything to drink.

While we have always contended for one variety of chickens on a place, we have no objection to trying to raise ducks, geese or turkeys as well as fowls. Like the farmer who raises a variety of crops, the poultryman may succeed with one variety of poultry when he might fail with another.

Success is detrimental many times by the amount of care in attending to the details of the poultry plant. A little leak here, and a little waste there, often bring failure. When one cannot see these things, and they run on in this way for some time, failure is bound to come. It would be better to run a small poultry plant, and do it well than to run a large one and not be able to look after the details.

Remember that on very cold mornings the hens would like a warm breakfast almost as well as yourself. If you do not feed mashes, you might warm up some shelled corn in the oven and feed it to them while warm. The drinking water should also be warmed on very cold days. You may say that this is too much trouble, but if you want fresh eggs and plenty of them in the winter, you must go to considerable trouble before you can get them.

Some paint the chicken roosts with kerosene, others with liquid lice killer, but now comes a suggestion of painting them with hot tallow. It is claimed that the tallow will stay on the roosts longer than kerosene and that the latter is good only as long as the odor lasts. We think the suggestion of tallow a good one, for we all know that grease is fatal to lice. We would add quite a dose of crude carbolic acid to the tallow, which would make it still more effective.

While the hens are confined to their houses, they must have plenty of litter to scratch in, if

eggs are expected. The litter used should be clean and free from filth. Some people think that because the chickens like to scratch in the manure piles, that soiled straw from the barn is good for litter. But litter that is too soiled for horses and cows is not fit for poultry. It is a different proposition to have soiled litter in a tight poultry house to that which is out of doors. The best litter than one can use is oat straw, and if not threshed it will be all the better. The hens will do the threshing.

Failure to remove sick birds from the rest of the flock often leads to serious consequences, as the disease is likely to spread through the whole flock. better to take away the sick bird as soon as it is discovered. The trouble, whatever it may be, can be treated much better where the bird is alone, and the precaution may save your entire lot of birds. There are some diseases which are easily communicated from one fowl to another, such as colds, roup and chickenpox. If you will look after the sick birds at once, you may stamp out an epidemic which would mean a severe loss to you. If they are removed at once, they can be treated for their trouble, and be where it is quiet and where they will not be disturbed by others. If you will keep one coop for this purpose, and then disinfect it after each occupancy, you will find it will pay you. By doing this you can treat the individual case to advantage and at the same time save the balance of your birds from possible infection.

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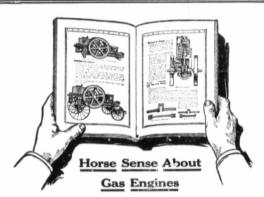
The evidence against an old Georgia negro, charged with stealing a pig, was absolutely conclusive, and the judge, who knew the old darky well, said, reproachfully:

"Now, uncle, why did you steal that pig?"

"Bekase mah pooh family wuz starvin', yo' honnor," whimpered the old man.

"Family starving!" cried the judge. "But they told me you keep five dogs. How is that uncle?"

"Why, yo' honnoh," said uncle, reprovingly, "you wouldn't 'spect mah family to eat dem dogs!"



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# A Simple Lesson in Arithmetic for Every Farmer

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It is when we come to the farm, however, that we find the greatest development along labor-saving lines. Farm work is heavy work and originally called for a great deal of heavy lifting and drudgery. To-day, however, the up-to-date farmer uses his head and leaves the heavy hand labor to machinery.

In this connection I would like to speak of one particular machine that has come into quite general use during the past three or four years upon the farms of Western Canada, which is known as a "sheaf loader." From time immemorial it has been the custom to pitch the sheaves from the stack onto the wagon by hand. It was hard, heavy work but as there was no means other than a three tined pitch fork, every farmer accepted the inevitable and did it. In fact, it is still being done by the majority of our farmers, few of whom realize at what an enormous waste of high priced human energy. look at the proposition for a moment and see if we cannot get at it from a real concrete stand-

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The average box rack requires that the grain be raised about eight feet from the ground so that in pitching on a load, work is done equivalent to raising 7,500 pounds a distance of 8 feet or 60,000 pounds raised one foot. It will take a man approximately a half hour to do this work, but with a sheaf loader it can be done in less than five minutes.

We simply give the above information to show how much real brute strength is saved by means of a sheaf loader to say nothing about the time saved. Do you value your physical strength as worth anything? If you do then carefully consider a loader for your 1914 work.

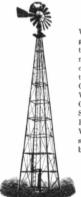
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Kind of Stove and Furnace and Condition of Fuel Giving Best Results

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As to stoves and furnaces; the consumer of lignite goes to a local dealer for a stove and is sold one adapted to soft coal—the only one on the market. Poor results follow and lignite becomes unpopular for no real reason. A slightly modified stove and boiler grate will help make lignite more popular when once the mining companies can be induced to put the coal on the market in 1st, a seasoned (i.e. dried) form and

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2nd, a uniform small size. If lignite is broken to lumps from 2 to 3 inches in diameter, when green, it dries without badly slacking and is then light and convenient for consumer. present commercial lumps of from 20 to 50 pounds mingled with slack, are of unpopular size. A coal crusher must be operated at every mine to yield a saleable economic size of lump. Once the coal company will sell "unslacked" lignite (i.e. lignite that has lost its 20-40 per cent of water without crumbling badly)-of convenient sized lump, creating a demand for the product, the stove works will gladly construct the right grate to burn it on. In fact the author has already been interviewed by representatives of one of the leading stove companies of the United States for specifications for a stove and boiler grate especially adapted to lignite.

As to the type of construction required by this fuel, we have found that a simple stove is satisfactory. A good draft is requisite; as lignite is a "flashy" fuel, like wood, good dampers should be put in the pipe to control draft when fuel is well started.

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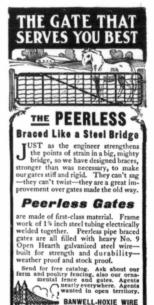
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Young Jack was talking to the new visitor soon after her arrival. He eyed her critically for a few moments, then looked up and said:

"So you're my grandmother, are you?"

"Yes, dear. On your father's side," remarked the old lady, smiling.

"Well, you're on the wrong side; you'll find that out," replied Jack, without removing his gaze.



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(In view of the recent troubles and continued turmoil in Mexico, the following experiences of a representative of the J. I. Case Co. will no doubt prove of the greatest interest to a large number of our readers.—Ed.)

N May 6th, I arrived in Aguascalientes having some days previously shipped from Mexico City, one Case 110 h.p. traction engine. It arrived on the 7th. On that afternoon I started for Hacienda "La Punta", where the engine was to plow. The owners, Don Francisco y Don Jose Madrazo, a Comisionista from Aguascalientes, Ruiz de la Polla and a neighbor Don Federico Lovola, accompanied me in two automobiles.

We were well started when a mozo came running up to advise us that the bandits were about to attack the Hacienda. The boys immediately started for the Hacienda leaving me with the They had been gone engine. about an hour when a group of 35 or 40 showed up in the road near the engine. They circled about me questioning as to whose it was? What was it intended for? Where was it going, etc? While some were peppering me for information, others started to dismantle the engine. That made me pretty "sore" and I got down from the engine, picked out the leader and knocked him about 30 ft. I then put the nearest four men to sleep. Someone threw a rock and it struck my left shoulder. With that I pulled my gun and fanning the entire group speaking in Spanish, "Do me the favor to throw another stone." Over half of them were armed, so repeating my request I backed to the engine and sprang up between the fuel bunkers. Keeping them covered, I ordered them off the They took to the bushes, mosquit and cactus, leaving on the ground the five I had struck. I was able to "turn this little trick," as the first man down was the leader and these people are completely lost the moment their leader is gone.

I then turned and went to Aguascalientes leaving the engine in a lumber yard. Meanwhile the boys had arrived at the Hacienda. Quickly putting their wives and children in the cars they left for Aguascalientes. As they went out of the rear door the bandits entered the front, shooting down a mozo who got in the way. The autos arrived in Aguas at 2 a.m. Next day we loaded the four cars with 12 men all heavily armed. We each had about the same equipment-a gun on each hip and a rifle with 250 rounds of ammunition. We got to "La Punta" late in the evening and found the place a wreck-furniture and dishes smashed, trunks, grips, broken; the safe in the office blown open. In short everything ruined. We immediately started in pursuit, driving until one in the morning, along those mountain trails and with no lights. There was a moon but it only made matters worse, for it showed the trail smooth, while at times the wheels dropped into holes a foot deep. Returning over this trail two days later, I marvelled that we ever made the trip. At one o'clock we pulled off the trail and lay down for a few hours rest. At daybreak we were going again. At eleven we caught our one and only prisoner. He had a two wheeled cart-used here commonly, instead of lumber wagons. In it were eight to ten grain sacks stuffed full of grass and hay. Unloading it we found pistols, eye-glasses, shoes, zara-pes, blankets, silk dresses and everything that had been stolen from the Hacienda "La Punta," for the Madrazo brothers recognized it all. Their rage was something to see as the gowns and different articles belonging to their wives were drawn out of this bunch of grass or that one.

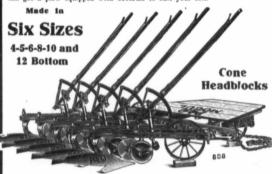
We held an impromptu court martial and it was unanimously decided that the man must be shot. So telling off five men as a firing squad, he was placed under a palm cactus and the man in charge of the execution paced off the distance. The prisoner then asked for a priest. I, being the only smooth shaven one, was "elected." In his confession he disclosed secrets that were valuable, but as he mentioned names of men and places with which I was not familiar, the information became badly jumbled. 11'e therefore decided to postpone the deed until we got a genuine priest.

We had with us a portable telephone outfit and tapping a wire, learned that the bandits were drawing near to "Matansilles," another Hacienda belonging to Don Nicolas Madrazo. We arrived there late, but immediately started preparations to receive the visitors. We hunted up about all



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the different kinds of arms known, rounded up on the Hacienda everyone who, we thought, could aid us or be depended upon. Three bombs which were found, were placed in charge of a Spaniard on the roof of the main building. The auto headlight we used to throw a light down on the courtyard. Those who could shoot and were well armed, were stationed on one roof and the rest on another. The ambush was prettily arranged and had the Bandits shown up, it is doubtful if any had ever lived to tell of it, for that light would have dazzled them and the horses would have been startled by the bombs exploding in their midst while rifle and shot-gun fire were pouring down on them from the roofs But some unfaithful peon had slipped out through the cactus and given the alar:n. At daylight we went into the house to sleep for we were cold and tired. We slept several hours, when Don Jose woke me and motioned to be quiet and follow him outside leaving the others sleeping. He had decided to have some fun. We went to the corral and roped a two year old bull, coaxed and pushed him through to

Closing bedroom. the the door we immediately got to the windows which in this country are always barred with iron bars four or five inches apart. The bull was looking about sizing up the place, then getting lonesome he bellowed. The men woke up startled, one springing out of bed grabbing the sheet he used it as a bull fighter would a cape; the other one crawled under the bed. The one with the sheet tripped over the blankets and mattress and fell down. With this test of bravery we let the bull out.

That day we drove to Hacienda "Chilinamples" as the rebels were headed in that direction. Spent the night there; next day to Lesdesma and Cienega, but lost track of them and returned to Aguascalientes.

I then wired to Merico City for a negro who had helped me on several occasions. Next day he arrived and we started for the Hacienda with the engine. The going was bad, trails around and over two mountains, grades were from 6 per cent to 38 per cent and hills from 11/2 to 2 miles long. This necessitated slow going. We got a late start and I ran as long as possible, in fact until dark and because of that got into trouble. Going through a river my wheels buried themselves, and trying to pull out, I broke the steering gear, so I decided to stop there that night. I took the curtains from the cab and walking up on the bank lay down under a cactus to sleep. The negro gathered up all the newspapers and made a bed out of them on the other side of the cactus. I dozed off and on for an hour or so but could not stand it any longer. I had laid my bed on an ant heap and these desert ants sure can bite. I got up telling Johnson that I would have to move. He said his "Hobo bed" would not stand moving, he therefore proposed to remain. So taking my curtains and rifle I started hunting a favorable spot. I found a corner or curve in the river a couple hundred yards down and lay down on the sand. I had just fallen asleep when several "Mauser shots" rang out in rapid succession. Springing up I got behind a corner of the bank as a great noise came down the river-sounded like a stampede. It sure was. As it drew nearer, I heard Johnson shouting "White folks-White folks! for the Land sake where am you?" I answered him and he came over his eyes rolling. Even in the darkness I could see the whites. He had decided to move not even bothering to take his "Hobo bed" along. The shots soon died down and we again lay down and slept until daylight. We then started to repair the engine. Soon some peons came along and told us that the bandits had attacked a ranch about 11/2 miles away. These were the shots we heard.

Again in the afternoon I started and made a good run getting over the mountain onto as pretty a plateau as I have ever seen. I drove until I could not see any longer, then again camped for the night. But there was absolutely no bare spot-cactus everywhere. Where the cactus are plentiful the snakes are more so, so I slept on the floor of the engine cab. Nothing happened. I had banked my fire so at daylight I started, arriving at the Hacienda at eight o'clock, having made the trip in 131/2 hours running time, 1900 lbs. of coal, two tanks of water. I could have done it on less if it had not been necessary to stop these two nights.

I reached there tired and hungry, for from Friday noon to Sunday morning, Johnson and I had one can of salmon, one of sardines and a pound of crackers, water warm and dirty from the tanks to drink. We had not expected to be left alone until after we were started, then the Madrazo boys took the autos and followed some 50 soldiers who had been sent to clear the road.

Well, I took a cup of chocolate and lay down on a bed not even removing my guns or cartridge belt for I was really too tired. slept about 20 minutes when I realized something unusual was happening. Soon I woke sufficiently to hear the housekeeper shouting in Spanish "Awake Senor-for God's sake wake up." She was speaking to me and crying and shouting by turns. "The bandits are upon us. I gradually understood that a trusted mozo had run up stating that the bandits were in a strip of timber about three miles away. It seemed that the bandits had circled around the soldiers and had returned to wreck vengeance on the Hacienda. I immediately tried to work out a plan of defence, as I was the only one of authority. I could only get two others on whom I could depend to any degree at all, so decided to run for it. Ordering the coach and six horses I grabbed the books of the Hacienda that had escaped the previous attack, threw them into the coach and "beat it" for Aguascalientes. We went over that trail all six horses galloping and running. I sure admired that coachman, he took turns on the run that would have been dangerous on a walk. On making a sharp curve about 10 kilometers from the Hacienda. we ran into a group of men on horseback. They were spread across the road, but as they still had their hands in the bolsters I beat them to it jerking out both guns and covering the bunch, demanded to know why they obstructed the trail, not giving a satisfactory answer, I ordered them around the turn and covered them until they were out of sight. We arrived in Aguascalientes in three hours and a half, making 48 kilometers over a mountain trail is sure going some.

I immediately went to bed and slept 15 hours without waking up. After this rest I went at once to Mexico City. Next day I re-turned to Aguascelientes and again went out to the Hacienda to start that engine.

The owners were now at the Hacienda. With the soldiers they had chased the bandits into an ambush set by the soldiers who had come out from Guanajuato. Fifty-three bandits, including the leader Jose Quiros, died fighting; Forty-seven surrendered and were

placed before the firing squad in groups of five. Thus the entire bunch was eliminated.

I started the engine in a table land 6 by 9 miles square, level but very hard. It never had seen a plow. Some places the plows refused to enter more than two inches, in some we plowed six to seven inches deep. For fuel we used cactus dried, shoved in, in pieces as large as the fire door would permit. It works very well and had no trouble keeping up steam. The owners immediately ordered a 36 x 58 inch separator and an 80 h.p. plowing outfit. So I feel that this one of my experiences during this revolution was profitable as well as interesting (now that its over.)

Yours truly, H. E. Burchard.

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Course in Gas Engineering Continued from page 30

tions of troubles which have occurred in the operation of various engines, none of the trouble having been due to faulty design or workmanship but to carelessness or ignorance in some form or other. If a steam plant is handled with as little care or intelligence as gas engines often are the list of casualties from boiler explosions, etc., would soon be so large as to drive the steam engine out of existence.

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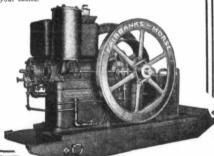
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What I saw and Learned at the Exhibition

Continued from page 59, Jan

(Portion of First Prize Essay awarded to boys who were the Guests of the Winnipeg Exhibition Association, 1913— Robert Coulter, (age 16) Swan

The people are changing from grain to cattle, and to make more money they should have more high class animals. The man who makes the most money is the man who keeps his eyes open and knows the reasons for everything that occurs when he is raising the stock.

After this lecture we went to ook at the pigs. Prof. Curtis gave us a little talk on pigs. He old us there were two types of pigs; the bacon and the lard ypes. In the United States the lard type is mostly raised. They should be of good length, width and depth. Bacon pigs should also be of good length and depth but not quite as wide. The lard type is low set and the uniform width. They should be heavily fleshed along the bank and hind quarters. The Berkshire pigs are of this type. They are always black with six white spots, one of which is on the forehead. The end of the tail is white and it has four white feet. The face is short and dished and the ears are erect. The Poland China is the same color as the Berkshire, but its ears hang down. The nose also is shorter than that of the Berkshire, the face is not dished. Breeding pigs should be strong in the legs.

Yorkshire and Tamworth pigs are both bacon types. In the Yorkshire pig the ears stand erect. It is white in color. The Tamworth pigs are red; they are easily distinguished, from the Duroc Jersey, which are also red, by their long nose. The ears of the Doric Jersey fall over. The Chester White has a straight face. The ears hang forward and the points break over.

After looking at the pigs, we went and had a look at the sheep. Prof. Curtis told us that sheep were by far the most difficult

animals to judge, because of the wool. The wool should be fine, crimped, close and compact. To examine sheep you should not stick your fingers into the wool, because this spoils it. The wool can be parted at any place on the body where there is a fold in the skin, by parting it with the back of the hand. After dinner we took a special train to the new agricultural buildings. At the college there were quite a few men working on the large horse stable. This stable will be well supplied with windows, because a horse should not be kept in a dark stable.

Prof. Jones said that one great fault about the stables in Manitoba was that they were not sufficiently lighted. Of the stock judging pavilion, the foundation is only laid as yet. This building when finished will have seating room for 600 people. In this building students will have lessons on stock judging. They will judge with score cards, and will have to give reasons for placing stock both orally and written. There is also a dairy house. This will be used for anything pertaining to the dairy. The boys' and girls' residence has a frontage of 560 feet, and it is three-quarters of a mile around.

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The Western provinces of Canada since the 1st of October, 1914, have shipped to the United States over 26,000 head of stockers and feeders. Every man has a right to do what he likes with his own, but no thoughtful person can view this large movement of unfinished cattle to another country without regret. Every one of the 26,000 should have been fed and finished in Canada or kept for breeding purposes, for one of the most regretable features of the whole movement was the number of nice, thrifty young heifers that were sold; heifers that were, everyone of them, needed to breed and increase the holdings of stock in this country.

A good deal has been said about legislation to prevent female stock, under a certain age, being sent out of the country or slaughtered. Legislation of this kind would be difficult to enforce and a questionable good. There is an old saying that you cannot make people good by an Act of Parliament, and while no sensible person believes in doing away with prohibitory laws, they are only in a precautionary measure intended to meet the case of a very small percentage of people.

Every thoughtful person knows that the majority of people refrain from stealing, not because there is a law making it a crime, but because they have been trained in right ways of thinking and know that it is wrong. The law against stealing is effective against people who have a low moral standard and to whom fear of punishment is a powerful deterrent, but the great mass of citizens are honest because they know and feel that honesty is the best policy, not only in the sense of avoiding punishment, but in the sense of building up a nation in strength and stability.

A prohibitory law up to a certain point, though it might avail to prevent the sale and slaughter of female live stock, would not be really advantageous. The realization that it is poor business to cut off your source of supply would be the only thing to prevent the sale and slaughter of females. The more that can be done to educate the rising generation on the farms in the wis-

ment against our shipping stockers and feeders to the United States. As it proved beyond peradventure, that even for the critical Chicago market, our steers can be fed perfectly with the feed on our own farms.

#### Dehorning

While I am on this subject of steers and feeding, let me urge that all who are feeding steers or intend to feed steers for the American markets the necessity of having them dehorned. This question was discussed at length with very many of the large commission houses at Chicago, and with one accord they said: "Urge the Western Canadian cattle men to have their animals dehorned before shipping them here, it makes a difference of from 50c. to 75c.

on the development. The most notable feature was the increased spirit of unity and the wider outlook of the delegates.

It is regretable, however, that so little attention is paid to parliamentary procedure, especially in view of the fact that the members are so fond of calling these meetings a farmers parliament. The lack of order and the lack of knowledge of parliamentary form leads to a very great waste of time. Libraries are being put is many of the local branches and the organization is to be warmly congratulated on the high class of books asked for.

It would be well, however, if every library would include a copy of Bourinot's Parliamentary Procedure, and that the member of the local branch make a study of it. In fact a parliamentary drill might prove a very interesting feature of local gatherings and would have the effect of sending delegates to the central meetings, who would be prepared to do business in a more orderly manner.

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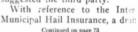
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There were a number of prominent questions before the convention, the most outstanding being the need of a third party, Inter-Municipal Hail Insurance and Co-operation. The third party as such was never mentioned, but great stress was laid, first by the president in his annual address, and later by very many of the speakers, on the need of cutting loose from existing parties. In the next breath almost they dwelt on the need of united action on the part of the farmers, and it was not difficult to put two and two together which upon this occasion made three instead of four, or at least suggested the third party.





"Contented with little, they find it in plenty."

dom of stock raising the less need there will be for laws to prevent the destruction of female stock.

The passing generation on the Western farms have been a generation of grain growers, the urgent need of the moment is methods whereby the rising generation may be trained into a generation of stock men, and the offer of the Brandon Winter Fair is certainly a step in the right direction, and it comes at a psychological moment, for there are few boys on Western farms who have not been inspired by the success of young Harry Bowman in feeding the champion for Chicago.

The winning of that championship is itself the very best argu-

and even \$1 per head in many cases."

Every man who is feeding cattle with any idea of shipping them south should bear this in

#### Farmers Meetings

January and February are particularly the farmers opportunity for holding meetings and discussing problems that are of interest to them. In these months come the annual meetings of the various Grain Growers' Associations. The Manitoba one held in the last month was the eleventh and unquestionably the best which they have held. It has been my privilege to attend eight of the eleven conventions and therefore, I can speak with some authority



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Continued from page 32 bill was presented for discussion and the members of the committee, of which the convener was Frank Simpson, of Shoa! Lake, who drafted that bill, are to be warmly congratulated on their work. If it can be got through the legislation in its present form it should be an even more valuable one than the one passed in Saskatchewan last year, which has proven, in spite of some defects, very successful.

There was a report from Saskatchewan dealing with the success of the Inter-Municipal Hail Insurance, and nothing was more startling than the tremendous difference in the cost of the administration of the Inter-Municipal as compared with the ordinary insurance companies.

Perhaps the most dominant note of the whole convention was co-operation-the need of co-operative trading. The convention was addressed by Geo. Fisher, Canadian manager of the Scottish Co-operative Society, and much enthusiasm was engendered by reports of the success already attained by the small co-operative trading organizations which have been organized at country points

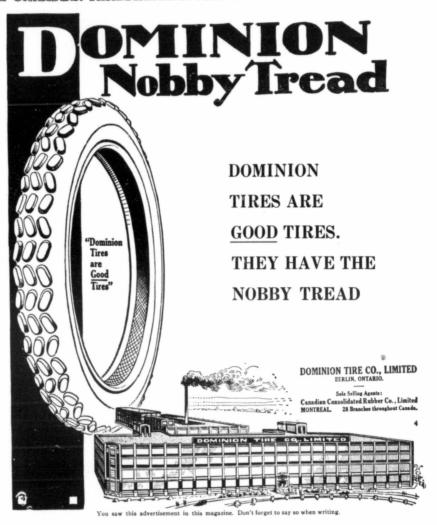
The outlook for the increase of co-operative trading among the farmers is certainly good, and action was taken looking towards a large central co-operative trading organization. So much for Manitoba Grain Growers.

The Alberta meetings are being held January 21st to 24th, but the reports of these meetings will have to be deferred to a later issue. The great questions before that convention were the quarrel between the Alberta farmers and the C.P.R. Natural Resources branch over irrigation; the Alberta Co-operative Elevators and the question of ranch leases.

In February the Saskatchewan Grain Growers meet at Moose Jaw, and they, too, have some important problems before them. The annual gatherings of the agricultural societies of Manitoba will take place in February and will have an added attraction in being held at the new Agricultural College. These gatherings of farmers are full of educational opportunity and, while the onlooker may think there is too much valuable time wasted, on the whole they are proving a highly educational factor in the lives of Western agriculturists.

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Enthusiasm is that secret and harmonious spirit which hovers over the production of a genius, throwing the reader of a book or spectator of a statue, into the very ideal presence whence these works have really originated. A great work always leaves us in a state of musing.





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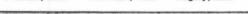
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### Repairing Farm Equipment and Roads

Continued from page 44 Nov.

#### Rubber Belts

The term "three ply" or "four ply" mean that the belt is made up of three or four ply of canvas. Sometimes the belt is stitched its entire length with several rows of stitches; this tends to keep the plys securely fastened together.

Care of Rubber Belts .- Rubber belting is not affected very much by damp weather, and is very satisfactory for outdoor use, but should never be left on the pulleys when idle in damp weather as it will shrink and cause excessive strain on the belt. The seam should always be on the outside, never next to the pulley. Care should be taken with rubber belts that the edges do not get frayed by rubbing against some rough surface. Many drive belts on threshing machines are spoiled because the engine and separator are not properly in line, thereby causing the drive belt to rub against guides or the cylinder casing, which frays the edges, separates the plys and ruins the belt. Rubber belts also require a dressing occasionally. A cheap and very satisfactory dressing is the common hard laundry soap. By applying it to the pulley side it will cause it to grip the pulley tighter, and is about as good as anything that can be used. Avoid the use of sticky dressing as it causes the rubber to peel off when the belt runs over the pulleys. Mineral oil tends to rot rubber.

Canvas Belts.—Canvas belts are made from a good grade of canvas, which is sewn together and then thoroughly saturated with a special kind of paint which fills the fibres and prevents moisture from acting on the cotton. Canvas belting stretches and shrinks very readily, depending on the conditions, and is not very satisfactory unless run over a tightener. It requires a similar care to rubber. Soap or boiled linseed oil also make a satisfactory dressing for canvas.

Belt Fastening.-The ends of belts may be fastened together by metallic fasteners, lacing or glue-Glueing is the strongest ing. method, and when it runs over a tightener is the best, especially if the belt runs at a high speed. It makes a smooth joint, there being no knock or pound as there is in a large lace joint.

To glue a leather belt, the ends are tapered off and a good grade of fish glue is used. Glueing is 10-inch

not a practical method for the farmer, so will not be discussed at length.

It sometimes happens that the glued laps open up at the points. This may be caused by an excessive amount of oil getting on the belt, or the belt being run in the wrong direction. All belting should be run so that the point of the lap on the side away from the pulley points opposite to the direction in which the belt is run. If the belt is very oily it will be necessary to clean free from oil. This can be done by using naptha or gasoline, and then repair by using glue or prepared cement, which can be purchased. Do not drive in a string of tacks in the joint as it will only tend to make matters worse and eventually the belt will break where it has been injured by the tacks.

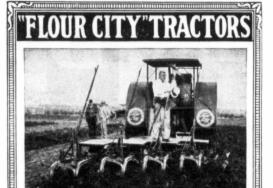
There are many kinds of metallic fasteners on the market, some of which give good satisfaction, while others tear the belt and are very short lived.

Lacing.-Leather lacing is perhaps the most common way of fastening the ends of belts to-It is a satisfactory method when properly done, and can be adopted under most conditions which the farmer would be likely to encounter. Figure 3 shows the tools used in lacing; the hammer, the square, the awl, belt punches, and lace cutter.

There are many different methods of lacing belts. Some men have the idea that the larger the lace, and the more lace used, the stronger the joint will be. This is a mistake because a large lace makes a thick joint, and every time the joint comes to the pulley it tends to jump and pound. This causes extra strain on the belt and also jars the machinery, takes more power, and tends to heat the bearings.

The main thing to keep in mind when lacing a belt is to get a smooth joint, arranging the holes so as to get the greatest strength. Small laces and lots of holes generally prove to give the best satisfaction. The following table will give the number of holes for various widths of leather belting:

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6-inch	**								8	**
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The holes should not be less than ½-inch from edge of belt, nor nearer the end than ¾-inch, and should only be large enough to take in the lace.

Canvas belts do not need so many holes and should be ¾-inch from edge, and ¾-inch from end and about ¾-inch apart as near as can be had. The holes in the canvas should not be cut with a hollow punch but made with an awl.

The width of lace generally used is as follows:

Belts up to 5-inch, ¼-inch and 5/16-inch.

Belts from 6-inch to 12-inch, 36-inch to ½-inch.

In the illustration (figure 4) are shown four different lacings in common use, viz., straight, hinge, lock stitch and the hinge lock stitch, in order named from left to right. The top row shows the lacing on the side away from the pulley, and the bottom row the lacing next the pulley.

The first column shows the straight lacing, often the first lace, as it is the easiest to lace. It is suitable for light work. As is shown, on the pulley side the laces run straight and are crossed on the opposite side.

The lock stitch, shown in colum two, is a good lace for heavy work, has an advantage over the straight and hinge laces, viz., that if a lace breaks it is not so liable to pull loose.

The hinge lace is shown in column three, and is suitable for running over small pulleys as it is very flexible. It is seen that both sides are alike, and no laces run straight across as in the straight lace. It is a little harder to lace than the straight lace, but a very desirable lace for heavy work.

Column four shows the hinge lock stitch, which is a combination of the hinge and lock stitch. This makes a flexible lacing, as well as having the advantage that the lace is locked if broken.

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Belting Suggestions. — When rubber belts are to lie idle for a time they should be dusted well with powdered soapstone, rolled up, covered with some cheap covering—such as old sacks—dusting the covering also with soapstone, and stored in a dark cellar. Light, heat and extremely dry air tend to rot rubber, while darkness and moist air tend to preserve it.

When it is not convenient to use a tape to find the length of a belt needed, add the diameter of the two pulleys together, multiply by three and one-seventh, divide the product by two and add to the quotient twice the distance between the shafting. The product will be the required length.



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A little money expended for a soldering outfit for the farm will save the cost of the equipment in a very short time in repairing the tinware of the home, and the other many leaks about the farm and dairy. Not only is the expense of repairing saved, but there is quite a saving of time which otherwise would be expended in taking the work to the tinshop and waiting for the repairs to be done.

Almost anyone about the place can learn to do practically all the soldering necessary on the average farm; and no doubt more farmers would do their own soldering if they knew how easily and cheaply it could be done. It is the intention of this article to give the equipment necessary and a few general instructions on soldering.

Figure 5 shows the equipment necessary to do all the ordinary soldering required on the average farm in Manitoba.

- 1. A soldering iron.
- Flat file.
- 3. Stick of solder.
- Bottle of muriatic acid.
   Small pair of snips.

The soldering iron is made of copper, the ordinary size weighing from 1½ to 2 pounds. The file is used for cleaning and scrap-

ing the part to be repaired. The best solder to buy is what is known as "half and half." Another name for the acid is hydrochloric acid. It can be obtained at any drg store. The small snips come handy for other work about the farm as well as for soldering. The other materials required, but not shown in the cut, are a little rosin, a piece of sal-ammoniac, and some strips of zinc. This equipment can be purchased in any town for a cost not exceeding two dollars.

In order to work properly, a soldering iron must be tinned so that the solder will stick to it and follow the iron. There are two common ways of tinning soldering irons, one by the use of rosin, and the other by the use of salammoniac. The sal-ammoniac is the better as it cleans the iron more quickly.

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During the past month wheat enjoyed a net advance of about two cents, only to lose about one cent of that in the decline in the last two days following the government's action in voting down the Free Wheat Amend-Big American houses carrying long lines of Winnipeg May wheat sold out their holdings, bringing liquidation in our market. leaving American markets steady and strong. While receipts past Winnipeg have dropped off greatly, there has been no scarcity of world supplies, in fact the world's visible is considerably over that of a year ago, being now 208,130,000 bushels, against about 201,000,-000 bushels, and Canadian visible about 3,000,000 bushels over that of a year ago. Country elevator stocks, all grains, are estimated at 33,000,000 bushels, about 23,-000,000 bushels being wheat, while the quantity left in farmers' hands is likely not over 5 per cent-a comparatively small The United States amount. visible is about 60,806,000, against 64,019,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts of all grains at their primary markets (that is, the 8 or 9 big internal receiving markets) have been running consider-

ably less than a year ago. A noticeable feature of the world situation is the fact that last week clearances from North America (wheat and flour) ran about two and one-half million bushels under the average of the last few weeks, showing that Europe is buying more heavily from Russia and Australia just now, so Canadian and American markets are just now in a waiting attitude watching the winter wheat crop. Just now it has a partial snow covering, but the weather is so changeable across the winter wheat belt, that any day the crop, now so promising, may suffer freezing damage, and a sharp advance in the wheat markets result. Yet the Winnipeg market is in a rut, and something like this, or an improved export demand is really needed to widen and stimulate its Our market has activities. backed and filled with long pauses in between, but on the comebacks from the downturns the futures have managed to get into new high ground. Naturally, this is

not an infallible sign of assured strength, but it certainly is an indication of a constructive market despite its recurrent reactions. It is a fair inference that our market will work irregularly higher, with the advances each time carrying the price into new high ground.

It is generally conceded that stocks of flour in the hands of jobbers are nowhere heavy, and the big American millers report a good cleaning up of old orders with a fair enquiry for new business. The Canadian millers complain of the usual January dullness in flour demand, but expect an improved demand directly. If it be true that the Argentine and Australian exportable surpluses are away under those of last year, and India has almost nothing to ship, Europe must fall back on Russia and North America principally, for supplies for the next eight months. is the most bullish factor.

European crop conditions are fair, the alternate freezing and thawing across Northern Europe causing some apprehension. Winter wheat is fairly well ahead in most countries. Poor harvesting weather in the Argentine has hindered threshing and marketing, and similar conditions have prevailed in Australia, in each case reducing the exportable surplus. In the United States the winter wheat is in a most satisfactory condition, but it is still in danger from freezing unless protected by snow.

Our own Canadian terminal stocks are not burdensome. On January 30th they compare as

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	1914	1913
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Oats	3,936,069	4.033.465
Barley	1293,394	1.646.990
Flax	2,541,413	3,122,155

Likewise the wheat in boats is about 1,000,000 bushels less than a year ago.

Reviewing the whole situation, farmers yet holding grain can with confidence look forward to better prices. Those holding clean wheat, fit for seed, can frequently make good sales of same near home. This year the railways have declined to grant a seed grain rate, which is a hardship to many farmers in the older

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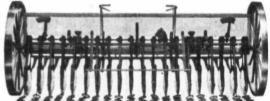
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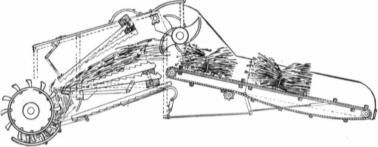
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#### Coarse Grains

Oats.-There has been very little movement in this grain, the mild fluctuations following those in corn across the line. However, oats has been almost constantly on an export basis, and should not go lower, as stocks are smaller everywhere, especially stocks yet in farmers' hands. Nor does y material improvement seem likely. All rail shipments continue to take care of rather more oats than is arriving at terminals.

Barley.-This grain lacks snap. It is a long time since Winnipeg barley has been so dull before. Improved business conditions in e United States may mean a better malt demand. Stocks are gradually decreasing.

Flax.—Flax seed has had a nice dvance the past month, with a rofessional decline a few days go, probably engineered by strong holders to get the holdings f the smaller speculators. Be hat as it may, fears have been ntertained that Argentine flax ill undersell that of the United tates and Canada. Yet the ptimism abroad in the U.S.A. llowing the president's last essage may mean a big building ogramme and a more general onsumption of oil. Altogether, the market outlook seems to favor the holders. Flax receipts in all three big receiving markets will henceforth be very small.

#### Sowing Alfalfa on Sod.

Sod land, on which alfalfa is to be planted, should be manured, if possible, early in the spring and plowed as soon as the frost is out of the ground. It is considered a pretty good practice to disc the sod at least once before plowing. After it is plowed it must be thoroughly disced and harrowed in order to make not only a smooth, level seed bed but to help pack the furrow slice with the soil beneath.

Sod is not the best kind of land for alfalfa. It is better to sow some other crop for a year or two before sowing alfalfa, but if care is taken to work the sod sufficiently to make a good seed bed, fairly good results can be obtained by sowing alfalfa on sod. The lime should be applied after the soil is broken. This gives it an opportunity to work through the upper part of the soil which invariably s most acid, and also places the lime directly in touch with the roots of the young alfalfa plants.

Soil taken from a sweet clover field will give the proper inoculation and it may be scattered over the field just before or just after seeding. As soon as possible the land should be harrowed so the sunlight will not destroy the bacteria. Alfalfa should be sown early in the spring, or about the time barley is sown. A nurse crop of three pounds of barley per acre may be used.

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On his eighty-fourth birthday, Paul Smith, the veteran Adirondack hotel-keeper, who started life as a guide and died owning a million dollars' worth of forest land, was talking about boundary disputes with an old friend.

"Didn't you hear of the lawsuit over a title that I had with Jones down in Malone last summer?" asked Paul. The friend had not heard.

"Well," said Paul, "it was this way. I sat in the court-room before the case opened with my witnesses around me. Iones bustled in, stopped, looked my witnesses over carefully, and said: 'Paul, are those your witnesses?'
'They are,' said I. 'Then you win,' said he. 'I've had them witnesses twice myself."

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#### ANNUAL MEETING

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After the reading of the report, the General Manager, Mr. Alexander Laird, addressed the shareholders as follows:

#### General Manager's Address

General Manager's Address
We have closed our accounts for the
past year and have great pleasure and
satisfaction in presenting you with a
statement of the results of the Bank's
business, which you will realize is the
best record in its history, and should be
a source of gratification to the shareholders and those actively engaged in its
administration.

There was enough difficulty and per-

There was enough difficulty and per-plexity in the general financial situation at the close of 1912 to make us appre-There was enough difficulty and perplexity in the general financial situation at the close of 1912 to make us apprehensive at the beginning of the past year. Canadians had some reason to hope for an early return to normal conditions, but were doomed to disappointment, and the continuence of the unfavorable influences then evident, and the aggravation of some of their worst features has made the history of 1913 memorable in the annals of international trade. While the year has been full of anxiety and much actual strain, there is cause for congratulation that, notwithstanding the long-deferred arrival of peace in Continental Europe, the uncertainty as to how the adjustment of immense war expenditure will be made, and the distressing delay in bringing order out of chaos in unfortunate Mexico, the general position of financial credit has, on the whole, been fairly well maintained. In our own country we were seriously disturbed lest we should have a failure of the crops, as this would certainly have added to our difficulties: but we were fortunate in securing an abundant harvest of excellent quality. This was marketed with extraordinary celerity and realized good values which enabled us to make a substantial measure of liquidation of our debts and largely increase our cash capital. Canada is so closely allied with and influenced by the movements of our eighbors to the south that there was influenced by the movements of our neighbors to the south that there was great satisfaction when the radical and important measures initiated under the recent change of administration were recent change of administration were brought to a successful conclusion with-out any serious disturbance in financial affairs. Taken as a whole, and keeping in mind all the adverse conditions, the past year has been marked by astonish-ing evidence of strength to meet great emergencies.

ing evidence of strength to meet great emergencies.

You will readily see from the statements included in the Report of the Directors that the Bank has had another satisfactory year in the matter of profits. After a very careful re-valuation of our assets, making liberal allowances for depreciation in securities, and providing for all bad and doubtful debts, you will be pleased to know that the Directors remembered the staff, to whose faithful and zealous efforts our success is largely due. Before closing the books a substantial sum was set aside out of the year's earnings and distributed as a bonus, leaving the declared net profits \$2.992.51.10, being 10.88 per cent, on the Capital and Rest combined. We were enabled

to pay dividends amounting to \$1,800,000, including the usual dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, and extra bonus dividends of 2 per cent. for the year; and we have reason to hope that we shall maintain this rate until the Rest equals the Capital, and thereafter make the permanent basis 12 per cent., with whatever advantage may come with extra good fortune.

In our last report the urgent necessity

In our last report the urgent necessity for providing an extension of the Head Office and Toronto Branch premises was referred to; and arrangements have since Offlice and Toronto Branch premises was referred to; and arrangements have since had to be made for the temporary accommodation of some departments of the Bank outside the present building. We are now pleased to say that we have purchased the two properties adjoining, and will proceed to consider plans, although we do not expect to make much progress towards altering or erecting a building for 2 or 3 years. We have acquired property in Windsor, Ont., where a suitable office building will be erected during the coming year, and are also engaged in planning the erection or an adequate building in the City of Quebec. In both these places it was absolutely necessary to provide for our growing business. Bank Premises account now stands at \$4.281.481.60, and in this connection we would direct your attention to the item of \$979.915.61 in the statement under Real Estate. This includes bank premises acquired by the amalgamation with the Eastern Townships Bank, which will be disposed of in due course at considerably more than the book value. With this sale and the sums from time to time written off Bank Premises we should be able to keep this account within reasonable bounds and still show our properties able to keep this account within reason able bounds and still show our properties at approximately 50 per cent. of their

value.

We think it advisable to give you an assurance that in the midst of the troubled and dangerous state of affairs in Mexico our interests are bein, safeguarded and every precaution exercised in handling a difficult problem. Our Manager enjoys our full confidence and he has shown unusual ability and judgment under these trying circumstances.

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We deemed it prudent to restrict the opening of new brances to the carrying out in some measure of a programme we had planned early in the year; and we consequently confined ourselves to districts where we had no representation, except in some cases where we opened for the protection of other branches. The gographical distribution of branches and agencies as to 30th November, 1913, was as follows: as follows

Alberta											53
British Columb	bia										44
Manitoba											23
New Brunswi											5
Nova Scotia .											13
Ontario											82
Prince Edward											5
Quebec											82
Saskatchewan											57
Yukon											2
Total in (	an	ac	la								366
Newfoundland											
London, Engla											
United States											4
Mexico											

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The number of the Bank's shareholders is now 6,026, as against 5,656 a year ago, an increase of 370. The following table indicates how widely our shareholders are scattered, not only in Canada, but chemical.

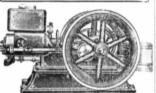
No. of Shareholder	Amount Held
Ontario 1,468	\$4,077,350
Quebec	3.011,900
Maritime Provinces . 758	1,571,650
Western Provinces 126	255,700
Great Britain1,723	3,315,650
United States 684 -	2,599,550
Other Countries 105	168,200
6.026	\$15,000,000

There has been a widespread agitation in the Central Western district as to the supposed need for greater recognition of the claims of farmers to accommodation

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not support this contention, so far as this bank is concerned. A carefully pre-pared statement of the business of this bank in the three westerns. pared statement of the business of this bank in the three western provinces shows the porcentage of total deposits to total loans in this district to be 55.55 per cent., which means that for every one dollar on deposit in these provinces we lend two. A compilation of the figures of the business of this bank in Saskataba lend two. A compilation of the figures of the business of this bank in Saskatche-wan made at the request of the Royal Commission on Agricultural Credit, ap-pointed by the Saskatchewan Govern-ment, give the percentage of farmers' leans to farmers' deposits in this prov-ince as 278.29 per cent., while the per-certage of farmers' loans to total de-posits was 88.25 per cent. This means that for every dollar which the farmers of Saskatchewan have deposited with us, we have lent them nearly three. These facts should convince those interested in facts should convince those interested in this important subject that our farming customers have been generously treated

The decennial revision of the Bank Act was an important feature of the last session of Parliament. A most searching examination and discussion of every conceivable phase of banking, as it affects this country, resulted in a measure evidently framed with the object of meeting every reasonable requirement, and the Act is generally regarded as a piece of unusually good legislation. The most prominent of the new features are the provisions for the creation of a Central Gold Reserve and the appointment of auditors for the independent examination of banks.

In view of what has been accomplished The decennial revision of the Bank Act

auditors for the independent examination of banks.

In view of what has been accomplished in spite of so many adverse influences and taking into account the natural disposition to look at the bright side of things after having passed through a trying period, it is not easy to forecast what the coming year will bring. We are inclined to the thought that with the correction and adjustment of important matters now pending—such as the settlement of European political and financial difficulties and the attempts to bring about a return of peace and prosperity to unhappy Mexico—(an important factor in the situation)—we shall see a revival of better conditions and our problems may the situation)—we shall see a revival of better conditions and our problems may be easily solved. We fear there will be a slow recovery, and great circumspection will be required before we again sail in smooth waters. We are likely to have an accumulation of idle money in the finaccumulation of idle money in the fin-ial centres, but this will probably not we any appreciable effect on rates for neral business for some time to come, ause of the depression in all first class urities and the difficulty of disposing because of the depression is an escurities and the difficulty of disposing of the large amount awaiting a favorable market. On the other hand, trade has been prosperous and is fundamentally sound, and while considerable restriction must be expected, we are hopeful that the coming year will be one of reasonable prosperity.

The adoption of the report was then moved by the President of the Bank, Sir Edmund Walker, whose address follows:

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untries in which we do business, in the
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rectly to the shareholders, instead of mpressing them into the addresses of the President or the General Manager, emed clear, and we think the experiment has justified itself and may be dopted hereafter.

A year ago the tide of expansion semed still to be in flood, although in me quarters a check was either in plain ght or had here and there made itself it. Money for certain purposes, notably tonnection w'th real estate, was not easy to obtain as in former years, yet the heed was apparently paid to the trepeated warmingr of bankers and chers who tried to forceast the future, though at the end of the year we must neclude that, after all, such warmings d have some beneficial effect. Clearly a have come through a time of difficulty a most creditable manner, and we can ok forward to the future cheerfully if e spirit of prudence which now charterizes our people remains unchanged least until another good crop has been

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marketed. Much of that part of our expansion which went too far reminds one of the diseases through which the young have to pass. We are doubtless glad if they escape them entirely, but we have no reason to expect that they will be so fortunate. Some undue speculation in real estate, and some over-building in connection with public improvements, inevitable amidst such astonishing growth and prosperity, and it would be foolish to expect anything else. We are now realizing more accurately the value of real estate and through the process we are gaining an experience which is absolutely necessary to the foundations of a sound prosperity. The Western country as a whole will not again have to suffer from this particular ailment of young communities. We have repeatedly deplored the fettering of the marketed. Much of that part of our ex again have to suner from this particular allment of young communities. We have repeatedly deplored the fettering of the country by the high rent-charge which inflated real estate values impose, and the unfortunate effect of such a rentthe unfortunate effect of such a rent-charge on the cost of living, and if there is now to be a pause in the upward move-ment of values, there will in any event be a corresponding gain to all landless people.

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Immigration has not yet been mucichecked by the curtailment of industry; indeed, except from the United States, there has been a large increase during the year. The British immigrants exceed in number the combined total of those from Europe and Asia and very much exceed those from the United States. The largest increase as compared with the figures of previous years, however, is in the division which includes all countries except Great Britain and the United States. Here the increase, December figures being estimated, is 32 per cent. From Great Britain the increase is 8 per cent, while from the United States there has been a decrease of 17 per cent. There is thus a total increase of 6 per cent., as



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against 13 per cent, in the previous year. The total number of immigrants, December figures again being estimated, was 417,709, as compared with 395,804 the revised figures for 1912. The total for 1913 is made up as follows: British, 156,873, United States, 115,805, all other countries, 145,031. These figures are 1913 is made up as follows: British, 156, 573, United States, 115,805, all other countries, 145,031. These figures are again eloquent in explaining the conditions of our foreign trade, the total of which for the year ending March, 1913, passed the billion mark for the first time, being \$1,985,175,000. The imports were valued at \$691,943,000 and the exports at 393,232,000, showing the largest excess of imports we have ever had, namely, \$298,711,000. In the six months of the current fiscal year ending September, the complete figures for which have been published, there is some improvement in the proportion of exports to imports, and since September a greater improvement has taken place. As to our exports we are glad to report an increase during this period in every group,

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while there has been a decrease in many of the classes of imports.

We again draw attention to the large proportion of our imports which consists or iron and steel in various forms, not only as raw materials, but as manufactured goods. The total value is about \$140,000,000. May we once more point out that in the main these are articles used in building or in equipping the country for its future, and that such purchases differ in effect from the import of foodstuffs and other rapidly perishing objects? At the same time we regret that the greater part of these iron and steel goods is not made in Canada now, as certainly will be the case in time. To the extent to which, by making these goods in Canada, we could have lessened the debt represented by the securities we have sold to pay for the difference between imports and exports, we have burdened ourselves for a long time to come. Of course, while workmen are busily endened ourselves for a long time to come. Of course, while workmen are busily engaged in other things, as they have

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in Canada, it may be said that they are not available for more work in iron and steel, but as soon as railroad and other building lessens in volume, not in the aggregate but in proportion to other in-dustries, we may hope that we shall be able to make in Canada the larger part anie to make in Canada the larger part of the iron and steel goods now imported. The increased output of our coal and iron mines, of our blast furnaces and of our manufactories, which would result, would be of inestimable value to the country as a whole.

ountry as a whole.

It was evident to any student of the situation a year ago that Canada, and other borrowing countries, would be put to a severe test during 1913. What we were not prepared for was that this country should be singled out as, in some measure, chief among the sinners of this kind. It is well, however, to remember that when money becomes scarce in the great markets of the world the chief borrower is always told that he has obtained too large a share and that he must stop borrowing for the time being. We had searcely realized that Canada had become the chief borrower, or practically so, and somewhat resented being held responsible for a situation created by the combined financial requirements of all the active mercantile nations of the world. However, we have had our warning and shall doubtless act upon it.

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The fact remains that under all this pressure England has taken more of our securities this year than ever before. She has patiently remembered that we are obliged to finish the many sound and important enterprises, public, semi-public and private, which had been undertaken before the financial clouds began to gather. That such enterprises will command the money of the investor in preference to loans for the rehabilitation of foreign countries devastated by war, or in preference to securities based upon new ference to loans for the rehabilitation of foreign countries devastated by war, or in preference to securities based upon new ventures, we need not doubt, and out of the vast sum available each year in the markets of Europe for new investments, we may be sure of getting a generous share. We shall have to face a keener analysis of the nature of the security offered, and the necessity of paying higher rates to the investor, and we shall do well to abstain during the next year or so from seeking to market any unnecessary securities, in order that we may do what we can to restore the balance between the investment resources of the world and the securities offered for sale. It is pleasing in this connection to see that the higher rates of interest offered have opened the markets of the United States to our securities to an extent quite unusual in the past.

Now that we have come to a Now that we have come to a slight pause in the growth of North America it is well to bear in mind some of the more important things accomplished during this period of expansion. In Can-ada, in addition to growth in many other directions, we have in sight the comple-tion of two new transcontinental railway systems, and while they have been build-ing. the critique system less access. tion of two new transcontinental railway systems, and while they have been building, the existing system has successfully established its claim to rank as one of the foremost railway systems of the world. As regards the United States the Panama Canal is practically finished; a tariff adjustment, the mere thought of which would have created panie a few years ago, has taken place, leaving the outlook in this respect a certainty instead of an uncertainty; a currency and banking bill, for which the country has been passed, and a more reasonable attitude has been adopted towards the question of railroad rate adjustment. These are all events of the greatest importance which must profoundly affect the future of the two countries, and so far as Canada is concerned we may surely feel that we are now entering upon a new and more important phase of industrial life for which our equipment is more adequate than ever before. No more positive evidence of the need and value of such equipment could be offered than the ease with which the present year's crop was harvested, moved and warehoused. This has been done in a manner which would have seemed impossible only a few years ago, and the value of the smoothness and rapidity with which the work was handled can scarcely be estimated.

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In connection with the opening of the Panama Canal, there will be held at San Francisco in 1915 the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, for the purpose of impressing upon the world the vast change in its commerce likely to accrue from this new waterway. It is peculiarly gratifying to know that in this exposition Canada will take a very prominent place. It is proposed to erect a building covering 65,000 square feet, considerably larger than the Canadian building in any previous exposition, and in this space the natural products of our country in agriculture, minerals, forestry, fish, game, etc. will be adequately displayed. We understand that it is the intention of the Government to make this one of the best exhibitions that has ever been placed be-

fore the public in the interest of this

country.

We turn to the Clearing House returns with unusual interest at such a time as the present. There are now twenty-two Clearing Houses in Canada. time as the present. There are now twenty-two Clearing Houses in Canada, but leaving out two with records for part of the year only and comparing the figures of the twenty 'n operation a year ago, we find that there have been ten increases and ten decreases during the year, as compared with increases in every Clearing House the previous year. The increase in the total is 1.27 perent, as against 23.74 per cent, a year ago. Increases appear in the figures of seven eastern and three western cities and decreases in those of eight western and two eastern cities. After the phenomenal increases in 1912 we may be glad that we have held our own in 1913. Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, three cities which account for 72 per cent. of the total, all show increases.

The building permits of the four cities were as follows:—

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We have made the comparison for three years in view of the contraction which has begun in some cities. Tocritically the same in the decline in Winripeg is trilling. The
marked contraction is in Vancouver, and
this no doubt represents conditions in
many other western cities. In Montreal,
however, there is a great increase in
value, although the number of permits
is practically the same. The figures
for Montreal always exclude large
suburbs, the building ir which last year
is said to approximate \$10,000,000 in
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value.

The comments of our Canadian, United States and English officers upon the trade and financial situation are so clearly set forth that I hesitate to repeat in any form their conclusions. It may be well, however, at such a difficult time to sum up the case as concisely as possible. The world has two problems before it: (1) How to render available a supply of money sufficient for the carrying out of such physical betterments as must be financed by the sale of securities? (2) How to enlarge the credit facilities of the

world for those shorter term ! tions which consist of the manu-ing and distributing of perishable

The first problem can only be readly solved if there is su The first proofem can only be fortably solved if there is suit money saved—that is, profits with from active use in business, or in not expended by the owners, et provide for the necessary borro of those who are expending monpermanent improvements. For years the world has been more evigant than in any period known it tory since Roman times, and the travagance has been accompanied rise in prices which has made it hard for those who are not evigant and who are the most rego saving money in ordinary times, they the usual margin against lifetingencies. When securities cannot ity be soli because of a shortathese savings, the money necessarings. fortably by the usual margin against life's tingencies. When securities cannot ily be sold because of a shorts these savings, the money necessor the short term transactions above ferred to is used to some extent the strain produced by this cannot tinue indefinitely, and such permimprovements must lessen in vaniti savings catch up and the brium has been restored. The sits during the past year, however, has aggravated by many other factor many countries, notably in Gwhere large sums are being expend permanent improvements, there relatively small number of thoshave savings to lend, and the of all the borrowers in all countries have exerted upon the lecountries have exerted upon the focuntries for the world a combined sure greater than ever before k On the other hand, to the extravo of individuals represented by motorals in the lower second display of of individuals represented by motpalatial houses, social display, et youd the capacity of their income-been added colossal expenditures and on armaments, and for man and on armaments, and for man poses which are useless from an trial point of view. Armamen necessary as part of the police of the world, but the money sitheir creation is none to less burden to the industrial world, have thus come to a time when ciding, as they do, with the hoars worse, but himly owners consequent. ciding, as they do, with the hearing money by timid owners consequent up the Balkan and Mexican trouble, tunusual requirements coming from almost world-wide prosperity cannot fully met. All business activities, the fore, throughout the world, must selected in volume until things right the selves, which they will do quite specific people generally are willing to pro-

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In accordance with the provisions of the revised Bank Act, Messrs. T. Harry Webb, C.A., and Mr. James Marwick, C.A., were appointed Auditors of the Bank for the ensuing year. The usual resolutions of thanks to the Directors acud to the staff of the Bank were passed, Mr. William Davidson, K.C., taking occasion in the course of his remarks as the mover of the resolution of thanks to the Board to draw attention to the sion in the course of his remarks as the mover of the resolution of thanks to the Board to draw attention to the strength of the statement presented to the shareholders of the Bank. He added: "It shows that the Canadian Bank of Commerce is in a position of very great strength and one which enables it to meet any emergency which may arise. I think also it will be seen that this Bank, in common with many other large institutions in the Dominion of Canada, has done much to avert what might have been a very serious financial crisis during the past year or eighteen months in the history of this country." At the election of Directors the retiring members of the Board were re-elected without change.

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#### NEW MIXED FARMERS FOR MANITOBA

A Dutch colony for Manitoba, for nutch farmers, who are exceptionally rell versed in the peculiarities of a wet, rude soil such as this province

Dutch farmers, who are exceptionally well versed in the peculiarities of a wet, crude soil such as this province possesses, has been successfully promoted by W. J. Ryckman, of the Million for Manitoba League, who, with Mrs. Ryckman, has just returned from a three months' visit to Holland in the interests of the scheme.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryckman visited Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam, besides spending much time looking over the agricultural colleges at Wegening. They motored throughout the southern part of Holland, and Mr. Ryckman describes the country as being a most beautiful one. He says there is absolutely no doubt that the Dutch farmers are the very best on earth to bring to Manitoba, as the soil conditions here and in Holland are quite similar. Some time was spent in the wheat and cattle country of the Netherlands also, and investigations were made as to whether the celebrated Frieshand cattle of Holland would be suitable animals for Manitoba farmers. Mr. Ryckman thinks they would. they would

they would.

Expert Coming in June
"Holland is a country about a third
"Holland is a country about a third
size of Manitoba," said Mr. Ryckman, "and yet it is populated with
6,000,000 people. They all seem to be doing well in the way of good living. The
windmills, which are seen everywhere,
constantly swing, and as constantly
drain the land, which is below sea level. I
visited many model farms, dairies and
co-operative organizations. A Holland
farm and dairy expert is coming to Canco-operative organizations. A Holland farm and dairy expert is coming to Candain June and he will probably deliver lectures before several of our agricultural colleges. We have much to learn from the Holland farmers, especially in Manitoba, as our soil here is similar to the soil conditions of that old country.

Care of Cattle

The cattle on the model farms in Holland are much better housed and taken care of than the people themselves, says Mr. Ryckman. "They live in palatial buildings which may be likened to the Boyal Alexandra for us," said he, "and every cow-comfort is provided for them. A Holland farmer allots one aere of his hand to each cow and her calf. Half of this acre is planted in grass and the other half to carrots. This constant diet of carrots gives to the Holland butter its seh tint, for the farmers use absolutely no artificial coloring."

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### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT IS LAID ON TABLE OF LEGISLATURE

The progress made along agricultural lines in Manitoba during 1913 is fully and clearly set forth in the annual report of the Department of Agriculture by Hon. George Lawrence, Minister of Agriculture. The report is most complete, and deals extensively with the work done by the department and the strides that are being made by the farm-

ers of Manitoba in scientific farming. In 1913 the grain crop of Manitoba totalled 178,775.946 bushels, and was grown upon 6,364.880 acres. Of this large crop 6,755,455 bushels made the wheat crop; the oat crop amounted to crop 6,755,455 bushels made the wheat crop; the oat crop amounted to 81,410,174 bushels; barley, 33,014,693 bushels; and flax, rye and peas together totalled 130,105 bushels. The average yield per acre was: Wheat, 20; oats, 42; barley, 28,6; flax, 11.3; rye, 19; and peas, 20,9. The potato crop amounted to 9,977,263 bushels from 55,743 acres, while 16,275 acres in crop produced 4,196,612 bushels of field roots. Fodder crops totalled 398,965 tons from 195,181 acres.

Dairy Farming Income

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Dairy farming proved to be the source
of a large income to the farmers of
Manitoba during last year. With the
exception of dairy butter, there was a
substantial increase in the amount of
dairy produce marketed during the year.
In dairy butter the decrease was so
slight that it was a negligible quantity.
Dairy butter marketed amounted to
4,288,276 pounds and was valued at
\$1,023,723,44, or an average price of 23.9
cents per pound. Creamery butter gave
the farmers the sum of \$1,080,646.05, being the value of 3,929,622 pounds, at an
average price of 27.5 cents per pound.
The value of cheese, milk sold as cheese. ing the value of 3,929,622 pounds, at an average price of 27.5 cents per pound. The value of cheese, milk sold as cheese, and sweet cream amounted to \$1,311.83, making a total value of \$3,416.248.97 for the dairy products of the province. The increase in the amount of creamery butter marketed in 1913 over 1912 was about 1,000,000 pounds; about 3,000,000 more pounds of milk were consumed, and the amount of cream used for sweet cream and ice cream is represented by 77,000 pounds of butter fat.

Demonstration Farms

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The report pays considerable attention to the work done in alfalfa demonstration and establishing of small demonstration and establishing of small demonstration farms. In 1911 ten one-acre plots of alfalfa were set out, and with one exception all are doing well. Last summer seven more plots were set out at the following places: Dugald, St. Pierre Jolys, Sandy Lake, Binscarth, Grandview, Swan River and Roblin. All those new plots made a good growth during the summer, and the prospects for them going through the winter in safety are excellent.

In the matter of demonstration farms mention is made of the interest taken in those already established by the farmers in the communities in which they have been placed. Applications have been received from numerous parts of the province for other farms to be established, all of which are under consideration.

Literature distributed throughout the province, demonstration trains and farmers' meetings are given as reasons for an increased interest being taken by the farmers in the development and improvement of their live stock. The following tables briefly tell of the progress being made by the farmers along various lines:

Farm Statistics

Live stock in the province:

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	1913	1912
Horses	300,753	273,395
Sheep		42,085
Pigs	248,254	216,640
Poultry dispos	ed of by farme	rs:
	1913	1912
Turkeys	176,964	167.438
Geese	79,940	71.951
Chickens	777,808	779,850
Land prepared	for crop of 19	14:
	1913	1912
2 17	Acres	Acres

Breaking 155,942 Summer-fallow 1,144,405 Fall-fallow 1,581,824 695,703

.2.882.171 Wheat marketed Dec. 1, 1912, 40 per cent. or 23,164,097 bushels.
Wheat marketed Dec. 1, 1913, 68 per cent, or 42,673,709 bushels.

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#### Girls' Cozy Corner

#### I Must Not Tease My Mother

I must not tease my mother, for she is very kind, thing she tells me, I must di-

rectly mind; For when I was a baby, and could not

speak or walk,
She laid me on her bosom, and taught me how to talk.

I must not tease my mother, and when she likes to read,

or when she has a headache, I'll silent be indeed;
In play I'll not be noisy, or trifling troubles tell,

But sitting down beside her, I'll try to make her well.

I must not tease my mother, she loves

me all the day, She tells of God and heaven, and teaches ne to pray; much I'll strive to please her, she

every hour shall see;
For, should I lose my mother, what would become of me?

#### A Little Princess

#### By Pearl Richmond Hamilton

All boys and girls like to read about a beautiful princess or a manly prince. "Once upon a time" about six years ago a beautiful little princess came to live in a beautiful little princess came to live in a home where there were no other chil-dren. She had blue eyes—big. bright and wonderful—and lovely golden hair. When she was two months old she smiled so sweetly and filled the home with hap-

piness so completely that it became
Castle of Sunshine.

Her face reflected the pink of the ros Her face reflected the pink of the roses that blossomed in the garden. The little fairies that hold the keys to the secrets of baby-land unlocked one by one treasures that only babies possess. First, they opened the box of dimples, and dimples played about the mouth and chin dimples played about the mouth and chin every time her father and mother came to her crib. Then they unlocked the gate to her heart, and every time she wakened her parents could hear the music of her cooing just like that of the little white doves that nested under the eaves of the roof above her head—interpreters were they of the music of hush-a-bye-land, and they gave her first lessons in voice sounding—real love lessons. At these times her father and mother a-bye-land, and they gave her first lessons in voice sounding—real love lessons. At these times her father and mother would stand over her and beg for smiles. Then how pleased they looked when the little mouth opened like the petals of a flower into real baby joy-greetings. How all the great kings and queens of the world kneel in submission to a baby's smil!

most wonderful influence in the The most wonderful influence in the world is a baby's smile. It makes bad men good and wicked women sweet—for the soul's eternal flame burns in a baby's heart and warms the cold curdling blood of hard humanity. So this little princess in the Castle of Sunshine blessed every one who came near her. She slipped into the waiting hearts of her father and mother and made them glad. They saw in her a glimpse of Heaven.

Sometimes big blinding tears would

Sometimes big blinding tears would cloud the blue in her eyes—then every one in the home would do their level beat to bring back the sunshine from hush-a-bye-land.

bye-land.

A, little Princess, how God must have smiled when he sent to hungry hearts such a sweet treasure! Somehow babies turn our hearts to prayer. Heart-throbs

are divine that thrill a mother's breast.

This little princess would watch her mother's eyes for they were the barometer of the baby's mind. Babies like to see mothers happy.

to see mothers happy.

One day, after the little princess was named, she wanted to sit up, and from that time on she grew very fast until she was strong enough to stand on her feet, then her father and mother and her grandparents watched for the first step. They were an admiring family group, for they loved her very much. There were changes every day in the Castle of Sunshine, for every day the princess presented a new accomplishment—perhaps shine, for every day the princess pre-sented a new accomplishment—perhaps it was a tooth, or a pat-a-cake, or bit of mischief. Then the little princess began to talk and she would sit in front of the Castle of Sunshine and preach sermons to Mrs. Chicken-Hen with her family of downy ducks—for really her children were so different from their mother that people laughed. Now Mrs. Chicken-Hen lived in a tiny shed not far from Sun-shine Castle, and she came over every lived in a tiny shed not far from Sunshine Castle, and she came over every day to see the little princess. Sometimes she became very saucy and then the little princess would throw a pebble at her. It was very funny to hear Mrs. Chicken-Hen quarrel with the little princess, and very often the mother would have to interfere and send Mrs. Chicken-Hen home. The little princess loved the downy duck children, but thought their mother was awful. One day she actually took a stick and drove Mrs. Chicken-Hen out of the yard—just like a real policeman.

One time the little princess visited some strange homes not far from Sunshine Castle. In one home, which was like a huge box, lived a terrible by black creature that had four legs. The little princess thought she was the ugliest thing in the whole world, but she was the mother of six of the cutest little pig children with funny feet and quere little noses and strange eyes. Their mother talked to them in a language that the mother of six of the cutest little pige children with funny feet and queer little noses and strange eyes. Their mother talked to them in a language that shocked the little princess and made her feel that the pigs had a horrid old mother to live with. A great big man, with a pail of food that smelled bad, walked into the square little home and emptied the contents of the pail into a long wooden trough and the little princess clapped her hands in delight to see the little pig children fall over one another to get their share of the banquet. Why one little fellow with black spots on his back actually jumped right into the trough and ate his soup while standing in the very best part of the dish. That was really "piggish," and the little princess walked away in disgust. Mrs. Moo-Cow lived next door in a much larger house. She had a dear little eaf-tehild only three days old, all wiggley it stood as its mother washed the red and white face with her tongue. The little princess was much interested in this process. After Mrs. Moo-Cow washed her child's face she began to chew gum, and she chewed so long that the princess was shocked to see a mother so rude—a terrible example to set before a new little calf-child. see a mother so rude—a terrible example to set before a new little calf-child.

to set before a new little calf-child.

In the next house, which was really outdoors fenced around, lived the most beautiful family of all. They were a noisy family and talked the "baa-a-a" language. From morning until night this family of children disturbed their neighbors. The little princess had often heard them from her play-place in front of Sunshine Castle, and was anxious to see them. They were really beautiful children—they wore coats of curly white fur even in summer, and as they frolicked about on their dainty pink legs they looked very happy in their play. The

little princess wanted to adopt one of them for a pet, but Mrs. Baa-a-a ob-jected. She said she loved her chidren and could not part with either of them. She had twins and the other lamb children belonged to her friends. Then the mother of the little princess told her of an experience that had happened when she was a little girl. One time she had a little lamb-child for a pet and she colored it with chalk and when the lamb-child went to see its friends they would colored it with chalk and when the lamb-child went to see its friends they would not notice it because it had disgraced the family, since in the aristocracy of the lamb-people, only white coats are allowed to be worn, and the poor little red-coated lamb-child was a social outcast.

coated lamb-child was a social outcast.
Into a big, big building, painted red,
the little princess went next. This building was divided into several rooms. The
father of the little princess called them
"stalls." The floors of these rooms were
covered with straw. In front of each
room a box-like place was filled with hay
—this was called a manger. By the way,
you remember, children, a manger was
the cradle-bed of the most wonderful
Baby in the history of the whole world—
the Christ-Child. the Christ-Child.

Baby in the history of the whole world—the Christ-Child.

At the top of the manger the little princess saw a box. In this particular stall live the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shetland, who came from an island far away across the ocean. Strange to relate, the name of their son was Prince, and he became the very best friend of the little princess. Every morning she visited him in his home and put fresh straw on the floor, for he slept on the floor, and she wanted him to have a clean, comfortable home. Then she would put his breakfast into the box over the manger. He always ate two ears of corn for his breakfast. Prince allowed the little princess to take care of him, and never bit or kicked her when she worked or played in his home. Sometimes he carried the little princess on his back; at other times he would allow her to drive him. They were good friends and loved each other. After the little princess became acquainted with Mrs. Chicken-Hen, Mrs. Pig-Black, Mrs. Moo-Cow, Mrs. Baa-a-a and Prince, she spent nearly all of her time with them. She did not care for toys or fine clothes, for she had such good times with the interesting barn yard folk. Her mother She did not care for toys or fine clothes, for she had such good times with the interesting barn yard folk. Her mother was pleased to see her little girl so happy among the live things near the Castle of Sunshine and dressed her in a costume that would allow her full freedom. The little princess in her play never had to worry over starched petitions to dresses that would soil and tear. Is it any wonder she was always happy? Now this little princess is a real girl living on a farm, and this is c true story; the name of this little princess is Francis Shimer and her picture is on the cover

of this copy of the Canadian Timan and Farmer. She has the times on her father's farm, and fill her home with so much ha that it is a Castle of Sunshine, for body loves Frances and she in turall. I trust every boy and girl win the country will enjoy life-farm as much as little Frances who in this picture is hostess of party."

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#### Canadian Boys' Camp

#### Left Alone

Its the lonesomest house you ever saw,
This big, gray house where I stay;
I don't call it livin' at all, at all,
Since my mother went away.

Four long weeks ago, an' it seems a year,

year,
"Gone home," so the preacher said,
An' I ache in my breast with wantin'

An' my eyes are always red.

I stay out of doors till I'm almost froze, Cause every corner and room
Seems empty enough to frighten a boy,
And filled to the doors with gloom.

I hate them to call me into my meals, Sometimes I think I can't bear To swallow a mouthful of anything, And see her not sittin' up there.

A-pourin' tea an' passin' the things,
An' laughin' to see me take
Two big lumps of sugar instead of one,
An' more than my share of cake.

"I'm too big to be kissed." I used to say, But somehow I don't feel right Crawlin' into bed as still as a mouse, Nobody saying "good-night."

tuckin' the clothes up under my chin, An' pushin' my hair back so-Things a boy makes fun of before his chums.

But things that he likes, you know.

There's no one to go to when things go

wrong,
She was always so safe and sure.
Why, not a trouble could tackle a boy
That she couldn't up and cure!

here are lots of women, it seems to me, That wouldn't be missed so much— Jomen whose boys are about all grown

up, An' old maid aunties and such.

't make out for the life of me hy she should have to go, her boy left here in this old gray needin' and wantin' her so.

I tell you, the very lonesomest thing In this great big world to-day, Is a boy of ten whose heart is broke Cause his mother is gone away.

#### Adventures of Johnie-Boy By Cousin Doris Number One

Number One
is is the first of a series of adventures by a real boy)
one day I visited Johnie-Boy in a
ser little place that he called "home."
w Johnie-Boy was a lad who liked
venture but his father ordered him to
fine his adventures to the back yard.
ore was little space back of the house
Johnie-Boy decided to dig down. With
de and shovel he began an excavation
t looked as if it might be his own
we. However it turned out to be the
mement of a cave—a real cave. Johnieg's big brown eyes sparkled with
de as he threw "spadeful" after
adeful" of black dirt over the side of
hole.

ohnie-Boy's mother watched

Johnie-Boy's mother watched him from the kitchen window and wondered what her son had in mind.

"He is all right," assured the father. "It's good exercise for him." So Johnie-Boy continued digging; his mother continued looking, while the father smiled behind his paper. He, too, had been a boy at one time—very much like Johnie-Boy. Father knew. After dinner Johnie-Boy gathered planks and spent the afternoon building a roof—one that would keep out the rain.

The next morning a queer dor was made to keep out policemen and such officers. A padlock on the outside would righten any officer of the law. A hole was then cut into the board roof and a funny piece of black stove-pipe, topped by a joint, made the strange, little hut seem more like a real haunt of cave-

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dwellers than anything else. The whole place took on an air of mystery. For several days Johnie-Boy sawed sticks of wood and carried blankets, tin dishes and planks into the cave—for it really was a cave. They could hear him busily hammering at something inside. His mother exclaimed in anxiety: "I wonder what the child is doing?"

"Exercising his muscles and keeping out of mischief," answered the father with queer twitches about the mouth as he marked an interesting sentence in the book he was reading. The father was not curious—not in the least.

not curious—not in the least.

Then for days Johnie-Boy was quiet—inside of the cave. From morning until noon and from noon till night Johnie-Boy stayed in the cave—only coming out for a few raw potatoes and uncooked bacon. Finally one day he invited his mother and father to go into the cave with him. This was really an important event. They walked in single the cave with him. This was reall important event. They walked in s file toward the place. Johnie-Box the lead, his mother, somewhat vously excited, followed, and his fa biting his lip in amusement, walked be-hind of the mother.

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Johnie-Boy very seriously unlocked the padlock and went down four steps leading into the cave, and the mother stood amazed at the furnishings of the place. At one side Johnie-Boy had made a couch of planks and a mattress stuffed with hay. A little stove in one end solved the problem of Johnie's absence from his meals of late. Stools made of fire-wood and covered with enshions of hay were placed about a square table. Two shelves were covered with papers and books, and on the walls a few pictures made the place more attractive. In front of the couch the mother discovered her discarded kitchen rug. The whole room was just the kind of place boys like, and Johnie-Boy was proud of his accomplishment.

The mother and father expressed a

The mother and father expressed a feeling of delight to Johnie and left him busily carving a mantle above the table.

During the dinner Johnie-Boy spent many hours in the cave where his mother and father often visited him and occasionally accepted his invitation to

Dear Campers: You see in this number I am beginning a series of stories of adventures by a real boy. Let us gather round the camp-fire every month, boys, with a bundle of adventures. I know our Campers must have in this great Western country interesting experiences, because they farm, hunt and work at all kinds of trades. Let us have for next month many experience letters. To the boy who writes the best description on "Preparing for Spring" I will send a prize book. Come, boys, let us beat the girls in the Cozy Corner.

Sincerely,

Sincerely Cousin Doris

#### FUEL FOR THE CAMP-FIRE

Emerson said: "An institution is only the lengthened shadow of a Man." "If you are set to polish a desk, and if that's your job, and if you accept it as your job, make up your mind that you will polish that desk just a little better than anyone else ever did it."

"Cultivate accuracy; the other thing something to be ashamed of."

is something to be ashamed of."

A bishop noticed a bare-headed Irishman drawing buckets of mud from a deep well, the sun shinging fiercely on his baid head. "Pat," said the bishop, "aren't you afraid the sun will affect your brain?" "Brains, is it?" replied Pat. "An' faith, your rev'rince, do yez think Td be a-doin' this if I had an-ny br-a-ains?"

"Do what you would do if you were sole owners of the business."

sole owners of the business."

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#### THROUGH LIFE'S SIEVE

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By R. D. Mock
Some time ago I stood in a canning
factory and watched them grade peas.
The inspector didn't carefully sort out
the large peas from the small ones as
the great containers were brought to
him. He just dumped the whole lot into
an inclined chute with a sieve bottom,
and as the peas rolled down they sorted
themselves. The little fellows were the
first to roll through the meshes and disappear. Down a little farther the
meshes got larger and the next size
dropped out of sight. And so on until
only a few larged sized ones rolled out
at the end of the chute. None of these
peas were deliberately selected. They
that's the way we all go through Life's
thats the way we all go through Life's
Sieve.

We are poured in at the top, a chaotic green mass, and we gradually sort our-selves. As we come opposite the mesh which seems to fit our capacities, in we which seems to fit our capacities, in we pop and there we stay until can...ig day comes. We are not personally selected. We just sort of select ourselves, and if we wind up in what we think is the wrong bin we may curse our miserable luck, but there we are, and we are generally there because we were so small in some dimension that we just couldn't help slipping through. And bear this in mind as you travel down the chute Near the beginning the crowd is so great and there seems so much competition among the little fellows that some chap may roll past his proper destiny. But at the end, after most of the sorting is may roll past his proper destiny. But at the end, after most of the sorting is done, so few are left that there's no slip-ping by.



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#### Our Women Folk

The editor has changed the name of our part of the magazine from Woman's Department to Our Women-Folk, and I am pleased with the change. I do like the word "our" — it seems sisterly, human. Then the editor asked sue to write this month something about "Our Women Folk." Out of the many thousands of our readers, I know only a few personally, but I do feel that we are all friends inasmuch as our interests and ambitions are similar, for we are "women-folk."

Before me is a vision of an audience—Our Women-Folk—all assembled in one great auditorium to discuss affairs that concern ourselves. The very best seats in the building are given to that group of women whose lives touch my heart most sympathetically. They are the women in isolated places of our country who are suffering and have suffered because medical attention for them is not possible. They are so brave—the bravest women in our land, and they are helpless. Most of them have families of small children depending on their mothering and they live in continual fear lest they be called away. We are often unjust to Providence and lay the blame on Him when a mother is taken. He has very plainly proven that the laws of Nature must be obeyed and that the helps those who help themselves. If He takes away an overworked woman who did not have proper care when she needed medical attention we turn right around and console the family by telling them that "her time had come." Now, I believe this is unjust to Providence. He has made very strict have regarding the abuse of the physical body. The body must have rest and care or it will break down just like a threshing machine will break down and wear out if it is not kept in good renair and oiled. If we do all in our power, calling on Providence in the meantime for help, then we are not at fault if a loved one is taken. But we are not doing all we can. This group of women I see before me—many of whom have written me asking for a booklet to aid them through maternity—need protection, The Western world is painting humanity's most glorious pictures and these women, in answer to the painted visions, are facing privations and hardships they are not strong enough to endure. The crying need for women in isolated places of the Western world is painting humanity's most glorious pictures and preachers are laboring and pleading for all that make a race stronger, while the cralles of erving needs for their suffering sisters.

In another part of this gathering of "Our Women Folk" is the bri

Extension Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College: "New and broader lines of study and

"New and broader lines of study and effort are opening up for the women as they come to realize that the best and truest life of a community centers largely around the home, the church and the school, and that the development of these powerful influences for good lies largely in the hands of the home-makers largely in the hands of the home-makers of the country. Mutual help, encouragement and instruction in these things which make better men and women and higher standards of living are the true meaning of the Home Economics movement, and form the basis of its work."

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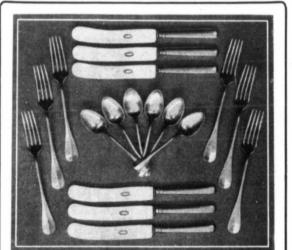
Manitoba belong to this organization of women, and one thousand women in a Manitoba belong to this organization of women, and one thousand women in a province have it in their power to make the Manitoban home-life a Garden of Eden. There is plenty to do in the homes of our country. When I see the girls struggling under the clutches of dangerous villains; gangs of boys grow-ing in germ-infested back lanes of crime; infants dying for want of proper food and the care of the mother-nurse, and husbands hunting haunts of sin and vice—I plead in the interests of these hungering hearts of humanity for better home-making. Yes, let me say to "Our Women-Folks" there is more work to do in the home than most of us realize.

here an important Let me annuance here an important otice. The Manitoba Agricultural Colnotice. The Maaitoba Agricultural Col-lege will give a free course in Maternity Nursing to the women of the province during the month of February. Efficient women physicians, such as Dr. Mary Crawford and Dr. Ellen Douglass, will adding the heatures. This is surely a Crawford and Dr. Ellen Douglass, wild deliver the lectures. This is surely a move in the right direction. It will promote neighborly responsibility, as many women have written me they would like to help their neighbors at these times, but do not know how. I hope the agricultural colleges of other provinces will follow this plan.

I congratulate every member of the Home Economics Society because she

stands for better home-making. In natural division of labor in this dwork, the man is the bread-winer, woman the care-taker. A sacred mother than the care-taker. As acred mother than the care-taker. As a common than the care-taker momentum of the care to make making is the important momentum of the care taken the

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#### Home Economics

The third annual meeting of the HE was held in the Opera House in Novaber owing to our regular meeting December being so close to Christm The president was in the chair. The ne president was in the chair. The ports of the secretary-treasurer was read by Mrs. McNamara in the abso of Mrs. Rowe, who was complimental the very complete and ably written

The talent money was handed in a mounted to \$84.65. The prize offer the woman who earned the manney for the rest room was won. to the woman who earned the money for the rest room was won! Mrs. McNamara, the amount being 8 The prize was a beautifully bound on for Myrtle Reed's "Threads of Grey m Gold" and a sterling silver book nut A letter was read from Mrs. Salishe outlining a course of study for the war "Personal Hygiene" was the subschosen by this society.

A motion was passed that this seed was in favor of medical inspection schools, and Mesdames Sharpe, Mel-za Tait and Cram were appointed a delep-tion to wait on the School Board urgs

During intermission refreshments are served and the election of officers preceded with. Mrs. McCharles was in the chair. Hon. pres. Mrs. C. H. Brown pres., Mrs. G. T. Armstrong: lst vispres., J. Tait; 2nd vice-pres., E. Moore; secretary-treasurer. Mrs. W. Rowe. Directors: Mesdames W. Melson, T. A. Pybus, A. Hamilton, W. Dicksen, M. T. A. Pybus, A. Hamilton, W. Dicksen, M. T. A. Linder, R. W. Charles, A. W. E. J. Moore.

E. J. Moore.

The December meeting was a very a teresting one though the attendance vi not large.

The executive have drafted a programme for the coming year. Four mer bers are to take charge of each method Mrs. Sharpe read a paper on "living ship," and Mrs. E. Jones read "Bettlehem," both of which were me appreciated.

Our rest room is a success. It is large, bright comfortable room, plant warm and well patronized, and most appreciated by the people of the district

A rest room has been started in Carman by the Dufferin Home Economics Society. On October the 15th the opening of the rest room took place when a shower of useful articles for the rest room was given and tea served. A goodly number of things were contributed at the shower which were greatly appreciated by the ladies who are interested in the establishing of the rest room.

room.
A cooking demonstration was given on November 13th and 14th in the rest room by Miss Ross, of the Agricultural College, when apple dishes, fruit salad and cereal dishes were demonstrated.

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At the regular meeting in November the making of candy was demonstrated by two of our members, one showing how fondant was made, and the other showing how to make "Divine Divinity." The candy made was sold and the money given to the rest room fund.

The annual business meeting was held on December 11th, when reports were read and election of officers took place.

A home-cooking sale was held on December 20th in the rest room when \$20 was added to the rest room when \$20 was added to the rest room fund.

Our society is looking forward to a visit from Miss Gowsell, of the Agricultural College.

#### SWAN LAKE

On Monday afternoon, January 19th, the Swan Lake H.E.S. was honored by a risit from Mrs. Dayton, of Virlen, the Provincial President of Manitoba. It was a thousand pities that the town was also visited by the Irrst serious bilizzard of the season on the same afternoon; in apite of the unpleasant weather, however, there was quite a good gathering, and several of the country members managed to drive in.

After the president, Mrs. G. B. Gordon, had said a few words of the pleasure it gave the society to welcome their visitor, Mrs. Dayton opened her address by giving the members a cordial greeting from Virden. The address which followed was very interesting and commanded the attention of the audience as much by the sympathetic and clear delivery of the speaker, as by the importance of what she had to say. Mrs. Dayton spoke fearlessly on the subject of women, their work and their influence of what she had to say. Mrs. Dayton spoke fearlessly on the subject of women, their work and their influence and the subject of women, their work and their influence and the subject of women, their work and their influence and the subject of women, their work and their influence and the subject of women their work and their influence and the subject of women their work and their influence and the subject of women their work and their influence and the subject of women the subject of women their work and their influence and the subject of women their work and their influence and arts, to make of the home a real home and resting place and not merely a house in which one cats and sleeps, but the scope and influence is much wider the subject of the sub

work.

And Mrs. Dayton specially emphasized the fact that women often do not receive sufficient consideration in their homes, or do they take enough care of themselves; they are entitled to a regular allowance and to as many labor-saving appliances in proportion as the man buys for himself on the farm.



You saw this advertisement in this magazine. Don't forget to say so when writing.

And, above all, the societies should be an influence for good; every member should try to help her neighbor, to abolish all cliques, to frown down all gossip and to try and say "something good" of everyone.

Altogether it was the most helpful and inspiriting address that could be given and every member felt strengthened by hearing what others had done and what she herself could do. These personal visits cannot fail to be a great help and inspiration to all the societies.

#### THE BRANDON WINTER FAIR

The woman's section of the Brandon Winter Fair is promised a rare treat this year, as Mrs. Gray, of Chicago, has been secured to take charge of the cooking demonstrations. Mrs. Gray is a graduate of the University of Chicago. For some time she was Instructor of Home Economics in Rockford Colege of Women. Later she became head of the Home Economics Department of the

Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville. From there she accepted the position of Associate Professor of Home Economies in the lowa State College at Ames. While there she gave demonstrations before thousands of women from the farms in Iowa. She is a woman bright, enthusiastic, sympathetic and practical, and the women of Manitoba who attend the Brandon Fair will be greatly pleased and helped by her personality as well as her demonstrations.

her demonstrations.

Mrs. Gray fills a prominent place in domestic science circles in the States, as she is National Vice-President of the Associated Clubs of Domestic Science and is on the Faculty of the "People's Institute of Domestic Economy." She is also a regular contributor to the "Country Gentleman" and to the "North American" which has a very large syndicate connection, through which her articles go all over the United States.

Mrs. Gray knows Canadian women, having travelled through Canada with her

husband, who is secretary of the Aberden-Angus Association of America.

I remember with pleasure my visit at the Brandon Winter Fair last year. It is an education that women cannot afford to miss. The live stock exhibits and poultry show are Western Canada's most splendid and most convincing advertisement of the splendid opportunities open to the man of the stock farm, for the animals exhibited are well-nigh perfect. I can never understand the woman who does not admire fine cattle and splendid horses.

This year, the woman's section will be

This year the woman's section will be held in the armoury building, which is just across the street from the Winter Fair. President McGregor and Manager Smale are putting in larger equipment and are making it more comfortable for the women who attend. Every woman who can possibly attend should Jo so. The Brandon people always put forth every effort to welcome the stranger—and the Brandon Winter Fair as a whole

is exceled by none. It is to be held from March 2 to 6 and promises to be the best of its kind in every feature.



Mrs. Gray, of Chicago University, who will take charge of the Cooking Demonstration at the Man-

#### Mothers' Corner

#### ROCK ME TO SLEEP

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight, Make me a child again just for to-night! Mother, come back from the echoless ahore,

Take me again to your heart, as of yore; Kiss from my forehead the furrows of

Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep,
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep!

Backward, flow backward, O tide of the

years!
I am so weary of toil and of tears—
Toil without recompense, tears all in

Toil without recompense, trars all in vainTake them and give me my childhood again!
I have grown weary of dust and decay—
Weary of finging my soul-wealth away;
Weary of sowing for others to reap;
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep.

Tired of the hollow, the base, the untrue, Mother, O Mother, my heart calls for

you! Many a summer the grass has grown

green, Blossomed and faded, our faces between. Yet, with strong yearning and passion-

Long I to-night for your presence again.

Long I to-night for your presence again.

Come from the silence so long and so deep;

Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Mother, dear mother, the years have

been long.
Since I last listened your lullaby song.
Sing then, and unto my soul it shall seem
Womanhood's years have been only a dream.
Cleaned to your breast it a loving arm.

Clasped to your breast in a loving em-

brace,
With your light lashes just sweeping my
face,
Never hereafter to wake or to weep—
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep!

-Florence Percy.

The booklet entitled "Helps for Expectant Mothers" will be sent free to any wife who requests it. Address Mrs. Pearl Richmond Hamilton, 983 Grosvenor Ave., Winnipeg, Can.

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#### THE BOY PROBLEM

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The following letter I quote from a magazine for mothers. It may help some of our mothers.

"We sold our beautiful home in the city of X—, left our lifelong friends and relatives, and invested in twenty-seven acres of land on the shores of Lake—, to save the soul of our boy. We know mothing of farming or fruit raising, but the future looks rosy. We are progressing and our boy is contented here. He has cleared some land which his father has given to him and will plant strawberries, potatoes and fruit trees.

"My husband was secretary of the

offices and fruit trees.

"My husband was secretary of the Sunday school of the church which we attended in the city, and for eight years I had a Sunday school class. I knew that our boy smoked, because I saw him come out of some high weeds one day with some other boys and all were smoking. I was dumbfounded, but I did not know just what to do.

"Then cassing dark Sunday after."

"Then, one rainy, dark Sunday afternoon, the door bell rang and when I
went to the door, there on the poren
stood four men. I know that I looked
surprised, but I asked them in. They
left their dripping umbrellas on the
porch and came into the hall. They refused to sit down, and seemed ill at ease.
At last one asked:

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At last one asked:

"Is your boy at home?"

"How my heart leaped! I feared—I did not know what. I answered that he was at home, and then the man asked me if I knew that our boy was one of a number of little boys who took plumbing out of the new houses and sold it to a rag-man. I can remember how faint and chilly I felt, and—I could have torn to pieces the man who said that our boy stole! But I called our boy in, and he came hopping along on one foot in a way that he had—I can see him yet, little fellow—he was only eleven. He looked straight into their faces, answered all of the questions truthfully — said, yes he helped to rob the houses! Dear mothers of boys, you know how I felt! Then he went out and got two brass faucets from under our back porch and handed them to the men. He gave me one quick look, and then hung his head for the first time in his life.

"There was a lump in my throat as his as the Psyshyterian Church! One.

"There was a lump in my throat as big as the Presbyterian Church! One man groaned, another sobbed, and one blew his nose hard. The man who had asked the questions was a detective. We all stood and looked at the boy — the little boy—so little—it just seemed as though it rould not be that he had done such a terrible thing!

"Then the man asked for my husband. He was out doing some Sunday School work! One of the men said that the fathers were to meet that evening and talk over what had happened. The detective said that as the boys all came from good homes nothing would be done and the fathers could settle the bill.

"And the four men in their black coats walked out of our house into the rain like four pall-bearers.

ilke four pall-bearers.

"My husband was struck dumb that evening when, with other fathers of the neighborhood, he learned of all that had happened. How did I spend the evening? I threw myself face down on the rug and cried my heart out: Then I washed the tears away and went up to the boy's room to see if he had heard me cry. He was sound asleep and he looked like a little baby!

"That evening we made up our minds."

"That evening we made up our minds if there was any way of getting out of the city we were going to find it! And we did. We sold our home, of which we thought so much, at \$500.00 less than its value, and we are now on a fruit ranch in a house made out of lumber cut off the land, and covered on the outside with tar-felt.

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We see porcupines and woodchucks, run across our clearing, and at night hear the owls hoot and the wolves

friend said: 'I do not see how you, A friend said? I do not see now you, sity woman, live in that wilderness. I smiled and did not say much. We what we are doing. The city isn't enough for me for a few years! We our boy to bring up and his future has more to us than anything else in word?

world.

Now I would not have you picture boy in your mind as all bad, for he not! He is thirteen years old—all of a happened two years ago, and so far we know he has not done anything us to be ashamed of since that dready. He has so many good traits, he is helping to bring up his mother, twenty years older than he, but he bigger than I, and I will tell you why: One day when he was ten years old i liced our yard full of boys, and, look-closely, I saw the wash-woman's 'all tattered and forn,' two hareped boys, and a ragged, lame boy ha crutch.

I called my boy in and said: 'Where

It called my boy in and said: 'Where you find those boys? What will the ghbors think of such a yard full?' y will you insist on playing with h children? Why not play with se of the nice boys of the neighbor-d?'

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He looked up at me with his eyes
I of surprise. 'Why, mother,' he said,
at boy's father drinks, and his
ther washes to buy things for 'em to
. The boy can't help it that his
her drinks and his mother washes!'

'Never mind,' I said. 'You keep ay from him. And those other boys, -why do you pick them out-of all the boys there are to play with?'

'Oh, mother,' he said, reproachfully, by can't help it—laving hare-lips— y were born that way. And, mother, y isn't a wash-woman's boy as good any other boy?'

any other boy?

So you see my boy is teaching me.
was just sorry for them all. One
y on the street we passed a little
gro boy, and the two children spoke
each other. I pulled my boy along by
i sleeve, and said: 'Do you speak to
rybody?' I can feel his hand tugging
my skirt even now as he hopped
mg on one foot and looked up into my
e. He had felt the reproach in my

'Say, mother, he can't help it—'cause is black! The Lord made him that . And if the Lord wanted him that , why isn't he just as good as a te boy!'

Women who enter into partnership th the Almighty to create in His age a little child, need all of the help at they can get to lead them into an manhood and womanhood!

T am glad that I am a mother. I sh that it was in my power to take me of the money used in beautiful pub-buildings and help some of the poor others who are trying so hard to bring the little ones that God has given to

We prefer to live in the country. It better to hear the wolves howl here an to have our boy caught by some of e human wolves which we know stalk out for prey in city streets.

The country is a splendid place to the fat on your souls, to say your ayers, to commune with nature and th God, and to earn a good, clean dol-t, and to give the boy a chance to you up in the open into strong, true unhood.

"R. H."

We give this splendid letter as a part our parents' problems knowing that will help some other mother in the lution of her own. This mother has lved her problem. Many other mothers e confronted with the same great prome. A recent issue of a Chicago paper defect that the greatest menace to the yof Chieago was not its lack of sub-ays, not its political conditions, not e congested loop, but the gangsters of e city who were making its lanes, and alleys veritable schools for me!

DISOBEDIENCE

Frances McKinnon Morton

I am convinced as I grow older and see more of children and am better able to project myself into their world, that it is very rare to meet with actual intentional disobedience in young children Most very young children fail of a full understanding of the requests made of them, and many poor litle tender hands have been spanked when their owner was ignorant not only of his offence but more than that, still in ignorance of the meaning of the original request. The feeling that a parent has been eruel or unjust rouses anger, ill-will and fear in a child and finally of of this mental disease there grows the desire to deceive—to withdraw the inner self from the misunderstanding parent. It is safe, in our dealings with very small children, to

go on the general principle that none of them really wish to displease or to be disobedient. One very frequent cause of disobediene in little children is the bad habit so many of us have of giving commands in the negative rather than the positive form. A little child does not understand the meaning of the word "don't" and as it represents no concrete object it is not a word easily defined to a child's limited intelligence. One baby that I knew, when I asked if she understood "don't," replied naively, "Yeth, it'th the thpank word." I saw a mother once tell a two-year-old child not to touch a rather perishable pillow that was in the room. They were in the house of a friend and the mother feared that the child would injure the pillow, which he at last did in desperation at his failure to understand. The little fellow

started to pick up the pillow, which was bright and attracted him. "Don't touch that pilow, Johnny!" said the mother in a hasty, impatient way. Johnny looked about him with a pleased smile. He was glad that his mother had mentioned that pillow, Johnny!" said the mother in "pillow" and it showed that she understood him and their minds were at work on the same objective point. Because he had no idea what the word "don't" signified and did know the meaning of the word "pillow," he discarded from his mind the unknown concept and clung to the visual image of the thing that be did know, and gathered the bright pillow recklessly up into his little arms. His mother got up in the midst of a sentence, took the pillow from him, put it back in place and repeated very sternly, "Dont you touch that pillow any more!"



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Johnny was somewhat discouraged with his attempt to interest his mother, but with the natural buoyancy of youth he went for the pillow again, and again it was snatched from his little hands and

was snatched from his little hands and put into place with another repetition of. "Don't you touch that pillow again." This performance was repeated several times until the exasperated mother had given a wholly undeserved spanking to ignorant and innocent little Johnsy. This upset his developing sense of justice and left his mind for a minute in utter confusion, so he was set down on the floor none too gently and ordered again, "Now, don't you touch that pillow any more." Poor little man! He knew he had made a great mistake in his conduct, but his heart was right and he meant to do well and he was very sure that he knew what the word "pillow" meant. Perhaps his mother ddn't know what a pillow was. Maybe that was why she couldn't understand, so with the light of a great determination shining in his blue eyes still wet with tears, he toddled over to the sofa and gathered the offending pillow in his little arms again. He knew his mother had punished him but she kept calling for a "pillow" and he meant to do his small best to get one to her even if he was misunderstood. 'Maybe he had carried the pillow wrong, maybe that was why she was not pleased. This was a happy thought, so he dropped the bright pillow on the floor, caught hold of the gilt conditate but he does understand will year of the pillow away from him and administered a second spanking. I could endure it no longer. "He thinks you want the pillow." I was once travelling in a foreign country and a man called to me not to go through a certain gate. I did not understand his form of the negative, which was provincial, but I did understand the foreign word for gate and I made for the gate just to prove my knowledge. Now if you will try my plan with Johnny I believe you'll see the connection." The mother did try. Instead of saying "don't" any more she said 'eBring mama the pillow Baby!" and the brave little man, forgetting all the injustice of the past, brought the pillow proudly across the room and laid it in her lap. "Thank you, Baby." she said gently as she

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#### A "SOCIETY" WOMAN

And How She Found Herself

And How She Found Herself
Young Mrs. Harrison was growing infinitely weary of the fashionable world of which she was a part. Card parties, dancing parties, motoring parties and dinners took up every waking hour. She had long been dissatisfied with herself as well as the life she led, but in the whirl of it all she scarcely knew how to extricate herself. She was rich, she was beautiful, she was popular, and she knew no other life. No wonder society claimed her as its own.

She was just leaving to go down to the city in search of a prize to be given at her bridge club that week, when she heard a timid knock at the door. Sopened it herself—an unusual thing for her. There, facing her on the doorstep, stood a shabby litle woman with a worn,

sweet face. She looked at the smartly-gowned woman, hesitating a little. Then she smiled gently. "Mrs. Harrison?" she

she smiled gently. "Mrs. Harrison?" she asked.

"Yes."

"I am Mrs. Lyon. I feel I must apologize for intruding, but," she went on timidly, "I came from our Mission Circle. We"— she hesitated — "we were wondering if you would sing a little hymn for us at our meeting to-morrow. It would encourage us so much."

Young Mrs. Harrison drew back a little. "How do you know I sing?" she added, a trifle abruptly.

The shabby little woman smiled again. "Every one in Randolph knows that, do they not?" she replied, still gently. "Yours is a voice that, having once been fortunate enough to hear, one longs to hear again. My daughter heard you, not long ago, at some sort of musicale. She has been talking of nothing else since. She said to me: 'Mother, if you could get a voice like that into your Mission Circles, they would not drag so.' We do have such hard times," she went on. "There isn't the interest or enthusiasm there should be. So many of the women nowadays have their clubs and their card parties. Missionary meetings are being considered first."

Xoung Mrs. Harrison did not reply. There was a pause.

"It's a great gift to be able to sing," went on the gentle voice.

"Perhaps; but I rarely sing nowadays, I am going out so much. There is a club meeting almost every afternoon in the week, and dinners and the theatre."

She did not herself understand her readiness to talk to this shabby little woman, but there seemed to be something so restful about the city, now to the content of the shaby in the work and dinners and the theatre."

woman, but there seemed to be some-thing so restful about her face.
"I am going down to the city now to select a prize for my bridge club," she

added. The sweet, pale face suddenly sobered. Young Mrs. Harrison caught the look, and half resented it.
"You, I suppose, don't belong to any clubs," she added.
The little shabby woman shook her head. "1" Oh, no! I belong to the Mission Circle. I teach in Sabbath-school, and I always try to go to prayer-meeting."

"But your amusements? What are they?" demanded young Mrs. Harrison. A quiet smile lighted the pale feautures. "Amusements? Why, hearing the birds sing, reading my Bible, meditating on God's goodness, and the privilege of working for Him. This is my life, and I am so happy in it."

She looked at the beautiful eyes regarding her. "Do you know this life?" she added softly.

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Young Mrs. Harrison shook her head. Something moved her to a sudden confession. "I don't know any life, but the same old round." she answered, half bitterly. "I go home from gay gatherings actually sick at heart. Oh, I don't know what is the matter with me, but I'm tired of everything! Sometimes the mood passes, and then I say to myself: What is the use? One must. I suppose, go on in the station one is born in."

The little shabby woman took the jeweled hand in both her worn ones. "Not unless God goes with us," she said carneally.

"Not unless God goes with us," see said earnestly.
Young Mrs. Harrison looked reflective. She had never thought of that.
Was God in her gay parties? Would he be pleased with the life she led?
"No," the answer came itself. "No,

"No," the answer came itself. "No. no!"

The little woman saw the look. "I'm sorry." she said gently, "sorry. You could do so much. You have such a fine face. Surely a noble spirit lies behind it. Begin now. Give the Lord a portion of your time at least. Ask him to guide you. Shall I tell you the secret of every happy Christian's life! Just one word—surrender."

She smiled. "What a sermon I have preached!" she

"What a sermon I have preached!" she ided. "And I am detaining you. May I tell the ladies that you will sing for

"Yes." young Mrs. Harrison replied. "I shall miss a bridge party, but I will sing for you to-morrow." She brought her prize for the bridge party bome and put it on her writing-desk. It was a cut-glass candle-stock. She looked at it in silence. "And I must



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"You'll not laugh if I tell you?"
There was a note of entreaty in her voice. Her husband felt it.
"No, indeed."

"No, indeed."
"Well, this afternoon, a sweet, shabby little woman came here and asked me if I would sing a hymn in a missionary meeting to-morrow. It is the afternoon of Mrs. Sales' bridge party, but I promised I would do it. I don't know what a missionary meeting is like, and I never sing hymns. And, do you know, Harry, when I came to look for one, I found I hadn't a hymn-book in the house! I had to borrow one from Norah."
She was turning the leaves of the red book as she spoke.
"I don't go to church, either. But, do you know, of late I've been thinking a great deal? Of what use am I in the world! Around I go, like a squirrel in a eage, without getting anywhere. I sometimes think I was born for a different life."
Her husband looked at her.
Then suddenly she rose and went over to the piano, running her hands over the team. "I believe I will sing this." And No, indeed. Well, this afternoon, a sweet, shabby

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ow grandly the wonderful voice sang chorus! Her husband almost held breath as he listened.

For a little bit of love, For a little bit of love. They have waited, oh so long, For a little bit of love!"

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did young Mrs. Harrison, and she sang to those earnest, consecrated women her little hymn.

And in the singing of it, somehow something new and vital took hold of her. She felt her feet set in new paths. She did not herself realize what it all meant. Afterwards she knew. For God had called her—called her to sing with that wonderful voice His songs, songs to comfort those who mourned, to gladden said and lonely hearts.

She did not say much: but when she went home from the missionary meeting, she went straight to her husband. "Harry," she said softly, laying her head on his shoulder, "I'm not going back."

He understood. For a moment he also

back."

He understood. For a moment he did
not speak. There was a silence. He
broke it, "It's all right, dearest," he
said. "I felt it when I heard you sing
that hymn. Of course, you cannot go
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of nutmeg, a tablespoonful of grated
choses and two beaten eggs. Have ready
some simple broth (from meat or chicken
stock, or milk and water in proportion

as wished), and when boiling pour into it the spinach preparation. Let all simmer together for three or four minutes, when remove and place, uncovered, on the top shelf of a very hot oven five minutes, watching to see that it does not scoreh. The Italians use a salamander for clapping over the top of the souppot, but the heat of a brisk oven will answer the same purpose. The eggs will congulate and the puree will be a delicate green substance. Serve with croutons.

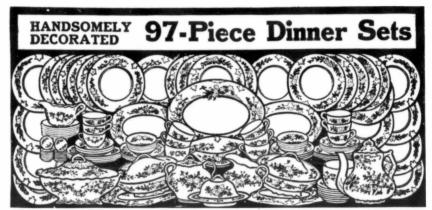
#### Spinach Pudding

Wash some spinach thoroughly (about two pounds); boil it ten minutes, then

with a cloth, and pound in a mortar till fine enough to pass through a sieve. When pressed out, put in an earthen pot with a lump of butter the size of an egg and half a teaspoonful of lemon juice; let boil a few minutes; remove to a bowl, and when it is cold mix in it the beaten yolks of two eggs. (Three may be used.) Put them into a buttered mold, leaving a hole in the middle, and cook slowly an hour in an outer vessel of boiling water, with good steady heat above and below in the oven. When done, turn out on a platter and fill the cavity with cooked mushrooms.

One Form of Polenta

Into three pints of iast-boiling water put a tablespoonful of olive oil and a pinch of corn-meal; stir smooth and cook for an hour or more—longer (from two to three hours) will be all the better, and if a fireless cooker is available treenient. if a fireless cooker is available the long, slow cooking may be quite as convenient. If cooked on the stove, however, the corn-meal must be put in a double-boiler and the water in the outer vessel kept at a gallop for an hour at least. Stir frequently. Have ready some thick gravy and a half-pint of strained, thickened tomato. Fill up a baking-dish with the cooked mush, gravy and thickened tomato, alternating them in layers.



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#### Creamed Macaroni

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Have a good-sized saucepan of fastboiling water well salted; drop into it
three-fourths pounds of macaroni and
cook fast for forty-five minutes, adding
at the start an onion stuck with two
cloves, also a generously heaped teaspoonful of butter. Remove the onion,
drain the macaroni, and replace in the
saucepan with four ounces each of
grated Parmesan and Swiss cheese, a
pinch each of pepper and nutmeg, and a
half pint of hot meat broth (preferably
veal or chicken) and four tablespoonfuls
of cream or rich milk. Cook five minutes,
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When making mashed potatoes, add
the cream and seasoning and whip them
until light. Then add two teaspoonfuls
of grated onion and juice and whip
again. They are simply perfect served
in this way.

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#### Marshmallows

- 2 tablespoons of granulated gelatine or jelly powder, 6 tablespoons of cold water, 2 cups of granulated sugar, 1 cup of boiling water, 1 tenspoon of vanilla extract.

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Soak the gelatine or jelly powder in the cold water. Boil together the granulated sugar in the water until a little dropped into cold water forms a stiff ball. Pour this boiling syrup over the gelatine or jelly powder and, as soon as it cools, beat the mixture for fifteen minutes. Add the vanilla extract and turn into a deep dish which has been lightly greased and dusted over with corn-starch. When thoroughly set, cut into squares and roll each in powdered sugar.

#### Butter-Scotch

- 2 cups of sugar, Nuts. if desired,
- 2 tablespoons of water, Butter the size of an egg.

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Put all together into a saucepan and
cook without stirring for about fifteen
minutes or until a little dropped into
cold water is hard and brittle. Pour into
a well greased shallow tin, and when
nearly cold mark off into squares.
Shelled English walnuts, almonds or
pecans may be added to the butterscotch just before it is turned into the
cooling may. cooling pan.

#### Chocolate Creams

Unite of 1 egg.
2 tablespoons of cold water.
Confectioners' sugar,
6 drops of any desired flavoring.
1/4 lb. of sweet checolate.

Beat the egg and water together only till mixed: add the sugar till the in-gredients form a stiff paste—about a cupful and a half will probably be needed. Work in the flavoring with the sugar, then form into small balls. Grate

the chocolate and put into a cup, over hot water, to melt; dip the balls into it, one at a time, using a fork for the dip-ping. Lay separately on waxed paper, and, if necessary dip a second time.

#### True Lovers' Knots

2½ cups of flour, 1 cup of sugar, 2½ cup of butter,

- egg, teaspoon of naking powder,

About ½ cup of milk.

Sift the flour and baking powder together; rub the butter into the flour and baking powder with the hand; add the sugar, and mix to a firm dough with the egg and milk. Roll out and cut into strips; twist into the form of knots and bake in a moderate oven until golden brown.

#### Mignons

- ½ cup of butter,
  ½ cup of sugar,
  ½ cup of sugar,
  Yolks of 3 eggs,
  1 teaspoon of baking powder,
  ½ teaspoon of cinnamon,
  ¼ lb. of almonds, ground,
  1½ cup of flour,
  1 teaspoon of vanilla.

Cream the butter and sugar; add the yolks of the eggs and then the almonds ground fine; sift the flour, baking powder and cinnamon together and add to the mixture, with the vanilla. Roll very thin, cut into fancy shapes, brush over with white of egg or milk and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Bake on a greased pan in a quick oven.

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#### Quick Mince Pie

This can be made almost any q with but little work. Run any leften beef through the meat chopper, min three times as much apple say theer through the meat chopper, man three times as much apple say sweeten and spice to taste, add a tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar, a some raisins and currants. Just eng can be made for one pie. Put betse pastry, and bake the same day.

#### One Egg Custard Pie

Beat three tablespoons sugar, one Beat three tablespoons sugar, one, and one heaping tablespoon flour cornstarch together, add salt, three milk, and stir thoroughly. Line a sg pie plate with pastry, and turn in prepared custard. Bake in a mode oven. Flavor with nutmeg, if liked

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"Why does the sheriff want me killed?"

"Nothing personal, I assure you," answered Kent with mock courtesy. "I've already explained that he will not arrest you. But you're the suspect, and if you were put out of the way every one would believe you the murderer. There would be a perfunctory investigation, the whole thing would be hushed up, and the body Annalaka churchvard would rest in peace - presumably a profitable peace for the sheriff."

"Flat out, Kent, do you know who the dead woman is?"

"Flat out, I don't. But I've a shrewd guess that I'll find out before long."

"From Gansett Jim?"

"No hope there. He's an Indian. What I'm going to see him about now is your safety."

"Now? Where do you expect o find him?"

"In the village, I hope. It wouldn't do for you to come there. But I want you to go to the spot where you met the circus-wagon man, and wait, until I

bring Jim."

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It was a long wait for the worried artist, in the deep forest that bounded the lonely road along Hawkill Heights. Ten o'clock Hawkill Heights. had chimed across the hill from the distant village, when he heard lootsteps, and at a call from Kent, stepped out into the clear, holding the lantern above him. The light showed a strange spectacle. Kent, watchful, keen, ready as a cat to spring, stood with his eyes fixed upon the distorted face of the half-breed. Terror, rage, overmastering amazement, and the soul-panic of the supernatural glared from the blue-white eveballs of the negro; but the jaw and chin were set firm in he stoicism of the Indian. In that strange racial conflict of emotions the fiercer finer strain won. Gansett Jim's frame relaxed.

boy, Jim!" Chester "Good Kent's voice, at the half-breed's ear, was the voice of one who soothes an affrighted horse. "I didn't know whether you could stand it or not. You see, you didn't shoot Mr. Sedgwick, after a11.

"Dun'no what you mean," grunted Gansett Jim.

"And you mustn't shoot at him any more," continued the scientist. The tone was soft as a woman's; but Sedgwick felt in it the tensity of a man ready for any extreme. Perhaps the half-breed, too, felt the peril of that determination; for he hung his head. "I've brought you here to show you why. Pay good heed, now. A man travelling in a wagon was met here, as he says, by a woman -you understand-who questioned him and then went on. He followed the trail through the brush and found the signs of a fight. The fight took place before the death. Here's the lantern. Take his trail from here.

Without a word the half-breed snatched the light and plunged into a by-path. After a few minutes swift going he pulled up short, in an open copse of ground. Hound-like, he nosed ash, and set the lantern on the about the trodden earth. Suddenly he darted across and, seizing Sedgwick's ankle, lifted his foot, almost throwing him from his balance. Sedgwick wrenched himself free and, with a swinging blow, into which he put all the energy of his repressed wrath, knocked the half-breed flat.

"Hands off, damn you!" he growled.

Gansett Jim got to his feet a little unsteadily. Expectant of a rush, his assailant stood, with weight thrown forward; but the other made no slightest attempt at reprisal. Catching up the lantern, which had rolled from his hand, he threw its light upon Sedgwick's forward foot. Then he turned away. Kent whistled softly. The whistle had a purring quality of content.

"Not the same as the footprint, eh?" he remarked.

"Footprint too small," grunted Gansett Jim.

"How many people; two?" "Three."

"Three, of course. I had forgotten the circus-wagon man. He came later. But, Jim, you see it wasn't Mr. Sedgwick.

"What he follow for?" demanded the other savagely.

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want to satisfy yourself further that he wasn't here. I'll let you have the lantern. Only, remember, now! No more shooting at the wrong man!"

The half-breed made no reply. "And you, Sedgwick. Here's the destroyer. Do you still want to kill him?"

"I suppose not," replied the artist lifelessly.

"Since his design was only against your life and not against your picture," commented Kent with a smile. "Well, our night's work is done." Lifting the lantern, he held it in the face of the half-breed. "Jim!"

"Huh?"

"When you really want to know who made those footprints, come and tell me who the body in Annalaka burying-ground is. A trade for a trade. You understand?"

The eyes stared, immovable. The chin did not quiver. Reaching for the lantern, Gansett Jim, now nine of Indian to one of negro, turned away from them to the pathway. "No," he said stolidly.

As the flicker of radiance danced and disappeared in the forest Sedgwick spoke. "Well, do you consider that we've made a friend?"

"No," answered Chester Kent; "but we've done what's as good. We've quashed an enmity."

#### CHAPTER XI

#### Hedgerow House

Answers to the telegrams Chester Kent had despatched arrived in the form of night letters, bringing information regarding the Blairs of Hedgerow House: not sufficient information to satisfy the seeker, however. Therefore, having digested their contents at breakfast, the scientist cast about him to supply the deficiency. The feet of hope led him to the shop of Elder Ira Dennett.

Besides being an able plumber and tinker, Elder Dennett performed, by vocation, the pleasurable duties of unprinted journalism. That is to say, he was the semiofficial town gossip. As Professor Kent was a conspicuous figure in the choicest titbit the Elder had acquired in stock for many years, and as the Elder had been unable to come to speech with him since the inquest (Kent had achieved some skilful dodging), there was joy in the plumber-tinker's heart over the visit. Unhappily, it appeared that Kent was there strictly on business. He did not wish to talk of the mystery of Lonesome Cove. He wished his acetylene lamp fixed. At once, if Elder Dennett pleased.

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needed very little attention. It lightened when his visitor observed:

"I've been thinking a little of getting an electric car, to run about here in. There was a neat little one in town yesterday."
"Old Blair's," replied Dennett.

"I seen you in it. Known Mr. Blair long?"

"He offered me a lift into town, very kindly. He was a stranger to me," said Kent truthfully, and with intent to deceive. "Who did you say he was?"

"Gosh sakes! Don't you know

who Aleck Blair is?"
"Blair? Blair?" said Kent innocently. "Is he the author of Blair's Studies of Neuropterae?"

Elder Dennett snorted. "He's a millionaire, that's what he is! Ain't you read about him in the Fabric Trust investigations?

"Oh, that Blair! Yes, I believe I have.

Kent yawned. It was a wellconceived bit of strategy, and met with deserved success. ing that yawn as a challenge to his vocational powers, the Elder set about eliminating the inhuman indifference of which it was the expression. Floods of infor-mation poured from his eager mouth. He traced the history of the Blairs in and out of concentric circles of scandal: financial, political, social-and mostly untrue. Those in which the greatest proportion of truth inhered dealt with the escapades of Wilfred Blair, the only son and heir of the household, who had burned up all the paternal money he could lay hands on, writing his name in red fire across the night life of London, Paris, and New York. Tiring of this, he had come home and married a girl of nineteen, beautiful and innocent, whose parents, the Elder piously opined, had sold her to the devil, per Mr. Blair, agent. The girl, whose maiden name was Marjorie Dorrance -Kent's fingers went to his ear at this-had left Blair after a year of marriage, though there was no legal process, and he had returned to his haunts of the gutter, until retribution overtook him, in the form of tuberculosis. His father had brought him to their place on Sundayman's Creek, and there he was kept in semi-seclusion, visited from time to time by his young

wife, who helped to care for him. "That's the story they tell," commented the Elder; "but some folks has got suspicions."

"It's a prevalent complaint," murmured Kent, "and highly contagious."

Dennett stared. "My own suspicions," he proceeded firmly. "is that the young feller hasn't got no more consumption than you have. I think old Blair has got him here to keep him out of the

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"You've been to his country place?"

"Only wunst. Mostly they have one o' them scientific plumber fellers from Boston." The Elder's tone was as essence of gall and wormwood. "Wunst I had a job there, though, an' I seen young Blair moonin' around the grounds with a man nurse."

"Quite a place, I hear," suggested Kent.

"Sailor Milt Smith is the feller that can tell you about the place as it used to be. Here he comes, up the street."

He thrust his head out of the door and called. Sailor Smith, sturdy and white, entered and greeted Kent courteously.

"Mr. Dennett was saying," remarked Kent, "that you know something of the history of Hedgerow House, as I believe they call it."

"They call it!" repeated the old idor. "Who calls it? If you sailor. mean the Blair place, that's Hogg's Haven, that is! You can't wipe out that name while there's a man living as knew the place at its worse. Old Captain Hogg built it and lived in it and died in it. And if there's a fryin'pan in hell, the devil is fryin' bacon out of old Hogg to-day for the things he done in that house.'

"How long since did he die?" "Oh, twenty year back."

"And the house was sold soon

"Stood vacant for ten years. Then this rich feller, Blair, bought it. I don't know him; but he bought a weevilly biscuit, there. A bad house, it is-rotten bad!"

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"Was the old boy a cannibal?" asked Kent, amused by the sea veteran's heroics

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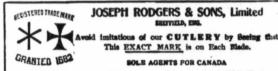
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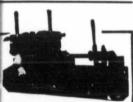
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"Hogg's oldest sister was the grandmother of this young feller's mother, wasn't she?" put in Elder Dennett

"That's right. Wilfred Blair's great grandmother."

"And a bad 'un, too, I guess," continued the Elder relishingly.

"Don't you say it!" cried the old seaman. "The curse of the blood was on her. Strange she was, and beautiful, so my mother used to tell me; but not bad. She came in at Lonesome Cove, too."

"Drowned at sea?" asked Kent.

"They never knew. One day she was gone; the next night her body came in. They said in the countryside that she had the gift of second sight, and foretold her own death."

"Hum-m," mused Kent. "And now the Blairs have changed the name of the place. No wonder.'

"There's one thing they haven't changed, the private buryin'plot.

"Family?"

"Hogg's there, all right, an' never a parson in the countryside dared to speak to God about his soul, when they laid him there. His nephew, too, that was as black-hearted as himself. But the rest of the graves has got no headstones."

"Slaves?"

"Them as he kept for his own service an' killed in his tantrums. Nobody knows how many. You can see the bend of the creek where they lie, from the road, and the old willows that lean over

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"Sailor Smith was cabin-boy on one of the old Hogg fleet one voyage," explained Elder Den-

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"Why, yes. What of that?" asked the veteran, puzzled. Suddenly he brought his hand down with a slap on his thigh. "Where was my wits?" he cried. "Them irons on the dead woman's wrist -I knew I'd seen their like before! Slave manacles! They must 'a' come from Hogg's Ha-

"Very likely. But that suspicion had better be kept quiet, at present."

"Aye, aye, sir," agreed the her. "More devilment from the other. old Haven? A bad house—a rotten bad house!"

"Yet I've a pressing desire to take a look at it," said Chester Kent musingly. "Going back to Annalaka, Mr. Smith? I'll walk with you as far as the road to Mr. Sedgwick's."

Freed of the veteran's company at the turn of the road, Kent sat down and took his ear in hand, to think.

"Miss Dorrance," he mused, 'Marjorie Dorrance. What simpler twist for a nickname than to transform that into Marjorie Daw? Poor Sedgwick!"

At the Nook he found the object of his commiseration mournfully striving to piece together, as in a mosaic, the shattered remnants of his work. Sedgwick brightened at his friend's approach

"For heaven's sake, come out and do me a couple of sets of tennis!" he besought. "I'm no sport for you, I know, particularly as my nerves are jumpy; but I need the work."

"Sorry, my boy," said Kent, "but I've got to make a more or less polite call."

"Didn't know you had friends in this part of the world," said Sedgwick in surprise.

"Oh, friends!" said Kent rather disparagingly. "Say acquaintances. People named Blair. Ever know 'em?"

"Used to know a Wilfred Blair in Paris," said the artist indifferently.

"What kind of a person was he?"

"An agreeable enough little beast; but a rounder of the worst sort. I won't go so far as to say that he shocked my moral sense in those days; but he certainly offended my sense of decency. He came back to America, and I lost track of him. Is he the man you're going to see?"

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#### CHAPTER XII

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One of Kent's Washington friends once criticized the scientist's mode of motoring, as follows: "Kent's a good driver, and a fast one, and careful; but he can never rid himself of the theory that there's a strain of hunter in every well-bred motor-car."

Cross-country travel was, in fact, rather a fad of Kent's, and he had trained his light car to do everything but take a five-barred gate. After departing from the Nook, it rolled along beside Sundayman's Creek sedately enough until it approached the wide bend where it indulged in a bit of pathfinding across the country, and eventually crept into the shade of a clump of bushes and hid. Its occupant emerged, and went forward afoot until he came in view of Hedgerow House. At the turn of the steam he leaped a fence, and made his way to a group of willows beneath which the earth was ridged with little mounds. Professor Chester Kent was trespassing. He was invading the territory of the dead.

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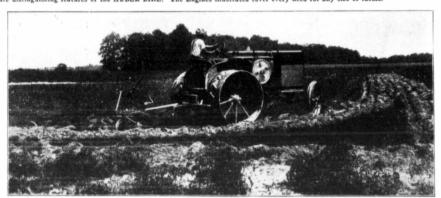
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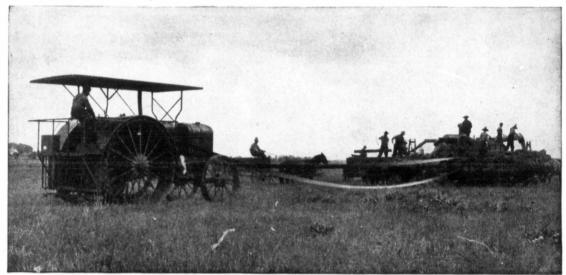


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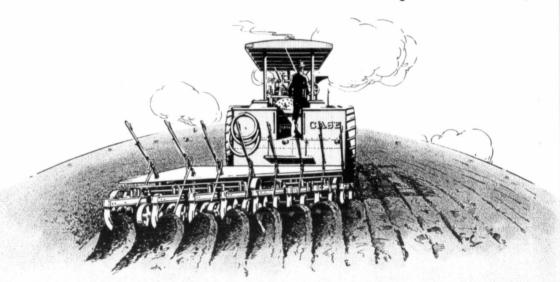
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