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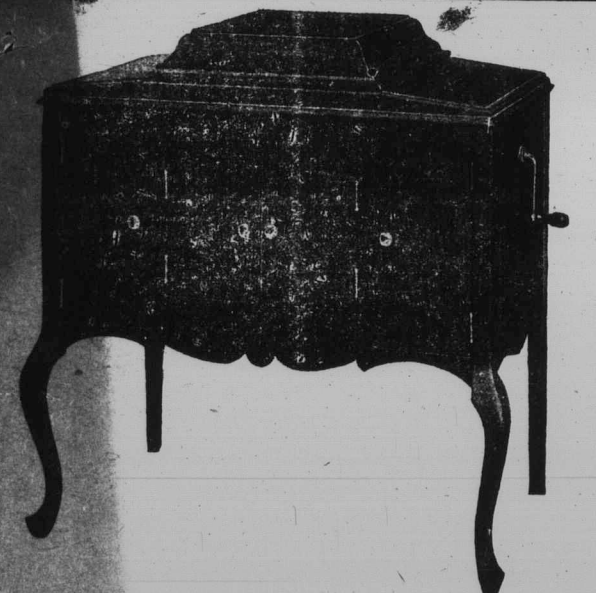
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Only fourteen more Shopping Days
until Christmas.

The temperature dropped down be-
low zero this week.

Love, luck and lightning never
strike the same place twice.

For Sale—One-horse Sleigh, in
good condition. Apply at this office.

For Sale—Berkshire brood sow, due
to farrow this month. Jacob Palm.

Men who are smart enough to make
money sometimes lack the sense to
enjoy it.

Local buyers report a big loss in
potatoes this year due to rot and a
poor market.

Mrs. Arthur Everett of Stratford
is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C.
E. Wendt.

Man is supposed to have a larger
vocabulary than woman, but has less
opportunity to use it.

It is isn't always unfortunate to be
late. The first-born children get
most of the spankings.

Why not make 50c to \$1.00 extra
on a can of cream. Prices 42c, 41c,
and 39c. Sovereign's.

Turnips Wanted. Loading another
car on Friday. Highest market
price paid. Weiler Bros.

You can shake off sleep by danc-
ing. And you can shake off every-
thing else if it's the Charleston.

Reeves John Weigel of Carrick and
J. P. Phelan of Mildmay are attend-
ing the Bruce County Council this
week.

Mr. Jos. Reinhart of Guelph was
here this week attending the funeral
of his brother, the late George A.
Reinhart.

Mildmay and Carrick municipal
nominations will be held on Monday,
Dec. 27th, between the hours of 12
and 1 o'clock.

To our customers! Call and get
your match holder, given out in place
of calendars. This match holder can
be seen in the dark. Sovereign's.

Mrs. Engelbert Hauck sustained a
badly sprained wrist last Thursday.
While descending the stairs she mis-
stepped her footing and fell, causing the
injury.

Rink Manager J. W. Schweitzer
has been preparing ice during the
recent cold snap, and expects to have
skating very soon if the weather re-
mains frosty.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen has
accepted a position as vice-president
and general counsel of the Canadian
General Securities Limited, a finan-
cial house, in Toronto.

Remember the Walkerton Christ-
mas Fair to be held on Thursday, Dec.
16th. Splendid prize list. Special
attractions. For prize list and en-
tries, write W. K. Riddell, Walkerton.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. K. Schwalm received
rather painful injuries on Tuesday
evening, by falling down the cella-
r stairway. She was so badly shaken
up that the doctor's attendance was
necessary.

The Walkerton Council for 1927
will be comprised of W. B. Halliday,
Mayor; J. W. Hermonston, Reeve;
Alex. George, John Clancy, Thos. J.
Jenkins, Jos. J. Shnurr, Roy Van-
borne, Harry K. Watts, Councillors.

Mr. Jos. Ellig, who has farmed on
the Culross townline for the past
thirty years or more, has leased 100
acres of his farm to his son, Clement,
and the balance to Clements Steffler
and will retire in the spring. He is
holding an auction sale on Dec. 22nd.

The local tax collectors report that
the taxes are exceedingly slow in
coming in this fall. Although only
one more week of grace remains, not
over 50% of the Carrick rates have as
yet been paid in. Sixty per cent. of
the taxes have been paid in the vil-
lage.

Consider well the characth and
ability of the men brought out for
township council or school trustees.
The man who promises the most
sometimes accomplishes the least for
the township or section. Good men
can be depended upon to do the right
thing.

The Christmas Entertainment of
the Mildmay United Church Sunday
School will be held on Tuesday even-
ing, Dec. 21st, at eight o'clock, in the
auditorium of the Methodist Church.
We expect the church to be packed,
so come early and secure yourself a
good seat.

BORN

WENDT—In Mildmay, on Dec. 2nd,
to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wendt, a
son.

REINHART—In Carrick, on Dec. 3rd
to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reinhart, a
daughter.

Mr. Alex. Green, of Detroit, spent
the past week with his uncle, Mr.
Peter Sauer.

Yesterday was immaculate Concep-
tion Day. It was observed as a
Church holiday.

Give your Christmas Gifts in a
Holly Box. We have them, all sizes,
all prices. J. P. Phelan.

For Wednesday, try Keelan's Rais-
in-Walnut Loaf. It's delicious. Other
specials for the week-end.

Potatoes have taken a drop in the
market. We are paying 90c cash,
\$1.25 trade. Bring out a load.
Weiler Bros.

You will be pleased with our large
range of Personal Greeting Cards
and Boxed Stationery at Wendt's
Jewelry Store.

C. Hallett of Toronto, who
has past three weeks with her
Mr. Alph. Diemert, returned
home this week.

Lost—On Con. 8, Carrick, between
Mildmay and Normanby townline, 2
side pieces for wooden bed. Finder
please leave same here.

More direct cream shippers wanted.
Cream 42c, 41c and 39c. Write to
Bowes Creamery Co., Wellington St.
E., Toronto, for cans.

Jos. Lobsinger & Son have pur-
chased a used Ford truck for use in
their draying business here. They
bought the machine in Toronto.

The Gazette is always glad to pub-
lish the names of your visitors, and
your own travels. Former residents
appreciate all the home-town news.

Special for Xmas trade this week:
With every \$5.00 purchase or over a
Fountain Pen or a 75c doll, well dress-
ed, about 8" long, that will go to
sleep. We only have a limited num-
ber. Sovereign's.

On the occasion of her 80th birth-
day, a number of friends of Mrs.
Catherine Illerbrunn, together with
her son, George, of the Waterloo Fire
Dept., paid her a visit at Guelph and
extended congratulations and best
wishes. Mrs. Illerbrunn is now resid-
ing with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. M.
Fox at Guelph.

Auction Sale.
Auction sale of farm stock and im-
plements at Lot 17, Con. A., Culross,
on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd. No re-
serve as owner is giving up farming.
Jos. Ellig, proprietor; John Purvis,
auctioneer.

Hockey Meeting.
A meeting of all those interested
in the organization of the hockey club
are asked to attend a meeting for
that purpose to be held at the Com-
mercial Hotel on Friday evening of
his week at 8 o'clock.

Drainage Assessments Reduced.
By cancelling all exemptions in the
trainage area in this township, the
Carrick Council has been able to low-
er the individual assessments by 15%.
In addition to this, the Ontario Gov-
ernment will give a grant of 20% to
each municipality, which will further
reduce the assessment to each prop-
erty owner in the drainage area.

Railing Held Car.
Last Wednesday evening, Mr. Fred
Kutz had an experience that might
have proved fatal. He was motoring
down the station hill, when his car
skidded on the icy road, and the car
made a bee line for the railing. The
lattice wire railing stretched badly,
and one post was dislodged, but the
heavy wire cable held the car from
going down over the 20 foot embank-
ment. The radiator of the car was
damaged, but Mr. Kutz considers he
got away very fortunately with his
life.

Young Man Passes Suddenly.
The whole community was shocked
last Friday to learn of the sudden and
unexpected death of George Anthony,
second son of Mr. and Mrs. John
Reinhart of this place. Deceased had
been ailing somewhat with vein
trouble, which affected his leg, and
the doctor advised him to go to bed
for a complete rest. He improved
nicely, and last Thursday evening, he
appeared to be in excellent spirits.
Shortly before midnight, however, he
called his parents, and told them he
was dying, and he expired a few min-
utes later. A clot of blood had lodged
on his brain, bringing about this
fatal result. George was forty-nine
years of age, and was born in Carrick
about sixteen years ago he went to
Saskatchewan, where he homesteaded
a quarter section. Returning to Car-
rick this fall, he intended to remain
here permanently. He was a fine
type of manhood, quiet and unassum-
ing, and he enjoyed the highest re-
spect of all who knew him. He was
unmarried, and is survived by his
aged parents, six brothers, John J.,
Joseph, Alois, Frank, Alex and
Harry, and by five sisters, Annie
(Mrs. Werner, Mary (Mrs. Parker),
Cecilia (Mrs. Wagner), Helen (Mrs.
Himmelspach), and Miss Hilda. The
funeral, which took place on Monday
morning to the Mildmay R. C. Ceme-
tery, was very largely attended.
Deepest sympathy is extended to the
sorrowing relatives.

Check from consumer & Kalbfleisch or
George Vonnick.

All taxes due the Village of Mild-
may must be paid this week. Fail-
ure will render those not paying liable
to the penalty.

For Sale.
Int. 6 h.p. used gas engine, guar-
anteed to run as good as new. Bargain
for quick sale. Henry Johann,
Belmore, 31

McCallum's Majority is 128.
Mr. W. G. McCallum, returning
officer for South Bruce, has announce-
ed the result of his official count in
last week's election as follows:—
McCallum, Progressive, 4922; Cargill
Conservative, 4794. McCallum's ma-
jority is 128.

More Snow in S. W. Ontario.
Mr. E. Y. Kalbfleisch went to
Windsor by train on Monday and re-
turned home on Tuesday night with
a new Ford truck. From Windsor to
London the snow was from 12 to 15
inches deep, while up in this county
there is less than six inches of snow.

Potatoes Are Rotting.
The extent of the injury to potatoes
from rot in this section is not fully
realized. A local shipper, we under-
stand, who recently consigned a car
of potatoes to the U. S. had the ship-
ment turned back on account of the
damage by rot. Those who have
potatoes in any great quantity should
exercise precaution in order to save
sufficient for the winter's use.

St. Mathew's Banquet.
On Friday evening, Dec. 3rd, the
organized classes of the Evangelical
S. School had a most enjoyable even-
ing, eighty-two being present. After
the sumptuous supper, a splendid pro-
gram was rendered. Besides the
various musical and vocal selections
rendered there was an address given
by Rev. G. E. Cropp, pastor of the
United Church, Mildmay. Rev. E.
Burn, Evangelical pastor of Milver-
tin, Ont., gave a fine lecture entitled
'Success'. The evening was greatly
enjoyed by all.

Municipal Rumors.
The provincial elections put muni-
cipal affairs somewhat into the back-
ground during the past two weeks,
but interest in our local affairs is
now beginning to revive. The names
of J. P. Phelan, A. Fedy, Mosses Fil-
singer, Henry Miller, C. E. Wendt
and Jacob Miller are still mentioned
in connection with the village Reev-
ship, but there is apparently a dearth
of candidates for councillors. In
Carrick there is little change in the
situation, although it is said that con-
siderable pressure is being put on Mr.
M. Filsinger to re-enter the muni-
cipal arena. On the other hand, many
predict that the 1926 council will be
returned by acclamation.

Returned the Stock.
Harold Faulkner, Toronto, and
Meno Dahmer, Waterloo, two stock
salesmen, charged with obtaining a
sum of money from Mr. and Mrs. H.
Heipel of Clifford, appeared for trial
at the police court in Guelph, last
Monday. They are alleged to have
obtained from the plaintiffs 120
shares of stock of the Manufacturers'
Financial Corporation of a par value
of \$12, for which it is said they gave
in return three bonds of the Algoma
Steel Co., valued at \$150 each. The
defendants agreed to return to the
Clifford couple the stock which they
had obtained from him. It will take
a few days to make the transfer.
The case was adjourned until this is
accomplished, when the charge will
be withdrawn. In the meantime the
defendants' bail was renewed.

cash, \$1.25. They also shipped
out three cars of turnips, paying 20c
cash, 23c trade.

Notice Re Carrick Taxes.
Carrick tax payers are hereby noti-
fied that all rates are now due and
payable forthwith. Failure to pay
by Dec. 15th will render the delin-
quents liable to the penalty.

Box Social.
A box social and Xmas entertain-
ment will be held in Public School No.
5, Carrick, on Friday evening, Dec. 17,
at 8 o'clock. Good program and an
enjoyable time. Admission 25c, Chil-
dren 15c, Ladies bringing boxes free.

Prizes at the Big Shows.
Mr. Andrew Schmidt was a very
successful exhibitor at the Guelph
and Ottawa Winter Fairs. At the
former place he was awarded Cham-
pionship for wheat. This exhibit
didn't get a place at Toronto, but
was third at Ottawa. He also took
2nd in timothy, 2nd in potatoes, 4th
in oats, 5th in peas, 3rd in corn and
7th in barley. At Ottawa he was
awarded 1st in timothy, 1st in sweet
corn, 2nd in potatoes and 13th in
oats. Mr. Alex. Fischer was award-
ed 2nd prize for wheat at Guelph and
Mr. Nich. Durrer took 4th in wheat
and 3rd in large peas at Guelph.

Obituary.
Mrs. Frank Sadlo, second daughter
of Mr. Jos. Buckel of Mildmay, pass-
ed away at her home at Riversdale
on Thursday of last week. Deceased
had been in poor health for some
years, but had improved considerably
during the fall months. One week
prior to her death, however, she
suddenly fell again, and she sank
idly until the end came.
She was 52 years old, and her
husband and four children were
by her father, and four
brothers.
Saturday
Good
pal
H.

ed was a very highly respected lady,
and her death is deeply mourned by
a wide circle of relatives and friends.

Planning to Protest Election.
A delegation of Conservatives from
South Bruce interviewed Attorney-
General Price on Monday at the
Parliament Buildings, and placed be-
fore him the particulars of certain
alleged irregularities in connection
with the recent election in South
Bruce. The claim of the deputa-
tion was that J. G. Anderson, intended
Liberal candidate in the riding, who
retired from the fight at the last
moment in the interests of M. A.
McCallum, the Progressive candidate,
had his out-of-pocket expenses de-
frayed for him. The deputa-
tion contended that this fact, if true, should
void the election. Hon. Mr. Price
would not comment upon the inter-
view in which he received the depu-
tation. It was understood, however,
that he intimated that any complaint
should be lodged with the Chief elec-
tion officer and that the initiative to
action lay rather with the defeated
Conservative candidate than with the
Government, which would be loath
to take action in any such situation
unless the facts were so flagrant as
to require intervention in the inter-
ests of public honesty.

NOTICE
Hunting and Trespassing on my
property, part lot 6, Con. 14, Carrick,
is absolutely forbidden. Jos. H.
Schnurr.

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making when her father was out of the way. She moved the cage of a pet fish from one side of the courtyard to the other, and young Marconi would come down to her. One day her father came home unexpectedly, and the romance ended.

The Valet and the Viceroy.

People who knew the late Lord Curzon only by hearsay must have imagined him to be the last man to allow his valet to be mistaken for himself on semi-state occasions while Viceroy of India. But he has made the confession himself in some papers written shortly before he died and just published. On one occasion an Indian rajah mistook Mr. Harris, the valet, for the Viceroy and told him that sixteen tigers were waiting in the jungle near by for him to shoot them. At which Mr. Harris dug the rajah in the ribs and told him to quarter the number. Lord Curzon, who was watching the incident, was highly amused.

A Worm's Turn.

Mr. David Mestres, whose book "How to Conquer Consumption," has disclosed a bold plan for stamping out

the worm's tail sticking in the rocky. But he would stroke it with a blade of grass, and the worm would come out and arch its back. "You see," he would say, "even a worm likes a good turn."

"Hisss" for John McCormack.

Mr. John McCormack, the famous Irish tenor, has just returned from a tour in China and Japan, where he sang before large native audiences. In Japan, he says, the people applaud with a strange intake of breath through pursed lips. "I had previously heard of this form of applause," said Mr. McCormack, "but I must confess, nevertheless, that for one instant after my first number the wave of subdued sound that swept through the auditorium seemed to me a little too much like the dreaded hiss of disapproval."

"I like to read criticisms of my singing," he added, "but when a Japanese critic was stated to have declared that I 'suffocated' my audience I felt it was too much for me. I found that the criticism had been wrongly translated from Japanese into English, the critic having actually written that I left my audience breathless."



The Flagship Revenge with guests steaming out to sea for the great naval display off Portland.

Natural Resources Bulletin.

To the homeseeker of limited means, bidding, perchance, farewell to childhood scenes, the "newness" of the country to which he turns his face is one of its most appealing features. It means free or cheap land, social equality and opportunities for financial and personal advancement practically beyond his reach environs. Canada has a wide field for homeseekers achieved by the venture.

In the rush and confusion attending the settling of such extensive areas it was inevitable, remarks the Natural Resources Intelligence Service, that thoroughness could not at all times be maintained. Hence for economic, political, or other reasons various smaller districts were passed over. During recent period of general readjustment a stock-taking of resources has thrown the spotlight on many such areas. They are to be found in greater or lesser dimensions in every province of Canada, including the "older," or eastern provinces, as well as the "newer," or western ones.

Included in such districts are former timber reservations, now culled out or cut over areas formerly unfit for settlement because of lack of drainage, since provided; once inaccessible areas later traversed with roads, and lands reserved for sundry purposes but now thrown open. Timber and wild lands held by private owners for cutting or speculation and now forced on the market probably represent the greatest proportion of the new acreage available for settlement throughout the various settled parts of the several provinces.

Such tracts of new lands are of more than usual interest and value. They give the pioneer his opportunity to make his home and wrest a living from the primitive land without having to face the economic and social disadvantages usually entailed in so doing by reason of remoteness and isolation. Though such districts are locally of a pioneer nature their more advanced surroundings make available the amenities of civilization and provide scope for the enterprise and industry of the settler and an outlet for his products. Opportunities in such districts are alike available to newcomers to Canada and to those in adjacent and more crowded areas.

The Bank of England was founded by a Scotsman who died in poverty.

When Winter Comes.

The advent of the winter months of the year always brings misery to those chilly mortals who seem to "feel the cold" far more than their fellows.

Hot-water bottles at night, numerous blankets, and every door and window shut tight and fast seem to afford them little relief, and they shiver their miserable way from November to March.

But the truth of the matter is that such superficial remedies as the above do more than good, the root of that "stone cold" feeling being a faulty circulation. Internal warmth, engendered by means of heat-giving foods, is much more effective than any increase in clothing. Far from closing all doors and windows in the bed-rooms, a good supply of fresh air is most important in winter, for people who breathe impure air get out of condition very quickly and this is at the bottom of half our winter ailments.

Finally, don't fall into that very common error of dropping all outdoor exercise when winter comes. Skating, hockey, etc., can always be indulged in, while, for the elderly who do not feel up to the exertion of games, walking will do wonders. Exercise, in the fresh cold air, warmly but lightly clad, does more than anything else to ward off that unpleasant feeling that comes from always being half frozen.

The Wireless Beam.

The cheapest tariff ever devised for long-distance telegraphy came into operation recently, with the opening of the new beam wireless system, says an English writer.

This system enables the charge for wireless messages to be reduced from anything between one shilling to five shillings a word down to three-halfpence a word. The minimum charge is 2s. 6d for twenty words or less.

Tests have been carried out over a long period between stations at Bodmin, in Cornwall, and Montreal, and messages have been dispatched at more than a hundred words a minute in both directions simultaneously for eighteen hours out of twenty-four.

Beam wireless is worked with short waves of unusually low power and is directional—that is broadcast messages can be picked up only by stations in line with the beam. At first many experts were doubtful about the new system, but it is expected that a number of new stations will soon be in operation in different parts of the Empire. At present radio-telegrams can be sent to all parts of Canada, Newfoundland, the West Indies, the United States, and other countries reached through Canada.

Don't Be Cold.

It is because vitality varies considerably between individuals that some of us feel the cold more than others. But many are cold because they don't know how to keep warm.

If two persons, of equal vitality, went out on a cold day, and one was wrapped up in heavy and close-fitting garments and the other wore loose clothing of medium weight, the latter would be far warmer. Clothes, you see, have a threefold function. They interpose a barrier to the outside air; they should conserve, within ventilation limits, the warmth generated in the body, and (when loose) permit a zone of warm air to form between the body and themselves.

In woolen clothing, too, the fabric, if loose—a tight vest is not half as warm as a loose one—gathers in its coils pockets of warm air. Further, heavy clothing saps vitality, and that instantly makes the body more susceptible to cold. So—loose clothing for warmth. Make the practical test

of wearing a muffler in tight folds, and then loosely.

Then there is food. Just as some coal produces more heat than other varieties, so also does food—the body's fuel. Porridge, bacon, herrings, pork, and so on are "warm" foods.

The Day.

The vision of that day When human strength shall serve the common good,

And man, forever loyal to the race, Find, far beyond our seasons of dismay,

The guardian of its grace: One hope, one home, one song, one brotherhood.

—George Sterling.

Amazon and Thames Rivers.

The width of the Amazon River at its mouth is more than equal to the entire length of the famous Thames River in England.

No man will ever write the true story of himself.—Jerome K. Jerome.

A Compass Plant.

A party of travellers who recently returned to Texas owed their lives, when lost in a terrible storm that swept the prairies, to a plant which has, on more than one occasion, been responsible for saving human beings.

This plant, which was first brought to the attention of the scientific world by General Benjamin Alvord, is one of the most remarkable in the world. Known as the compass plant, it received its name from the strange property exhibited by its leaves of presenting their faces to the rising and setting sun. The compass plant is a perennial, and during its first year bears radical leaves only. In its second year it is a flowering herb, with four to five leaves measuring from twelve to thirty inches in length.

It is found mainly on the rich prairies of the Mississippi Valley, and its peculiar powers were well known to hunters and settlers long before General Alvord discovered it. When lost on dark nights they would search for it and, by feeling its leaves, obtain their bearings.

A plant which is said to be able to predict earthquakes and volcanic eruptions bears the scientific name of Abrus precatorius. It is a native of Cuba, has no flowers, and consists of a long stalk from which branch numerous twigs containing rows of delicate-looking leaves. The leaves frequently change color or close, while the twigs bend themselves into curious positions.

This plant is highly sensitive to electric and magnetic influences, and by being able to interpret the movements of the plant in response to electric currents the scientist is enabled to predict great convulsions of Nature.

Use of Sponge.

Rubbing a car with sponges and chamols should be done in straight lines rather than in circles. To prevent water from drying and spotting, it is well to clean one panel at a time. Avoid applying chamols, and especially the sponge, with any great pressure, and do not rub after the surface is dry.

Happiness in Good.

We must distinguish between felicity and prosperity, for prosperity leads often to ambition, and ambition to disappointment; the course is then over; the wheel turns round but once, while the reaction of goodness and happiness is perpetual.—London.

Knew What He Wanted.

"My new car is gray, trimmed with red."
"I bought an old one myself and got the trimming myself."

Silence Held Woman's Virtue.

In Korea women are taught that the greatest feminine virtues are silence, humility and timidity.

from Canada. Also that the former regarded as a mass of... substantial... dation. Whether or not the cause be wholly eliminated is a question which might possibly have to be answered in the negative, because there are to a very large degree of world-wide occurrence. That this exodus from farm to city in Canada could be severely checked is, however, a fact which cannot be successfully refuted.

Our gross agricultural plant last year was worth 7 1/2 billion dollars with a production of 1,716 million, which represents solid, new wealth. If we take this total agricultural production and deduct the cash outlay of Canadian farmers for hired labor, seed and fertilizer, amounting to 2,000 million dollars, and allow 6 per cent on capital invested in agriculture, or 450 million dollars, we get a net average return to the individual farm operator of \$870 for his year's work, which must be shared by his wife and children, if any, who did productive, unpaid work on the farm. Applying it all on account of the farmers' own wages, however, on a ten-hour day basis, we get an hour rate of 29 cents. Compared with factory workers at 56.1 cents per hour, railroad workers 58.8 cents per hour, and miners 83.4 cents per hour, and workers in building trades \$1.06 per hour, it does not look particularly inviting, even conceding that the farmer lives rent free. We have apparently here ample explanation of the drift to the cities of our young Canadian farm population.

Mr. Otto H. Kahn, the famous American multi-millionaire banker, dealing with the agricultural situation in the United States, recently made the following trenchant observations: "If there is one calling which has a higher claim than another upon the helpful consideration of the State, it is that of the farmer. The farmer's problem is part of our problem. The farmer's welfare is an essential part of our welfare."

"It is harmful and menacing to the commonwealth that so numerous and so valuable a portion of the population should feel dissatisfied and resentful and be without prosperity. The situation lends itself peculiarly to the incitements and wiles of the demagogue and to the plausible fragments of the economic visionary.

"Both justice and self-interest demand of the community at large that every legitimate endeavor be put forth to the end that the farmer's grievances be redressed. If that redress can only be accomplished by methods which, while practical and economically warrantable and promising to be effective, are novel and perhaps unpalatable to the established ways of business, then the less important will have to yield to the more important, i.e., business convenience and customs to the rehabilitation of the farming industry.

"... It is not sufficient answer to the farmer's complaint to refer him sternly to the rigid functioning of the law of supply and demand and to the doctrine of the survival of the fittest; because in reply the farmer will contend that, in other respects, for reasons which seemed valid to Congress, we have not scrupled to interfere, through acts of governments and otherwise, with the untrammeled workings of that law and that doctrine. And he will and does claim that we either adhere to them strictly all round or give him the effective advantage of dispensations similar to those which have been granted in the case of other callings."

Mr. Kahn has a reputation for sound, constructive thinking, and his views might well be seriously considered by all classes of Canadians. Coupled with a vigorous immigration policy, we must devise a new business in the problem of increased agricultural development.

Possessions.

A fine character does not depend on what you possess, but possessions depend on character as well as every other good thing which comes to men as individuals or as a community.—Socrates.



THE ROYAL BRIDE AND GROOM

Above is shown an exclusive photograph of the royal bride and groom, Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium and the Crown Princess, formerly Princess Astrid of Sweden, posed after their civil wedding in Stockholm.

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**PROTEST PLANNED
IN SOUTH BRUCE**

(London Free Press)

Payment of expenses of a candidate who withdrew from a three-cornered contest in South Bruce is reported as subject for a protest in that riding, which may result in the election being voided. The situation brings to attention also the retirement of one of three candidates in several other Western Ontario Ridings, and public announcement by the Liberal candidate in East Kent that he had declined a payment of \$500 toward his expenses, as an inducement to withdraw.

In South Bruce candidates were named by the Progressives, Liberals and Conservatives. The Liberal candidate, J. G. Anderson, of Lucknow, a former M.L.A., was named in June. One month before polling day, Dr. Irwin, president of the Ontario Prohibition Union, and Sam Carter, of Guelph, representing Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Raney, endeavored to bring about withdrawal either of Mr. Anderson or the Progressive candidate, M. A. McCallum, in order to insure election of an anti-Government candidate. This effort apparently failed, and Mr. Anderson as late as November 13 issued a manifesto asking for support, and stating that he had the backing of the central organization of the Liberal party. Later he did withdraw, however, and the Telescope, Liberal paper in Walkerton, reported "that satisfactory arrangement was made to take care of the expenses incurred by Mr. Anderson."

Returns from the last poll in South Bruce reached the Free Press from Walkerton last evening, and the revised totals are 4,841 for Cargill, conservative, and 4,891 for McCallum, Progressive, a majority for the latter of 50.

"It is reported" says The Free Press' dispatch from Walkerton, that the Conservative executive has entered a protest against Mr. McCallum's election on the ground that payment to J. G. Anderson, Liberal candidate, who withdrew, was illegal as claimed that Anderson was paid 250 to defray his expenses while in the field, and whether this is legitimate procedure will be decided in the courts. The action is stated to include the names of several local ministers, who, it is said, assisted in raising the sum asked by Mr. Anderson. The payment of the Liberal candidate was in accord with a resolution adopted at a joint meeting of the Liberals, Progressives and Prohibitionists held at Paisley a short time previous to the election.

The Election Act declares guilty of an act of bribery "every person who in order to induce a person to withdraw from being a candidate at an election, directly or indirectly gives or lends, or offers or promises or agrees to give or lend any money or valuable consideration to such person, or to any other person."

"Candidate" under the Election Act means anyone chosen as such or declaring himself to be such, and the term applies from such choice or declaration, not from official nomination day only."

Pending the outcome of the reported protest in South Bruce several members-elect will be on the anxious seat, and if the South Bruce election should be voided there will be a hot by-election in a riding which has been the scene of many historic battles.

How quickly the bride's sunshine is eclipsed by the groom's moonshine. People keep on smashing records—all except the one made by Rip Van Winkle.

DRAGGED BY RUNAWAY TEAM

Mr. Andy Johnston, aged 21, and second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnston, of Brant, was almost killed in a runaway accident on the county highway near Dunkeld on Tuesday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock. It seems that Mr. Johnston was coming towards Walkerton, sitting on a barrel in a wagon used for drawing gravel, and containing a few loaded grain bags, when a passing auto truck scared his horses at Misch's corner and they started off at a lively clip. In bouncing over the hard rough road, the front board came out of the wagon and allowed the barrel to roll with the driver forward onto the wiffletrees, where Mr. Johnston's foot caught as he fell to the road. Seeing him fall Norman Misch and Bert Schultz rushed forward and tried to head off the runaway team, but they brushed by them and continued their wild flight up the road, with young Johnston dragged along on the frozen ground. After running about a mile they were halted just before they reached the railway track by the driver of the Imperial Oil Truck, who beholding them coming madly toward him, placed his mammoth iron truck across the road as a barrier and advanced to intercept their flight. He succeeded in capturing them, and in freeing Johnston from his terrible predicament. The young man, who had nearly all his clothing torn off him on the road, and who had practically all the skin scraped off him from the knees to the stomach, besides sustaining several severe cuts about the head, was still conscious when found, and, gamely getting to his feet, inquired for one of his shoes which had been lost in the fight. He was rushed in Birrell's flour truck to the Bruce County Hospital at Walkerton, where Drs. Stalker and McCue attended his case. An examination of his injuries showed the flesh to have been almost worn through at the abdomen, and from which two big handfuls of gravel were extracted by the surgeons. A serum to prevent tetanus (lockjaw) was administered to the victim whose abdominal wounds were considered to be the most serious of his many injuries. The cuts in the head, while numerous and painful, are not of an alarming nature. The youth at time of going to press, was stated to be making a good recovery.—Times.

MUST SHOVEL SNOW

The town council at Port Elgin grew bold at their last meeting and passed a by-law making it compulsory for property owners and occupants of property on the business section of their main streets to have the ice and snow cleared from their sidewalks by ten in the morning and in the event of anyone failing to have their portion of the walk cleared by that time someone employed by the council shall be ordered to clear it and the cost charged to the owner of the property in his taxes. That is a progressive by-law if it is enforced. But to pass such a law and then let anyone who feels like it disregard it removes from it all its merit. Other councils would do well to place such a law on the statutes.

Some things last a great while if pickled, but that doesn't mean men.

The feed supply is such that few can afford to waste either roughage or grains. A well-blended mixture that approaches a balanced ration is the best method of conserving feed because it is the least wasteful.

Wit and Humour

Why She Carried It
"I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours?"
"Yes, it is a lock of my husband's hair."
"But your husband is still alive?"
"Yes, but his hair is gone."

Now-a-Days
Mistress—I put a tight evening gown in the wardrobe last night, Jan; just hand it to me.
Maid—There's nothing here, mum, only a couple of fat moths.

The Acid Test
"Is it a love match?"
"It must be. They played bridge as partners all summer and are still fond of each other."

She Knew Her Stuff
She—I'm a dairy maid in a candy kitchen.
He—Dairy maid in a candy kitchen. What do you do?
She (bashfully)—Milk chocolates.

A New York football player yesterday caught a football thrown from a window on the twentieth story of a skyscraper. When he throws it back again he'll cheer.

"Did anybody ever kiss you before darling?"
"Oh—yes."
"Is he too big for me to thrash?"
"Possibly not too big—but he might be too many."

Identification
Judge Soakem—You say you were never in this court before?
Defendant—No, sir. I ain't never been in no court before.
Judge—I've certainly seen your face somewhere.
Defendant—You sure have, your honor. I'm your bootlegger.

A Vise for the Stable
A troupe of Shakespearean actors of extremely uncertain financial standing was lounging in the lobby of a small-town hotel. The manager entered and addressed the leading man of the company.
"Don't forget. We're playing 'Hamlet' tonight," he announced.
"Hamlet, eh?" replied handsome Harry. "All right, but I can't play Hamlet with this three-day beard. Gimme twenty-five cents for a shave. The manager reeled slightly.
"Twenty-five cents! Oh, shucks! We'll play Macbeth."

Neighbor: "What's the matter with your hand, Mac?"
Mac—It happened last night when I was coming home from Ferguson's wedding. I'd almost reached my house when some clumsy body came along and trod on my hand.
Bill—Yes, my father will soon have another wife to support.
Walter—What You don't mean to tell me he's going to turn bigamist?
Bill—No, I'm going to get married.

The young bride had come out second best in her first encounter with the cookbook and gas range. She ran to the telephone and called up her mother.
"Mother," she sobbed "I can't understand it. The recipe says clearly, 'Bring to boil on brisk fire, stirring for two minutes; then beat it for ten minutes.' And when I came back again it was burned to a crisp."

Popping the Question
A timid man who wanted to propose to his girl but never dared, finally took her to his family lot in the cemetery, and said "Wouldn't you like to be buried here some day?"

May—The photographers never do me justice.
Ray—You want mercy, not justice, dear.

When a Man Needs a Friend
Cashier (at bank)—You will have to bring some one here to identify you before we can cash this check.
Got any friend in town?
Stranger—No. I'm a tax collector.

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Minister—Do you take this man for better or for worse?
Dusky Bride—No, suh, I takes him jes as he is. If he gets any bettah he'll die an' if he gets any wus, ah'll kill him mahself.

The unassuming and yet efficient manner in which medical evidence was given and accepted at the recent trial for murder of Kate Hardman was commented upon by the *Sault Ste. Marie Star*. "In striking contrast to the verbal volleys heard in American courts," the *Star* says, "was the quiet and unemotional testimony given by doctors in this trial. A young woman accused of murder was examined by competent physicians as to her sanity. They found certain mental conditions which justified a verdict that she was not responsible for her act. She was accordingly committed to a hospital for the insane. There was no fuss and feathers. The evidence was given in a plain, straightforward manner that could be understood by the least informed layman. No theories of vague 'complexes' were introduced; no 'ooghs' and 'isms' were deemed a necessary part of the testimony. There was no theatrical cross quibbling. The evidence of capable men was accepted. That was all there was to it. What a contrast to similar trials across the border!" Yes doubtlessly the Americans think the alienist missed a great opportunity for advertising. What might have been made into a sensational case, rich in 'sex stuff' was disposed of in a competent manner that reflected credit on all concerned. But, then, that is the Canadian way!

HOWICK
The former Methodist Church at Wroxeter, which was recently purchased by the Anglican congregation, will be re-opened next Sunday. Services will be held in the morning and evening, and the preacher will be an Archdeacon from London.

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TO EXHUME ALGOMA NIMROD'S BODY AFTER OVER TWO YEARS IN GRAVE

Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 4.—Dead more than two years, the result of an accident while hunting in the Algoma wilds, an inquest is now likely to be held into the cause of death of James Elder, 25 years old, late member of the Allenford Hunt Club. Crown Attorney Freeborn of Walkerton has ordered the remains exhumed. He died at the hotel in Killarney on November 4th, 1924. There was no inquest at the time. The young hunter was accidentally shot while out hunting that day, on the shores of Lake Georgia, in Algoma. He was found by Dr. Hammond of Allenford, who rendered first aid and secured further assistance. He died while being brought to Owen Sound Hospital.

Some time ago it was hinted that all the facts did not come out. For two weeks provincial police have been investigating at the attorney-general's instigation. Hon. Mr. Price turned the case over to the crown attorney.

The first story to come from the north was that young Elder had met with an accident, that his gun had exploded, wounding him in the right side and in the wrist. Dr. Hammond, of Allenford, a member of the party, was the first to reach his side. He said that while hunting he thought he heard a moan. Later, he saw a hand wave and later came upon the injured man. Dr. Campbell of Ashabula, Ohio, a surgeon who was a member of the party, dressed the wounds and with great difficulty the young man was taken to Killarney.

The investigation has brought some hitherto unknown facts to light and there is a possibility of startling evidence. A jury will be empanelled, probably at Tara, to hear the evidence.

HORSES GO FOR FOX FEED

Auctioneer Pearce had the most notable experience at his professional life at a sale a few days ago, when he was right pleased to have bids offered for a bunch of old decrepit farm steeds for which he did not expect an offering of any kind, from the good crowd of buyers assembled. Three of these old implement haulers were disposed of at figures that aggregated the sum of \$4 for the lot—two at \$1 each and the other at \$2. Had it not been that there is a new factor in the horse market there would have been no bids. The fox farmers of the district are on the look-out for cheap meat, and they, we are told were the ultimate purchasers of the carcasses. The Paisley junk dealer was the fortunate man in the market that day. He was the successful bidder for two or three of the equines, and appears to have made a good turnover. One he sold to an Elderslie fox rancher for \$5.00, according to reports, then purchased the hide for \$2.00, which will give him another return of \$1.50 when he passes it on to the big dealers. One of the horses was led ten miles to the sale, and had a good hatter on its head, so that there was not much of a reward for a long trip, even for the length.

FOUND LYING ON ROAD-SIDE BRUCE MAN DIES OF INJURIES

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animal, but the owner at least was glad to draw the \$3 that came out of the sale for him. Altogether it was a day productive of sad memories for the old horse brigade. Mr. Pearce had a brighter time of it at Mrs. J. B. Smith's sale in Saugeen, when bidders ran good cows up to over \$100 each.

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COMPULSORY INSURANCE

(Brandon Sun)

The automobile compulsory insurance experiment to be inaugurated by Massachusetts, January 1, will be watched with interest all over the country. The statute makes it compulsory for every motorist to take out one of three forms of protection before he can obtain his automobile license plates for 1927. First of all, he can take out a liability policy for \$5,000. In this case the insurance company must pay any judgment against him for injuries his car has inflicted upon others.

The motorist's second choice is a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000. This merely acts a financial assurance that judgment against him, up to \$5,000, will be paid. The third choice is for the motorist to deposit with the state \$5,000 in cash or securities. In case a judgment is obtained against the motorist and he is insolvent or cannot meet the judgment the state pays the judgment out of the amount it has on deposit. In that case the motorist, in order to retain his license and to comply with the law, must make up any deficit in the amount on deposit so that at all times the amount totals \$5,000.

Massachusetts is the first state to compel automobile insurance on every one. The rate has not yet been determined. It is a question whether more or less accidents will result.

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 56 of the Trustees Act that all Creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of Bernard Ruland, late of the Village of Deemerton in the County of Bruce, Postmaster, deceased who died on or about the 21st day of October, A.D. 1926 are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to Frank Huber, R. R. No. 3, Mildmay, Ont. or to George Ruland, Deemerton, P.O., the executors of the deceased, on or before the 5th day of January, A. D. 1926, their names, addresses and descriptions with full particulars in writing of their claims, a statement of the accounts and the nature of the security, if any, duly verified.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and the Executors will not be liable for any claims, notice of which shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

DATED the 6th day of December, A.D. 1926.

George Ruland, (Executors)
Frank Huber

DOES CREAM GRADING PAY THE DAIRYMEN?

There are not many dairymen who believe that the grading of manufactured dairy products does not pay, and for this reason there will be few who will argue that it does not pay the producer to have his cream graded and receive payment according to the quality of the product he puts up. Nevertheless, there are always the few who are skeptical and for this reason we are reproducing herewith a statement from the Dairy Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College made as a result of three years of cream grading in the Province of Manitoba. Ontario has only had experience with cream grading during the past summer, and while the system has progressed very satisfactorily so far, it is interesting to know whether the conclusions reached elsewhere, after a longer experience, are favorable to the system. In the following statement special reference is made to table cream, of which there is comparatively little produced in Ontario so far, for creamery butter purposes, and it should be noted that the premium for special grade cream over first grade cream in Ontario is one cent per pound fat and three cents for number two:

"Profits in dairying depend upon many factors. An important one is the care of milk and cream. For the past three years and more, producers have had the opportunity of appraising the value of quality-basis marketing of their cream. They are well aware of the price differentials according to grade, which the law requires creameries to pay. However, there may be some who have not taken the trouble to figure out the losses which they sustain through not taking a little better care of their product. When a comparatively small amount of butter-fat is being sold, a few cents a pound may not appear to be of much consequence, but the same few cents figured on a yearly basis amount to a tidy sum in many cases.

"For instance, when butter-fat in

table cream sells for 35c a pound and the average yearly production per cow is 140 pounds of fat, 7c. the price difference between fat in table and second grade cream amount to a saving of the value of the production of one cow in every five. Four cents the price difference between fat in table and in first grade cream, amount to the value of the returns of one cow in each 8.75 cows. In other words, with cows producing an average of 140 pounds fat and with table cream fat valued at 35c., the product of five cows marketed as table cream equals in value the product of six cows marketed as second grade cream. Likewise, comparing the returns from table and first grade cream on the above-mentioned basis 8.75 cows would equal 9.75 cows. These two comparisons indicate savings of 20 and 11.4 per cent, respectively.

"Considering the small amount of extra labor and expense involved in the marketing of table cream as against first and second grades, it is doubtful if a similar saving could be effected at as low a cost in any other farm activity. Figure up the amount of cream and butter-fat you have sold during the past year and what your losses have amounted to through not receiving the top grade price. And remember that by far the most common cause of low grades is slow and insufficient cooling of cream after separating. Remember, too, that if best results are to be obtained, proper cooling is little, if any, less important in the fall and winter months than during the summer months."

PRICEVILLE MILLS BURNED

One of the most disastrous fires that ever visited Priceville occurred about midnight Friday of last week, when the chopping, saw, shingle and planing mill of Watson Bros. was totally destroyed. When first noticed the fire had made such headway that nothing could be done, and the heat was so intense that nothing was saved from the flames.

The industry is a most important one for Priceville and vicinity and there is a feeling that the mill will not be rebuilt, at least as it was before the fire. The mill was a first-class one in every way, looked after the chopping requirements of the vicinity, as well as doing an excellent lumber, shingle, planing and custom business. The absence of timber in the locality it is thought will not warrant the reconstruction of this end of the business, though there is every probability that the chopping mill will be placed running condition in the near future.

The loss, we understand, will be between five and six thousand dollars, and we have been informed that there was no insurance.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

"Too much of a good thing" sounds like a contradiction in terms. But that is just what the cotton planters of the Southern United States say they have. They have too much cotton.

For years they have been studying to discover the best methods of cultivation, seeding and care of the plants. The past season was very favorable and the crop so abundant that the price went away down before the cotton was ready for market. The cotton-growers say that the price went down below the cost of production. The average cost of producing a pound of cotton, the growers say is 16 to 18 cents a pound, according to locality, some districts being more favorable than others. When it was reported that the crop of 1926 would amount to more than 16½ million bales, the price dropped to 13c a pound, and the growers figured their loss at from three to five cents a pound—\$15 to \$25 on every bale of 500 pounds, or from 250 million to 400 million dollars on the crop. That is enough to ruin a lot of business men.

But the calculation isn't quite right. When there is a bumper crop of wheat or oats in this country, the cost of production drops below the average. It doesn't cost as much per bushel to produce wheat which runs 50 bushel to the acre as it does to produce wheat running only 25 bushels to the acre; and the same rule will apply to cotton. It doesn't cost as much to produce a bale of cotton this year as it did in 1925, and the growers can afford to take less. However, the price, due to panic or speculation appears to have gone quite too low and the bad situation has resulted, and the big crop of this year may bring less return in cash than did the much smaller crop of last year. It is estimated that, due

to the fact that the country will suffer greatly curtailed and the country will suffer.

It is a curious fact that while producers of cotton and other crops, and all others alike, constantly hope for a bumper crop, it does not do for the crop to be too big—too much of a bumper. It seems that a very big crop, like a very small one, may be damaging to the financial well-being of a country.

ROBBERS BUSY IN SOUTHAMPTON

A lot of petty thieving is being done in and around Southampton. This is not a new thing but has gone on pretty regularly. Last week-end the thieves made a nightly job of it. On Friday night they were in Mr. L. Matheson's store and got away with a shot gun, a couple of flash-lights, and possibly some other goods. On Saturday night they entered Mr. F. A. Linton's residence and got away with a small sum of money, and on Sunday night they were in Mr. Brock McAuley's residence, and made a real time of it. They took the collection taken in at morning and evening services at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, amounting to nearly \$40.00 and had been put carefully away. They also had a real meal in the cellar, and ate the bones of the roast of meat they devoured. They also cleaned out a lot of fruit, etc., from the cellar, and also something from the dining room. In the first two cases they were alone on the premises, but at the McAuley home all of the family were enjoying a good night's rest when the robbery occurred. At Mr. McAuley's house footprints were left in the snow near the kitchen door, but no other clues were left in any of the other cases. Provincial officers Bone and Widmeyer were here the first of this week making an investigation along with Chief Fritter. We understand they have secured some very definite evidence against a couple of local young men in connection with the recent thefts here, but are holding off any action with the hope that they may be able to make a real roundup. The citizens are hoping they may be able to get these thieves good and proper.—Southampton Beacon.

BALLADS OF THE WINTER SEASON

(By Edward Guest)

Though some detest the ice and snow
And dread King Winter's rugged ways,
The chilling winds that bite and blow,
The dreary nights and dreary days
I turn on these no timid gaze,
My blood is warm, my heart is stout!

One fault with winter though I raise,
Its dinner parties wear me out.
Right merrily to work I'll go
Through winter's dreary murk and haze,
It is enough for me to know
My fireplace and its cheery blaze.
I do not mind the snow's delays
When high drifts are blown about.
I shrink from winter's craze,
Its dinner parties wear me out!

The usual conversation flow,
Potatoes creased or lyonnaised,
The tables where the candles glow,
The awful bridge the stranger plays,
The compliments the flatterer pays,
Pink punch which I could do without;

'Tis these I dread as winter stays,
Its dinner parties wear me out!

To Winter I'll sing songs of praise,
My mirth its blizzards cannot rout,
My one dread is the social maze,
Its dinner parties wear me out!

THE RECOVERY

Farmers with a portion of their crops still in the fields and with fall plowing still uncompleted will not forget the atrocious season of 1926 until the balmy days of spring carpet the earth with a fresh verdure and blot out the effects of rain and cold. It is only natural that the lack of sunshine and continuous rain should cause some farmers to become depressed. Taking the Province as a whole only a small portion of the crop was lost, but the promise that 'Seed-time and harvest shall not fail' was more sorely tested during 1926 than at any time in the memory of those living. We have had a bad a bad year—with some it has been a lean year—but the situation, generally speaking, is one from which Ontario farmers will quickly recover.

It is in times like these that one often hears the remark: "If I could

times like these that I would sell out and all its live stock and equipment cannot be sold to advantage.

And if one could sell out, what then is the next move? Is the town and city with factories working reduced staffs on less than full time any attraction to the man who intends to seek employment as a laborer? Perhaps the intention is to invest the proceeds derived from the sale of the farm in some manufacturing plant or merchandising business. If so, the man comfortably settled on a reasonably good farm should think twice, and get some information regarding the competition he must meet from long-established and thoroughly experienced concerns, many of whom have already been forced into combines to protect their capital and investments. Far away pastures look green, but it is a serious matter for a man to uproot himself and family from a community to explore new fields that are green only because they are remote.

The great mass of Ontario farmers are just as comfortably settled and as just as bright an outlook as any other class or like number of people in Canada's population today. The best move now is to plan next season's operations so as to make the old farm yield the greatest possible profit; and when we get well into the summer of 1927 we shall doubtless forget the trials and troubles that have been endured, and the recovery will be complete.

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Jr. III—Melinda Fischer 82, Leo Schurr 75, Irene Fischer 73, Walter Schurr 67, Herbert Weber 66, Gertrude Schaefer 34.

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Primers—Edward Fischer 85, Sarah Fischer 85, Melvin Schurr 82, Leonard Ilig 80, Francis Fischer 80, Albert Rumig 77, Lloyd Bruder 74, Isabel Fischer 70, Henry Schaefer 68.

H. M. Kelly, teacher

ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time, as an old man lay lying, he called his sons to his bedside. Speech had failed him. He motioned for paper and pencil, and they were brought.

Then he started to write, "There's a lot of money, lot for it, on the old arm—" Death had stopped him; the pencil dropped from his hand.

And the boys started to look for the money on the old farm. They plowed and dug every inch of it, but no money did they find. And then they said, "As long as it is dug up, let's sow a crop." And they did; and there was an abundant harvest, and they got a good price for it.

And when the crop had been disposed of, they set to work and dug again; and still they found no buried treasure. And again they planted and sold.

And they did it a third time. Then a light broke on them. There was indeed a lot of money on the farm—provided they worked it.

What a fool a man is. He thinks he is a shiek if a lady smiles at the drop of egg on his chin.

School Teacher Takes on Big Job

Alice is only twenty-one. Yet she already has a profession and a career and left both behind her. From now on her principal business is to fight hard for life, and when the footing does become a little less precarious she may take up some other kind of work, but it must not be teaching. At least that's what the doctors say had just one result—they placed her here on a cot in the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives.

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CHILD PLAYED WITH MATCHES

While George Hoffman, a neighbor, lay sleeping on the bed, Evelyn Nordman, four-year-old daughter of Mrs. Clara Nordman, 1711 Oak St., was in the same room, screaming with pain from burns that a few hours later caused her death, Tuesday evening. The girl's clothing, it is believed, caught fire from matches.

Mrs. Nordman had left her two small children, Evelyn and Walter, aged three years, in Hoffman's care while she went to a nearby house. Fifteen minutes later when she returned she found the girl standing in the bedroom, her clothing burned off and her body blackened by the scars. Her small brother was trying to help her. Hoffman was stretched across the bed, sound asleep and oblivious of everything that was happening.

Dr. F. C. Bandy was called a few minutes later, at 8.30 p.m. and the girl died at the War Memorial Hospital at 8.45 Tuesday night. There will probably be no inquest.

John Nordman, 48, uncle of the dead girl, and who was in the house at the time the mother left, was being held by police for questioning and search is being made for Hoffman, who disappeared shortly after the girl was taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Nordman, whose husband was killed in a railroad accident two years ago, this morning told her story of the finding of her daughter in flames. "I was gone but fifteen minutes and came in through the back door. When I opened the door smoke rushed out. I thought for a moment that the kitchen stove was smoking but there was hardly any fire in it. Then I heard the baby's screams. I ran into the bedroom. There she was, her poor body burned almost black and her clothes, in ashes, lying at her feet. Little Walter was standing by her and on the bed lay George, sound asleep."

Mrs. Nordman called for help and Mrs. Nelson Wilson and other neighbors ran in. They woke Hoffman, who jumped from the bed, went into the next room, grabbed his pack and started for the door. Neighbors, Mrs. Nordman said, prevented his leaving until later in the evening. John Nordman, who boards with his sister-in-law, was in the house when Mrs. Nordman left but he left shortly after she did and said today that the girl was playing about the house then.

A kerosene can was standing beside the heating stove in the living room. However, a theory that the girl may have thrown kerosene on the fire and was burned was dispelled when it was learned that the door of the stove was shut when Mrs. Nordman went back to the house.

Chief of Police John M. Sullivan, who investigated the accident expressed belief that the girl was probably

sitting on the bed playing with matches, and that a lighted match fell on her lap, igniting her clothing. The children had been in the habit of playing with matches and Mrs. Nordman said she thought she had hid all the matches in the house.

A small rug on the bedroom floor was not burned, nor was any of the bed clothing.

The girl was conscious almost to the time of her death, and suffered intense pain. Each time that her mother would attempt to learn from her how the accident occurred, the girl would only whisper "fire." The girl's body was burned from the face to the feet except for a small part of her back. Her hair was not touched by the flames.

Mrs. Nordman said she placed no blame on Hoffman or her brother-in-law. The girl is survived by her mother and small brother, Walter, and a six-year-old brother, Adrian, who was not at home at the time the girl was burned.—Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Evening Paper.

COLD SURROUNDINGS CHECK MILK FLOW

Cold winds, rain, sleet and snow had better strike the barn roof than the cows' backs remarks Hoard's Dairyman, in offering some timely suggestions on herd management. Dairy cows cannot adjust themselves to these conditions; to force them to try it is to reduce the amount of the milk cheque. The dairy cow should always be kept warm and dry, because her function is motherhood and she needs careful treatment.

How are the ventilators working in the dairy barn? A cow weighing 1000 pounds inhales about 224 pounds of air in 24 hours. This is about double the weight of water and feed she takes. A good dairy cow will exhale four or five gallons of water in 24 hours. Good ventilation is essential to supply plenty of oxygen and to remove moisture and poisonous products from the exhaled air.

Protecting the drinking water of dairy cow from freezing or from becoming ice-cold is important. It should be done now. A cow producing fifty pounds of milk a day needs from twelve to fifteen gallons of water daily. Whether she drinks this amount depends very much on what is done now to ensure the right conditions.

It is a wet season such as this that a bad lane is a real handicap. In most districts a few loads of gravel can be hauled in the winter and used to advantage on the farm and in the yards.

Every precaution should be taken to guard against fire. Keep the lantern clean and hang it in a safe place. The dirty and over-turned lighted lantern have been responsible for many barn fires.

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Misleading Muriel.

Muriel Muddlesplasher was a queer girl, but the other day she received a proposal of marriage from a man whom she had always regarded as a brother rather than a lover.

"Muriel," he began, "you know I have always turned to you, that I have always thought of you, may I—that is—would you—er—oh, hang it, Muriel, will you be my wife?"

"Good gracious!" exclaimed Muriel. "What a start you gave me, George. At first I thought you were trying to borrow some money."

The Real Damage.

The policeman (after the examination of the victim of motor accident, to Mr. Twist)—"This is going to be serious for you. You've broken his arm, cut his head, sprained his ankle, bruised—"

Not So Serious.

Young M'Nab was worried. "I'm heart I've made an awful mistake," he confided to M'Pherson. "I've got engaged to a lass in Auchtermuchty, and now I hear she's a terrible flirt and has been kissed by every man in the town."

"Ah, well," said M'Pherson, comfortingly. "Auchtermuchty's no sae vera big a place after all."

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Write Your Own Ticket.

Write your own ticket, young fellow, and state your name and address, your birth and the date. How far would you travel, what sights would you see? What is it you're anxious to do and to do it?

Life's roads are all open! Which one will you use? Here are all sorts of stations. Come, step up and choose!

Write your own ticket! State plainly your dream; Will you drift with the current, or paddle up stream? Fair name or shady, good habits or bad, Step up and pick them. They're here to be had. Where would you be when you're fifty, let's say? Tell us that now, and get started to-day!

Write your own ticket! There's none to deny Your right to whatever you're willing to try. Where are you going to? What is your plan? Would you be known as a fool or a man? Life still has much for its stout hearts to do. Which task will you tackle? It's all up to you.

Resignation.

Trouble is part of the common lot. The sacred writer averred that man was born to it as inevitably as the sparks fly upward. Nevertheless, I hold that it is a big mistake to regard life as a troublous sea with which we are doomed to battle without cessation.

There is much respite in life, many "havens under the hill" in which one can find peace and rest.

Of all these sure havens, the surest, and the most calm and restful, is the haven of resignation. That word does not mean just "taking things lying down." It means, rather, facing things serenely, standing squarely upon two feet.

Trouble may be inevitable; but its effect upon nerve and heart and will depends almost wholly upon the manner in which it is met, the spirit in which it is endured, the courage with which it is faced.

Trouble may weaken, but it may also strengthen. The sturdiest oak of all its neighbors is usually the one exposed the most to the storm. That is the thought Longfellow expresses when he says:—

O fear not in a world like this, And thou shalt know ere long, Know how sublime a thing it is To suffer and be strong.

That is true resignation—"to suffer and be strong." It is fighting patience, it is calm determination, which cannot be baffled, to win joy and inspiration and hope from life, despite its many discouragements and disillusionments.

When the hero of Bunyan's allegory was flung down by Apollyon, and his sword fell from his hand, he did not give up. The field thought he had the pilgrim of life at his mercy. But the man, though prostrate, was not beaten—though "down," was not "out." He stretched out his hand, clutched his sword again, and crying: "I fall; but I rise again!" sprang to his feet and put the fiend to flight.

We all have to be "up and doing, with a heart for any fate," if we would win through life. Resignation, then, is not the whining cry of the weakling, the folded hands of the conquered. On the contrary, resignation defies all "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" by refusing to be slain by them; it is the spirit that smiles even in the face of death, and says: "Be of good cheer; while there's life there's hope!"

Yes, it plucks the fruit of courage from the tree of despair, and finds flowers of hope growing on the margin of life's roughest roads. It believes in the happy endings of the most sombre volumes of experience.

Sense of Value.

The teacher had been telling the children about the various human faculties for hearing, seeing, etc., and how they frequently testified, erroneously. Having finished, she asked the class, "Now, what are the five senses for?"

Little Marilyn, aged six, replied: "To buy the ice cream cone with."

Long Trip by Motor.

Intending to make the whole of the 8,000 miles journey by motor car, Mr. Lawrence Brasher has set off from Manchester to Calcutta.

DETECTIVE

BY ARTHUR R. REEVE.

CHAPTER XXVIII.—(Cont'd.)

"Do you feel better, Dick?" Ken bent over him and pulled a great coat closer about him.

"Yes, Gee! But I was glad it was you fellows coming along—not the others." He nodded toward the departing "Scooter." He seemed to have a horror of them after the treatment they had given him. "I was afraid they were going to get me back after all. And what they would have done to me!"

"Oh, boy!" exclaimed Ken. "Dick, won't your mother be glad when she sees you again?"

"Won't I be glad to see her? How is she? And Vera?" Dick was fast recovering, but his teeth chattered between still blue lips. "I knew you'd help me, Ken, old scout. . . . But I never expected you'd come down out of the sky to do it! . . . Say, I'm hungry!"

It was then that I knew Dick was all right. When a boy begins to think of his stomach he is not badly off. I had known Dick and Ken to make cruises up and down the Sound and come back with not a word to tell save of the food here and the cats there—and the swordfish they regaled themselves on at Block Island.

"Down, Laddie! Stop rocking the boat!" I adjured Ken to the dog. "Yes, Dick. Wait till I get you home, hot cakes and maple syrup even if it's not winter—and me across the table counting how many you eat, old scout!"

It was an alluring picture and I think it did something that only real food might have been expected to do. It seemed to put them normal. Dick was better for the mere conversation about eating.

Easton and Craig had been dividing their attention between the boy and the "Scooter," which seemed to have seven-league boots on, so fast was she and the trackless ocean between them.

They had left Dick to Ken and me for the last few moments and now again Easton had been adjusting and testing out something in his fuselage. Dick was feeling better every minute. Now he raised his head and looked about. It showed his resiliency that he should have thought of anything except his own recovery.

"Oh, Uncle Craig—Easton—don't let them get away!" he cried. Now the tables were turned. Once he had been ready to undergo any peril to get away from the "Scooter." Now he was ready to push even his slowly returning strength to get back to it.

"Why, if they get away we have FAILED!" he cried. I could not help smiling. The boy had it in him. To us the main quest had been Dick. To him it was the capture of the criminals.

"Yes," urged Ken. "We've got to land that Radio Gang!" There was the "Scooter." Far out to sea it was plunging ahead at a great rate. He plunged ahead at a great rate. The "Scooter" was defiant to the last. And these boys amused me. What did they think we were going to do? If we got to it, might it not be like the man who had caught the bear by the tail—afraid to let go, lest the bear turn on him?

CHAPTER XXIX.

THE RADIOPLANE. Easton Evans was at work over a peculiarly marked switchboard. Kennedy was guiding the "Sea Scout" as she rose from the water again, shaking off the salt spray like a huge sea-bird preparing to rise and swoop down on some luscious fish that it might see swimming near the surface.

Ken, Dick and myself huddled there in our narrow space with Laddie in the stern, leaned forward eagerly watching every move of Easton and Kennedy.

"What is it?" asked Ken. I did not expect Evans to answer. But it seemed to relieve his tension to use his lips as he worked feverishly, testing out a connection here, making it more certain there.

"This is one of the newest of sciences—teletomatics," he muttered above the wind rush. "Teletomatics." The syllable of the word came back from Ken. Easton was nodding. "I sit here safely turning switches, pressing buttons. Miles away, perhaps, an automobile, a boat, a submarine, a torpedo, an airplane obeys me as if I were in it!"

Ken turned to Dick. It was an idea that fascinated them. They had read about such things. "Oh, Dick! Wireless control!"

"That's it." Easton was pleased to have a mind as quick of Ken's to grasp things. It was why he had wanted him as patrol leader. He pointed overhead to the affair that we were carrying which had interested Ken vastly from the very moment when we rose over the quiet waters of the harbor at Rockledge.

"That's the real, active end of it, up there, the radioplane." Though the conversation was between the boys and Easton, I was as deeply interested in it as they. Their questions were much the same questions that I would have asked. I had been very much intrigued by the secret activity of Craig and Easton that summer out at Rockledge and, while I had not been taken into their confidence, I knew by their very secrecy that something big was afoot. So this was it, and it was going to be put to the test now.

There flashed through my mind as I listened to these boys that Easton was still not much more than a boy, what a difference there was in this generation and the past. In my day that had engaged boys for generations. Boys still were boys and interested in them. But there had been an expansion of life to them. Life was so full of a number of things now that fascinated boys. Here was this very radio with which our present adventure was concerned. It was a toy for the boy as well as the most recent of sciences. And what a toy! Surely the present generation, the Kens and Dicks, and Eastons was a wonderful generation, the most wonderful that ever lived—provided we, the Kennedys, the Adamsons, the Gerards, the Jamesons, measured up to our mark and made them so. We had just seen an example of the other side—the Hawkinses, and Hank. We were going to see other products of those on the wrong road. There was no use blaming the young folks for things that were wrong—no use blaming society or modern conditions—when it was strictly up to us, the older generation. We could not pass the buck.

This was no time for moralizing. Ken and Dick saw to that, with their rapid fire of questions, questions that even taxed Easton to answer.

"It may carry enough TNT, for instance, this radioplane," he was saying, "to blow anything to kingdom come. Yet it obeys my will—goes where I direct it—explodes only when I explode it—wipes off the face of the earth, anything I want annihilated!"

The boys were as fascinated as I was, as Easton said that. Here was a modern miracle of science, a thing that was going to give a new twist to the next war, revolutionize life.

Kennedy was flying the "Sea Scout" low now, and slowing up a bit, for it seemed that he had covered the intervening space between us and the "Scooter" in a matter of seconds. "Come down to the water!" Easton directed. Kennedy depressed the "Sea Scout." We taxied along. The "Scooter" changed her course, zig-zagging, as if that might make it more difficult. Little did they realize what was in store for them.

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control apparatus. A little "tell-tale" light, as it was called, gleamed overhead. He swung another switch. Another signal changed. The "Sea Scout" moved forward, while we stayed aft on guard over the miniature arsenal we had relieved them of.

Hastily now Craig ran over the sullen faces of the men. It did not satisfy him. There was one missing. Easton and I had them covered, and even Ken and Dick joined in doing so. (To be concluded.)

World's Cleverest Thieves.

Human nature presents few more interesting studies than the criminal tribes of India, says a writer in the Wide World Magazine. They number about a million and live entirely by organized crime.

Roaming the length and breadth of the country, they prey upon native and British society alike, with a cleverness that is almost uncanny. Quite uneducated, they are nevertheless the most ingenious and resourceful rogues in the world, so much so that all the forces of law and order are incapable of curbing their activities.

The "crimes," as they are called, consist of different sects or castes, who form themselves into tribes, villages, or clans each sect pursuing its own type of crime. There is a sect, for instance, which is addicted solely to housebreaking; another whose members are coiners; and neither would ever dream of encroaching upon the province of another tribe or clan whose special forte might be picking pockets.

The members of one tribe devote their time exclusively to jewel robberies in railway trains, carrying out their thefts with almost inhuman stealth and dexterity. Again, many of the sects will on no account commit violence; others, on the contrary, do not hesitate to murder. Some rob only at night; others only during the day. These eccentricities of conduct are so strictly observed that they have assumed the nature of rites, and are adhered to most religiously.

Thoughtless of Him. Mrs. Newwood—"What's this thing, dear?" Newwood—"It's a pawn ticket, honey." Mrs. Newwood—"Why didn't you get two, so we could both go?"

Strenuous. "What makes you so tired?" "I dreamed all night that I was waiting in line to get tickets for a football game."

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BY COYLE

the town the other decorations placed on the numerous sides of the jar. For the Christmas remembrance, candied fruit peel is packed in this jar. A wrapping of white tissue paper, a bright piece of ribbon and a sprig of Christmas greens complete the wrapping.

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The following recipes for Christmas "goodies" and directions for their outer Christmas dress, may be new to some of our readers.

CANDIED ORANGE PEEL.

Five oz. orange peel cut in 1-3 inch strips, 1 c. sugar for syrup, 2-3 c. water, 1/2 tsp. salt, sugar for rolling strips.

Cut thick soft orange peel from bright colored, heavy smooth-skinned oranges into 1-3 inch strips. Add to strips, one quart of cold water and boil for thirty minutes. Repeat the process until the strips have been boiled three times, discarding the water after each boiling.

Dissolve the sugar in two-thirds of a cup of water and add the orange peel. Cook rapidly for about twenty minutes, then place an asbestos mat under the pan or remove to the back of the stove and boil gently until the syrup is all absorbed by the peel. Care must be taken at this point that the syrup does not scorch. The strips should be turned frequently. Use a fork in turning strips and removing them from the pan.

Place the peel on waxed paper until cool, then, using the flat side of a knife, roll the strips in granulated sugar. Let the strips dry out for an hour or two, then wrap in waxed paper and keep in closely covered container until ready to pack in the holiday jars. This confection should keep for two or three weeks and may be made well in advance of the Christmas rush.

Grapefruit peel and lemon peel may be prepared according to these directions.

If twice the quantity of peel is desired, double the quantity of all ingredients. For the larger amount, longer cooking is required in order that all the syrup may be absorbed.

ENAMELED-TOP JARS.

Any attractive tall glass jar with screwed on metal top is suitable for decorating as a gift jar to be filled with confections. The metal lid should be given two coats of black automobile enamel. On the centre of the top is pasted a small, bright colored picture cut from a Christmas card or magazine. Figures cut from kindergarten paper of red, purple, dull blue or other suitable combinations, are most effective. These figures may take the form of gayly colored conventionalized parrots, fruits or flowers. If preferred, the top may be enameled and

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Health of Our Live Stock.

Eternal vigilance is required, and happily given, to keep our live stock in a healthy condition. This is particularly shown by the just published report of the Dominion Veterinary Director General (Dr. Geo. Hilton), for the year ending March 31, 1926. While, as is unavoidable, during the year occasional outbreaks of disease occurred, on the whole, it is gratifying to note, the situation was very satisfactory. This is indicated by the fact that less compensation had to be paid for the slaughter of animals in combatting trouble than in any of the last five years. Especially was this the case as regards glanders, which fell from \$15,722 in 1924-25 to \$3,255, Bovine tuberculosis eradication is also progressing. The demand for tubercle free cattle, and for milk and other dairy products from healthy cattle is rapidly increasing; so much so that it is becoming difficult to satisfy the demand. Of dourine there has been none for the last six years, while the compensatory amount required in 1913-14 was \$48,743. Hog cholera shows a slight increase compared with recent years, but at that was only a little over \$10,000 as against the huge amount of close upon \$197,000 in 1914-15, and an average of over \$20,000 for the last twenty years. The report, which can be had free on application to the Publications Branch, Ottawa, is one that in a general sense can be studied with pride as showing the splendid work that is being done by the Health of Animals Branch and the results therefrom.

Keep one ram for every forty ewes. Feed the ram a pound of grain a day in mating season.

Health of Foxes.

Great progress is being made in fox farming, which is now seemingly permanently established in every province of Canada. The health of the animals is a main problem that has to be dealt with. In its solution much excellent work has been done by the Fox Research Station that, within the domain of the Health of Animals Branch at Ottawa, has been established for seven years at Charlottetown, P.E.I. In his report for the year ending March 31, 1926, the Dominion Veterinary Director General records the progress that has been made by the Pathologist in charge, J. A. Allen, V.S., in preventing and remedying the diseases to which foxes kept in captivity are subject. Dr. Allen feels justified in saying that the fox farmer of to-day need not be less informed in respect to hygiene, sanitation and disease control than the breeders of any other class of live stock. Practicing veterinarians are realizing the needs of this comparatively new industry and are specializing in fox diseases and hygiene. For information on the subject Dr. Allen suggests a study of "Fox Farming in Canada," a third edition of which is in press and will be available free of cost on application to the Publications Branch, Ottawa.

To wander is one of the instincts of the wild turkey, from which the domesticated variety descended. This trait has never been bred out of the tame fowl. But if fed at appointed times, at regular places around the barn or other buildings, the turks will not get away so far that they can not return in time for their meals.



Lydia Porter, 14 years old, of Springfield, Minn., who received, when her grand yearling Hereford was sold at auction, \$120 a pound, or \$1,270.80 for the animal. She raised the animal herself and was awarded the prize.

Improved Methods of Growing Alfalfa.

In Ontario alfalfa gives a consistently higher yield than is obtained from the common hay mixture. The average yield of alfalfa throughout the province during the last four years has been 2.75 tons per acre, while mixed clover and timothy has yielded only 1.58 tons per acre during the same period. The Experimental Farm at Ottawa has grown alfalfa successfully for many years, finding it to outyield any other hay crop and to produce a very superior quality of hay.

Owing to the fact that farmers sometimes find it difficult to grow alfalfa, the account of the methods followed by the Experimental Farm in producing this crop, given in the latest report of E. S. Hopkins, Dominion Field Husbandman, will be found of peculiar interest. Mr. Hopkins emphasizes the importance of selecting the right field for growing alfalfa on farms where the crop has not been grown before. A well-drained soil is the first requisite, because alfalfa will not grow satisfactorily where water lies on the surface of the ground or stands within a couple of feet of the surface. A field having a slight slope will provide ample drainage and will grow large crops of alfalfa even upon heavy soil.

The field selected should not contain acid or sour soil. If it is only slightly acid it may be corrected by the application of lime, but no attempt should be made to grow alfalfa on a very acid soil. A fertile soil is very necessary in getting a start with alfalfa. After the alfalfa is established, however, it requires less addition of manure or fertilizers than almost any other farm crop. Weedy land should be carefully avoided. The seeding of hardy alfalfa seed is a necessary requisite to success, and Canadian grown seed is preferable to any other. The importance of inoculating the seed must not be overlooked, as it is frequently the means of preventing partial or even total failure. The methods of inoculation and of seeding with or without a nurse crop are detailed in the report, which may be obtained free from the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Two things make the cup of misery full. The unloaded gun and the gentle bull. The bull that's ugly is handled with care. 'Tis the gentle bull we should all beware.

Goose oil instead of lard is used by the Hebrews, and we don't blame them one bit. The housewife the other day fried some white potatoes in goose grease, and a finer flavor the writer never experienced.

Have You Tried This?

My dust mop cost me nothing. It is a bag of thick, soft material that fits over my broom. I run a cord through a casing at the top of the bag, which draws it tight and holds it in place.—Z. M.

I never throw away soiled gasoline left from cleaning garments. Instead I dissolve a teaspoonful of washing soda in a pint of water and add this to the gasoline, thoroughly shaking the mixture. When this has settled, the gasoline may be poured off. It will be thoroughly clean, as the dirt is left in the water.—A. M. A.

When rubber hot-water bags get leaky I cut them into suitable shapes to go under vases or under the tablecloth for hot dishes. These pieces of rubber also serve as stoppers for the bathtub and kitchen sink. We always keep one old water bag in the car to use in carrying water for the radiator. It is handier than a bucket and takes up less room.—Mrs. F. J. L.

For a kitchen wastebasket I like nothing better than a fruit basket dyed or stained to blend with my color scheme. First I cut a lining pattern from paper. From this pattern I cut a lining of oilcloth and paste it in place. A strip of scalloped oilcloth around the top of the basket makes a neat finish. The basket is easy to keep clean, as it can be wiped out with a damp cloth. A handied basket can be lined and decorated in the same way. One of these holds my sewing. Decorated baskets make nice gifts when filled with choice fruit or vegetables.—A. M. A.

Gifts That Last.

I ask my pipe-smoking friends and relatives to save me their large round and square tobacco cans. The most desirable ones have the lids hinged on and are topped by a nickel knob. These I give two coats of colored enamel paint, allowing each to dry thoroughly, and after the last coat a design is put on with enamel paint. One of the most attractive designs I ever made was a soft greenish blue for the can, and the motifs were small, galant sailing vessels with their white sails full-spread and their black hulls cutting through silver waves. When all the cans were completed they were packed with bulb fibre and an assortment of bulbs. A tiny directing verse was slipped in the lid, directing the planting of the bulbs in the fibre, and the removal of the nickel knob that the can might be used as a knitting-yarn holder.—E. R.

True to Type.

A dramatic critic, on being presented to a glorious new diva, could only murmur, "Words fall me." "I was expecting at least a column," responded the practical woman.

Persia's Shah Values Learning.

Though himself uneducated in the ordinary sense of the word, Riza Khan, the new Shah of Persia, is doing all in his power to improve the educational system of his country.

DO NOT

BY EDITH M. BURTIS.

A yard of material, such as a checkered gingham or a plain-colored cotton, linen or cretonne, presents many gift possibilities to the ingenious woman. One yard of cretonne or chintz thirty-five inches wide will make an apron without any other guide than these simple directions:

First cut a twenty-eight-inch square from the yard of material. From the remaining material cut a strap for the neck one inch wide and thirty inches long. The pocket should be six inches wide and twelve inches long, and the remaining piece of material should be utilized for the strings, cutting these two and a half inches in width.

Finish all edges of the apron with a narrow hem. Attach the neck strap, lay in a dart-shaped plait at the waistline. Stitch on the pocket so as to hold these plaits in position. Sew on the strings and the apron is completed. A narrower width of material can be utilized, since the result will be merely an apron of smaller size.

ATTRACTIVE CASES.

Many uses will be found for the nest of handy cases, and one yard of thirty-one-inch cretonne will make three or three and a half sizes. It is not unlike, though, that the scrap bag will prove full of resources for similar cases of varying sizes.

To make the bags, one piece cut from the material mentioned previously was twenty-one and a quarter

inches square, and two pieces fifteen inches square. Six pieces of the three squares. Then each of these was folded envelope shape and joined with an overcasting stitch, leaving a free lap for the closing that is fastened securely in place with a half button and a loop of the binding.

For the tag case, two each of the three pieces were cut from pasteboard, the foundation size being four inches at the top, two and three-quarters inches at the bottom, and five and three-eighths inches high. It is probably easiest to get the other sections well shaped by cutting these to the same measurements, then shaping them as shown to form the pockets.

Cover one each of the three sizes of pasteboard with figured cretonne or silk, and one each with plain material. Join corresponding sections by overcasting. Place one section over the other, the smaller on top, and securely join these. It is best to use a heavy colored cotton or silk floss for the joining, employing a feather stitch, since this is effective in appearance as well as sufficiently firm. Make the cord hanger with tassels ends by braiding strands of the floss together, and attach this to each side at the top. The tags in two sizes suggest the purpose of the bag, although these are not really necessary to make this little receptacle a welcomed gift.

Your Tell-Tale Toes.

When you go to bed, take a good look at your big toe. It can tell many important things about yourself, including your age, probable duration of life, and character, says Dr. Interland, who has been investigating the science of "toe-ology."

"This new science," he says, "is far sounder and reliable than palmistry, phrenology, or psycho-analysis. For instance, the lines that run parallel with the lighter-colored half-moon area at the base of the nail can be taken as an almost certain guide to age. For a person of from one to ten years of age, each line accounts for a year. From ten to twenty the year lines begin to fade, but alternate lines remain distinct; therefore these distinct lines are rated a two years each. From twenty to thirty the lines represent three years each.

About this time the lines begin to arrange themselves in groups of five, with the fifth line distinct. Thus, from thirty to fifty years, the distinct lines count for five years each. From the fiftieth year the distinct lines are worth ten years each.

A large big toe is a sure indication of a hasty and violent temperament.

How I Use Old Batteries.

This spring I collected a number of wet-cell battery containers, made of crockery, to use for food containers in my kitchen cabinet. There is a small round hole in the centre of each cover and a slit about one inch long on the edge. Through the round hole I screwed a wooden knob, then put putty in the slit, making a sanitary container with an easily removed lid. Since the color scheme in my kitchen is blue and white I used blue enamel on the knobs and with blue paint added the name of the foodstuff to be kept in each jar, such as rice, tapioca, beans, etc. These uniform, attractive jars make a much neater appearance on my cabinet shelves than do the paper bags in which foodstuffs are purchased.—Mrs. D. C.

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There are hills of salt 400 feet high in Spain.



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A FROCK EXPRESSING SMART SIMPLICITY IN EVERY DETAIL.

Trimly fashioned of moire or fine woolen material, this frock follows the straight lines that the season stamps with indubitable smartness, at the same time hinting at a modish two-piece effect by means of the front of the skirt, having two groups of plaits, being joined to the bodice. The long tight-fitting sleeves are finished with faced cuffs of contrasting material and the same note of contrast is used in the graceful jabot and shaped collar. No. 1488 is for ladies and is in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. Size 38 requires 3 1/4 yards 39-inch material, or 2 1/2 yards 54-inch, and 3/4 yard 39-inch contrasting for collar, cuffs and jabot. 20 cents.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST WHEN PLANNING.

These are the first things to be concerned with, inasmuch as it is inside of the house that you will spend most of your future hours. The exterior shape and attractiveness of the home will develop of itself into a pleasing and harmonious design, if you deal competently with the interior room arrangement. The outworn idea of making a home a show place from the outside, with useless gables and ornamentation of all kinds, has been exploded by the more modern trend toward interior convenience. Exterior trimmings serve no real purpose. They add to building costs, are constantly in need of repair, and serve to collect undue quantities of dirt and refuse. Modern housekeeping methods have placed a very strong emphasis on the interior arrangement of the home, and has tended toward greater compactness, so that steps may be saved and the housework conducted with a minimum of wasted labor. This tendency, coupled with improved ideas as to ventilation, and more regard for the amount of sunshine which can be counted on from the rising and setting sun, which involves the planning of windows in relation to the direction the house faces; all these things have affected the planning of every room in the modern, efficient, convenient home.

Kitchens are smaller but better furnished with built-in and other devices for saving steps and labor. Bedrooms are smaller than they were, but better ventilated, and usually with more closet space than was the rule even in the old-fashioned rambling houses. Dining rooms, too, are being reduced in size or eliminated altogether; their place either being taken by breakfast rooms, which are usually sufficient for small families or for homes where there is little entertaining; or else dining facilities are included in the plan of the living room. The latter is the pivotal point of the entire modern dwelling. Gone are the days when the parlor or drawing-room was practically closed to the household except on Sundays or when company came in. Living rooms are being expanded to take care of the tendency of the modern family to live in the front of the house, instead of cooping themselves up in the smaller and darker rooms at the back.



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THE IDEAL GIFT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

WHITE SEWING MACHINES

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THE CORNER HARDWARE

DEATH OF MRS. G. W. WALKER

Gorrie, Dec. 6.—The death occurred in Gorrie on Saturday, Dec. 4, of Mrs. G. W. Walker, a life-long and highly respected citizen. Decedent whose maiden name was Catherine Elizabeth Green, was a daughter of the late George and Sarah Green, of Wingham, moving with her parents to Gorrie in 1880 at the age of 19 years, where she has since resided. In 1883 she was married to William Dane. Mr. Dane's death occurred in March, 1895, and decedent was then appointed Clerk, which office she successfully filled up to the time of her death. She was efficient and conscientious in this capacity to a marked degree for thirty-one years, being one of the three women in the Province to hold this unique position. Decedent was also Secretary of the North Huron Conservative Association at the time of her death, a position which she had held for a number of years. Later decedent was married to George W. Walker of Gorrie, who, with her two sons, George W. Dane, of Charleston, Wash., and Harry W. Dane of Toronto, is left to mourn her death. The late Mrs. Walker is also survived by two sisters and four brothers: Mrs. T. L. Hamilton, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Will Warren, North Augusta, Ont.; George H. of Roseland, B. C.; Charles, Joseph and Edgar, all of Seattle, Wash.

REPORT OF S. S. NO. 1, HOWICK

(For November)

Sr. IV—Elma Finlay 71, Lila Edwards 52.
Jr. IV—Jack Ferguson 57, Elva Dane 51, Harold Wright 46, Clara Detzler 38.
Jr. III—Lorne Edwards 56, Gordon Wright 43, Harry Edwards 31.
Sr. II—Bertha Detzler 60, Robert Ferguson 52, Inez Finlay 47.
Sr. I—Alta Finlay 92, Mildred Dane 88, Leslie Edwards 84, Mildred Stewart 74, Mac Metcalf 74, Alberta Ferguson 68.
Sr. Pr.—Woodrow Dustow 76
Elsie M. Cooke, teacher

REPORT OF P. S. S. 10, CARRICK

(For November)

Sr. III—Kathleen Grub, Loretta Kestner.
Jr. III—Marie Grub, William Beninger.
Sr. II—Edwin Kestner, George Grub.
Sr. I—Carl Grub, Marie Straus.
Primer—Irene Kahl, Bernice Beninger, Rosalind Grub.
O. Kroetsch, teacher

REPORT OF S. S. NO. 12, CARRICK

(For November)

Sr. IV—Arthur Kroetsch.
Jr. IV—Aron Schaus, Alvin Baetz, Atilda Schwartz.
Sr. III—Elmer Kroetsch, Ervin Schaus.

I wish to thank all those who voted and worked hard for me until the evening of December 1st in their endeavor to strengthen the hand of Premier Ferguson in his effort to better the present intolerable condition brought about by the O. T. A. In my opinion my defeat was brought about owing to the apathy and indifference of many Conservatives who failed to Poll their votes in the first place, and secondly by the vile campaign of misrepresentation, calumny and vituperation waged by opponents of the Premier against both his personality and proposed policy with regard to the O.T.A.

The Province as a whole has how- ever vindicated Mr. Ferguson, and incidentally my own position, by returning him to power with a substantial majority, consequently I have no regrets.

Again thanking my friends for their generous assistance and many kindnesses extended during the late campaign, I remain

Yours sincerely,
Cargill, Dec. 6, 1926. W. D. Cargill

MOLTKE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peter attended the Winter Fair at Guelph and also visited at Kitchener last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Baetz, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holm, Miss Frieda Baetz and Mr. Edwin Lantz were guests to dinner at Jno. S. Baetz's on Sunday.

Mr. Con' Kuhl is able to go about again after being laid up with grippe for some time.

The community seems to be full of teeth pulling and grippe. Why so many teeth have suddenly gone wrong is a mystery.

On Tuesday, December 14th, a Missionary from China, Rev. Postkamp, will deliver an address in St. Paul's Lutheran church. Every one is cordially invited.

Butchering is in full swing these days.

Peter Baetz is busy cutting wood for the farmers around here.

CARLSRUHE

Messrs. Norman Oberle and Barney Ruetz, who spent the past few months in the West, returned home last Wednesday. Before returning home they also visited friends in Mt. Carmel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Himmelspach attended the funeral of the latter's brother, the late George Reinhart of Milomay on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruetz of Walkerton are visiting relatives for a few days here this week. Mr. Ruetz has retired from farming and has not yet decided where he will make his future home.

Mr. Charles Schwan spent the week-end in Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goll, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Strauss and Mr. Chas. Russwurm attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Frank Sadloin Riversdale on Saturday.

We were in error in giving the price of the Quantz farm. It should have been \$200.

REPORT OF U. S. S. NO. 15 and 3

Howick and Carrick

For October and November

Sr. IV—Lucy Peltier 84, Helen Wynn 80, Elmer Haskins 66.
Jr. III—Gladys Harris 58.
Sr. II—Margaret St. Marie 79.
Sr. I—Rita St. Marie 91.
Primer—Nelvin Hoffele, Stanley Harris.

Those marked with an asterisk missed one or more examinations.

A. I. Inglis, teacher

Man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once.

Stratford is now suffering a mild epidemic of chicken-pox, there being over 2000 cases.



The Christmas Gift Store

- Ladies Silk Knitted Scarfs at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.95
- Bath Towels at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25
- Runners and Stand Covers at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
- Checked Wool Blankets, Colors: Pink, Blue, Mauve and Gold 5.00 ea.
- Window Panels for Gifts at 98c and 1.28 each
- Pure Linen Table Covers at \$4.00, 4.50, 6.50, 7.50

Ladies' Silk Underwear

Vests, Bloomers, Slips, Gowns and Pajamas
THE CORRECT THING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS



Handkerchiefs for Gifts

Our handkerchief department is blooming with the many colors and styles you will find in our handkerchief assortment for this season.

- Handkerchiefs for everybody:
- Boxed Handkerchiefs at 50c, 75c & \$1.00
 - Single Handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 25c & 50c
 - Fancy Crepe Handkerchiefs at 50c
 - Children's Picture Handkerchiefs at 5c & 10c
 - Men's Silk and Silk Crepe Handkerchiefs at 50c, 75c & \$1.00

Bring Your Eggs, Butter, Lard and Potatoes

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Y. P. L. NEWS

The meeting of the Y. P. L. on Monday, Dec. 13th, is in charge of the Missionary Department, led by Miss Dorothy Vollick. The topic will be taken by Miss Irene Harper, and will follow up our study on India.

AMBLESIDE SCHOOL REPORT

(For November)

Sr. IV—L. Trautman 70, L. Obermeyer 65.
Jr. IV—Louise Kieffer 54, Lena Kieffer 52.
Sr. III—R. Obermeyer 88, C. Doerr 68, H. Obermeyer 66, I. Reinhart 64, L. Steffler 60, M. Detzler 56, J. Bohnert 56, P. Schiestel 50.
* missed one or more examinations.
Jr. III—E. Trautman 68, A. Trautman 57, E. Meyer 56, I. Weber 53, G. Detzler 34, L. Weber 26, A. Schnurr 25.
Sr. II—L. Kieffer 84, V. Obermeyer 88, M. Weber 83, W. Bohnert 75, M. Schiestel 64, G. Doerr 50.
I—F. Weiler 84, M. Cronin 80, C. Bohnert 64, C. Weiler 60, M. Dosman 40, H. Trautman 30, H. Detzler 30.
Sr. Pr.—L. Reinhart 69, J. Dosman 61, T. Detzler 50, A. Doerr 50.
Jr. Pr.—L. Kieffer 75, A. Schiestel 75, N. Reinhart 65, A. Bohnert 60, M. Detzler 60.
No. on roll 42, average attendance 40.
Madeleine Troy, teacher

TORONTO STOCK MARKETS

Fresh cattle receipts for the opening day of the current market at the Union Stock Yards yesterday were about 1400 head lighter than last week. Inclement weather over the week-end did not interfere with the moderately heavy run, and shippers were well represented with a better grade of quality cattle present in the yards when trading got under way.

Responding partly to the close approach of the Christmas trade when heavy and well-finished cattle are in greater demand, and also to a better showing of stock, the buying movement promoted a good strong trade

with prices 25c to 40c a cwt. higher on anything choice.

The volume of supply, however, was rather too much for an opening day's disposal and at 2 o'clock roughly 2500 head had been weighed in and cleared, indicating that the holdover or today's market would total approximately 1000 head, mostly comprised of good quality only and unimproved types. A feature of the stronger beef market was the sluggishness of store cattle trade. As was the case last week, this department of live stock were hard movers. Export trade, as predicted, was light and exporters only taking a couple of hundred heavy types for Manchester unloading. Next week will probably see a healthier export market, with shippers meeting the overseas demand, with choice heavy export steers for the Christmas trade.

Heavy steers sold at from \$6 to \$7.25 a cwt., with one load making \$7.40. Six loads of near-heavies sold at \$7 to \$7.45, with sales of fair quality steers made at \$7.50 a cwt., the market top for the day. Fair to good kinds in the steer class cleared at from \$6 to \$6.90 a cwt., with good to choice heavyweights bringing 6.50 on select, and a half load of this grade selling higher at \$7.50. Common stuff ranged downward to \$1.50 a cwt. Good butcher heifers sold mostly from \$5.50 to \$6.50 a cwt., with a few sales of choice up to \$7.25. Butcher cows were a firmer market, bringing 25c a cwt. higher than last Thursday's close. The best kinds sold at from \$4.50 to \$5.50 with a few kosher cows up to \$5.80, bought in by the Jewish trade. A plentiful supply of fair quality cows sold at from \$3.25 to \$4.25 a cwt., and several hundred canners at \$2.50 to \$3 a cwt., steady with the higher market promoted in this class during the previous trading session. Butcher bulls were also a steady market at from \$4.50 to \$5.25 a cwt., with an occasional thin bull sold at a range of from \$3.75 to \$4.25 a cwt.

A couple of dozen baby heaves offered sold fairly steady with previous values at from \$9 to \$10.50 a cwt. The slow trade in store cattle was not productive of anything special; the few light stockers cleared made a range of from \$5 to \$5.20 a cwt.;

feeder sales made.

The trade in vealers was strong, and prices advanced 50c a cwt. higher in spots in this market. The bulk of the choice calves went at 12c to 13c a pound, with an odd sale made up to 14c. Medium quality calves sold from \$9 to \$11 a cwt., and heavy calves from \$5 to \$8. Calf receipts were lighter this week by about 500 head. The lamb run was a little heavier than expected, with an increased supply of roughly 2100. This was a factor that possibly made trading a little sticky at the commencement. Settlements, however, were finally made at 12c per lb. for the bulk, which was a shade easier than at last Thursday's close. Heavy lambs sold at 10 1/2c with culls clearing at 9c. Sheep were steady with last week at a range from \$3 to \$7.

After following an unsettled trend at the early part of last week, hog settlements were reached equitable at that time to both sides. Yesterday at the current opening the trade firmed up, and live hogs advanced 50c from last Thursday's closing values, with packers paying \$10.25 f.o.b. for the bulk of loadings, \$11.15 off cars, \$110.75 fed and watered. Premium on select was increased by about 900 head over last week on a similar day, and this may have been a factor in strengthening this market, also it is probable that Buffalo buyers will be in this market during the week.

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The 1926 Christmas Seals, in aid of the Muskoka and Toronto Hospitals for Consumptives, have just been issued. These handsome seals, of different designs, are put up in assorted packets of 10, 25, 50 and 100.

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