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## A Chat with our Readers

0UR short talks with our readers in the last three numbers apparently
attracted the attention of many and we are encouraged to continue to discuss the merits of The Monthly in this manner, in the hope that every reader will assist in widening its sphere.
When we wished our readers a proshen we wished our readers a pros
perous and happy 1914 in our January number, we meant something more than a casual wish that the year just entered should bring our subscribers many good things, we meant that The Western Home Monthly would do its
best to contribute to their pleasure and best to contribute to their pleasure and
well-being. In the past you have found much to enjoy within the covers of the magazine, you have in every issue found well informed, fearless editorials, dealing impartially with matters of
grave interest to this Western country grave interest to this western country.
These will be continued so that every reader of The Monthly may have en : lightened and non-partisan views on the questions that have from time to time
to be solved by the people. You have to be solved by the people. You have
found its fiction pages healthy and found its fiction pages healthy and
fascinating; you have found its many fascinal departments, dealing with every phase of home life helpful; its fashion
pas pages artistic and reliable; and generatly
speaking you have regarded The speaking you have regarded The
Ponthly as your good friend who could always help, instruct and entertain you. You have been enthusiastic about The Monthly and thus you have encouraged
the publishers to better effort. You know how much easier it is to work when appreciation is shown. The Monthly entered 1914 with a most sanguine spirit, endorsed by an army of readers of whom any magazine would
be proud. The duty devolving on all be proud. The duty devolving on, ail
those who appreciate The Monthly is not only to send their own subscriptions in early, but to see that their friends share in the happiness that The
Monthly brings with its twelve monthly Monthly brings with its twelve monthly
visits. Indeed there could be no better re-
membrance of a friend than a year's membrance of to The Western Home Monthly.
For the coming year it will continue, and on a larger scale, to give its readers the benefit of expert knowledge in all
its departments. The hope is that The Monthly will in the future meet all tastes that the home can devise - that even the children will be found absorbed in its. pages. The daily mail of The
Western Home Monthly would in its Western Home Monthly would in its
size surprise even its most ardent supsize surprise even its most ardent sup-
porters, and at this season it is teeming porters, and at this season it is teeming
with kind words of approval and generous good wishes, for all of which we are very grateful.
As we have already stated, the year 1913 was a good one for us, the best in Monthly greatly extended and for this our thanks are due our subscribers. The our usands of new ones added have taken up the cause of The Monthly with true
Western zeal and enthusiasm. The Western zeal and enthusiasm. The
Monthly is a purely Western product, Monthly is a purely Western product,
and its aim is to be helpful and interesting to every Western home.
We have from month to month been saying a modest word in this column inout the progress of the magazine, and
in looking over the records of the past year we. feel that our expectations have been more than realized. Our friends
have multiplied in their numbers, and if in other clannels of trade business stringency has susen
effect on our substion receipts.

We may be pardoned for selectfing from among the many good
wishes received for 1914 the fol wishes received for 1914 the following from Canada's Grand Old
Man - Lord Stràthcons Man - Lord Strathcona - whose part in the development of the
Dominion is perhaps unequalled, and whose Greeting to the Cana dian West was pujlished in the January number:
"That The Western Home Monthly may go on increasing in the beneficial influence it exerts,
and the welcome it receives in thousands of homes throughout the West, is my earnest hope and belief, Wishing you a Happy New

Strathcona.
London, Dec. 13, 1913.

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Yours truly, Wm. Thomson.
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## St. Valentine

It is a very fine custom that the school children follow of sending to one another and to their parents on St. Valentine's day little messages of love. The custom might well become more general. Those who are particularly interested in. our Correspondence column need no instruction and no suggestion. What the bookstores will not supply in the What the bookstores will not supply in the
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ation of young lovers will invent. The ation of young lovers will invent. The expressions of devotion need not be limited to
this class. Many a tired wife will be glad to receive from her husband a message which will remind her of her younger days, and even the prosaic father, if he is surprised, will be none the less pleased by a reminder from his wife. This is the suggestion of a valued contributor to these pages, and it will be interesting to know how the suggestion has worked out. But every reader of The Western Home Monthly knows that nothing is more out of keeping with St. Valentine's doy than the sending of ugly caricatures. Cupid may be mischievous but he is never vulgar.

## The Optimist

If there is one person more than another who s a blessing to his country, it is the man who does not hesitate to express his gratitude for all he enjoys, and for all the benefits he has received. It does one good to read the words of appreciation sent in by an esteemed correspondent. Let us read them over and take them to heart-lest we forget:
"As a well-known writer asks in the opening chapter of one of her novels: 'Have you ever known what it is to be poor?' While I was not perhaps reduced to the depth of poverty from which her hero was then suffering, I was perilously near it. For when I stepped off the train at Ottawa one sultry August night a few years ago, it was with a very, very light purse years ago, it was with a very, very light purse
and a heavy heart. Behind me lay the grey and a heavy heart. Behind me lay the grey seas and green hills of the land of my birth,
tugging at my heart strings, while before me tugging at my heart strings, while before me lay-what? I did not know. Health, I hoped.
Wealth I did not even dream of, would have thought it folly to suppose my broken-down strength could wrest more from life than my daily bread, if that. I had one foot in the grave, or tremblng on the brink of it, and no onger early youth's high hope to welcome each succeeding day and spur me on to fresh endeavour. But in my veins ran the blood of the hardy North, and given health, I felt, I knew that somewhere in this vast Dominion was a place for me. I would make one, find one, somehow, somewhere, if determination counted for anything. So a stranger in a counted for anything. So
"Looking back now, the thing that stands out most prominently, in these first days, absurd as it may appear, were the interminable stairs I had to climb, either looking for work, or after obtaining it. Perhaps I ought to ay 'seemed to climb,' as my imagination probably magnified them. They were a nightmare. A few steps tried my already overtaxed heart sorely, and it was with a piteous prayer that I started each painful ascent, where there was no elevator. The top appeared some far off elysium to which my laboring heart could never carry me. A wasted figure, with shorn locks and hollow cheeks, I tottered up those tairs, thankful if no one were in sight so that I could pause and rest very frequently. Those first days are a confused recollection of aching body and wearied mind, when I worked blindly through the hot August days, grateful if I ot through my daily work, and was able to got through my daily work, and was able to crawl to bed after a hardly touchcd meal Days there were when my throbbing eyes saw
nothing but a blur, and it seemed as if nature nothing but a blur, and it, seemed as if nature coיld stand no mo
"August passed, taking with it its enervating heat, and September merged into October, painting the maples with its gorgeous hues, and bringing a breath of winter. Soon a mantle of snow lay everywhere, and Jack Frost of snow lay everywhere, and Jack Frost drew his icy fingers over the rushing Ottawa, stilling its waters. And one day I awoke, awoke to a realization that my tortured body was at peace, that the sleigh-bells around me were chiming merrily in the frosty air, while out of an Italian blue sky the sun shone brilliantly. I looked around and saw that the earth was very beautiful. I was well!
"With returning health came a renewed zest in life, and the desire to wander further afield in life, and the desire to wander further afield
took possession of me, to see for myself the took possession of me, to see for myself the
wonderful West of which I had heard so much. wonderful West of which I had heard so much.
One sweet spring day I left Ottawa, counting One sweet spring day I left Ottawa, counting health, if nothing else. That I had but the wherewithal to carry me to Winnipeg, I cared not a jot. I was going to the Golden West, and out of her bounty she would provide for me.

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Every reader of The Western Home Monthly will give heed to the wise message of Lord Strathcona in the January number. Surely he is our finest optimist. His optimism is of the kind that does good. Any temporary financial stringency is but an evidence of our phenomenal progress. The future has for us unbounded promise. All we have to do is to exercise good Scotch caution -to follow his own safe motto, "Steady and Sure". It cannot be too often stated that in all our undertakings we must so conduct ourselves as to command the confidence of the financial world. Every confidence of the financial world. Every
individual and every community has a responsibility beyond the financial abligations assumed. The country's good name is at stake in every venture. In an age when there is every temptation to wild speculation, the words of the oldest and wisest of our great Canadians is very necessary and very welcome.

"My trust was not misplaced. She has given with both hands, generously, freely. As to wealth, that is yet on the knees of the gods, but a more than adequate return for my daily toil, and health in abundance, are mine. Tonight, as I look out into the violet shadows of an autumn evening, my memory goes back over the intervening five years to the day when I first set foot on the soil of Canada, a wretched fever-shaken creature, sick in body and at heart. Mine is but a halting pen to record my gratitude, 'for I have neither wit, nor my gratitude, 'for I have neither wit, nor
words, nor worth,' but suich as it is, I use it. words, nor worth, but such as it is, I use it.
Never will I forget the debt I owe to its healthNever will I forget the debt I owe to its health-
giving air and overflowing plenty, nor, while memory endures, will I forget its kindly people. Wherever these words are read, may they stand as a monument from an appreciative woman to the unfailing courtesy and kindness of the chivalrous Canadian. There are probably exceptions-nay, must be; human nature being what it is-but I have not encountered them Nowhere, not even by the legendary American are women treated with more consideration, and I have pitched my tent, so to speak, in many lands.
"Yet, down in my heart is hid away the hope of a return to the misty isles, for kind as anther land may prove, it is not my own, my first love, the scene on which my eyes first opened, and on which I pray they will close.

Who will chide a child for not loving its own mother less because another has proved more
bounteous?
"What the future holds for me I do not know, but if under other and more familiar skies, it will hold in tender and grateful re membrance the land where the maple grows."

## The Pessimist

He sees only the hole in the doughnut, He hears only the buzz in the gramophone. He tastes only the acid in the orange. And he is with us perpetually -growling, fault-finding, exaggerating imperfections. Have you heard him?

He is discussing high prices. He paid so much for a small packet of oatmeal. He forgot to mention the fact that by taking ordinary every-day oatmeal of equally good quality, in an ordinary paper bag, he could get two or three times the weight for the same money. He complains of the price of pickles and olives, but nothing short of the highest priced variety will suit him. As for lettucewell, the old-fashioned kind may have suited his father, but it will not suit him. He must have the cabbage variety or nothing. So he growls incessantly, while all the time he is his own worst enemy. No doubt prices are high, but there is a lowest level even in high things. The pessimist never seems to find it. It is more pleasant to him to complain about paying the highest price than to exuit people are happy only when they are miserable. So in politics: The world is going to the bow-wows. Both parties are rotten. There isn't an honest politician in the lot. Nor is isn't an honest politician in the lot. Nor is there a competent one. "When Gladstone and Dizzy died there were none left." We have in Canada nothing but ward-heelers.
The country is going so fast to ruin that in a few years there will be nothing left but a memory of our greatness. No one will deny that politically there remains much to be desired, but the thing for a pessimist to do is to quit his growling and to pitch in and work-and work so hard that he hasn't time to growl. It is nonsense to expect heaven to send leaders, or to expect the newspapers alone to bring about a better state of affairs. No one should see a wrong without hastening to remove it.
The greatest field of all for the pessimist is that of religion. How he glories in accounting apostasies and in exposing heresies! Surely faith has departed from the earth, and the Christian virtues are no longer exemplified. There is nothing for it now but the "desolation of abomination," and we may as well sit with hands folded awaiting the coming doom, or we cannot escape the evils of the last days. And all this in spite of the fact that there is more love and altruism in the world than ever before, more regard of man for his fellows, more respect for the lives of women and children, less injustice and tyranny, more freedom of conscience. What are we to do with res ligious croakers anyway? Why keep right on. Do you remember that story a Western farmer told about his dog, which barked the whole night long at the moon? "Well, what of it?" asked some one. "Oh, nothing much," said the farmer, "only the moon kept right on shining." So that is what Christian people must do, in or out of churches. There is no darkness so dense, no pessimism so crass that it will not be dispelled by the sunshine of love and ardor. Even pessimism has its good side. It serves as a background for the display of Christian action. Just as evil seems greater when found in a righteous community, greater when found in a righteous community, and as righteousness shines the brighter when
found in an evil community, so the cheerfulfound in an evil community, so the cheerfulness and hope of the optimistic spirit glow with
greater brilliancy in the presence of those who see nothing ahead but gloom and disaster.

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homesteading life. Now this may of homesteading life. Now this ma, and yet, under similar conditions, many men as you would wish to see. A goo deal depends on the individual, and on the point of view. Some people are morbid and lonely any place. I have seen as sad and lonely faces on the streets of
on the prairie
A great deal of pity is extended $t$ homesteaders' wives, and no one pities many of them any more than they pity themselves. One must cultivate adapta bility. I am thankful to say that I can adapt myself to almost anything-
"let myself loose" in .Winnipeg and have a good time, or settle down in the country, "count my blessings one by one," and enjoy myself.
This is my second venture homesteading, so I can talk, not from a rooming
house in Winnipeg or Edmonton, but house in Winnipeg
from the soil itself
We had a f.ee homestead in Mani toba, proved yp, sold out, and now are on a purchased homestead in Central
Alberta. On the claim in Manitoba al cared for in particular was that we hould be reasonably near a school, as I had two boys, just coming old enough to attend. I thought this the main myself. We were favored in having the school, were very comfortable, and
got a good start, selling out for a fair got a
figure.
We have now been on the homestead in. Alberta for six months, and are a town, much farthe and are on a thinly settled locality, and the settlers that are here are mainly foreigners. That sounds forbidding,
doesn't it? But they are Swedes and Hungarians, who are a good, industrious class of people.
We came here the first of July, and am not going to say much about this beautiful summer, as it is easy to be comfortable almost any place then. How ing my cellar with wild fruit, which I ing my cellar with picking under the blue sky, and among the wild flowers on the hillsides of Alberta; how I, nearly every time buggy or wagon went on any errand
buying cows, pigs, hens, for wood, hay or just "exploring," loaded up my small flock and went too, and had new sights
and sounds to think about when I got home. I did not stay at home and look out of the window, and "wish somebody would come." But, moreover
I got up early, hustled through my I got up early, hustled through my
work, and was not unduly unprepared for visitors, if they should have come Battle River, near Irma, with its might hills and singing rapids. We saw it in all its aspects, from early summer coulees with red and yellow, and turned Now, in Novem
bleak, the trees are leafless, and the river frozen in places, the birds flown south, and yet I find homesteading
more than bearable I am going to de
I am going to describe a week in late ing time of all the year, if one is of disheartened persuasion. I will start with a Saturday when we
all went down to fix a all went down to fix a crossing over
the river, so that the children could the river, so that the children could go
to school on Monday, as they had not been yet this term, being too far if We chose a plass just rapids, where the hills on above the are accessible for a rig, and all went in a wagon. The ice was very glary and
would be too slippery for our unshod pony to be driven across with the chil-
dren. When we reached the river the dren. When we reached the river the
team was blanketed, and the boys and team was blanketed, and the boys and
men carried great bundles of straw from
a stack near and spread it
way across the river, and along the
bank which had to be followed for a bank which had to be followed for a
piece-everyone working, perforce, to piece-everyone working, perforce, to
keep warm. Then there were holes in keep warm. Then there were holes in
the ice, and water dipped out sprinkled over the straw to freeze and make a looting for the mony. Afte this was done we went down to the rapids, which were roaring as usual. All at once the little nine-year-old alled out, "Oh, look at the cookies! And sure enough the swirl of the wate broke of pieces of ice, then whirled round them nicely, the current carried hem away, and then more were made Yes," I said, old Mrs. Rapids is doing her Saturday's baking. Then we
watched a couple of ducks alight in a watched a couple of ducks alight in
bit of open water, and one of the me reached for his gun, which the me round here seldom go without. "Bang!" The valley echoes rang, and there was nice fat duck to take home
We loaded up again in the wagon, short November day was drawing to close, and we hurried along, as the out oor air had sharpened our appetites, nd visions of roast pork "and sich" antalized us.
But what is that grey shadow gliding long the side of the hill, like a bit of Reach me the rifle." The bullet went whizzing through the air, and seemed to hit him-to pass through him, but didn't. He could be seen, easily loping along at some distance.
at all," said one hey who a real wolf imaginings.
Home, and the heater has kept the house nice and warm. The range is soon going, and the dreams of supper
realized, and the food fades reaized, and the food fades away as That night about bedtime the rattle of a rig is heard in the silence, the dog
barks, answered by far-off coyotes, and a neighbor ared by far-off coyotes, and understood that whoever "goes in"" will get all the mail for the nearest neighas is Our friend is hailed as joyously from him were Santa Claus, as we take loved Western Home Monthly, Canada Monthly, Family Herald, Winnipeg Tri-

## FRIENDLY TIP

Restored Hope and Confidence After several years of indigestion and it is not very surprising that one finally oses faith in things generally An Eastern woman writes an interesting letter. She says:
attack of peritonitis I suffered from an attack of peritonitis which left me in
most miserable condition. For years I suffered from nervousness, weal heart, shortness of breath, could not "My ap
elt starved all was ravenous but I of food but it tid time. I had plenty cause of intestinal indigestion. Medical reatment did not seem to help. I discouraged, stopped medicine and did "ot care much whether I lived or died. "One day a friend asked me why I ing coffee and use Postum, stop drink aith in everything, but to please my fiend I began to use both and soon became very fond of them.
trength felt a defore I got some system, here a decided change in my lowly but surely I got better I and sleep very well, the constant craving for nod ceased and I have better health "My husband the attack of peritonitis. Grape-Nuts and and I are still using Windsor. Ont. Ry Canadian Postum Co. vile," in pkgs. "There's a Reason"" Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuinc, true, and full of human
interest.

## The Western Home Monthly

bune, Telegram and Free Press; Cosmo bune, Telegram and Free Press; Cosmo-
politan American Boy, Grain Growers Guide and various local papers from places where we have lived. I believe in taking lots of papers-and in reading them. If there were a choice of cutting down the papers or getting a new hat, upside down, and wear it another year rather than do that.
As we are away from church service we put in a quiet Sunday reading the papers, with some music at the piano If one is so inclined there is as good one could hear preached.
On Monday morning we get up very early, at six, in fact-"in the middle of the night," one little boy complains at sight of the lighted lampso as to get the children to school over three miles away. But they are soon wide awake and at their porridge, "say
good bye and rattle off. Then Monday's' rub begins, which is Monday's rub the world over, whether on a homestead or 6 ff it. Time flies only too fast with so much work, and it seems to be no time until the children are brought home hungry for suppet, and full of de-
scriptions of the beaver they saw on the seriptions of the beaver they saw on the
ice, of the new school, the new teacher, the new Alberta book and the new playmates.
Tuesday, after the boys go to sciciool and the morning's work is done, we have an earye shift some store-pipes men intending noon. Ju.st as we finish dinner
Swedish bachelor neighbor comes in with a pair of nice ducks. We know that he is just lry some, and has come for a talk. So we properly praise his offering, hang them house, and I get the north end of him, while the men go on with their $\stackrel{\text { works }}{\text { So }}$ he falls to my lot to entertain, and I know that he is just bursting with pent up talk, so I have only to be an atientive listener and exclaim at the right places. He is about twenty,
but has the solemnity of a sage of eighty, and is given to narrative. Threshings at which he engaged for a while is just nicely over, and the events of it are still fresh in his mind. His solemn way and broken English are treis somewhat after this manner:
"Aren't we having lovely weather?"
"Yas, it didn't froze at all last night."
"You had a great fall for threshing." "Yas, t'rashin' been pretty well dis I make trap some mush-rat, an ${ }^{\prime}$ killteys an' weasel I been make a little more. At t'rashin' we has some fierce time. One ole jiggers dere, married man he been, wit' a wife, an' a terrible drinkcranks. All the times he's gettin' up on his ears about some tings. Dis ole jiggers he gets on his ears one day with my bruder Oscar, for because Oscar gets on his ears at a boy 'bout nineteen year, 'at was drivin' one of his team. jerkin' an' standin' up on dere hind tail. Dis ole jiggers, he says, 'you have been young some days rourself, you Oscar. Dis boy ain' got no fadders nor no mudders t' learns him." And so on, from one narrative to another, the story itself being nothing, only the novelty of be twisted and yet convey a meaning. We always entertain our neighbors of every nationality and tribe, and never lose anything by it, pleasing them nd amusing and broadening ourselves. I am a fair mimic, and entertained the mending, with some of Pete's stories in his vernacular
Wednesday promised to be humdrum
enough, and we were bustling indoors and out at various kinds of work until the middle of the afternoon, when three weary acquaintances from farther down dropping into chairs, begged me to get them a cup of tea. They had been following a deer since daylight, had wounded it, but simply hadn't the strength to follow it up without something to eat; and they also
wanted reinforcements in shape of "Tack," my husband. Of course, I
table in no time. The grandfather of
this family spoke up and said "You don't suppose it it's one of the Park deer
done that's got out, do you?"
"Wat," said one of the men who was from. "Wash'n'ton," as he stowed away a piece of cold meat, it wan't in the Park when we shot it, an' I reckon if we ain't too long with our feet under this ere table, that it won't git time "Naw," said en Cal?"
in no Park, less'n "I low it won't git in no Park, less'n you reckon my ole
woman's skillet
a Park."
"Jack" did not happen to be at home to enjoy the adventure, having gone away just before they came, but rea quarter in time to enjoy a late supper of cup of cold water, or rather hot tea our "fixings."
On Thursday nothing more eventful happened than venison stew with dump lings, which is not to be despised. I was busy all day, baking and cleaning sewing and helpin $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ the boys with their
lessons in the evening bo very bus were we, indoors and out, that we we never noticed whether we were fifteen miles from town or right in it.
On Friday there was to be an auction sale of stock, farm implements and household effects several miles away. My husband did not want me to stay alone all day, and, as women often go
to sales, I decided to There was quite
There, was quite a number of women ested in proceedings, out amongst the stock and implements, inspecting them with the men. Many of these sales are veritable rummage sales, every one around bringing their superfuities to was disposed to sit back and watch proceedings from the house.
I did come out and hear the bidding on the household effects, as this is more in my line, I am somewhat of a
moralist, and the moral I drew from the men's bidding is, that men should never bid on household effects, as they do not know the values as well as the their f, who have catalogue prices at
I saw two men get a do-or-die glitter in their eyes, and fall to a bidding duel over a battered hitle rocker, that had cost, when spick and span and new, each other, egged on by the wily avictioneer, until it was finally knocked down to the victor at $\$ 4$.
The women exasperated the auctioneer by starting everything at "ten
cents," and went, possibly, at the oppocents, $\begin{aligned} & \text { and went, possibly, at the oppo- } \\ & \text { site extreme to the men. }\end{aligned}$ Anyway the sale was finally over, and everybody parted.
And this reminds me that the "Week on the Homestead" is over, a typical week, varying with the time of year.
It may sound, in the reading, primitive and tame to some, but we are not degenerating mentally, are perfectly financially. Perhaps it is the headiness of the air in this high altitude, but
we are contented, and homesteading we are contented, and homesteading looks good to us.

Signor Mascagni and his wife wear most curious fobs on their watches which require Italian silver pieces, each punctured with six round hous. teeth of her little daughter, and upon her husband's coin are suspended those of one of their sons.
Hrough not not" said Signora Mascagni much dearer to me than any one's jewels.

The wood fire crackled and sparkled merrily in the big open grate in the cozy "After all, home is the dearest spot on earth," remarked the young wife, with quiet satisaction beaming in her eyes. replied For hurchand. who wàs engaged in
auditing the Christmas bills.


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## Advantages of Canada's National Parks

$\int_{\text {N estimating the assets of a coun- }}^{\text {try few poople take into acto account the }} \begin{gathered}\text { value of a mountain region. It is true }\end{gathered}$ at the mineral wealth of the mountains of North America is beyond cal The forest has never been explorted. The forests have been used but little,
and it has not been necessary to bish fishing industries on the streams which fill every mountain valley. Be it admitted that there is no money yet in the development of these re-
sources there is still left another source of revenue, and one from which large sums of money are annually taken in. Railway companies have betn able to see an immense tourist traffic in mountain centres of beauty, and have pushed
with commendable energy into every with commendable energy into every
mountain pass where steel rails can be laid.
The establishment of national parks by the gove ment of Canada has done much to conserve the beauty and preserve the wild game of Canada's mountain regions. From them the people of Canada secure benefit, advantage and
enjoyment, through the unequalled means of recreation which they provide. National parks are to the nation what ocal parks and playgrounds are to the city. Everything that a city park can do for the people of the eity, the national parks can do more thoroughly
and on a larger scale.
National parks and on a larger scale. National parks
are the natural result of a recognition that man requires the pure, wholesome, healthful recreation of the great out-of-doors.
National parks attract an enormous tourist traffic, and tourist traffic is one of the largest and most satisfactory means of revenue a nation sums of money in the country he visits but takes away with him in return for it nothing that makes the nation poorer. He goes away with, probably improved health, eertainly with a recollection of enjoyment of unequalled wonders of mountain, forest, stream and sky, of
vitalizing ozone and stimulating companionship with nature; but of the natural wealth of the country he takes nothing.
The commercial potentialities of tourist traffic are almost startling. In 1907 the annual income of France from tourists was $\$ 500,000,000$; while the
tourist toll of Italy, wion The expenditure of American tourists in England is placed at $\$ 25,000,000$ a year. During the past five years there has been a constantly increasing tourist traffic, so the above figures are probably much lower than the amounts now
spent. Other figures which have been spent. Other figures which have been
secured indicate that nual revenue from tourists last year was $\$ 150,000,000$.
Tourists spend at least $\$ 5,000,000$ annually in the pine woods of Maine, and six or seven million dollars each year in the Adirondacks. The following
figures from the report figures from the report of Commissione
Whipple of the Adirond New York show that Adirondack hotels in Clinton county accommodate hells3 pensons; Essex, 7,719; Franklin, 4,626;
Fulton, 410; Hamilton, 2,395; Harkimer,, ,415; Lewis, 510 ; Oneida, 150 ; St. Lotal of 28,52 persons. This does not include the privaté camps and sanitarit ums. The average length of time spent about two weeks; hence it is figured hlat in those days about 200,000 people sought recreation and heal in that
region. This estimate was region. This estimate was proved to ree about right by the reports of the
railroads-the Central and the Delaware and Hudson-which showed that 225,000 passengers were carried during the summer season. It was estimated that more
than $\$ 7,000000$. than $\$ 7,000,000$ was invested in hotels and boarding houses, nd about $\$ 4,000,-$
ooo in private camps and
total wateses paid to
servants, cooks, \&c., were \$991,55n; cash paid for board, carriages, boats, \&c.,
amounted to $\$ 5.213210$, for fares, $\$ 875$ to $\$ 5,213,210$; for railrond. millions were spent by summer resort.

At Banff, the popular resort in the Canadian Rockies, the number of visitors registered for season of 192 was 73,725 , and these were drawn from more than jifty nations or the eark. The seaso the tourist traffic of the Canadion Pacific Railway, and it is estimated by those in a position to judge that the number of visitors to Banff and its adjacent beauty spots, would total 100,000 persons. If each of these visitors spent
the least possible sum upon which thi resort can be seen the ton which this would be more than a million dollars As a matter of fact the sum expender by tourists in the Banff district this year amounted to over \$5,000,000. Reliable figures point to the fact that he tourists of North America spent
abroad in 1910 the enormous sum $\$ 350,000,000$. On every hand there is evidence of a powerful and prevailing desire on the part of the people to see and commune with the beauties of nature. They are willing to pay for it, and the pecuniary benefits to the locality oncerned are great.
Extraordinary scenery is one of the Canada assets a country can have. of high snow-olad mountain ranges, unique in their scenic beauty and Alpine attractions. "Twenty Switzeranas tin one is the boast of a great
mountaineer. Maine's Adirondacks can. not be compared to Canada's national parks. The parks branch of the Canadian government is carrying on an aggressive campaign to develop the national parks of the Dominion with the object of making their wonders and
beauties available and accessible to all the people of Canad

## WONDERED WHY

And Found the Answer
Many pale, sickly persons wonder for years why they have to suffer so, and caffeine-in tea and that the drugcause of the trouble. "I was always very fond of coffee and drank it every day. I never had much lesh and often wondered why I was al"Ays so pale, thin and weak.
"About five years ago my health comletely broke down and I was confined condition that I could hardly take sufficient nourishment to sustain life. "During this time I was drinking coffee, didn't think I could do without it. Tea is just as harmful because it con-
tains caffeine, the same drug found in tains
coffee.) "After awhile I came to the con clusion that coffee was hurting me, and lecided to give it up and try Postum. -I It was made right-dark and rich "In soon became very fond of it. could eat more and sleep feel better sick headaches were less frequent, and within five months I looked and felt like new being, headache spells entirely "My health continued to improve and to-day I am well and strong, weigh o the life-giving qualities of Postum" Name given by Canadian Postum Co Windso," in Ont. Read "The Road to Welllle," in pkgs.
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There was a kind of sinister romance fancied that strange phantasms paraded there
Then, in the little harbor, there were the graceful sardine-boats, with fine, pale blue nets hung from their masts to dry, which floated lightly and exquisitely in was always the moving life of the little port, the aloof fishermen, queerly garbed port, tho aloof hlue, the garrulous fisherwomen, immaculately neat and whitecapped, and, as a kind of pulse of the community, at intervals two hours, the There was only one other English. man in my hotel, and, indeed, I saw no changed a casual word or two now and then, but he did not appear anxious to get on closer terms, nor, for the matter, was I. Moreover, he always sat at a table by himself
near the window, and appeared to near the window, an appeared to the passers-by. It was as though he were always looking for someone, not
with eagerness, but with a kind of fixed expectancy. This rather got on my nerves, and I, also, fell to watching.
Possibly I I thought Le Croisic guarded a mystery. all at
and invited me to sit at his triandly, learnt that his name was Rosewarne, that he had travelled widely, and that he had come to Le Croisic to study certain marine flora. I also discovered that at times he suffiered from an almost
intolerable stress of nerves. He was a $^{\text {and }}$ picturesque and fluent talker, but at these times he would make long and painful pauses, fail upon a word, and
stare before him with stricken eyes. stare before him with stricken eyes.
Once when I tried to help him back to Once when I tried to help him back to
the subject, he rose abruptly and fled the subject, he rose abruptly and fled newcomer, obviousIy an Englishman, passed the window.
The next day Rosewarne asked me to walk with him, and we took the winding road across the salt-marshes. As we almost imperceptibly neared Guerande le took my arm and said abruptly-
"Have you ever been afraid?" The question was so unexpected that paused and looked at him.
of what?" What do you mean? Afraid "Have you ever been haunted by a $\stackrel{\text { great fear ?" }}{\substack{\text { "No," } \\ \text { I said. }}}$ "You mean, I suppose, an obsession, a fixed idea, possibly a deusion?"
"There can be no delusion about fear," he said emphatically
moved on, "Listen.
I shan, as bere we Thirty years ago I was in Rio. I was a youngster then, and no more business in Rio than anywhere else. I imagined Wus going to do something. I imag.
ned I had ambition. But I also had money; I've always had money, carse























here, because I was seeing life, God help me, I began to drink. I suppose
the drink must have been damned bad, it soon began to hum on me. Iamned bappened to sit down at the same table as an Englishman-not one of
still I could talk to him.
Even before
Ever I joined him I fancy he'd had enough, but he carried it well."
Rosewarne stood still again, and again from his forehead in great beads.
"We drank together, and toasted a girl who sat near. I can see her now. She just sat smiling, and watching us with eyes, great black eyes, that had a
look of hell in them. She just watched, I tell you. Then we began to quarrel about her, and she watched, always smiling. All at once the man sprang at me, and
swung aside, and the knife fell. It was in my hand! I felt it strike into his body. I saw his white sneering face below me as he struggled, and on a devil's impulse I slashed him straight
across from ear to nose:
When the across from ear to nose: When the biood spurted-avily upon my shoulder. I did not care to book at his face.
"Well 9 " said.
"Well?" I said.
"No one had stirred in that accursed place; it was a game to them; the room was as quiet as this, marsh. I
got up and ran for my life., got up and ran for m,
"And you escaped?"
"There was nothing like a real hue-and-cry. Such things were not uncommon in that quarter, and I had a triend who knew the ropes, I was safely up
country in a week." country in a week."
"No, he recovered. I took eare to find that out."
"Well," I said, looking towards the spire of Guerande that seemed to float in the blue. "I don't see what you
have to trouble abouts The fellow have to trouble abouts a morderous assault on you, and was hoist with his own , etard. If you hadn't settled him he'd have been at you again."
"I know all that, I know all that," Rosewarne said in a tone that might have been petumant
so infinitely weary
"Why on earth should you be afraid "Don"er thirty years? © breat labourit you see?" he said where about the world there's a ma scarred from ear to nose searching for me? I had a right to defend my life, And, my God, don't I know that some day he'll find me, and strike homie? And I shall have no right to defend myself then."
This is nonsense," I said, shivering nevertheless. "This is sheer nonsense lether, throw it off. Probably the man, dead long ago." " "I'm not dead," he said bitterly, "an have known?"

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"Do you seriously mean to tell me you believe that you'd have had some sign of his dea
"In my sotul I know it." He spoke with an entire conviction that was almost horrible. I felt that it would be useless to argue with him sin that mood. Rosewarne, I thought, was hardly sane. What he said next reassuned
me a little.
"TM not always as bad as this. There are days, even weeks, when the menace seems to Whithrew. Then I think that he is far afvay, sonewhere at the other side of the world. When the fear comes upon me like a flood, when it
shakes body and soul as it does now, then I think - he is near, he has found me out and he will strike."
"But you"ze "been as bad this before, and nothing has happened '", ", th
 missed me then "Gợl I almost, wish that he could find me now!?
We had by this tinie reached the rising ground that leads up to the grey little city set upon 'a-litls: We turned to look back across the salt marshes, shimmering under the sun of noon, to the church of Le Croisic. Rosewarne laid his hand upon my arm and spoke in an altered voice
with haphazard flashes. Memory and imagination, I thought, had done their work.
I had a curious feeling, as we sat at lunch together in a sunny room that opened upon a vine-wreathed verandah,
that he and I were of two different worlds. I found myself trying to conjecture how he regarded material things, even the food before him and the wine in his glass. Did these strike
him as being the means, not of life, but of forcing him to keep, alive that terror which he bore in his heart? And later, when he sat down in the cafe and wrote two or three picture post cards, I
wondered how he regarded such ordinary wondered how he regarded such ordinary
and trivial things. As I watched him a sense of unreality began to creep over me: there was something strange in the sound of his, pen. Was he writing to commonplate people?
The sky was overcast as we walked back to Le Croisic, and the marshes, with
their sentimental pyramids and domes their sentimental pyramids and domes
of salt, appeared infinitely vast and dreary. The wind, too, was rising, and the low boom of the sea reached us across the waste. At another time I should have welcomed this changed
aspect, but now I feared its effect on Rosewarne. But he did not seem to be affected by it: indeed, his eyes were quick to appreciate varying tones of
color, and when a sudden sunshaft


Pack'ponies crossing one of the tributaries of the North Thompson river, B.C.
"I don't wänt to leave all this. I struck the spire of Le Croisic to an love the beauty of the world of the
ethereal whiteness he gave an exclama
world that capnot speak or sin. I have
tion of delight. "Constable," he sid not even any quarrel with men, exce, $t$. "would have loved that!" myself. I have had the means to do as I wished; I Hiave been a wanderer seeking beauty in the shadow of death. think, to end this fear by, you may self. Mores than once I have held the poison-phial in my hand-but no, I could not do that must bear the burden to the end; mine must not, be the hand "hat freezes me for ever."
"My deat Rosewarnie", I, said, "velieve me, I pity you from my soul. If of yours is a mere phantasm, the result of brooding on a sensitive mind:"
"I have tried to believe that. Bifit even supposing it were so, whet then? The fear remains. But I know, I know!? Again I felt it useless to argue witt ually to try to win mintorty of this terrible labyrinth.
"It's awfully good of youl", he'said, "to listen to me like this. The thing hail me so by the throat thattI had to speak, and I was sure you'd sympathise even "I'm glad you spoke," I said, "talk as much as you like."
We entered Guternde-by the beautiful Porte St. Whimhel, and for a time wandered atoqut the gatrow st:eets,
quite happilqw The shadow seemed to quite happilyt. The shadow seemed to he talked entertainingly of many things. I was astonthed at his range of knowledge. He Hajd read deeply, and, as I have said, trayelled widely, and he had a wonderfuldy cetentive memory. Moreover, it was wa memory that classified
and collated, so that he presented you with well ordered facts and theories, not

After dinner we walked out to the lighthouse at the end of the breakwater and watched the fishing fleet, blue and yellow sailed, beat out against the aggard western glow. It was difficult that exposed point, and impossible to alk save in shouted monosyllables. W lingered until all was a blur of tem pestuous turmoil.
On the way
On the way back Rosewarne took my
arm. had for has been the best afternoon I'v ou." Mons, he said, thanks to
"No great thanks to me, after all." "I feel quite free for the time. Things ook different. Le Croisic looks different He people, everything.'
"竍And they'll remain different," I said "WV shall se",
"WVe shall see," he said musingly. There was no one in the cafe of our who always did their needlework there in the evening to the accompaniment of a subdued chatter. Rosewarne and I had been talking about nothing in particular for some time, when a man entered, the window the day before. He pavs the usual friendly greeting and sat down th a table near us.
"My God," whispered Rosewarne, "It's come at last!" I looked at him: his face was stricken grey.
"Nonsense!" I said.
"Look at the left cheek-the scar!" I looked closely, and a cold shiver thrilled my spine. Certainly there was
a scar. I pulled myself together.

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[^0]"Well, is there only one man in the smoking English tobacco, and reading an world with a scarred face? And that's noseribed; any slight accident may have caused that." I don't think he ever heard what I said, but repeated-"My God, it's come at last!" In a minute Rosewarne rose and left the cafe, , following. We went up to his
room, and there he sat by the open window, staring into the windy dark. "This is folly," I said sternly. "Be a man. You're not a coward. The whole thing's preposterous."
"It's the end," he said, "the appointed "The man isn't even staying
hotel.' He only dropped in casually."
"What of that?", him?"
"Do you rec
"But scar!"
But not the man-after thirty years;
a man you only saw , once when you
were mad with drink?
"There can be no mistake," he said
wearily. "Look here, Rosewarne," I said. "Will you promise to remain here for half-an"Why not?"
"And for heaven's sake fight with yourself, strangle this thing, hammer it dead!" was with some trepidation, I confess, that I returned to the cafe; after
all, there was just a lurking possibility all, there was just a lurking possibility
that Rosewarne might be right. The Englishman was still sitting there,

English newspaper. I seated myself at his table, and at once began to talk of "It's sood the fishing, this and that. countryman," he, said cordially. "Ot course, I saw at once that you and your riend were English. I'm a bit, lonely "Have you travelled much 9 "."
"He."
"Well, only in the way of duty I'm a soldier. I've been stationed at Gib and seen service in India and Soutl Africa."
"Then
KThen you've never 'rolled to Rio,' as 'Rio? whing to in the song?", Rio? Bless your soul, no! Rio's out
of $m y$ beat. + But you should hear my boy sing that song; you shall, if you're
here when he comes."
There was no doubting the man's There was no doubting the man's
truthfulness. The relief ${ }^{\text {I }}$ experienced truthfulness. The relief I experienced
told me how much I, too, had been afraid. I made an excuse to leave my I made an excuse to leave my companion for a few minutes, and returned
to Rosewarne's room. He was perfectly composed now and smoking a cigarette. He listened to me quietly, and then said: got the fear under. J'm Anyway, I've ever may come." "Won't you come down and assure "Won't you come down and assure
yourself-talk to this good-natured, decent chap?
He shook his head. "No, I won't do that. I'll get to bed. I think I shall


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been awfully, good to me, I can't thank you enough." He took my hand and pressed it lingeringly. "It's you," he
said, "who have scotched the snake driven the beast back to the jungle."
"My dear Rosewarne," I said, "your own will has done it. Sure you don't
want anything to-night?" want anything to-night?" "Nothing, thanks,
Good night, friend."
Once more I returned to the cafe, this time with an extraordinary sense of
exaltation. It was as though I had seen a tortured body saved from the rack. I felt that now Rosewarne would win through.
I spent the rest of the evening with
Major Brodie. He went off to his hotel Major Brodie. He went off to his hotel about eleven oclock, and I sat up till
close on midnight, revolving in my mind the day's happenings, and wondering, though with a glint of comprehension, at Rosewarne's terrible obsession. It was remorse for that sudden and sense-
less act of mutilation that had preyed less act of mutilation that had preyed
upon him; he made no allowances for himself; he had deliberately, as it were, rooted it into his soul.
I awoke about five o'clock and looked out of my window. The mists were rolling away from the salt-marshes; the sun lay broad upon the moving waters clattered, voices called. It was a morning on which to take the freshness of the world into one's being; it might almost complete Rosewarne's cure. I slipped on a dressing gown and went opened the door without waiting for a opened the And then I stood still for a
reply. moment, advanced, stood still, ad-vancedI had seen dead men before, and I knew at once that Rosewarne was dead of death, nor was I a fraid then. My hesitation was rather of wonderment,
mingled with an unutterable thankful-

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ness. For when death had come to him that Death came kindly, that here all
 sion was as of a happy surrener,
gladness that had passed too swiftly for absolute recognition. That awful fear, may, in effect, have killed him, but no avenging hand had struck the bow; the thrust had been from, the clean rapier of Death.
awakened to feel that final heart-pang, and in one joyful moment he had known morning upon his happiness. Th sentinel salt-mounds glinted in the sun; boats followed each other one by one
into the harbor; tackle clanked and into the harbor; tackle clanked and poissonnerie were slid back. And in my heart arose an abiding passion of
pity pity for all tormented soule.

## Trials of a Farmer's Young Wife

Written for The Western Home Monthly by Bell Grattan

$T$ is no make-believe I sit down at $\int_{\substack{\mathrm{T} \\ \mathrm{m} \\ \text { si } \\ \text { is }}}$ ny desk to write about today, but omething that is very apt to befall any girl that is so foolish as to become the wife of any man befone she knows how to cook and do common housework, married life, its cares and perplexities come up before me, clearer in my memory than its joys-though the retrospect often provokes a laugh where th real experience caused bitter tears. I was scarcely nineteen when I be| caused nineteen when I be- | ing day was worse yet. Nothing but |
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## The Tum Tum Mountain Range, b.C

love match, and with the usual thoughtlessness of lovers, I do not think it occurred to us that we could not live upon love alone, or that it would need potatoes to preserve in its purity the divine passion. Everybody said I was totally unfit for a farmer's wife. I had always been delicate, and from the day I left school I had been bookkeeper in a olothing store. My mother
was a finst-olass housekeeper, and alwys kept hired help. I was not expected to help with the cooking; in fact, I never thought to do any work, unless to keep my own bedroom tidy.
I do not wonder now that people could not see the propriety of his choosing me for his wie when several farmers aughters - moder housekeepers-stood
ready to be chosen. My own family raised a good many objections, chief among them was that he was poor, and unfit for a farmer's wife, having no dea of work of any kind. I remember how I felt when I cooked my first din-
ner.
The potatoes were half the meat fried to a crisp, and the pudd ding not any better than the potatoes It was a rice pudding, and I put three cupfuls into a small pudding dish and just covered it with water; how the rice
swelled out, and I kept chanoig it fre swelled out, and I kept changing it from
one thing to another until I had not a one thing to another until I had not a
dish large enough to hold it all. how well I remember my first washing how. My hemshanuer had forst washing to town
day. with a load of wheat, and would be
gone all dav, so T thouglit I woll gone all day, so I thought I would wash up everything that needed washing the
least little bit. I was verv hapy at first, but after rubbing off litule patol
d things in a bundle and taking them about two miles to my nearest neighbor and getting her to do them and show ne how. I forgot to mention that my ome was away out on the prairie in rom my dear mother. I had never done ny starched clothes of any description, but from my father at home I had exalted ideas in regard to the importance of having shirt bosoms without a spot or blemish. My husband told me all he ods, and then betook himself to the fields. Oh! shall I ever forget my feelings when the flat-iron, heated ten times its wont, and olt! so carefully
applied to the glutinous surface, sudapplied to the glutinous surface, sudenly struck up an attachment for the same, and when forcibly separated lehind in black and brown colors! I have that shirt yet to show to those unwise nothers who are training their daughters for future uselessness. But it was in cooking that I found my chief trouble. sulted in attempts in that line had recake, made in accordance with those im possible recipes which. filk the cookery fooks. I had never made a loaf of bread in my life. Baker's bread served
us for a time-so that a tre found so long a time, indeed, ies, and have not tested its excellencies or many rears. It came to pass, after many days, that baker's bread became nuendurable. I tried to believe in it. I praised it and tasted it; but it would not do-its glory had departed. I began heartily to approve of Pharaohs
course in lifting the head of the chief
burning from most every knuckle, and burning my arms and hands so that they looked like a map of some unknown country, I began to find out
that there was little poetry and no fun that there was little poetry and no fun
in the wash-tub. However, I got th in thathes wash-tub. However, I got the say the dirt was all out of them. When my husband came home I felt so proud to think I had the washing done, al hough he said I looked as if I' had
 irst, but after rubbing off little patches course in lifting the dead of the chief
balker from off his shoulders and hanging
him upon a tree. How I did long for him upon a tree. home of my mother's bread! My husband hal been used to baker's bread and so did not seem to dislike it so much as I did; but I saw no way out of my trouble. I had tried many times to raise bread, but had not succeeded in
making any fit to appear on the table. making any fise enough to keep on hand a supply of baker's bread in the meantime. My husband got the bread when he took a load of grain to town, which was twice a week. What would l
have done if he had not been hauling have drain? It was twelve miles to town, go it would have been too far to go on purpose for the bread.
I had a little better success in making sour-milk biscuits, but somehow I never could hit on the proper amount of soda requined. Sometimes they were
yellow enough to be taken for gold, but yeftener they had the appearance of having been hardened and compacted in a cheese press. At first I tried to work the cold biscuit into puddings, but their peculiar solid nature frustrated all such attempts to economize. But then, when had one resort left. Back of our house a few rods was a sort of gully or creek, and in its muddy wat. I buried my biscuits out of sight, as I thought, for
Inexperienced girls should never commence housekeeping without a conve-
nient ditch at hand. Alas! alas! my


Brud homestéded in the Lashburn district and made the 160 acres yield him a good living
-luck was with him, however-a rich relative died and left him a fortune. He did not -luck was with him, however-a rich relative died and left him a fortune he did not
pull up stakes and leave for the city, but improved the town of his adoption and continues
troubles did not end herr! We had a flock of geese and goolings which in time found their way to "my ditch." The had a resurrection, and I remember watching those poor things as they vainly tried to divide them with their. strong bills.
One day Will's cousin happened to be riding through our part of the country,
and so made it a point to call on us. It was long after dinner time, but from his talk I took the hint that he had not had anything to eat since leaving Brandon, which I knew was many miles away. I was alone, my husband being away with a load of wheat. How thankful I was that I had learned to warm over potatoes, and get a fairly
good meal with the help of baker's bread and some fruit I had brought from home with me. Hz must have been hungry, for when he got to the end of his journey he told his mother, he left nothing on the table but the dishes and a
slice of bread cut like a "stepmother's piece," and that Will's wife was "a wee bit of a thing, no good for a farm, but that our house was spotlessly clean," and I took that as something in my
favor, anyway.
"My dear," said my husband one day "My dear," said my husband one day after breakfast, "dont you think you
could learn to make bread?"
"I do not think I ciun ever make bread," I replied. "I have tried and tried, until I am altogether discouraged." "Remember King Bruce of Scotland and the spider, try again," he said, with $\begin{array}{ll}\text { and the spider, try again, he said, } \\ \text { a grin. "You have learned to cook so } & \text { and told me } \\ \text { anany things in so short a time, that } I & \text { yeast- cake. }\end{array}$
bread, no matter what it cost me or how long it took me to learn. It was two
miles across the open prairie, and as I miles across the open prairie, and as I
had never been out alone before the had never been out alone before the
fear of wolves, sandhill cranes and things I had heard of lent wings to my feet, as it were, and I went those two miles in a short time. Mrs. Smith was very much surprised to see me coming
at such an early hour, and out of breath.
"Is anything wrong," she called when I was some yards from the house. "Oh, no"" I replied, "I am just having a walk." I was soon seated, and after talking about the weather, the wheat,
etc., for a few minutes, I confessed my etc., for a few minutes,
ignorance and asked her to tell me the ignorteries of bread making.
"Why, there is no trouble at all," said she, "if you have good yeast cake." "But I have tried yeast cake, and the bread soured."
"Well, then, you have let it set too long before baking it. When it gets and then let it set a little while longer, and then bake it in a good oven, not too hot." ignorant I was of what a good oven meant. She made me a cup of tea, which my walk. Such delicious bread she had -just like the bread my mother made. I made a firm resolve I would make bread like that if took me a whol year to learn how. When I was leaving she gave me a bottle with about a nd told me she liked it better than any
am sure if you had some one to give
you a few pointers about the best you a few pointers about the best
method, you would get along famously Why don't you ask Mrs. Smith about "You forget, Will, how mortifying it is to go to anyone for help in this matter. Indeed, I am ashamed to expose my ignorance by consulting anyone. I give
all our visitors baker's bread, and they, having it only when they come th see us like it. I do wish you had married a housekeeper, and I had stayed in the a
store," I said pettishly
"Oh, I am not finding faulb with you -far from it. I am sure you will over-
come this difficulty in time." "In time, if ever," I responded, most ungraciously. "I hope there will be no breadmaking in heaven."
He looked at me in surprise. My manmer and speech were something new,
and he saw I was in too reckless a and he saw I was in too reckiess a
mood to reason with, and so went out to the field to see how the crops were looking after the rain. After he was gone I sat down to think, I felt so miserable and unhappy. I knew I had
spoken so ungenerously to him whose spoken so ungenerously to him whose
unwearied forbearance and kindness amid all inconveniences caused by my lack of knowledge had so often excited my gratitude. Ah, so much misery over the inability to make a loaf of good
bread. A sudden resolve inspired me, bread. A sudden resolve inspired me,
and without waiting to clear away the and without waiting to clear a way the
breakfast things started off to Mrs. Smith's. I was going to learn to make


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sour. I had what I thought was a good
oven, and, waiting impatiently for an
hour, I opened the oven door as carefully
to see if the bread was cooked-Oh, dear, what Ine bread was cooked-Oh not begin to tell you what I felt like but I took that bread out of the oven pretty quick, and after pounding the bottom of the pan until I had good big dinges in it I got the pan separated from the bread, and I threw the dreadfu I imagine it is there yet, and a doze I imagine it is there
It was too much for me, and for the It was too much for me, and for the cry. It was no genteel, little soft sinffle with a few tears, but a real good, genuine, downright cry that would have done credit to any whipped youngst
In this plight my husband found me, and I suppose
"Why, what in the world is wrong?" said he, but he soon grasped the situa-
tion, and was very anxious to comfort me.
I told him of my long walk to get instruction, how tired I was, and how
anxious I was to make bread fit to eat and the results of my last effort, and that I hoped the goose that brought that bread to the light of day would get choked immediately.
All at once he burst out laughing, and uch a laugh, as though it were a capital joke. But it was no laughing matter to me, and I was on the verge of tears again. At last he said in his indest voice:
"It was no fault of yours, Nellie, and I am sure you will succeed yet if perseverance counts for anything; bu
really, if I were you I would write to your mother, and tell her to write down the minutest details and send how she makes bread. She is a superior cook, and I' am sure her daughter will be, too." Well, I did not like to, because they anything about cooking when I left

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home. I had never mentioned any of my trials and troubles to them; hought I would let them imagine I doing handsomely. "Where ignorance is Iiss, this folly to be wise," have read, nowing-they would have such knowh.

But I did write to her, and'such nice letter she sent me, telling me every ittle thing, and giving me lots of advice and "pointers"-as my husband calls -about cooking and baking the needs or go to your mother when in any difficulty.
I could fill many pages with such dole ful happenings, and should be willing to do so if I could convince one young girl the importance of practical household nowledge, or make her understand ow much of the grace and condort of a of its mistress. But I will on
saying I can now inge my vanity by iron, bake and make bread as wall as most women. If anyone doubts it, ask my husband.

## A Colonial Valentine <br> (To a Belle in 1770)

By Jennie Betts Hartswick
There's not a damsel in ye town But distanced is completelie By Polly in her prim graye gowne That fits her forme soe neatlie. I would I were ye golden pinne That clasps her frocke securelie, When downe she lookes ded chinn

Ye little ruffle at her wriste To her faire hand, which oft hath kissed And wihen I see her shy browne eyes Thro' filmy lashes glancinge Within my sober Quaker guise

And when upon ye windy square By happie chance I meet her(We "thee" and "thou" each other thereSure language ne'er was sweeter!) If behold her eyelids falle I cannot help but hope withal Since we are "Friends" alreadie.
How often have I longed to looke Within ye silken Shaker Of this moste lovelie Quaker; But ah, her pietie reproves
My al-too-ardente passionfeare sometimes ye Spirit move In very worldlie fashion.

For in this citie where ye Penn Ye raveals of sing hath honor, Ye rascals of Kinge George's menne For tho' I am a manne of her; And tho' my hearte is tender, Id challenge all ye Colonies If need were to defende her.
Soe, Polly, if I'm moved to-daye By Sainte instead of Spirit, That thou will deign to heare it, Tis onlie that Sainte Valentine For thee and me discovers Nat we should walk as thine and mine-

A Nursery Tea
When I have cake and jam enougb
I beg Louise or Grace to come
To supper here with to co But when there isn't very much,
I'll tell you who's the nicest one
The pleasantest and best;
It's my dear Angelina Maud
In her high chair, and set for her
A plate and spoon and cup Wid things to eat, she sits right there and $n$ such a lovely smile
And not one bit of appetite! Has gone, and still, she doesn't :ouch "A mouthful, then I say, And she smiles and miles away!

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## The Awalkening of Moses

Writan tor the Weten Iomen Monthy by M. E. R. gran

$\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{o}}$OSES isn't a bad man. 'He doesn't drink, nor swear, and he he seems to have only one aim in life, and that is to get all the property he can and to do it by pinching and slaving till we
are worn out; and I don't see the use of are worn out; and I don't see the use of
it. We've a plenty and to spare, for all He wa
He wasn't always this way. Why,
before the babies came enough for me; and after they couldn't get was always bringing home something for them and me. I often had to caution him about getting so many things, for we to save what we could to educate the children when the time came.
He would always laugh, and say,
"Never mind, ma, they won't be babies "Never mind, ma, they won't be babies
but once, and if we don't enjoy our twins
now, we never will" now, we never will. Many a home was left desolate.
Donald took it first, then Doro
Donald took it first, then Dorothy, and in a few days they were both gone.
We buried them both in one coffin somehow it didn't seem so lonesome to think of them both together, just as they
had always been all their shortlittle lives. From the east porch, I can look across to the cemetery and see their grave with its slender white column, and I always sit there in summer after the work is done
up; and in winter, my easy chair always up; and in winter, my easy chair always
stands by that window. Though it has been twenty years since they died, it is lots of company just to watch their resting place; and, somehow, I seem to love all
children better, especially twins; and it's a real treat when someone comes,
brings their babies along for a visit. brings their babies along for a visit.
Moses feels differently. He neversto on the east porch, or looks out of that window, if he can help it. He never speaks of the children, and doesn't like me to; and always has business away
from home whenever there are children here. is just wrapped up in his horses and cattle and sheep, but it's all for the money side of it. He doesn't want anything around unless it has a gold edge to it.
He has even talked of ploughing up my flower garden, because it takes up so much land, and doesn't bring in any money'.
Years ago, if I was sick, or ailing Years ago, if I was sick, or ailing he
would be all sympathy, and ready to help would be all sympather seems to care, as me; but now he never seen expense.
long as he is not put to any
We are getting along in years now, and together to the end; but things have been getting worse and worse and at last I made up my mind that 1 couldn't stand it any longer.
leaving his frail little wife and twin leaving his fraistittle wile and tw, was our duty to help them.
Dana was born the same spring as our babies, and his father and mother were our best friends. I do not know what we
should have done that terrible winter the should have done that terrible winter if it hadn't been for their kindness.
They were well-to-do, but Mr. Hartley ost everything in some kind of a speculation, and died leaving a heavy mortgage
on the home farm that belonged to his on the home farm that belonged to his
wife. She died soon after Dana was married; and now Dana is gone.
He managed to pay off the mortgage, but he had to sell off part of the land and
all of his stock and machinery to do it. I wanted Moses to help her a little for I wanted Moses to help her a little fo
old times' sake; we could have done it and never felt it a bit, but he only said
he'd no time to run around for other people for nothing.
Well, as I said before, I'd made up my mind I couldn't stand this narrow contracted life any longer, so when Mose done, and the supper things all cleared and that I was strong and healthy, and could earn my living much easier some where else, and do as I pleased with my
earnings, and that when the mail stage came by to-day I was going to leave. II
had my trunk all packed, the house had my trunk alne packed, the house in good order, and Ifwas leaving everything
in good shape. That I had tried living
his way for twenty years, and now I was going to live my own way, and do as I thought about it
Moses sat staring at me for some time after I had finished speaking, but his face had a queer ashy look on it. You lon't e said, "Ma, are you crazy? You don't mean itl You can't mean it! in your life. Why, ma, what will become of the milk and butter, and the chickens and ducks, and the turkeys and the geese,
and who will make the garden? Why and who will make th
ma, you can't do it!"
"Well," said I, "it doesn't make any diference to me about those things. me now, and I'm going
"Where will you go?" he asked
"I am going to stolling a him, so ${ }^{\text {I }}$ said, Hartley. She needs a while with Kathie those babies will soon be motherless, as well as fatherless.
"If our babies had lived, I should have had them to love, and your miserliness would not have hurt so much; but they
might have had to suffer the shame and privation as I have done, and I am glad they are gone.
Moses sat in his chair by the fire with his head between, his hands, and didn' say a word, so I took up my knitting and
put it away, then I lit a lamp and went to
I don't know long Moses sat there, but about daybreak'I heard him go out; and a little later I heard him drive out of the yard.
A little after sunrise I got up, and got chickens and all of the rest of the poultry; but still there was no sign of Moses coming, and it was getting on towards eight o'clock. At last I heard the buggy
coming, and would you believe it, Moses coming, and would you believe it, Moses
drove right, round to the east porch, and if he didn't have Kathie and the babies with him.
He called out real cheerful like, "Here we are, ma! Take the babies, and I will
help Kathie out. They are all ours now and we are as hungry as bears, for 1 wouldn't let Kathie stop to get a bite, except for the babies."
When Mes
When Moses was going out after they had eaten their breakfast, he stopped at the-day, Hilda Renolds will be out on the
thand mail stage. She'll stay till after Christmas so you and Kathie won't have to work so hard, for we'll have to have extra men to carry on the Hartley place too." After the morning's work was all done
up, and Kathie and the twins had lain down for a nap, I took my pan of potatoes down for a nap, I took my pan
out on the east porch to peel. Prétty soon Moses came around and sat down on the steps. I peeled away, waiting for him to speak, but he sat ther or some time, looking off to the cemetery, knee, and said, "One can't get away from the ache, can they ma? Nor crowd it
out, nor crush it, nor do anything but out, nor crush
And somehow, all of a sudden, $I$ underyears, so I said, "No," Moses, the only years; so I said, "No, Moses, the only all the heartache, all the loneliness, and just. bear it
understand "
Moses didn't say anything more for ome time, but just sat looking off toward I finishrave on the hill. waited.
At last he both my hands in his, said, "You diding really mean what you said last night, did Why, ma? You couldn't, you know. see things just as you could, perhaps never can; but I guess I can be a little "We'll seeing we've no near relations to nee what little we'll heare relations to nee ne and try your, way of living. But say, ma, yo didn't really meang. it, did you?,' And come to think it all over, I didn't; and maybe Moses isn't, I guess in good shape. That I had tried living I one that's waked up either

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braced against the gale. It was


they hiad rolled all the way across from Japan. The wreck-striewn shore about us told eloguentify of many an ocean tragedy. Bebind us lay the
sand buried bones of an old full-rigged castaway -beyond the memory of man. We marvelled at her thick timbers; they were oak lopg, twelve inenes
through, three laid gide by side, and through, three laid side by side, and
boted toret bolted together by enormous spikes,
One would think that this ancient vessel, One woult think that this ancient vessel,
thuss built with solid wooden walls, would be almost unsinkable-yet here she lay cast ashore many a weary year ago-and the varrant wind had made
atomb for her a tomb for her out of the s.ifting sands.
The outer barrier reefs, the wlals. The outer barrier reefs, the unlighted
shores of the outermost islan: 1 is that are in the full set of the Califiornia current, catch and hold these dere licts of the Pacific.
"She rides low", howled Fritz, filling my ears with strident notes and drifting sand at the same moment.
"She does ride low", I assented. We
were wateching an Alaskas liner pound her way wast.
USthes
whistling
I can see her "She,s
steam," Fritztling!
cried, handing
me ${ }_{\text {glas. }}^{\text {gles. }}$ "Yes, shes, hit something sere sure
enough! and they are driving her full enough! and , and
speed asp
CTL
Let, us get the padder
${ }^{\text {them }}$ "Dangerous work to-day, but let "Jangerous, work to-day, , wat fet us
try anylow ', So off we raced for the rancherie, where the Kwakiutl men were resting after yesterday's trip.
 come!" I called to the sleping natives.
Running before them and pointing to the plunging steamer, now prainly down
by the head, I urged them forward, Once airived at the shore we all pansed
breathlessly, the hovlins wind had left us weak and blown. Ahead the prospect was dismal and wild. Great foaming breakers flung their spume in big
globs into our faces. Sereeching gulls giobs into our faces. Screeching gylis
were ever hidden and revealed by hill
hil
 remember instinctively watching a big
surf duck it It was feeding in the very maw of this boiling sea, plunging tlurough shore breaking surf, as though
it fed upon calm water Now the cry *Hole Now the ery "Ho-le,-Hole! -part
of the ofld folks song" of the tribe burst out, and the forty
end foot cedar log canoe was seized
pushed
down the
the
sands
Into innermost surf the twelve little
brown figunes brown figures sprang. Into the hug
canoe, camera laden, Fritz and I I leaped Right at us sped a wall of foam topped green water bellowing in its might,
crashing its way across the shingle $A$ As crashing its way aross the slinglec As
if they were one centipede-like animal the twenty-four briwn arms pushed sharp pointed native paddles flew aloft one, in the stern, pointed shorevarards, stering. The first breaker passed un. derneath, the seoond lifted us sky high
and spun us in its boiling summit; the and spun us in its boiling summit; the
third felt the impact of the absurdy
inadequate paddles, and off we bounded
over the mighty seas. At times half the over the mighty seas. At times half the
crew baled-a very simple operation crew based-a very simple operation,
they splashed the sea out again with their paddles as fast as it splashed in. Alas! and alas! we were drenched; soaked; choked with the flying spray,
but the cameras in their oilskin coats were as dry as tinder.
Well I suppose one gets used to even after we got a bit accustomed to the big log going zigzag down a rushing sea, point blank into e dead wall of rounding, eddying, pulsating following wave-well we got hardened anyow. I carefully combing of the canoe that clung to me unlocked my legs from about the next thwart; I was lying on my back near
the bow, not the driest place by any the bow, not the driest place by any means.
"Well, isn't that nice?" called Fritz f"om between a tangle of brown legs;
the "nice" part of it was that we had the nice" part of it was that we had in calm water. I sat right up and enjoyed myself. I know I am a good sailor, but when you take the ocean and mix it all up, and put me right in the
middle of the mess, well, my enthusiasm decreases at least.


About us on either side rose
About us on either side rose tall woodthis sheltered fiord. Hardly a ripple told of the confusion of the gale that raged outside. Thin impalpable masses denly as long about the narrows. Suddenly as we rounded a point there came grouped about a large white mass that rose, angling, from the water. Unscrewing my glasses I made out the bows of the unfortunate steamer we had followed protruding just a few feet above the had run her ashore. Later we found out it was called Carter's Bay our crew whooped and shouted, and a very fountain of spray sprung from our sides. 1 was in the lead of many a With fine effect the steersman wheeled us about the wreck. We saw the un-
fortunate passengers little shore, busily examini:igg and drying what small luggage they had been all had been taren off wafely, so all we could do was to salvage floatables and fished up came unhasped, and a ring rolled out against a big bare, flat ot the ring, The owner of the foot, and
it up, and handed it to me, although no one had seen it fall. I reaffirm that the older members of these
tribes are strictly honest.
We never know what we will ge when we set forth with our men out on to the great ocean each morning. It was a calm day, the very contrast tc
the day we sped across the seas to view the day we sped across the seas to view
the Ohio resting on the bottom in Car ter's Bay. That old sea doctor, the "Salvor," of the B.C. Wrecking Co," soon patched her up and pumped her out, and hauled her off to dry dock-and lere we were again in our long craft, with its many paddles seeking the wonders of
the deep below the lowest low-tide line Many a strange anemone, many a rare starifish, many a chiton we had taken. Many were the rare things we found attached to the rocks, but, when we rounded San Juan Island, and sped along the south side we saw the biggest thing -the huge Twickenham-firmly attachisland. How intensely out of place in that calm, kelp-strewn scene she looked. All about her bobbed the air balls of this huge sea weed. Within toss of
a ship's biscuit of her side rose the a ship's biscuit of her side rose the by the way, this is the island the United States and Canada nearly came to blows about in the early days, before the international line was awarded. Yes, we two countries maintained a nice little armed camp within sight, aye, and
sound, of one another on this very island, and eye witnesses say it was only by the utmost diplomacy of the officers that a fight was not startedit never got further than potatoes or bottles, no bullets flew, luckily, and here on this historic shore the Twickenham
must needs blunder. The tide kept must needs blunder. The tide kept
running out as we watched, leaving her higher and drier on the shore. Her plates were crumpling up, and her arches and frames bending by the great superimposed weight. Bad wreck though she was the old "sea doctor" came puffing along, mighty pumps were iout her wounds, tons of salve, made of ce ment, were poured in, and later, off she too went to Esquimalt, that hospital for injured ships on Vancouver Island. Now, to give you some idea of how
hard and fast some of then wrecks are lodged look at the s.s. Humboltcargo shifted to the barge alongside Northern Pacific. See her perched up
on Monate Point with her attendant on Monate Point with her attendan naval nurse and doctor--the "Wm
Jolliffe" and the "Salvor." See her cargo shifted to the barge see he cargo shifted as far as $I$ know she is running to-day. Oh! it does not matter how often a steamer goes ashore, if she is of fairly good hull and machinery she ca get plugged up and ported and repaired of paint, and, well let us hope, a clea conscience. Personally we have bee afloat on vessels that have been ree ridden, collided with, sunken, waterlog ged, derelict. I know of one, on th U.S. side, that they oclapboarded over her ancient planks to give her a nice appearance, and off she went, too, or
should I say towards, Alaska. Did she ever get there? Nay! Nay! She got as far as where the first Pacific swell nter the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and


A very close pieture-sounding whales
a close shave for her big crew that they now to Port Townsend. Oh, yes, float on that bally ocean on everything rom a shingle up.
Oo not run ap. ith the abuse the bottoms generally The g companies have excellent boats, but g companies have excellent boats, but
lise are a lot of flotsam and jetsam
crates with ironware in them, for power that should be sunk quietly an decently in some ner travel by a "flutter bay., Did you ever travel by a "flutter-
tail?" One of these steam boxes, with blank wall astern and a big revolving clothes horse hung on it, the kind that lick up all the water in a shallow stream and leave you stranded on the newly formed slimy mudbank? No. Well, come with -well, let's cal her the "Turnover," that's as near as her the ever got to Terra Nova. Was it blowing? Oh, yes, thank you! You had only to hold on tightly to prevent yourself returning bodily to Seattleand, as Fritz remarked, "we only had one way tickets." The old hulk groan-
ed and screeched as if dissolution was fast approaching. On our bow we had


Lackbone of a whale
water she nodded her old head gravely to it, and went right up into the wind. "Ding-a-ling" sang the fearsome bells, and she backed squashingly into shel
ter. Out we went again; the night was pitch dark, only the creamy top of the seas appearing ahead. Right about, up into the wind she went again. This put us almost stern first to our destination. Every flop she made a big sea resounding whack. Pumps were clang ing now and again as we backed gravely into shelter. Now! would you believe there was such an ass afloat that, well his papers said he was a captain, started to back the unwieldy old groaning mass that hit that old clotheshorse astern threw us all sprawling. We had two valuable dogs below and a pair of Cana- pact of a wave, or the uncanny swing-
of the ladder, or the mouth-filling im
dian canoes on the upper deck. Down we groped our way into the hold, unchained the dogs, and started up that tremendous sweep of the old tub carried the dragging dogs off their feet, and out they swung into the darkness. In they came, out they swung, choking and gasping, as we struggled upwards towards the hurricane deck. What a nice As we went aloft with our dog pendulums we met the captain coming down. "Where in the devil are you fellows going?" he bawled out.
"Up on top into our canoes where we will have a chance for life!" to stop us, but either the ominous angle

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ing in of a strangling dog prevented ing in of a strangling dog prevented
him, and soon we were crouched in our lashed down canoes on the deck of that dark plunging mass rubbing the sore
necks of our faithful dumb friends. There were just two on that boat the
did not heap verbal abuse on that cap. not, when the storm and they were, Dash and Daisy, our Gordon setters.

## A Man to Whom a Century's Years are Known

Written for The Western Home Monthly by J. D. A. Evans

$T \int^{\mathrm{E}}$ was seated in an armchoir at the stoveside. We pause. A man enarisn years are known, but the day of a century. James Cunningham is one hundred and two years of agel

A mile eastward from Somerset, Southern. Manitoba, James Cunningham journey. To him the rays of a declining sun must in the natural course of material affairs soon disappear beneath the horizon
of alife well spent. To-day he is looking of a life well spent. To-day he is looking
forward to the rest which arrives when the last milestone of the earthly pilgrimage has been passed by. His abode is a frame house situated in the woods, through which a roadway carpeted with the scattering leaves of autumn winds along. The
writer and a friend, the Rector of Somerset, had come out to visit the venerable centenarian at his quiet home amongst the trees.
"This is Mr. Cunningham," said the hay who had opened the door and bid is enter. "Father, here are some gentlemen to see you."
What a wonderful man we are greeting clear resonant voice.
"How old are you, Mr. Cunningham?" asks the writer.
"I am one hundred and two years of age," is the reply the question is recipient
of His appearance is not indicative that the threescore years and ten had occurred to him in a remote period. Mr. . Cun-
ningham is slightly impaired in auricular capabilities; reads without glasses; is a brilliant conversationalist; enjoys the years of hislife were spent upon the lonely shores of Hudson's Bay. He was born in August, 1811. With pride he traces his ancestry to the north of Irelund. He is
the sole survivor of six children of a hie, sole survivor of six children of a
father, whose service with the adventurers trading into Hudson's Bay, placed him in charge of Saveril Post, a remote location sixty years, Mr. Cunningham, senior, met death by drowning; the swamping end; the body, despite diligent search by Indians, was never recovered. For two years following this calamitous event, the widow and family remained at the Post,
then decided to leave for Red River Settlement, a hazardous or Red River sitating several weeks of boat travel to Norway House, from thence along Lake Winnipeg and Red River to Selkirk and
Fort Garry, meeting-place of Indian and Fort Garry, meeting-place of Indian and
trapper, its meagre white population trapper, its meage white population
comprising employees of the trading companies.
There was the Lower Fort, and the memory of James Cunningham harks back to days when no walls encompassed this historic spot upon Red River's banks. A small store of the Hudson's
Bay Company was located here; the Day Company was located here; the
stone walls were erected by masons dispatched from the Old Country a few years after his arrival in the colony. The
bastions, observable from the Winnipeg bastions, observable frcm the Winnipeg
and West Selkirk main highway have been utilized for various purposes; as
places of detention for have been frequently requisitioned. When a boy about tivelve years of age, Mr.
Cunningham witnessed an invasion of the grasshoppers, when growth of every description was utterly demolished. At
this disaster it became necessitous for settlers to travel southward to St. Anthon's's Falls (Minneapolis of to-day) and procure supplies of flour. Then in the
early years of the thirties, his memory is verdant concerning this, a flood of pre-
ponderous proportions took place ponderous proportions took place. Let
his own words be quoted:
"We had an awful time to get away "We had an awful time to get away
from the waters. Some of the folks went to St. James, others out to Bird's Hill
It was a fearful inrush of water over the It was a fearful inrush of water over the river bank where nowadays the transfe track is. But father used to talk of on which took place when he was a boy, and this came so su,
Even in Mr. Cunningham's earliest remembrance, East Kildonan was not without store accommodation: In St. Boniface a few $\log$ buildings might be seen, in one of which Beauvette con ducted a blacksmith shop. A Amal
frame house represented that which is to-day the great educational establishment of the Jesuits, and Provencher, bishop and scholar was intimately known to him. A
school existed in Middlechurch. school existed in Middlechurch; at this children of the Hudson's Bay Company's employees roceived an education.


Tames Cunningham born 102 years ato at
Fort Churchill, Hudson Bay.
He was elected the first I .egislative Assembly of Manitoba.
"Mr. Christie was in charge of the store within the walls," said the centenarian, Honorable's establishment Ancient and location was adjacent to the estuary of Assiniboine into Red River; it was removed to the site whereon to-day in a city park stands the stone gateway, when
he was quite he was quite a young ma
"A few $\log$ houses and $I$ think a couple of stores comprised Sellirk. There was in those times. As far back that aven recollect there was an Anglican Church at St. Andrews, the Rapids we always called it. You've heard of Bishop Anderson, he used to preach there.
Anderson, the man of whom the old settlers refer to with such great respect;
he whose sanctified life is remembered he whose sanctified life is remembered
along Red River's banks to-day. And he was likewise the pathfinder who penecarried the fastnesses of distant Yukon, carried the
inhabitants.
A suburb of Winnipeg is called St re located therein. But the and college people are notein. But the maiority of name of this district owes its origin The first Anglican clergyman who arrived who after several vears. David Johns, returned to England at the death of his wife. A trio of Mr. Cunningham's
children were baptized by this reverend
gentleman, and the to-day great suburb in
the north end of Winnipeg perpetuates his memory:
"I was, well acquainted with Bishop Machray," said Mr. Cunningham. "Yes, I knew inche, who was mun'h respected. extent these two men have contributed to the earlier years of Manitoba history. Ahl there was John Black, many a Sunday He was known as the Red Dive saint."
Advocates of temperance in Manitoba may with surprise learn that measures of reform in the cause of sobriety, are not a modern achievement in the province A movement to suppress the evil transMr. Cunningham remarked:
"Liquor was very plentiful, drunkerness a common feature, people agitated for
"Did the Indians work much in the early days?" was a query upon whic
"Indeed, to the contrary," was the reply. "Any farming they engaged in wheat for of planting a small patch of ables. In fact, the squaws looked after his, the men were occupied in hunting een out at Headingly. No, the halfseen out at Headingly. No, closely."
That trouble was continuous in the colony during eary year cause of was the fur trade. As exemplar he referred to the fracas at Seven Oaks in 1816, an event which occurred ere his rrival in the settlement. But he pos esses distinct remembrance of fact concerning a trading company originated
by Lord Selkirk, when two concerns wer already occupying the country. One of these was the Northwest, a company which had conducted its operations in the years of the sixteenth century. This pinion that the Hudson's Bay Company were in possession of monopolistic right to consider themselves the sole dispensers of and. Neither was the Northwest in nison with Lord Selkirk in his imm gration propaganda to populate the colony with settlers. It was only feasible feeling in certain quarters, the cloud of issatisfaction produce a shower of strife After a period, affairs assumed such ellicose attitude that civil war appeared Government in England to dispatch ommissioners that matters might be rought to satisfactory solution. Mr. Cunningham states that he recollects the time that the Hudson's Bay Company onducted in excess of one hundred and of the great lone land of Canada West.
"Many many years aco" said Mr. Cunningham, "there was a man apointed as an official hangman. I can ell you how this was brought about. One day a Cree Indian met a Sioux he had a grudge against coming out of the ead. The Cree was arrested shortly afterwards and eventually condemned to death. This sentence was the signal for the commencement of a rebellion, which was, however, quelled at the start. The iver bank known as the Courthouse; a man named Cline was appointed hangman, and a large crowd of persons witnesse he execution.'
The writer mentioning the fact that the resent Cathedral of St. John's is to be hortly demolished, regret
"I'm sorry to hear that," he replied. It seems sad that such an old historica my sons was ordained in that building.'
Upon the site of Ross Avenue, the grandmother of Mr. Cunningham had a farm, "Look at that part of Winnipeg now," he remarked. "Ive seen lots o Street is now, there was a creek in this ocality. But then these are days of advancement, not those of the Red River settlement."
Thomas Scott, the hero of Fort Garry, was well known to the venerable centenconscientious man. In replý to a question
concerning the disposition of Scott's remains, Mr. Cunningham adheres to the opinion that somewhere in the vicinity o the Portage Junction of to-day, Scott, of grave. And Mr. Cunningham, unknown centenarianism have not removed him from the study of affairs within the political arena. With interest he peruses the procedure current in the legislatures of Kennedy Street and Ottawa. A smile passed over his face as he acknowledged
the statement made by the writer, that in the first Government of Manitoba, the name of James Cunningham is recorded as the member for Kildonan. A faithful servant for several years of the con-
stituency wherein dwelt they whose fathers laid the foundation stones of provincial history.

With a cheery "goodbye" the venerable hook the hand of the Somerse lergyman and that of the writer. "\% said he "yet, when I look back it seems so long .
Then he arose and turned to the writer, who when the erect figure was walking to the door, remarked: Mou'll see a few
"Come again," he replied. "But who of us ever thought the colony would get to be the wonderful country it is to-day?

Encouraging
One evening when Irving was playing Macbeth he worked his audience into an unusually high pitch of excitement. H was in his best mood and nad just reache, ghost to leave the banquet table. "Hence, horrible shadow! Unreal mockery, hence!" declaimed Irving in his mos ragic manner, as with a convulsive hudder he sank to the ground and drew his robe over his face.
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Little James had just been initiate into the mysteries of the first of April ano had amused himself hugely the livelons Bedtime came, and finally he had sobere down enough to say his evening prayer beginning, with the usual petition, "Bles oo, "with the customary list of playmatee. an' make him a good little gitl? Then came a pause, followed by the triumphant came a pause followed by ${ }^{t}$
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Written for The Western Home Monthly by Dr. Leonard Keene Hirshberg;
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 than 75,000 perhaps a little more or less finds itself now at last in this heyday of the twentieth century as far as human nature is concerned, exactly where it was
at the beginning. There has been, all at the beginning. There has been, all. admit, a modicum and accumatedge. There are new scientific facts, the profit of past experiences, and many marvelous methods of maintaining a few more lives among the multitudes to the ancient limits of three score and ten. But even the most sanguine of philosophers
or the most devout optimists cannot main$t$ in with shadow or stibstarce that the
was nearly two years old and had summer complaint, which carried her off," Wo unstintedly condemned sterilizations regular nursings, clean habits, and the scientific care of infants, had unwittingly found herself guilty.
For it is not the ninety and nine children who just barely escape death in spite of that the dirty, and careless upbringing aims to save Nie Forward Movement infants save. Not at all. Such sturdy their fossilized surroundirgs thrivig amidst poorly formed habits, survive to manhood-independent of all the mediæval解


A fair sample of Nitnitoja corn
many thousands-of-years-old dictum of $\operatorname{poor}$ sinned-against infant, that science three score and ten, has even, with all of aims to and does save. It is the cint the available store of wisdom, been in anywise excceded.
All of which doe
All of which does not deter you from
converting to the converting to the use, comfort, and heclth,
of your newborn of your newborn babe, the prodigal
avalanche of data applicable and ready avalanche of data applicable and ready
at hand for its wellbeing and happiness. Curious indeed is it that much of the lore made available to the young mother and
her babe, goes by the her babe, goes by the bourd because all
the women of an elder day who surround the women of an elder day who surround
her, scoff at the "new fangled, nonher, scoff at the "new fangled, non-
sensical, high falutin fads" which they knew not of in their dim and distant past. Said one grandmother recently: "Nine children of my ten, were raised without
all this flub dub and confusion. They riere nursed when they were hungry ney according to rule."
"They were given no clean milk, no sterilized bottles, and they were rocked
and bounced and walked with of and bounced and walked with of a night.
When they bawled they were paregoric and when they were sick their paregoric and when they were sick their
teeth were looked after." "What did the one that died suffer silver nitrate of a one per cent sjluticn before she passed aray?" the self-ipupher washed with boracic viuct-a face and eycs ing crone was asked. "Well, you see, it ras a hot rummen faket or box. The now candidate for


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the mysteries of its mother's bed. Nor may it nurse until very late on the first day. Thereafter for three days-until
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times a day.
It rarely becomes needful to select cow's milk for an infant this young unless the unnatural mother obstinately deter-
mines to risk her child's mines to risk her child's life to an artificial
diet, because she wishes later to run loose to teas and socialaffairs. To commit any infant to the far from tender mercies of any food other than mother's milk, is a fateful felony never found beyond the borders of ultra-civilized life, The num-
ber of childrcn nursed by their mothers is in inverse ratio ot their social motation in
life. If Christ were to return today, this
in life. If Christ were to return todaday, this
would be one of the first evils he would woild be one of the first evils he would point out.
After a child has seen this abyss of
trouble for three days it must be nursed trouble for three days, it must be nursed by the mother for twenty minutes every two hours by the clock, except at night
and after the morning bath. It is often difficult to convince the nurse and mother, not to speak of the elder conservatives and reactionaries, that the baby's sound sleep must not interfere with its arousal at the prescribed moment for a timely nursing.
Following the morning bath, to be sure, ailowing the morning bath, to be sure,
an added hour of sleep does no harm. Between eleven and six o'clock at night there should be no nursing. If one nursing intervenes at these unseemly hours, depend upon it to be the fault of


## Bassano Dam, Alta.

ought thus to assuage the nocturnal ${ }^{\text {when }}$ the child is four weeks old. Finally wailing that has perhaps occurred once or let it be not forgotten that the suckling twice.
There is the delicate problem of the new $\begin{aligned} & \text { lacks the power of speech, yet is more or } \\ & \text { less thirsty several times daily. Like a }\end{aligned}$ There is the delicate problen orlye ne the
infant's toilet. Although as earious adult with a high fever, you must
sceond month of the infant's life, the
not wait upon the order of a drink, but second month of the infants as,
routine habit of placing it upon a stool at a religiously punctual hour is now the custom, before this period the child must be watched frequently to avoid skin irritations and even more serious diffi-
culties from neglected napkins. Three culties from neglected napkins. are hee
times or even five times a day are not enough to examine a child for soiled linens. Whenever the babe shows signs of discomfort or cries without apparent cause, an examinds must also be kept The feet and hands musi aso be kep with everything that touches any portion of the child's anatomy from the moment of its birth until it is three or four years ord.
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If the nursing child tears and irritates
he young mother's nipples- by no means the young mother's nipples -by no means
an uncommon torment-the absorbent an uncommon torment-the absorbent
cotton which saturated with boracic acid cotton whatways retained between nursings
water is alw water the breasts should be sprinkled with a few soothing drops of compound tincture of benzoin. Just before the little fellow
nurses, this benzoin is wiped off with nurses, this benzoin is wiped off with
: loohol. At once, when nursing has
At icohol. At once, when nursing has benzoin as before.
Perhaps no better defender of the infant's life is known than this simple mixture of a teaspoonful of boracic acid
and a cup of boiled water. Not only does and a cup of botimes every day as an eye it serve three times time the papoose is
wash, but each tim prepared for nursing, its little mouth is
previously washed out with a bit of absorbent cotton moistened with it. Furthermore, the breasts are washed with it as well- as thus covered in the interims of feeding. Again, when the lengthening
finger nails of the two week old bambino scratch its face, the diluted boracic is brought into first-aid requisition.
If towards the end of the baby's second week, the mother shows signs of fever, the bairn should be allowed to nurse even longer than usual if the fever arises from
engorgement of the breasts. The mother engorgement of the breasts. The mother foods. The breasts should be pumped dry, cathartics and salts should be taken, and the mother must patiently remain in bed until all evidence of fever has disappeared.
thereafter stle one in its second week or umbilical cord was cut, do not say it "ruptured itself" by crying, but tighten the belly-band a bit or place strips of adhesive plaster across the projection.
As for taking the child outdoors, this is directed altogether by the season and the day. Ordinarily after day, an urchin may be put in its carriage as soon as the mother goes out. On colder or moist days, diseretion is the better par
some weeks must elapse
some weeks must elapse.
is strictly a matter of personal feeling Among my patients are many who have never clad their chits in long dresses These radicals have at least my approval
They are also the very mothers who They are also the very mothers who
discard the belly-band for good and al

Wet it be not forgotten that the suckling several times before or after the nursings, the dear little elf must be furrished with several teaspoonfuls of sterilized water.
"Give, oh, give us," said Thomas Caryle, "the man who sings at his work equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. .He will do more in the same time-he will do it better-he will persevere longer.
One is scarcely sensible to fatigue while One is scarcely sensible
one marches to music."

Everyday Philosophy
The time to give a.man taffy is before its time to give him his epitaphy. Pessimism is often the outcome of ${ }^{0}{ }^{\text {thimistic. }}$
The man with last year's automobile is more likely to feel out-of-date than the man with ast year's horse and buggy.
Among the greatest fools on earth are the miser who saves all of his money, and the spendthrift who doesn't save any. Some men who drop nickels into the contribution-box at church carry away
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The story of a Friendship that began in Prehistoric Times By Grace MacGowan Cook

66 ADAM, this is a private room! Zoe looked up from her note book to see standing frame in the doorway, the width of the big room between them, a tall, fa
in a long fur overcoat.
Behind the figure was a porter, bearing with great solemnity a great number and variety of pieces of luggage. The violin case, conspicuous among them, would have suggested a key to the apparition's identity, had not the shop windows and
hoardings for some time removed all possibility of doubt.
Zoe smiled a little, as her aunt went fussily forward with her effusive "Herr Kloemer, I think.
"Madam," returned the young man, a private room," and, pushing past Miss Travis bruskly, he paused to regard the piled note books on the table.
"Du lieber- Himmel!" he snorted, glaring at the stack. "Autograph albums o purn! Think you I shall write in all of


## A busy lumber scene in the Rainy River District

He looked so exactly like a naughty Coe's simile deepened into a augh, which was not vocalized, but which overflowed her clear grey eyes as she gazed back at
him. ${ }^{\text {No }}$, Herr Kloemer," she said, with a carefully preserved gravity, "you will not vrite in any of these; they are my note ${ }^{\text {books. }}$
Zoe inte_" he began in protest; but Zoe interrupted him
private room-before you cate this was a private room-before you came and told
us, I mean. That was oir understanding when we took it; but it doesn't appear to be so very private, after all.'
Two rare and unusual dimples supplemented the laugh in Zoe's eyes as she

concluded. Herr Kioemer sat weal down on a chair fasing her. He gazed piteously from one to the other of the | ladies. |
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"I truly bek your pardon, ladies," he began; but you! cannot know! They
prosecute me so! I find albums and prosecute me so! ind find albums and send them by my valet, they invate my very dreams.' reasstred Miss Travis. "Nour savage," cut whose room this really is, and then forget all about it." clerk here appeared at the and then ansious and explanatory. "Ladies, you "icre put in here by mistake," he, said. two and this is twont $y$-nine. new man brought you up, and-I don't think he will stay very loner Kloemer had been apologizing to Zoe
in an eager aside. As he ciulght the in an eager aside. As he caught the
parport, of the clerk's concluding words,
U. nothing unkind to that mot clever nien. He, has given me the hleasure of meeting theses ladies, which I most highly
appreciate."

He was looking at Zoe as he spoke, and Zoe was laughing as she gathered up her Zoe was sauu
"Shall I leave "You shall leaf all of them, and I shal write all ofer them, and serf me righ forth a beutsch bear, he rejoined gallantly.
pher books," said Zoe, but gathered the
mise outside, the ladies gave rein to the amisement they had, considerably re strained in the German's presence. Mis
Travis' was in raptures. Travis was in raptures. She wrs a
musical enthusiast, and had twice followed Kloemer from one city to another for the purpose of hearing more of his playing.
"To think," she said, "of actually seeing and talking to him face to face We must hunt up that bell boy who made
the mistake and give him a douceur." Zoe, who was rather a thoughtful ycung woman with ideas of her own, replied extremely fawilior minner I think :"

Miss Travis bristled indimnntly "Really, that is just like you, Zce", she sun. He has an extremely charming manner. Of course he was a little 'out of himself' from being so upset."
"If that is the way he usually receives admirers", commented Zoe, "I'm sure I
"But he has," rejoined Miss Travis
"They tell me his valet burns bushel baskets of notes in the range fires at the hotels-Kioemer is too mach of a genteman to leave them lying about.
"Well," concluded Zoe philosophically, "there, are all sorts of people in the
"There are," replied her aunt; "and some of them have no more enthusitsm "Tha's tarnip.
"That's me, of course" rejoined Zoe gaily and ungrammatically; "and by that same token, ninety'two isn't half as niee
as twenty-nine. I thousht we were getting an awful lot for our money." we

## II.

The ladies had dined, the note books had been sorted and written up to date, "hen Kloemer was expecting some friends for whom he, would play. Would the ladies join him?
Miss Travis, in a mood almost religious, retired to her own room to prepare cailet worthy of the occasion. When she finishing a letter, "Zoe!" she cried, in a sharcled and horrified tone. "You are surely not going down just as you are!" "I surely am"" replied Zoe. "I wouldr't chanue my dress for the President of the Inited States; and I certainly shall not for an ill-mannered Dutchman who plays
the fiddle... With which r:nk heresy sle

It is to be feared, however, that the consciousiness of looking better in the gown s.e wad something to do with this outburst of American independence. Kutoemer received them, smiling, cour-
Klos teous, and most impressive in his faultless evening dress.
Miss Travis confided to her niece in a soft aside that he looked like a blush rose;
and indeed his fair German face was alight with some emotion stronger than the occasion seemed to warrant.
Zoe shook her head decidedly at the whisper, and there was some desultory conversation, till; "I think my friends are not coming," said Kloemer
riltily In s laughing eye, and flushed guiltily In some subtle fashion which there were no friends expected, that the fiction was simply put forward to gain the pleasure
"Are we privileged to ask you to plaŷ, Herr Kloemer?" began Miss Travis.
"Are you kind enough to desire me to do so?" rejoined their host humbly
His inquiry was to the older woman
but his eyes were on Zoe. but his eyes were on Zoe
in reply to his glance. "I am not musical, in reply to his glance. it am not musica, your admirer."
"You are not musical," rejoined Kloe mer, to whom her smile seemed to signify more than her words, "but, he added in a lower tone-a tone so low that zoe
scarcely caught his meaning-"you are music."
He turned smilingly to Miss Travis. "And you are my admirer-so says your niece-you have asked me to play, and who is not musical?
"Zoe is musical," returned Miss Travis, seriously; "she is musie itself."
And Kloemer flashed the younger woman a triumphant glance at $t$
confirmation of his whispered words. III.

He tuned his violin and began a passionate Hungarian air, an arrangement of play it in public, yet as the song went on -it wâs a folk song, and these songs of the people hold in every vibration of their notes the heart throbs of native human enotion-she found that he was varying it, or it was varying itself. She could not
say that he altered the notes, yet something in the shading, something in the color, conveyed to her that this was his voice-the voice of his soul speaking to her soul. She dropped her eyes to her slender clasped hands and sat listening. of the violin was the speech of one she had known and loved always. She had a half formulated sensation of being able to understand and to answer each phrase of the music as though it were a phrase
in words.
in words. When the last note had died away Miss Travis complimented the performer suitably, but Zoe said never a word. She was afraid to trust her voice; a little shaken and an rrv, too, now that the spell of the
misic had loosened its hold on her and she felt just how far it had pushed her she felt just how far it
from her usual cool poise.
Miss Travis begged for an andante of Bach's, but Zoe suggested lightly, to shake off the unwelcome feeling of secret communication with the musician which had established itself within her and wo Id not depart, that he sho
bit-f rag time to cheer them. When she uttered her request he
smilincly shook his head "Your lips ask for th:t," he said, "not your heart Suppose, now, you play for-me." His
glance led hers towards the open piano "I am that hundredth young woman, Herr Kloemer," she said sweetly, "who does not play." "' he repeated in astonishment. "How, then, do you express the With a gesture at once courtly and famili:ar, he raised the hand which hung by Zoe's side the long, he appealed to Miss Travis ove the long, fine fingers, "this is the hand of pure inspiration. She can compose, she to me that she does not play" "There, Zoo," exulted Miss Travis, Herr Klocmer has fouid you out. Play Emething of your own-or sing for him.

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"And then she denies that she can speak to me ì my own tongue!" cried their host raproachfully. And Miss Travis epeated, Do play, Zoe
A childish irritation took possession of
"How absurd it all is!" oor beset half angrily, "I simply cannot he said half angrily, and have no voice. Why do you play, and have no voice. Wloemer with my indergarten musical efforts?"' She seated herself at the instrument. Her hands were poised a m m
Then she played.
It was a curious, monotonous little air It was a curious, monotonous chose, suggestive of running water, of whispering leaves-of any of the rhythmic iterations of nature. There was but one nusical phrase in it, and that was repeated, ittle varied, thed upward turn that left ou listening
Kloemer heard it with an introspective air. As she ceased, "Now, see," he appealed to the aunt. "And she musical!" Turning to Zoe, he said, "Your music gifs me pictures." Zoe's color deepened
eagerly, watching her face. "Listen! It is a wide plain; the evening light is dying.
There are birds fying. There is a lagina, There are birds fying. There is a laguna, paused a moment and added, "Why do you not sing the words"
"There, now, Zoe," interjected Miss Hovis, "I call that quite wonderful! were words to it? Sing it, dear."
"It's such a sentimental, nonsensical little thing," deprecated Zoe uneasily. "Be frank with me," pursued Kloemer. "Do not you see, when you play that air, that?",
"Yes,"
"Yes," answered Zoe in a voice so low as to be almost inaudible. These occult
phenomena, dear to the aunt's soul, had always been held in a sort of dislike and discredit by her niece.
"Sing the words to me," he pleaded in German.
Zoe dreaded, with a new dread, her
aunt's comments. The whole matter was aunt's comments. The whole matter was.
foreign and unwelcome to Zoe's nature More than all, she disliked the sensation creeping over her that she had indeed
krown Kloemer before; that all this:was
prearranged from the beginning of ti She began in a yoice which matched the melody, a low, rich, broken contralto-a voice with a flaw in it-one which scarcely could have filled an ordinary parlor, yet one so deeply musical as to be heart
moving. "Sol" murmured Kloemer as she ern
cluded, "said I not right? What do yud call your song?" "I call it "The Bird With a Broken Wing," rejoined Zoe briefly ${ }_{\text {"it }}$ is the cry of a soul for its mate. Wait! Listen!" He tucked his violin under his chin and stood brooding a moment. Then he drew the bow across the strings in a softly whispered plaint.
"It was Zoe's own air-and its answer phrase. "I am waiting," answered the phich, satisfying chords of the answer. He played long. The theme seemed to nspire him. The two voices of his souls. The notes of Zoe's song quested and sought. And the accompaniment arms of love beneath and about it

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Zoe was, without reason, hot with anger. There seemed to her an indelicacy love to her openly and in her aunt's
presence.
She felt indignantly that he dared not
whisper to her in words that which his whisper to her in words that which his
music loudly cried out. And then she caught herself, with a half humorous astonishment at her mood, and the reminder that she was listening to the greatest violin virtuoso of his day. What right had she to suppose that these
utterances of utterances of in
addressed to her?
She feared she knew not what, and as the German ceased playing she rose abruptly.
"Come, Aunt Emma," she said rather breathlessly. "It's late. We must be
going. Good night mein herr Thank going. Good night, mein herr.,
Their host followed them to the door His face was glowing, his eyes like stars. She felt as though he would embrace her. "I will see you again, surely?" he murmured.
"Certainly", returned the somewhat bewildered Miss Travis. "We shall stay
over for your concert over for your concert, now that we have
met you shan't we, Zoe?" net you shan't we, zoe?
Zoe nodded without a word. She had bufficiently decent exit from the room. To have no scene, no demonstration, and no word said which she should blush to remember.

When the trees are beginning toleaf
IV.

In the morning she took Miss Travis by storm. "I am. going right on to
Denver," she said. Miss Travis offered the feeble and transitory opposition which is alf that he sweeping assertion of the
self-decided soul ever meets. Their trunks were packed in a whirlwind, and they were ready for departure when Miss Travis went down to breakfast. Zoe had declared she could eat nothing.
She was making the last survey of her card was brought up. She stared at the bit of pasteboard helplessly. "Tell the gentleman," she said finally, "that the
ladies have gone down "He have gone down to breakfast."
"He done see the old lady go down by
herself befo" he sent lo", reter herself befo' he sent up,", returned the
smiling bell boy. It was, evident hi interest, mercenary or otherwise, was with the caller. "Very well", said Zoe shortly; "show "Very well," said Zoe shortly; "show
the gentleman up." Kloemer came into the room with both
thenan ". hands outstretched. "Were you running away from me"", he, cried-but his eyes
added "my darling added "my darling."
"Certainly not," declared Zoe with as calm an air as she could assume. "We've
simply changed our plans. That is all,"
simply changed our plans. That is all."
"And then," said he, smiling, "since
you have 'changed your plans, you have changed your plans,', you little
changeling, when am I to see you again?" "To see me?", choed Zoe with an affectation of polite surprise.
"Oh, you are determined I shall make "Oh, you are determined I shall make other men do, and leave all this till we
knew each other well; the stability of my love for you as well its strength." my love for you as well as He said "lofe" for "love," and Zoe
found herself noting this, ond the found herself noting this, and the wonderful coloring of his fair North German face,
with the fasoinated ottention with the fasoinated attention a man going
over the rapids might give to the rippo around his prow.

So she failed, sitting stunned and passive, to check him, and he went eagerly on. "Surely you know that we were
born for each other. Must it not be so when your soul answers to my soul? Heart of my heart, we cannot be mistaken, Listen to thine own heart, liebling; it will plead for me.
nd had come over to where Zoe sat, touch her, dinn beside her. He did not touch her, but his radiant looks embraced and caressed her with a fuliness of love
that another's more material caresses might have lacked.
"Herr Kloemer,", said Zoe quietly, "do you know 1 am going to Denver to meet my husband? My two children are already there."
tioned huskily. "Miss Travis-I thoush$\rightarrow$ surely-" His words trailed off brokenly.
brokenly.
"My aunt is Miss Travis," said, she in
a low voice. "I am Mrs. Travis."
V.

She never saw him again till last winter in Boston.
Zoe Travis' marriage was one of those marriages whose tragedy is that they are not good enough to be satisfactory and
not bad enough to be broken not bad enough to be broken.
When John Travis was drowned trying point, his wife gathered her household, sold the ranch, and came east. She was abroad for a year, getting back to the happy poise and cheerful outlook upon

life which had been hers in girlhood Late in the month, after her return from abroad, she found herself in Boston, taying with a cousin's wife. Kloemer The town was mad over his his music. was difficult to frame excuses to her relatives for not going to hear him.
She was with her cousin in a box that night. Under plea of a headache, and by insisting that the light hurt her eyes, she screened herself behind a man's broad houlders, and still further concealed her Countenance with a little feather fan as Yet, as soon as
Yet, as soon as their idol faced his presence. Through every number hed or gay, he addressed her. He looked der than when she had last seen him and he had an air of poise and selfontrol which then he had lacked.
At the opening of every number the
German's beautiful eves house with less hope eyd searched the informed with the dignity of close was resignation. .
Responding to an encore for the last number of his program, he stood for some time with bow poised, looking again,
as she fancied, for her. When he began to as she fancied, for her. When he began to song, which he quad called "Th, Cer own Soul' For Its he had called "The Cry of a thing now infinitely desolate in his rendering of it. The little broken phrase of her song pleaded and pleaded; but the it. It was hords no longer responded to it. It was the voice of one in the desert,
fainting for water; the plaint ive cry of a child whe , paintive, reiterant is denied.
"Brr-
"Kloemer has been playing her cousin. form to-night. I never heard him play so Well, But this thing is simply dreary.
"Yes," returned Zoe in a spent, toneless voice; "it is dreary." And as the last voice; wail of the pleading violin died away into silence, she rose blindly, hardly khowing what she did.
The movement drew sudden attention to their box. Kloemer was making his last bow; in another moment the curtain would begin to descend. But Zoe was
conscious only of the glowing eyes fixed hungrily upin hers, aware merely that the soul beLind thcse eyes spoke intellizibly o her soul, and it was made clear to her in that moment that no one can be wiser than fate.
The curtain down, the panic seized Zoe which comes upon a woman when she nows the thing her soul has desired is Millicent, "the music has made your head worse."
When the carriage was being called and they stood impatiently waiting for it, Zoe berme acutely conscious that, sometwher-Gustav Kloemer was coming towards her; so that when, a moment before them with the musician, she met the holf defiant, half imploring glance Kloemer gave her with an arch composure which, to her lover's sensitive receptivity old everything.
"Herr. Kloemer and I are very old


A Holstein Herd doing weliin Mian.toja
hand. And the musician answered the utburst of inquiry which followed the "Indeed, yes, the origin of our friendship is b: ehistoric-lcst somewhere in the histcry of brotoblasm. But," he added, in kis lovier voice to her, "it will last now into eternity."

Teaching Children the Value of Money

By Carrie May Ashton.
"I tell you, mother," remarked a twelve-year-old lad, $" t$ at the boy who works and earns his own money isn't as the one who has it given to him. It don't pay. He wants something to show for it - something worth while, Mothers are oftentimes a fraid of their boys working vacations, but more often it is their salvation. One boy of fifteen,
from choice, spent six weeks of his last summer's vacation on a truck farm, and not only earned over $\$ 50$, but learned many lessons of usefulness and self reliance which will be of value to him all hrough life.
One boy who has been saving money for a new bicycle for a long time was told by his father that if he would paint satisfactory, he could have the same way that the painter who usually did their wark charged. After it was complated and measured, the lad was given a tendollar gold piece, which nearly took his
breath a way. All boys and girls need an allowance,
and many of tliem learn the vilue of and many of them learn the value of money in no other way. It may be
uly a very small one, but it should be

Five cents a week for very small chilren is sufficient to sta ${ }^{2}$ with. One boy learining to parents despaired of his ever nds meet, was given an allowance at the age of twelve years of one dollar a week, and as to cover clothing, school-book and almost every necessary article. It was a great education to him, fo liâble goods and where you could alway deperrd upon what they said. He found out that almost invariably mercerized suits contained some cotton.
It has taught the boy self-reliance, what to buy and how to buy and the true value of money as no other experience could have done
He has studied textures, and can genat fifteen, he is able to take liis small brother and select a suit of clothes, cap shoes, hose, etc., for him. This is a great help when the mother is busy o
tired. A
A girl who has the reputation of having excellent judgment and taste in the selection of goods and can never be im-
posed upon, was made to rely upon her self at an early age because her mother had been brought up in ignorance of any such thing.
At twelve years of age she was sent iends," she announced, putting out her to the city to match goods, select dresses
for herself and sisters and to do marketing. She displayed great judgment and
taste even then, and rarely made mistakes, and has always taken great pride in her ability
As a wife, she cannot help being a great help to her husband financially and otherwise.
Every week we see men and women who are lacking in judgment and knowledge, who do not know the difference between a cheap, shoddy piece of goods and one of good quality. They do not realize why their things
always wear out or why they never look as well as their neighbors.
We hope that the day is coming when these studies shall be a part of every curriculum.

Pax Cor
(Peace, 0 Heart.)
(Peace, 0 Heart.)
Sun on the hill
And wind in the tree
And wind in the tree
Meado fill on the lea
And all the wide world
Crying "Peace, heart," to me
As I lay me down to
Rest, with the sky
Arching blue overhead;
Rest, with the brook
Singing low in its bed
Rest, with my hungry heart
Content and fed
With
With the beauty my soul loves
best.
-Alice Lindsay Webb.

If people could see stagnant air as they can see stagnant water, with the slime and direare onvicus to the $n$ 'ked enn the


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## A Picture of Daily Life under the Czar

## The Tragedy and Comedy of Revolution.

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NE crosses the line from the "A foreigner might live a year in Kaiser's dominion into the great picture of the Virgin and Child hangs in the Custom-House at Virballen, with a little lamp flickering before it. The foreigner, who was a few the frontier and stands on Russian soil for the first time, looks at the shrine with curiosity. Porters are hurrying in with luggage, and travellers are chattering in half a dozen languages. An great hall is examining passports. A man is protesting that he did not know that playing cards were contraband. A woman is radiant, for the dirty linen she has sewn in a new Paris hat has deceived the inquisitors. Everybody is
in a hurry to be through with the business and free to lunch in the adjoining restaurant before going on to St. Petersburg. It is a strange home for the majestic Virgin of the Byzantin ieture.
"Here, at the threshold of the empire, gives me the word-her faith before the eyes of all comers. In the bustle of Custom-House, charged with fretfulness and impatience and meanness, Russia gets forth her belief in a life beyond the presented by the picture are the noblest known to mankind."
And in these words Rothay Reynolds introduces the reader to his "My Russian Year" the most vivid and ntimate account recently published of ife ant Eastern Empire
"Agland," Mr. Reynolds continues, "and English people. In Russia religion forces itself on the attention. The icon is its chief medium of advertisement. The stiff figure of a saint, with hand raised in benediction, gleams in the and private houses. These holy pictures, reminiscent of the religious struggles of the Court of Leo the Isaurian or Leo the Armenian, are to be seen every where - in the streets, in railway shops, public baths, prisons, Government offices."

The Saints Seem Near in Russia "In Russia God and His Mother, saints and angels, seem near; men rejoice or stand ashamed beneath their gaze. The people of the land have made prayer and filled with the memories of heroes of the faith. Saints and sinners, believers and infidels, are affected by its atmosphere; and so it has come about that
ideals.
"The Russian is not a better man than his fellows of other lands, but he looks wistfully toward the heights the renunciation which the few are treading with bleeding feet. He may not have the courage to leave the pleasant valley,
but he knows that at the top of the mountain the air is purer, the stars shine brighter, and the heavens are nearer.
"I was in a church in a country town at the beginning of evening service. A
my side I found the rough
the little river steamer which ha brought me to the place. Near us stoo a man with bare feet and long hair, in a, shabby black frock coat ar to notice trousers. the people round him, and the expres saw things which I had not the faculty to see. From time to time he knelt down and prostrated himself on the stones.
"Who is he?' I asked the captain when he left the church.
"'He has given himself to God,' he answered.
me Russian student who used to teach me Russian had ideas of sanctity which tain of the toto from those of the cap he came to mer steamer. One night though he had with eys of angels "'Monsien, he said, the Grand Duke Serge is killed.'
"Two days later he said he had received a letter from Moscow with news of Serge's assassin. He spoke of him with emotion, as of a hero. He can do more. He knew he had no chance of escape. His mother has been to see him opinions, but he spoke to her so beautifully and remained so calm in face of death that she was very deeply mpressed, and we , feel that she may become one of us.'
In another phase: "Anna loves pretty resses and serious flirtation, and until she suddenly revealed its existence. She had told me about the French play she had seen the night before, informed me that she did not care a fiddlestick for her husband, and hinted at what she
called an affaire de coeur. She maintained that nothing would be right in Russia until the entire imperial family had been assassinated, but admitted hat she had not the courage to dabble in revolution like her sister, whom she of St. Peter and St. Paul.
"While waiting to see the prisoner
she had talked, so she told me, with lady whese son had been there for six months, waiting, with others, to be tried for conspiring to overthrow the existing order of the state. The lady had influence at Court and hoped to get the boy pardoned by the Emperor " But what would the others think of me if I escaped punishment and they "'And she could not understand' sad Anna. 'I was sorry for her.' And then Anna. knew that Anna had a soul.
"An old man and a young man stood ide by side in the dock charged with being members of the Social Revolutionary Party. The young man pleaded guilty and was sent to Siberia. The ord man protested his innocence and successfully moved heaven and earth to
escape punishment. The one returned from the court to a prison cell; the other went away to be entertained at a pleasant little supper in a restaurant The young man is reverenced and the old man pitied:
"'We hoped he would refuse to make defence, remarked a mature, if contest the point. A sympathetic pacan would have been wanting in tact had e suggested to a primitive Christian hat a preference for being gored by wild bulls to burning incense befor evangelists."
Our author has heard people say that Russia is a hundred years behind the times.
"This," he remarks, "is a surprisingly naccurate generalization. Ruszia posesses the variety of ages. Men and women, with the thoughts of the ighteenth in their hourteenth, or the who are eager to cure the ills of manind with the latest political and social nostrums of the twentieth. People of dancers in a masquerade

"If one wants to know what sort of man an Anglo-Saxon villain was, it is more to the point to talk to a Russian peasant than to rummage in libraries. The pidgrims, dresed like Tannhauser in the third act, with staves in their wander through Russia on their way to pray at the Holy Sepulchre, belong to the age of the Crusades. The ascetic who spends his life in prayer and fasting and wears chains about his body seems to have found his way into modern Russia from the Egyptian "A country lad tells me that all Russians who are not orthodox are wicked persons, that Poles must be Catholics and Englishmen members of
the English Church, and I realize that I the English Church, and I realize that I
am speaking to a contemporary of am speaking to a contemporary of Livland with people of the eighteenth century. There were orators who harangued the peasants on the rights of man, and shouted 'Down with the aristocrats!' There was a proud noble who received me in a salon copied from demanded whether I was a baron or a $a$ dragoon, and there were several great ladies who had fled from burning chateoux to seek the charity of their friends in the towns."
Mr . Reynolds is greatly impressed, as other travellers have been, by the volume and the mas trafic in Russias gayest city. As to certain picturesque features:

The Always-Present Cup of Tea
The fact that an invitation to an evening party in Russia is usually coume to is of social interest come to tea is of social interest
The British workman cannot live not live without tea. In the post office the young woman who sells one stamp has probably a glass of tea at her side.
In Government offices, banks and newspaper offices tea is perpetually going. train with glasses of tea. At night cabmen and dyorniks buy tea from the men who come around with great samovars swathed in cloths and tumblers stuck into little pockets on their belts. Na tchai, for tea, is the Russian for back-
sheesh. Always, everywhere, golden shees. Always, everywhere, golden
tea." Writing of "Food and Fashion" in 'zakouska' or snack, a leisurely prelude to dinner, through which one takes off the edge of his appetite.
"If you happen to be a person to
whom the size of a butcher's bill is whom the size of a butcher's bill is a matter of moment," we are advised,
"introduce the custom at once. Do not give your ravenous children lobster give your ravenous chile and caviare before the leg of mutton and trimmings, but copy the ordinary Russian housewife. When they come trooping home from school for midday dinner, give them, for example,
a great bowl of salad made of haricot beans, potatoes and onion, to take off the edge of their appetites. Then let them have soup, with plenty of little pies, made of the most substantial kind of pastry and stuffed with mincemeat, cabbage, egg or fish. When the leg of
mutton appears they will not want more than a mouthful."
And still speaking of dinner, the story is recalled of a Russian Ambassador who had heard that foreigners believe Russians eat candles, and, accordingly, had a course of tallow
candles served at a dinner party. His candles served at a dinner party. His
own candle was made of almond paste, own candle was made of almond paste,
and he ate it, wick and all, while his guests were politely trying to nibble the genuine article.
French Cooking for Princes in Russia "In point of fact, the cooking in a good Russian house is French, perfected
by the influence of the higher culinary thought of the country. A variety of wines is served at a dinner party and sweet champagne comes with the ice. When the hostess rises it is the custom for the guests to thank her for her
hospitality; she gives her hand to the hospitality; she gives her hand to the
men to kiss, and often embraces the Mromen. Men and women go to the
drawing-room together, and later in the evening tea is served."

In reference to an amazing prodigality In reference to an amazing prodigality
of Russian titles: "In Russia all the
descentens aft descendants of a hereditary nobleman
are noble, and all the descendants of are noble, and all the descendants of
princes, counts and barons enjoy the princes, counts and barons enjoy the are to use those titles. Hence there are rich princes and poor princes, princes with no manners, elegant princes in palaces and prinecs in parrets,
princes who are desirable parties and princes who are desirable parties and princes who advertise in the newspapers
for wives with money " wives with money.
"A glanee at the St. Petersburg directory and a rough calculation show
that there are some two hundred women and children to the same princely men and children in the capital alone who all belong to the same princely family and bear the same name
and exalted title. and exalted title.
"The first prince I met in St Petersburg was the head waiter of the hote de France. He had an incontestable right to the title and was an
excellent servant. His case, however ought not to be cited as an instance of the decay of the Russian nobility for he was a Tartar from a part of abundant that when Russia acquired it only those who could produce a certain number of sheep were granted the legal
right to preserve the title right to preserve the title Many
borrowed sheep for the purpose, and borrowed sheep for the purpose, and
princes are so common at the present day that beggar boys in Tifilis give the title to each other.
"Russian nobles do not have blue blood; they have white bones. Common people levelling of society by the debase-
ment of the nobility great importance is attached to the possession of the white bones."
In quoting from Mr. Reynolds's book, or the purposes of its review, the lighter passages have been preferred.
Darker Russia is too well and too truly Darker Russia is too well and too truly
known to general readers. Of the works and penalties of revolution, our author has many things to tell. The prison experience is so common in St. Petersburg that there was laughter when a woman lecturer, speaking of the
arrested suffragettes in London,
exarrested suff ragettes in London, ex-
plained that hitherto it has not been common for men and women of education to be confined in English prisons.

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condemned to three months' imprisoncondemned to three montrs imprison-
ment that afternoon for signing the ment that arternoon for which called on the nation to refuse to pay tax̃es and to serve in the army. time,' he answered lightly, and praised time, he answered lightly, and praised
the new scenery and dresses the Government had bought for 'Carmen.'
And again, at a music hall: "I spoke
of the brilliant boy who had been of the brilliant boy who had been
fifting across the stage to mad music, fittting across the stage to mad music,
his lips parted in a happy smile., But
竍 you should have seen his brother,' said
the Socialist; 'he danced better and had more temperament, but he got mixed up in a revolutionary plot and committed suicide,"
A student once did our author a
service and was invited to sup in service and was invited to sup in a
restaurant. He was a boy of about 23 , and his eyes danced with delight when established at a little table.
"It is years, since $I$ have been in a place like this," he said.
"It gives one a solid look, doesn't it ?" he said, and mentioned that his wife
was in prison. But to an expression of sympathy:
you," he said, "I cannot say
deeply affected. She is fair that I am deeply affected. She is fair and I prefer dark women. Our marriage
was purely one of convenience You was purely one of
see, she was arrested in a house where the police discovered a number of bombs
and, as she was an important member and, as she was an important member
of the party, we set about trying to free her. We offered the head of the police 400 rubles to contrive her escape.
said he
He sorry not to be able to oblige us, but that it was utterly impossible for him to do what we asked. "The only plan, he said, was for one
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would be lost and the authorities would imagine that they had made a mistake and arrested the wrong person. ${ }_{40} \mathrm{He}$ promised to arrange the affair for 400 rubles, including the expense of
bribing the priest and deacon. bribing the priest and deacon. One of
us had to marry her, and I sacrificed myself to the interests of the party." "But you will join her when she i "I hardly think so," he said. "O course I do not attribute any importance
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most perfect fence inost perfect fence possible.
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and most up-to-date wire mills in the world, having a weekly output of more wire than is used by any other one fence company in Canada in a whole Many of their customers have asked them, "Why they do not manufactur
their own wire." if it were possible for us to maufacture a wire ourselves economically, to supply our own wants, we would do so, but our experience in regard to this is, tha manufactur of small capacity, carnot wire mill turning out one thousand as two thousand tons a day. If we made our own wire, to supply you with a fence of the same high quality as Sarnia ence, our manuacturing cost of draw ng this wire would be such that we This is not in accordance with our policy Our policy is to sell the four policy Canada, the best fence it is possible to our fence forest possible -cost, and customers will the seach for us, is the best dilar for dollar value that has ever bee received in the history of the fence It may also be of interest for you to crovers, association of the West. has Comised assistance to the Sarnia Fence Company, in an endeavor to induce the fence in carloads direct from their facOry. This is something that every to himi to at once get in touch with his local secerctary, and see what efforts are

Winnipeg, February, 1914.

## The Western Home Monthly

## Hens in Winter

Written for The Western Home Monthly by E. Ferguson, Port Arthur, Ont.
If farmers would only give the hens a little more care they would make him rich and that in a short time. in the winter and spring, so let us see if we cannot get the hens to lay all winter. First, let us look at the hen house; it must face south or south-east, and be in a sheltered place. I buint my henhouse with two ply of lumber and tarred felt. if you leave an air space between the coldest winter. Put windows in the south side to within fifteen inches of the floor. These will light and warm the house and help to keep the floor dry. I made a floor a considerable depth, then I put a layer of pebble stones, then a layer of broken glass. Any old glass bottles or glass broken into moderate sized pieces, then I levelled up with dry sand. This makes a place for the hens to sun themselves and keeps out all rats. Every morning rake have any. I always keep a pile near, and dry sand will not freeze. A pail of ashes in a corner will add much to the comfort of the hens.
two or three feet high is lots high for hens will fight for the highest perch and the strongest will get it. In this way: many hens get knocked down and hurt. You will notice, too, that hens always face the windows when they roost. poisonous so let us see to the ventilators. One should reach to within three inches of the floor; the bad air always falls to the floor and in this way is drawn off. It will also save the heat made by the solar
action by your glass windows. If ice action by your glass windows. If ice
forms around the ventilator in dull, cold weather it will be removed in a few minutes by holding a kerosene light near it and opening the top ventilator. After doing this, you will notice all that damp,
chilly sense of feeling is disposed of. See to this often and you will not have any roup in your flock, and you will thereby keep up the egg production. Always be cleaned and the ends dipped into whitewash or carbolic acid water. By doing this insects are kept away easily.
Many people would be surprised at the myriads of lice which swarm over birds when they are roosting on roosts not so protected
Let us have lots of nests or they will fight for possession. About one nest for room for so many. Be sure and make them removable so they can be kept free from lice. A good plan is to use nail kegs. Put them on their sides with a stringer three inches wide, against which the open
end of the kegs may rest. Take these out and whitewash inside and outside once in a while and you will not be troubled with lice.
Plymouth Rocks are very good layers. Their eggs. are small, but very rich in flavor. For table use you will find they
have a good supply of meat on the
breast. They are very hardy and can be kept on almost any soil. They also make good mothers.
I find Leghorns very good, too, for
general purposes. They are a very pretty general purposes. They are a very pretty I never put a stove in the henhouse as I find they do more harm than good. If you give good substantial food and a
large run it will do more good than any artificial heat, however carefully applied. I have wooden shutters I put on the windows
on very cold nights. Wash the windows once in a while to let in all the sun you
can. Do not overfeed for a fat hen will not lay, but give a change of diet often. of the cost and on keep an accors book this way you will be surprised at the gain they are to you, and will no longer consider
the hen as something not worth much the hen as something not worth much
trouble.

## Horse Talk

Individual excellence is better than a lengthy pedigree.
training or associations is usually due to Punishing a horse for help is one way of ruining him,

The horse weighing about 1,400 pounds A team that works in the field all week should never be put on the road Sundays and holidays.
Horses very often lose their eyesight through dust and hayseed falling into their eyes from the loft above.
rough cloth on a horse's hide after a hard day's work will do him a lot of good. The small stomach of the horse indicate the impropriety of long .fasting. Feed
three times a day at all times of the year. A good pair of draft mares will perform more work on a farm than a light team and at the same time grow a pair of good colts.
If $d$
water If dusty hay is fed, sprinkle with annoyance; but better not feed it at all

Large-boned but smoothly bred to a good-sized jack of Oproduce the best mules. One-third of the success of comes through having goc
plough, cultivate and market with.
Moderate work is not o but beneficial to mares
certainly is better than keep up in the stable or allowing out at large with other ma For horses that are being ground grain is better than but when concentrated feed have some light seed mixed as a divider. Bran, cut hay
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## THE PHILOSOPHER

of words thus handed on containing a warning that of words thus handed on containing a warning that any person failing to obey the directions will within
nine days suffer a serious calamity. It is that absurd warning, of course, not the altruistic character of the prayer which constrains so many people to give themselves the trouble of writing and addressing and mailing nine anonymous letters. They think it best to take no chances. If they ever analyzed their elves possessed by in regard to things supernatural. These reflections are prompted by something which the Philosopher has just been reading in a London paper-an account of a family in Higher Bockhampton, Dorchester, England, who followed the advice of a "witch," which was that they should move to an-
other house, if they would escape the ill luck which had been pursuing them. They moved to the house pecified, and they declare that there was so imnediate and striking a change in their luck that they are now firm believers in the supernatural powers of the "witch". Whose advice they sought. e may but belief in mysterious powers was common in the world long before Saul consulted the witch of Endor before his last battle with the Philistines, and in some of its guises has not yet departed from the world.

## THE FIRST PEACE CENTURY

Great progress is reported by the co-operating committees in this bountry, Great Britain and the United States, which are making the arrangements
for the celebration next year of the close of the first United States. Lord Grey is the chairman of the committee in Great Britain and Sir Edmund Walker the Shairman of the Canadian committee, While the United States committee is headed by President Wilson and given the movement the most cordial approval of the Dominion Government, saying that "the Government strongly sympathizes with and approves of its object and purpose of promoting goodwill between the nations.' The Treaty of Ghent, which ended the last hostilities between the two great families of th Eve, 1814, and was ratified on February 17, 1815. The winter season being judged by the co unsuitable for open air demonstrations, the probabil ities are that most of the celebrations will take plac in the early summer of next year. The broad marked out by the jint committes. In the first place, there will be services of thanksgiving for th peace past and the peace to come, the idea being that every church should be a centre of celebration. Th committees advocate that every schoolhouse also should be a centre of celebration. A number of monu ments will be erected along the boundary at nationa
capitals and in centres of population. Altogethe about one hundred places in Canada are already re ported as planning to hold celebrations.

## A GIFT TO CANADA TAKEN AWAY AGAIN

 Confirmation has arrived of the report thatCanada has lost a harbor on the Pacific coast just
south of the Alaska boundary line by the south of the Alaska boundary line, by the movement of the vast glacier known as the Grand Pacific.
Glaciers are things about which most of us have not Glaciers are things about which most of us have not very much definite knowledge. The Grand Pacific
glacier is of great extent. Its front is some sixty glacier is of great extent. Its front is some sixty ment is slow; but continuous. For many years the Grand Pacific glacier, which is situated on the shore of Glacier Bay, has been creeping towards the boundary line. As it has done so, the ocean has 1912 the movement of that Canadian territory. In 1912 the movement of that great mass of ice and esult that it provided Canada with a harbor, which gave every promise of becoming more and more commodious as the movement of the glacier continued. The mportance to this country of having a harbor on the an had long north of Pryce Rupert and Port Simp Ottawa and negotiations had been under consider at tion towards securing one. The trouble has been, a may be readily seen by glancing at a map, the lons coastal strip of United States territory extending outhward from Alaska. The proposal was advo cated, notably by Mr. James Cornwall, whose nam egion, that Canada should exchange the Peace River with the United States, in order to get the desired harbor, as a port for the extensive Canadian terri ory inland. But the movement of the (irand Pacific lacier brought this country the desired harbor as : glacier took another, direction, and nowement of that harbor is there no longer. The glacier has taken away the harbor it gave. It has changed its motion and

## THE NATIVE-BORN, AND CANADIANISM

One set of tables in the latest volume issued by the Dominion Government giving details of the the origins of the people. It is notable that, in spit of the heavy immigration, more than one half of the total increase in population in the ten years 1901-1911 is given as of Canadian birth. The emigration, which in some directions is more or less constant all the year round, and to Europe in the fall months is
strikingly large, reduces seriously the gain the strikingly large, reduces seriation figures would lead the observer to count on. In all the Provinces except Alberta and British Columbia people born in Canada are in the majority; and in Alberta and British Columbia when the people born outside Can ada but in the British Empire are counted with the native-born Canad of the whole population. It is interesting to note the showing made in this respect by some of the cities of the Dominion. Toronto contrary to what perhaps might have been expected has a smaller percentage of native-born than Mon treal, the figures for tiee two cities being 91.18 and Winniper cent, respectively. On the other han native born. Vancouver's percentage of native-bor is smaller, namely, 43.80 , which is within a shade of Calgary's percentage. Noteworthy and satisfactor is the fact that some of the places with the smalle proportions of native-born are strongest in the place is not home, home means vastly more then place is not home, is in whice, or it may be not even that but a mere tradition while home is the central fact of actual life

## A PROPOSED WOMEN'S PARTY

The recently enfranchised women of Kansas, o at least as many of them as were represented by th in Tegates assembled in the convention recently hel Party ina, contemplate the formation of, a Women's ing political parties. There were 250 delegate at the conventionties. There were 250 delegate 275,000 women voters of Kansas onvention, it was announced, was "to consider of and means of promoting the distinctive interests o women, political and social." With much enthusiasm it was decided to organize a Women's Party fo political action, and to call upon all the womer o political parties and give their supporm the othe party. It was pointed out that by keopt to the new ogether and holding the balance of powing solidy the "men's parties," the women can dictate their own erms and force the men to do their bidding. The first plank of this new political party is: "Equal
property rights between husband and wife." If this proposed political division on sex lines is going. to e actually carrried into operation, it will assuredly
the greatness of a nation
The Minister of Finance, Hon. W. T. White, in recent speech gave expression to a truth which Canada would act mpon it. "The lesson of history", e said, in referring to the development of the Dominion, "is that the greatness of a nation rests not upon its material or intellectual achievements, but upon the character and morality of its citizens,", t was a trite and obvand morality of its citizens." You may speak of it as a familiar and homely truth. or you may characterize it as a glittering cy truth, But it is undeniable that it is a truth, and that the greatest good that could happen to our country would anadian. The mere home into the mind of every little, in itself. There istinion of the words means regeneration of the national life any mormula for the is for the regeneration of the life of the individual person: The truth must be laid to heart and made guiding principle; if that is done, it does not matter in the least if it never finds expression in words. ada's production and meckensuring our sansion of Cansources and all that, mut moasuring our country's re-
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In the Smugglers' Cave
By Mona Maxwell.

Auntie gave the boat a big shove down into the water, and we were off! Betty and Billy took an oar each, Peggy and I took the other two, and we rowed merrily a way, and away. The boar bobbed up and down on the big jorie and Jock, the two little ones, sat in the stern, and we gave them lollipops to keep them still.
We were going to have a picnic on the "Silver Strand," just two miles on along
the coast; it's ourt favorite spot. But when we had nearly reached it, I got an idea-How jolly, it would be to go to perhaps Betty wouldn't agree.
I'm Phil, and the biggest boy in the family, and I can easily get the others to do as I like; but Betty is a year
older, and always wants her own way. older, and always wants her own way.
She was soon persuaded, though, when She was soon persuaded, though, when I told her what a splendid place it was
for all sorts of adventures for all sorts of adventures
again, along past our snug little cotta an the beach. ${ }^{\text {Pa }}$ We called out to Auntie as we passed, for we wanted her to know we had changed our plans; but
she was nowhere to be seen. she was nowhere to be seen.
When we reached the caves the tide was right in, so we had to fasten our
boat to one of the rocks, then get out and climb along from one rock another until we reached the caves. They were so very dark inside, and it seemed so much jollier out in the sunshine, that we just paddled about, hunting for crabs and things amongst the seaweedy rocks. After that, we were so hungry that
we waded out to the boat for our per of goodies, and hauled it up on to a big flat rock close by. Then we all sat down and ate up everything. We couldn't make a fire, for there weren't any sticks about; and, anyway, the wind
would have blown it out. would have blown it out.
We were all so glad we didn't go to the having a picnic in the middle of the sea -at least, having the water all round us. The little ones just laughed and chuckled to themselves with the jollity of it all; even Betty didn't grumble, as she mostly does when it's not her Just whe ing them an exciting story, Peggy called out: "Oh, look! There's a storm 'coming
"!" on! We all looked up, and, sure enough, the sky was black with clouds, and the sky was black with clouds, and the
sea had changed too. It seemed to sea had changed too.
have risen twice as high.
Suddenly there was a loud crash of
thunder then anoter thunder, then another, and another, right
over our heads. Then came a bright over our heads. Then came a bright
flash of lightning, and the sea burst into a loud roar.
We were so surprised that we couldn't boat. "Quick! Quick!" cried Betty. "Jump in and let's make for home. So we got in as fast as anything, and rowed away with all our might. But
when we reached the headland we found when we reached the headland we found we could not get beyond it at a al-the
wind was awful! It just twirled our boat round and round like a spinning top. What were we to do? I tried to think hard. It was no use asking Betty, she is always so delighted we are seem likely to happen. We couldn't climb the cliffs, they were far too high. There was nothing for it but to go back to the "Smugglers' Cave" and wait till the storm was over. We turned our boat and started for the caves again. We really thought we would
never get there, for every time we gained a little, a big wave would come and send us back again. Billy and I knew that the lives of all depended on our good rowing, so we put our whole
strength into it, and Betty and Peggy did the same.
At last we
At last we reached the caves. We
had to make wild jumps for the rocks, and let the boat go, as it was impos(Continued on Page 31)

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## THE YOUNG MAN AND HIS PROBLEM

By James L. Gordon, D.D., Central Congregational Church, Winnipeg


#### Abstract

"I ACCEPT THE UNIVERSE" Nature's laws indicate the divine program. These laws are in operation in your body and brain. You cannot break the laws of nam, and know them. You you. He who, by the neglect of the body, miolates the laws of nature breaks his health-and shortens his life. And there are no exceptions. Nature is absolutely democratic. King and clown, prince and peasant, giant and pigmy, millionaire and beggar, all has no favorites. "ITll or disobey the law. Nature' has no favorites. "I'll accept the universe," is reEngland transcendentalist, Margaret Fuller; and when some one repeated this phrase to Thomas Carlyle, his sardonic "Gad! she'd better!


## THE TIME CLOCK

Punch the time clock early in life. An hour before You are forty is worth a day after you are in your
fifth decade, albeit, when you are forty-five you will have no time to spare. When you are young will generous with your money, if you will, but let no man rob you of your time. Ynu may find an in fallible "hair restorer" (we have not), but Time aever comes back. The early year are of more importance than the later years, because, for some Johnson, the English philosopher, said:-"John Wes ley's conversation is good, but he is never at leisure. He is always obliged to go at a certain hour. This is very disagreeable to a man who loves to fold his

## OVER CONFIDENT

The best phrenological blend is large caution linked with large hope. The man who possesses this blend a "square" head--broad in the widthe possessor of broad in its background and-broad between the ears Mark the specifications: "Large Caution linked with Large Hope." Hope lead us forward. Caution lead us right. Alexander K. McClure says concerning Generai Hooker, who failed as a general through over cident, overflowing with animal spirits, and as cheery as a boy. One of his most frequent expressions when talking with the President was, "When I get to Richmond," or "After we have taken Richmond," etc. The President, noting this, said to me confidently, about Hooker. It seems to me that he is over confident.'

## PETER COOPER

Get through with chance, luck and fate. The "lucky" circumstance usually favors the man who is the master of events. "Get-rich-quick" schemes usually land the fools of finance in the ditch of dire
poverty. The man who gets lis money "easy" has poverty. The man who gets his money "easy" has
no proper conception of its value. Easy come, easy goo. In Lester's Life of Peter Co pper, we read: "In the boy came to New York to start in life for himelf. He had accumulated $\$ 10$ of his own money and, thinking to augment it rapidly, he invested iis, capital in a lottery ticket. He lost it, of course, as egretted it, and he often recalled the fact with neve humor and thankfulness, for he said it was "the cheapest piece of knowledge he ever bought."

## REMORSE

There is a safe path in life. There are some creates love. Kindness wins tender regard. Cympathy ful consideration for others creates social respect The years will tell. Humanity does not forget. The nemory of some individual soul will enshrine thee And, then, listen to thine own memory. What of thee-then, be kind to thy memory. T, De Witt Talmage is using a classic illustration when he witt "Thomas Carlyle spent the last twenty years of his life in trying by his pen to atone for the fact that
during his wife's life he never appreciated her influence on his career and distiny. Alas, that having taken her from a abeautiful home and a brilliant
career, he should hare buried her ind the career, he should hare buried her in the home of a
recluse and scolded her in such language as only dyspeptic genius could use, until one day when in her over and under in Hyde Park, her pet dog was run over. and under the excitement the coachmian found

Get a little joy out of every day. A little laughter a little rest, a little music, a little exercise, a little diversion and a little recreation. The great jour-
ney which you have planned for yourself may never ney which you have planned for yourself may neve materialize. That beautiful vacation which you dream of may never occur. The plans of life are apt to prove a disappointment. Joys, pleasures and lives as surprises. So watch the passing hour and make the most of to-day. "When I was a boy," said Thackeray, "I wanted some taffy. It was a shilling I hadn't one. When I was a a man I had a shilling,

## HONOR YOUR CO-LABORER

 A big man always gathers big men around him,and he rejoices not only in his own success but in the equally successful achievements of those who are laboring with him. Andrew Oarnegie had thirty partners who helped him to achieve his "three hun-
dred million," and whom he never ceased to honor. dred million," and whom he never ceased to honor Brave generals have, again and again, praised their srom public applause, while the commander who has insisted upon having all the credit, has gone down in istory with a questionable reputation. How gene ous was Admiral Nelson in lavisling praise-"If I were to make all my brave officers admirals I
should have no captains or lieutenants left."

## ARNOLD OF RUGBY

Every man of average success is a social superior to somebody. If you belong to ther successful class somebooy looks up to you insinee you have been because everybody has assisted you in your success. You are meeting people every day who regard you with awe, and therefore hesitate to approach you. You should know this, and walk in the garments of a noble simplicity. It will be well for you if you are two compliments paid to Arnold of Rugby: "I never knew such a humble man as the Doctor," said the parish clerk at Laleham, after he had revisited it from Rugby; "he comes and shakes us by the hand as if he was one of us." "He used to come into my house," said an old woman near his place

## SIZE HIM UP

Study human nature. Everything about a man his hair, complexion, garments, 1 nguage and ges tures-is an indication of character. Your first impression, even though you cannot analyze it, is apt Pou can tell much from a man's con rersation. Poor grammar indicates a lask of inferior associations. Vulgarity in manner bespeaks poor breeding. You should be able to be humanity and scientifically sort, arrange and classify. Lord Chesterfield said to his son: "You must look into people, as well as at them. Almost all people but almost every man has a prevailing one, to which

## HOW MUCH IT COSTS

I have read scores of volumes to find something fit We quote and comment upon in the columns of The Western Home Monthly, for throngh the pages of
this periodical I address a vast multitude, but in all this periodical I address a vast multitude, but in all
my searchings I have seldom found anything sweeter than this closing paragraph and I pass it over without comments: "It was Ary pass it over withwhose beautiful features the painter so loved to re produce in his pictures of Beatrice, St. Monica, and others of his works-that encouraged his study of art, and by great self-denial provided him with the
means of pursuing it. While living at Holland, she first sent hime living at Dordrecht in afterwards to Paris; and her letters to himy, and absent, were always full of sound, motherly adrice and affectionate womanly sympathy. "If you could but see me," she wrote on one occasion, "kissing your picture, then, after a while, taking it up again, and,
with a tear in my eye, you would comprehend what it costs me be coved son,' times the stern language of authority, and to occa-
sion to vou moments of pain sion to vou moments of pain. .bove all, modest and humble Wiligently find yourself excelling others, then and when voit find yourself excelling others, then compare what
you have done with Nature itself, or with the 'ideal' of rour own mind, and vou will be secured, by the of pride and presumption.""

## SHORT CUTS

This is the age of the short cut. Humanity is seated at the "quick lunch" counter. Our garment are repaired while we "wait. Our teeth ar religion to be learned in a course of twelve lessons "French in Six Weeks," the "Science of Health" in three volumes, and "every man his own lawyer." In view of these things, it is interesting to con the words of a certain college professor who resides in the United States: "Nothing but steady and un anguage. All this 'Tatin without a Ma oreign 'Greek in Six Weeks,' is the merest catchpenn,' and bug. One must read and translate hundreds of hum from the foreign into the native, and from the ative into the foreign tongue, before one can use either correctly. I know of only three Germans in the' United States who have mastered English: I mean Mr. Carl Schurz, the late Professor Schem, and who has mastered German, Mr. Bayard Taylor. The who has mastered German, Mr. Bayard Taylor. The
rest are mere smatterers, who have learned just rest are mere smatterers, who have learned just

## HIGH LIVERS

The poor student needs little of our sympathy. He has a strange faculty for "getting there." He not only carries off the prizes in college, but he walks
around his wealthier comrades after he gets out of around his wealthier comrades after he gets out of
college. Plain living and high thinking reside on the college. Plain living and high thinking reside on the
same street; and the student who marches to the same street; and the student who marches to the gravitating toward the rear end of the class. The following will interest our student friends in Manitoba and elsewhere: "A dispatch from New Haven
states that the Yale 'high livers' have got a bad blow states that the Yale 'high livers' have got a bad blow
in Dean Wright's report on scholarship. It appears in Dean Wright's report on scholarship. It appears private dormitories are, in general, very ponsive private dormitories are, in general, very poor college for, anyway? To become pale-faced grubbers in books? Well, hardly. And to offset all the doleful figures about poor standing, they have another sct which is a complete vindication of their course Of the eighty men recently taken into the junior Persian apparatus, and only eight from the poverty stricken rooms on the campus. The sooner our col lege authorities find out that in social advantages al the honor lies, the sooner they will show that they
understand their Philistia."

## A SPLENDID EXCUS

An excuse is an agreeable reason which a man pre not care to do. Inses to do something which he doe affirming, positively, "I won't do it," he offers a not doing that which hises an agreeable reason for iot doing that which his neighbor requests. And it a social necessity. It certainly adds a covering of relvet to the hard wood of life's equipment. A soli man presents a solid excuse. I cannot think of a better excuse, in a matter of a questionable amuse "I promised my young man should be able to say friend-that I p would not do my wife-or my fair riend-that I- would not do this thing." Dr. J. M his line as much of a wonder as the Wright Brothers, will not walk as a show or for pay on Sunday. Thirty or forty years ago his mother asked him to romise that he would not exhibit himself or his broken the promise."

## BE POSITIVE

When you are ignorant, be silent. When you are grmed-be positive. Positive, not so much in haviction. In many cases it expre: sing your own conagainst your own judgment-but let your judgment when he has reached the dismal spot will a that you expressed a judgment which would have led him in a safer and saner direction. But have a mind of your own and, where your own destiny is follow your own julgment. The partner views, but lam Lincoln said: "The question has never of Abraanswered. While he was never vain or boastful of his own pishments, no one was more conscious of his own signal strength, his innate ability to sway, Hay, 'to call Lincoln a modest man. No wrote Jolin man was ever modest. It was his intellectual arrogance and unconscious assumption in intellectual that such men as Sewar," Chase, and Summer could
(Continued from Page 29) sible to secure it. Then we scrambled from one slippery rock to another, cling ing, until we were inside the "Smugglers
We huddled together there, all dripping wet, and each time the huge waves hurled themselves against the cliff the water came pouring into the cave, reaching nearer and nearer us. We moved farloser. 邓Then we climbed up on to jutting-out piece of rock. There was jutting-out piece of rock. There was to hold the little ones tightly for fear they should fall off; and even then it seemed as if the waves would dash oily and wash us all awa Billy said we had better hurry up to the far end of the care. I didn't quite passing boat might see us, for Auntie would never know where to send for us, as she thought we had gone to the "Silver Strand.". A fishing boat did go by, and we all jumped up in great excitement. Weuted as loudly as ever we could, and it was too far away, and they did not hear or see us.
We slid down off the ledge and made a rush for a safe part-just in timebefore a big wave coming in had caught us! It was quite dark farther up,
and as we groped our way along, we kept stumbling against bits of rocks and things.
awfin tunnel at last, and found our elves in another large cave. We and looking all round we discovered several chinks in the roof, through which we could see the blue sky. We also found rough steps cut out ${ }^{-i}$ the rock and leading up to the largest opening; there was such a distance be ween each step, I knew it would mea a pretty stiff climb up, if we could ever get to the top. I meant to have a try anyway.
It was
we wasasen harder than it looked, but we managed to reach the top, and found we climbed down on to the cliffs. Then so much harder than going up. We didn't know we had got up so high until we looked down; and it seemed as i a deep pit were beneath us, for we could dark.
We reached the bottom again safely and I felt I must find some other way out, for how were Jock and Marjorie to climb up all that way? They would surely be killed.
There must be a passage out to the beach somewhere. I told Peg to wait
while I had a search up another tunne on the opposite side. So I crept in, and went on and on. Oh, it was lonesome! I shut my eyes too keep out the dark ness, but I couldn't help shrivelling up
with fright, and I wondered if explorers with fright, and I wondered it explorers
felt like funking it when the time came for them to be brave.


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No one spoke, but we all kept very closely together. Then Billy found the end of a candle in his pocket, and litad,
a box of matches with me; so we lit, and everyone cheered up.
At last we came to the very far end of the cave, and we found smaller ones leading out of it lots of sman'er ones leading out of it. they were so dark; but I thought the smallest one would be the most likely to lead into some long passage out on to
the beach, perhaps near our cottage. I made up my mind to explore it, and find the way out; but the others wouldn't come, it looked so fearsome. Of course, Peg said she would follow - she is my chum, and as plucky as any boy. Betty said they would wait till we came back. the bit of candle for they didn't want to be left in the dark. I had my box of matches with me, and I needed them, for it was.just pitch dark farther By-and-by the passage got so narrow that we had to craw and on hands round, even if we wanted to; and I wondered if we could crawl backwards all that long way, supposing we didn't come to any larger place where we could
turn. ${ }_{\text {We kept }}$ creeping along, just whispering to each other for company. Somehow we felt as if we couldn't speak out
loudly. It wasn't quite so lonely when loudly. It wasn't quite so lonely when we could hear the voices of the others
chattering. When we got farther on we chattering. When we got farther on we couldn't hear th
was so strange.
Petting dreadfully seared, and I couldn't comfort her, for I didn't quite like it mrself. It began to get lighter, and-
oh, joy. - we came to the end of tlat

I had only three matches left, and I daren't use them, because we were sure to need them later. But as there seemed no end to this passage, I
turned-there was just room for that -turned-there was just room for that
and when I got back I found Peg and when I got back I found Peg
a wfully frightened, for she had seen a bundle of rags in the corner and was sure there must be a witchy woman underneath them. I stirred them about to show her there was nothing to be of some of the smugglers of long ago. of some of the smugglers of line long tunnel again. Peggy led this time, and I wished she hadn't, for every now and then I got such a kick, when she gave a sudden push back, thinking she felt
We reached the others after a long, long time, and found them as terrified as could be, for their candle had gone out, and the mad roar of the waters dashing against the rocks made a thundery noise in the cave
There was no time to be lost, so they followed us at once into the tunnel we had just come through. It was slow
work, and we hardly breathed as we crept along, we were so anxious to get through. It seemed ages till we reached the escape cave.
The started the most difficult part of all - climbing up those jaggy part of all - climbing up those jaggy we got through the opening we let down Peg's sash and the others held on to it. This helped them a lot, only it nearly pulled us down again. The little ones Billy went last to push them front, an Bille went last to push them.
It took a terrible time, buit they all got safely up, and we just hurrahed with joy! It was so dark we didn't know which way to go, and the storm
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Who should open it but old Kathy, the apple-woman! We told her we had lost our way, and she put on her cloak and bonnet, and said she would take us
home herself.
So very soon we reached our cottage. And there was Auntie waiting for ns! We felt so happy, we just rushed into her arms.
glad, ylad, glad I am to have you back $\underset{\text { again! }}{\substack{\text { glad, g, }}}$

The Money Affairs of Children

> By Zelia Margaret Walters

One day last summer a mother took her children to a popular picnic park.
After the fashion of children, they came After the fashion of children, they came to her at frequent intervals throughout
the day with requests for money for the day with requests for money for
pony rides, merry-go-round trips, icecream, and all the things that cliildren think, essential to their pleasure on such
occasions. When the mother counted up occasions. When the mother counted up
at night, she was astonished to find how at night, she was astonished to find how
much money had been spent.
had planned, they learned to resist this temptation. Once the Salvation Army man called, taking a collection for the poor. The small boy ruished upstairs, and brought down all his cash but the Sunday-sohool penny. The mother felt that she ought to remonstrate here. The
generosity was beautiful, but he was generosity was beauth to regret it the next-day, when
certain little sister went to purchase her valentines for which they had been saving for
several weeks. And the mother several weeks. And the mother knew that nothing is so fatal to the true spirit and afterward begrudged.
By the
By the suggestion that can always be given in stories, the mother gradually
trained them to buy less candy and satisfy their appetites with some harmless indulgence. When the children were a year older, their allowance was increased a cent a week.
In one of the recent magazines, a Writer argued against giving children an
allowance, saying that it gave them the allowance, saying that it gave them the
feeling that the world owed them a liv ing. In my experience I would draw an inference exactly opposite. The clild who is accustomed to receive whaterer sum he asks for from his parents, would be very likely to get this irresponsible feeling, but one who has a definite sum to depend upon, and knows that he must use it wisely, develops a sense of thrift

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"I think," she said to her husband, ways has some little duties, and, while that our present method with the chil- he should regard them as a labor of love They have no idea of the value of money."
When next they were going to the park, the mother gave to each child a sum of money in his own pocketbook. She explained that this money was for could not have more. They considered the spending of money carefully, often consulting with their mother. They weighed different things, and decided which they would rather have, and, when the money was gone, there was no coax-
ing or whining. ing or whining child should have a weekly allowance instead of coming to her with their little wants. The children were five and six years old, and they were given five cents a week each. The first week the money
was all spent the first afternoon bought some wee dolls that cost a penny apiece, some marbles, and the rest went for candy. On Sunday they were sadly distressed because they had no pennies for Sunday-school. Mother did not sup-
ply any, and they never forgot again ply any, and they never forgot again. In that cost more than five cents, and so they learned to deny themselves and sare for a definite object. After that, at mother's suggestion, they put a penny in the bank each week-that bank that was to take them through college by and by.
Of course they made many mistakes, but the parents argued that it was better to make the mistakes with the pennies than with the dollars after a while. When the other children first learned that they had money, they used to coax them into
foolish expenditures, but after a few dis. appointments in getting things that they
and not feel that he is specifically paid tent of his ability, a part of the working tent of his ability, a part of the working
household, and thus give hiin a share of its earnings.
One mother wisely phrased it, "This is
vour salary, because vour salary, because you are our dear

Mark Twain's First Five Dollars
While travelling on a train Mark Twain wassence asked by a friend and fellowpassenger if he remembered the first money "Yes," answered Mr. Clemens, puffing meditatively on his cigar, "I have a aistinct recollection of it. When I was a youngster I attended school at a place
where the use of the birch rod was not an unusual event. It was against the rules to mark the desks in any manner, the penalty being a fine of five dollars or public chastisement.
Happening to violate the rule on one I told my father, and, as he seemed to think it would be too bad for me to be publicly punished he gave me the five dollars. At that period of my existence whipping was of little consequence, ard knocked here Mr. Clemens reflectivel he finally added "thom his cigar-"well, my first five dollars."
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## The Black Wolf

Written for the Western Home Monthly by H. Mortimer Batten.
The Right Honorable Lord Strathcona passed peacefully a way in his sleep on the morning of January 21st, at his London resi-
dence; at the time the family dence; at the time the family
were grouped around the bed. The career of this distinguished man is so well known throughout Canada, more especially in Western Canada, that it is not necessary to enlarge upon it here, suffice it to say that it has been given to
but few men to render such rebut few men to render such rethe Dominion and to the Empire at large. In every activity that has helped Canada to its present prominent position he played a
leading part and up to the very leading part and up to the very last worked with the wonderful energy that characterized his life,
to forward the interests of the to forward the interests of the
land he loved so well. Lord Stratheona was born in the ancient town of Forres in Morayshire, Seotland, on August 6th, 1820, and the little house in which he first saw the light of day is still standing. His father was
Alexander Smith, a small trades-
 in the parish of Knocando; his mother was Barbara Stuart of


The Late Right Hon. Lord Strathcona Lainchoil, Abernethy. After leaving school and having lhad some experience in a law office he deHudson's Bay Company. Shortly after his arrival in Canada he was assigned to the Labrador Coast, where he spent thirteen years in what is commonly called,"the bleakest corner of the earth". As quickly rose in the service, be cause, as one autliority says, he did all things so well and so systematically. While in Labrador, Donald A. Smith as he then was, met and married Isabella sophia
Hardisty. who was his devoted helpmate for about 65 years. She pre-deceased him in London late in last year. In 1886 he was created a Kinght by Queen Vietoria. In 1897 at the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee,
Her Majesty bestowed a further significant mark of Royal favor on significant mark of Royal favor on
the "Grand Old Man" of Canada by elevating him to the Peerage of the United Kingdom as Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal of Glencoe and Montreal. For several years past the late distinguished
nobleman contributed a New Year's article to the January issue of The Western Home Monthly and his last words to Western Canada can be found in last month's number.

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[^1]a black wolf. I tell you, Im going to look out for that wolf, and if 1 , get him
well see whether it's the same., There was another long spell of silence,
during which the heavy breathing of the Inring was the only sound that broke the stillness.
"Henry," whispered William again,
"that black wolf is a freak, and I don't "that black woif is a freak, and I don't
like freaks of any sort-much less wolf like f
"You shut up"and sleep it off," Henry advised. "Your nerves are getting queer." silence "once again wiliam broke the the trail twenty," he said, "we been on makes tomorrow Christmas Evve. I been reckoning up.
Henry, fienry, and thereafter William, his mind black wolves and appetising. Christmas dinners, allowed himself to drift into the deep sleep of exhaustion.

## II.

The Black Wolf
Early the previous fall William and Henry had made their way into the heart
of their trapping ground, and scarcely had they set out their various lines of traps when one day Henry had fallerf and sprained his hip- The accident troubled
him little at the time, but as the winter him little at the time, but as the winter
wore on the injured limb became more wore on the injured limb became more William did the rounds. The accident seemed so slight that both men were in hopes of a rapid recovery. "T'll be all
right next week,", Henry had kept cn saying, but each, next week that came fou health suffered and finali, Naturally were brought to the realization that without proper surgical attention there was no hope of the injured limb healing. At this William set out to the nearest Indian camp, and fortunately procured
the services of Jim , a well known and the services of Jim, a well known and
thoroughly reliable musher. Together a later date and mounted Henry on an a later ate, sud. But already they had
invalid sled.
waited too long. Stores were low, and waited too long. Stores were low, and
as blizzard after blizzard confined them to their camps, they were compelled to than they otherwise would have done during the brief spells of fine weather. William awoke that Christmas Eve to
find the food problem troubling him "Now with ordinary luck, and providing the weather keeps up, we've just about
enough to take us through, but if the enoagh to take us through, but in it will be a mighty close pinch. If game wasn't so blinking scarce-Halloa, what's wrong, Henry?
He stared at the sick man, who was sitting bolt upright looking at him.
$=$ I seen it," said Henry. ""If you hadn't "I seen it," said henry. "If you hadn"t taken the gun to ber with you I cound
have fixed him sure, About an hour after you went to sleep he came strolling up cool as you like and sat by the fire there watching us. He kept edging up
nearer, nearer, but I
I didn't speak in case nearer, nearer, but I didn't speak in case
you had him marked. Then Cracker awoke and gex the William got up, and carefully examined report was correct. Next he made his along to the timber belt, and saw that flat by innumerable wolf marks. He came back to H nry and nodded.
I can make out, he said them from what Y con make out," he said. "That black
him seems to be leader. If we could fix
him the ther him the others would make off. Say
Henry, did you notice anything queer Henry, did you notice anything queer
about the wolf ?", "Yep,"
"The tip of his right ear was missing."
The two said no more. That morning
the going. was better, and Henry and the going. was better, and Henry and
William h.ld a conversation in snatches
while the sled while the sted was under way
"Say, William," Henry began it, "if
ever we wet out of this clear this all-fired country by the spring " We can't afford-at least you can't.
It don't matter about me. I've no one. Yon've a wife and kiddies. Reme Retber
what you told them when we hit out frem What you told them when we hit out from
'Frisco."
＂What ab ut coming home with a for－ une and Wil that？go home without it，＂ ＂Well，I guess we shan＇t find it up here It was blame poor judgment ever coming into the Yukon． made the mistake．I tell you ones who made the mistake．that came out of ten son cost a dollar．We were wise to chuck gold hunting and take to trapping，any－
way＂＂It seems so，＂observed Henry ironically． ＂A whole season gone for five hundred pelts．Why，it hasn＇t paid expenses．＂ ＂Not this trip because we＇ve had bad luck，but there is fur in this country and plenty of it．，We you see．＂ For a long time they were silent，then Henry said：＂William，I don＇t mind telling you，I＇m homesick．I want to see the
wife and kiddies．I want to see Teddy－ my＂boy．＂
＂That＇s only natural＂＂William agreed， ＂But you can＇t go me without money，＂ ＂Why not？＂enquired Henry．＂I bet－ ter go home without money than die up
here．I＇m not so young as I used to be， and－and－＂＂ ＂Oh，you＇re sick，＂said William com－ that his partner was a changed man．

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＂I know，but I wouldn＇t be the only one who＇s left the Yukon，and failed．There we hadn＇t tried．William，it＇s all a matter we hadn＇t tried．William，it＇s all a matter lucky and go out with their thousands． Others toil and struggle and go out with
nothing．It isn＇t because they＇re failures． nothing．It inn＇t because they＇re failures． It＇s all a matter of luck．
＂Luck seems to have steered clear of we haven＇t tried．＂
Both men were on the point of breaking down．That they possessed high ambi－
tions，and further that they had struggled hard for success，was proved by the fact that they had penetrated so far in the lean and desolate northland．The thought that they were to return empty handed aitter blow to each．Yet the fact remained－ Henry was breaking up，and even if he re－ covered successfully from his present ill－ ness，he was not in a fit state to endure the the northland must suffer．
＂It＇s Christmas Eve，＂said William at length．＂I tell you our luck will turn with Christmas．，It＇s turning already．
See how the trail＇s taking up！In a week See how the trail＇s taking up！In a week
now we＇ll be through to Fort Musquo－ nuim：then while you get better，I＇ll go quim：then while you get better，can lay our plans．＂
Henry fell asleep，and it was not till ＂Say，＂he called to his chum，＂I had a glorious dream．I dreamt I was at home， Ipending Christmas Evere out of the Yukon with a fortune．There was all sorts of things for dinner．Seen any more of the wolves？＂

Henry sniffed loudly，for his nostrils had caught a savory odor floating in the air． ＂What＇s
＂It＇s our Christmas dinner，＂stated Wil－ liam．with a grin．＂We cooked it straight off，＇cause we was too hungry to think
about it．It＇s a snowshoe rabbit．The
wolves must have been running him
cause he near fell into Jim＇s legs．Jim killed him with the whip．
＂Gosh，that wasluck y！＂quoth Henry． chañge with Christmas．The wind＇s chañge with Christmas．The wind＇s
veered right round behind us；we＇ve been traveling glare ice all afternoon and Star－ light＇slameness has gone off．＂
Never did hungry men enjoy a meal more thoroughly than the two white men and their Indian guide that night．As to the realization that they were not yet out of the wood．More than once the Indian quietly took up the rifle and glanced all round him．Finally he said： ＂Keep big fire to－night．Wolves blame hungry．＂
for there＂ain＇t much meat in this camp ＂They can smell the rabbit．That＇s what they＇re after．＂
The Indian nodd The Indian nodded sagely．＂That black wolf heap queer bug，＂he stated，and
William knew then that the Indian too had heard of the Lessing tragedy． ＂What I＇m scared of，＂he whispered to the Indian，＂is that the brute will attack Henry while we＇re asleep．We＇ll sleep
alongside the sled to－night，near enough alongside the sled to－night，near
for Henry to waken us if he sees it．＂
for Henry to waken us in he sees it．＂
They did so，and being well fed for once， they fell asleep immediately．Some time they fell asleep immediately some time


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lows not only on appearance，but in char－ acter．It was clear that the black wolf， though his father and mother may have
been ordinary wolves in appearance，had been ordinary，wolves in appearance，had thrown back＂to some early generathon，
when his ancestors had interbred with the when his ancestors．haus，in body he was a wolf of most extraordinary size and char－ acter，while his coat bore no resemblance to that of his kindred．One glance at the pelt was sufficient to satisfy each of the
men that it was priceless－not only on men that it was priceless－not only on
account of its beauty，but on account of its extreme rarity．
＂Told you our luck would change with Christmas，＂cried William．＂I tell you， there ain＇t another furlike this on the mar－ ket，and the Fur buyers will go crazed when they see it．Say，what old Lessing
missed by not finishing that wolf before it missed by not
＂Luck runs in streaks，＂observed Hen－
ry．＂And if it isn＇t＇Christmas bells I＇m hearing，there＇s a sled coming up the creek towards us．＇
William and the Indian ran to the bend in the river．＂It＇s the Jesuit missionary，＂，
shouted William，waving his arms．＇He＇s
got two sledges，and enough grub to feed an army．Say，Henry，I guess we＇ll get we won＇t be broke neither．＂

Mr．Jones was an excellent man， prosperous in his business and modest in his ways，but not distinguished how ever，Mrs．Smith－Jones，was a woman of rare accomplishments．She was an artist of more than ordinary ability，a brilliant pianist，and possessed a voice of remark ble sweetness and power． he and her husband were pre singing captivated a stranger who was one of the guests，and he asked to be introduced to her．His request was gran－ ted．After a few minutes＇conversation
the hostess came and took him away ＂You musn＇t monopolize her，Mr Simmons，＂she said．＂I want you to meet Mr．Jones．＂＂Who is Mr．
＂Who is Mr．Jones？＂
＂He is her husband．
＂What is he noted for？＂

## Diplomas and Diplomacy

## By Myra Kelly

"My dears" cried Mrs. Pearson as she responded
It was a surprise to which she must have been I-brochelor maidens and fiercely independent as became our state still craved the companionship of an older, We woman and the magic of a home. We found them all at the Pearson's, and generally an evening or so a week in the haven of serenity which they had contrived by filling the drawing-room and the dining room of their flat with low chairs, deep and soft; a flood of pillows;
a few divans; a passe piano; some prints; a few divans; a passe piano; some prints;
some lamps, and the warmest, kindliest most genuine hospitality to be found within a ten-mile radius of the campus. There was no surer help in times of trouble no heartier congratulations in times of joy; no steadier friendship than the Pearsons gave to such of us as were so
ortunate as to know them. Trouble and esponsibility seemed to touch them only through their friends, yet I knew, and so did Elizabeth, that it was a hazardous
and spirit-wearing task to maintain two small children and an open house upon
the salary attached to an assistant prothe salary
fessorship.
"I think,"
"I think," she went on, as she closed the door and led us into the tobaccoclouded living room, "that you ought to people. I'm not speaking of Billy Blight," she amended, as the tall figure of that young man, with a twin Pearson clinging to each leg, arose to salute us, "you ought not to know him, of course, but 'm afraid you do."
beth when we had greeted the othe members of the party and taken our places upon a big divan
"He's abused our hospitality," Mrs. Pearson answered. "You know how we ve given him the freedom of our new
house, the 'Castle in Spain.' How we've let him wander about from room to room and look out of all the windows. You know how I even promised to let h paint frescoes on the nursery walls."
"Good, safe = place that," laughed "Good, safe = place that," laughed
Marthana Carruth. "The babies are too young to say what they think.'

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"But I must protest," said Professor Berger, a dear old chap from Jena who had come to study American institutions,
and whom. "Prexy" had shifted to Pearand whom "Prexy" had shifted "Io Pear-
son's care for the afternoon. "It is important to the vitals that the young eye of the child shall not distorted be.". "Of course, of course," agreed all
who retained the power of speech. who retained the power of speech.
Pearson did his young guest the justice
and the honor to say: "Young Blight has and the honor to say: 'Young Blight has won more medals and created more
beauty than many an artist twice his age." "But that does not excuse him," Mrs. pood, but his manners are atrocious You know, dears," she went on, "how I've let him play ${ }^{\text {billiards in }}$, the billiard room and read in the library."
We assured her that we did know.
Billy had enjoyed, even as Elizabeth and I had, free range of the blue prints from the architect's plans for the Pearson's proposed house at West Farms. Mrs.
Pearson got the plans and spread them Pearson got the plans and spread them
for our inspection.,
"See what he's done!" she cried,
dramatically.
"Oh! that is too bad of him," cried Elizabeth. "Marthana, Mr. Rollins, do come and see what Billy Blight's done to We very best bedroom in the house."
We gathered round her and there we read across the fair space of the room over the library: "Reserved for the ex-
clusive use of William Blight, Esquire."
news. You know how long we've ha hose playing and yet how far we sceme "Of course they do, dear," Pearso interrupted. "Don't they know we'v always, spoken of it as the "Castle in Span"," "Bless it," cried the future chatelaine "Bless it," cried the future chatelaine earnest face and a little break in his voice made the words beautiful to us who were so fond of him, "I see my way clear at ast and I've signed the contract. I'm to pay for the castle in two years. If "Oh! we shall be careful," cried his wife "We may ownit allin eighteen months." Of course we congratulated them jubilantly and Pearson went on:
"It's all on account of that course of
zoology which the president is listed zoology which the president is listed to
conduct. I'm to have that next year conduct. m to have that next year.
He spoke of it last week. That will raise me to a full professorship. My salary will increase by $\$ 2,000$. I shall be the head of the science department and just about the proudest and happiest
fellow between here and Timbucto." Again we tumultuously congratulated
"And it isn't only that," he went on, "not only the money, though God knows that will be welcome enough; not the enough; not the position, though that will be fine enough. But it's the work. The chance. A great big chance to do great

Cattle, pure-bred and grade, farm of R. H. Scott, Almếda, Sask. (Photo Western Photo
"Oh! really Billy, that is too bad of
you," I cried. "That's the room I fixed on for myself.",
"And I I," said Elizabeth.
"And I,"" echoed Marthana
"And we;" said Mrs. Pearson.
"That's right; butting in, all of you,"
growled Billy. "No privacy even in growled Billy. "No privacy even in a
chap's own room. I'll not visit you at all. The inhospitality and the selfishnes are the last two straws-"
At that John came in. John is John Wentworth, Professor of Philosophy a
our college and my promised husband our college and my promised husband.
He is younger than Mr. Pearson, but the He is younger than Mr. Pearson, but the
two are great friends and I think that it two are great friends and I think that it
is partly on this account that Mrs. Pearson is so good to me. She knows that I shall some day be a faculty wife and she already
treats me with the confidence and friendtreats me with the confidence and friend-
ship which characterize most of the men ship which characterize most of the men
and women who supply the mental grist to our mill. They are nearly all young; they are all ambitious; and they are more independent than such a body generally is because "Prexy" is so much away from
the college. He is our publicity manthe college. He is our publicity man-
every institution in these days must have every institution in these days must have
one-and he is always off lecturing, attending conferences, serving on commissions, getting us new trustees or en dowments. This leaves the ordinary,
day-by-day, administration of affairs in day-by-day, administration of affairs in
the hands of the other professors and the hands of the other professors and
brings them into frequent and intimate brings them into frequent
association with one another. So when John had smoked a quict pipe
and entertained our Germanic friend ior half an hour it seemed quite natural that Mr. Pearson and he should retreat to a tiny room, called by courtesy the study,
in which our host kept a few books and bones. Pearson's specialty was zoology. Proned to join them and Professor Berger
was left to be amused and mystified by was left to be amused and mystified by
the youngsters. the youngsters.
"Dear friends," said Mrs. Pemrann, "Dear friends," said Mrs, Pemporn,

big work. I'll make the department a wonder. I'll make the chaps in othe universities-aye and in other countries up and take notice. And the students I'll turn out!" ", his ho, Robert," in hers, "you'll never turn out any students at all. You'll get so attached o them and so interested in them and all stay there together, one great happ family dabbling in the internal working of the animal kingdom. What makes you look so serious, Marian?" she aske uddenly, turning to me. "What's the "I'm thinkin
here," I answered soon. I'm a senior "But l was born too and all these, plans are for next year when shan't be there. And we're having such an awful time. 'Prexy' away and the They all knew that we suffered unde Dr. Archibald. He was unquestionably learned, but he was no less unquestionably incapable of imparting his learning, His lectures came late in the afternoon of Monday, Thursday, and Friday, a bad fatal to a bad one. Everyone was always tired, and weariness, acting on our senior class to crent ways, reduced the frivolity, physical exhaustion, indifference and animosity. Dr. Archibald's platitudinous statements fell upon this remarkably an inattentive lassitude, contagious, overWhelming, and impenetrable, and sometimes in acrimonious criticism or retort
l'ading to general uproar léading to general uproar.
Jow, neither Flizabeth nor I cared in the world learned or unde our debut zoology, We were students in the art ir its is a sort of course was prescribed when the door was eloch? mature and anatomy. We never ex

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## Winnipeg, February, 1914.

The Western Home Monthly
pected to teach the thing and to us our marks in it, whether for themes or even for at the end of the year, mattered very us at the en the case of the majority of the students was very different. They expected, most of them, to fill positions as superintendents, principals, teachers and even professors, and possibly their diplo-
mas-but surely their ability to pass mas-but surely their ability to pass a by their knowledge or ignorance of the by their knowledge or ignorance of the thought about while Archibald read to us his musty lectures, and laid waste four and a half precious hours a week.
Things were at this pass when a peripa-
tetic lecturer named Thornycroft bloomed out one day on the bulletin board with announcements of an extension lecture on "Embryonic Traits." It was one of those popular illuminated and illuminating things which the board of trustees arranged for us from time to time. "Prexy" just in time to preside, and the thing was a great success.
It was one of a course of three to be delivered at varying intervals and it dawned upon one of the interfering "eds" o write "Prexy" a petition to engage ho nyest the our zoology class definite criticism of Archibald, but nh mplication was there. We were all delighted at the prospect; we all signed the petition and awaited results. "Prexy" had always been strong on public sentiment and "the pulse of the student body." He used to harangue the other men about never stayed with us long enough to hear
It was two or three weeks after this hat the routine of our daily lives wa while Elizabeth and I were wrestling with the "Life and Times of Leonardi da Vinci," John hardly ever came to see me in the fternoon, and his face, as Margare ushered him into the little drawing-room, as so grave that Elizabeth prepared to was so grave th
beat a retreat.
"I want to talk to you both," he began, when we had established him in the
Morris chair. "I have sent for Bill Blight; he'll be have sent for Billy something very serious in the air." " tioned. John shook his head
"More serious, far," he answered, and just at that moment 'Billy's boots re-
sounded in our hall "What's up?", hall.
"What's up?" he questioned, with instant concern when he, saw our gravity, John answered. "I've seen it coming on for two or three weeks-ever since 'Prexy' came back. But now I'm afraid it's certain."

His chance?" repeated Elizabeth
"I mean his promotion-his increasetwo of you the wildest youngsters in the college, and the third the wisest and dearest-a grave faculty secret. My
reason is that we four are perhaps th best friends the fearsons have, and they'll be needing friendship, I'm afraid. president. Well, he acted upon it, and

Thornycroft has consented on condition that he be given full professorship next year and be made head of the science department. Now Pearson has never ha a definite agreement with the presiden or the trustees. He was acting entirely so sure of it. There is no reason unde the sun why Thornycroft's proposition should not be accepted. He is bette known than Pearson. His titles will read well in the catalogue." "But haven't you," I asked, "all you who appreciate Mr. Pearson, haven't you remonstrated with "Prexy'?", "He ought to have his face pushed, contributed Billy.
"Surely surely" answered "We've said all that's possible, but the president, when he is riding his vox populi, vox dei hobby is not amenable to arguments. It looks very ,much as if the "And the 'Castle in Spain'", Elizabeth. "The darling 'Castle Spain.:"
"Will stay in Spain I fear," said Joh
as he rose and put on his overcoat.

must get back to a lecture. It's not th
first time the vox populi has incite murder.'
For some time after John left us Eliza beth, Billy, and I sat in despair. W
were sitting diej were sitting dejectedly, over the tea and
cake which Margaret's hospitality had provided when there entered the on person in the world whom we were least prepared to face.
garet announced, Miss Marian," Margaret announced, and before we could at us out of her friendly, unsuspectin eyes, and seating herself, cozily assured ${ }^{\text {of }}$ "It is luck finding you here," she "It is luck finding you here," she
assured Billy, "I was going to write you a line to-night. For you three you children-and John, of course, Marianmust come to Spain on Saturday wee for the laying of the corner-stone. The castle' is actually going up."
"My God,"
"Stop your profanity Bir"
"I can't imagine what stop sir," she chided guardians, were thinking of to let you acquire it."
My throat was actuaily stiff, but in the dusk I managed to squeeze it and to "Of myself into some kind of articulation. corner-stone is laid," I mumbled.
"You've got a cold, dear," she broke in, promptly. "Il have a word or two You gow I You know I hate to think of any of the going to be one of my great joys in the 'castle.' I shall always have a convalescent or two sitting out over the portcullis and getting well in the sunshine. The moat will be full of formaldehyde. the drawbridge will be always up and the iron-studded oak doors covered thick with scarlet-fever plasters."
Elizabeth achieved something which in the darkness passed for a laugh.
"And now I'm going. I just dropped in to make sure of you for the corner where I Am if Robert wondering

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and found no one to greet him but Maria I verily believe he'd go away again and think he didn't live there at all.
Presently she was gone and we were
left together at the mercy of our nerves and our imaginations, until Billy Blight broke out with: "I can stand anything but darkness. Let's have a light on this thing, "and with the light he found that both Elizabeth and I were crying.
I think Margaret fed us. I think Billy stayed to dinner. I think we all talked a little in queer, trailing spurts, but I don't remember anything very distinctly until Billy rose to go away.
"And hang it all," he cried, as the personal application occurred to him fo croft will work us all to death. How are we going to do in twelve weeks the work that ought to have been spread over nine months. And if we don't make up the exam. And we'll all be back here nex year looking at the dear old Pearsons and knowing that we-for didn't we sign that petition-have shut them out of Spain. Oh, lord!"
don't think I ever experienced one till then. Hour after hour I revolved the dilemma and studied all of its horrid horns. There seemed nothing to do; absolutely nothing. And yet I was on
fire to help my friends and to show John that I could be trusted not only as a safe confidant, but as a resourceful ally. It was six o'clock and the gray morning was looking in through the windows when at last I hit upon a plan and pattered in to awake Elizabeth and discuss it with her as I pulled her eider-down about my shoulders; "we' 1 just frighten these 'eds' away from Thornycroft and back to poor old Archibald.'
"I got the idea from Billy Blight. You gemember what he said, just before he went, about all the extra work and
time which the change would involve and
the likelihood of our losing our diplomas in the end. Billy generally talks nonsense ut he was as sensible as a judge then. If we can once get the men studentscase I think you'll see them flocking back to 'Prexy' and declaring themselves quite satisfied with poor old Archibald, who,
even if he does not teach us very much, even if he does not teach us very much,
certainly makes no unreasonable demands upon our time and, just as certainly, will give us all an easy exam. and good marks at the end."
"You're a darling and a genius," cried Elizabeth. "It shall be done. We'l make's over. Now let's sleep a little; it isn't quite time to get up.
When public opinion sets strongly in one direction it is no easy thing for three oungsters, however strong their enthus-
asm, to turn it round again. And we had to be very careful. It would never have done to show hostility. We were ust plaintively natural; aware of our mental inferiority, crushed by it, but resigned to it.
"Oh, yes, of course," Elizabeth would
weetly agree when some enthusiastic "ed"' was singing Thornycroft's praises Of course it's all very well for you You're clever, but I know I shall not get ny diploma this year. I've heard some-,
thing of Professor Thornycroft's plans." Oh subtle, sly Elizabeth. "He's going oh subtle, sly Elizabetho "He's going the next eleven weeks. Then we're to have one week for review and a compreIt will finish me-dead. There'll be no diploma for me- this year. Ah, well, another year seems long, but it will pass.' That was all very well for Elizabeth Alford; young, independent, and with no
responsibilities in the world. Her being responsibilities in the world. Her being
at college at all was a whim of hers. Her leaving without a diploma and degree, or her staying to work another year, for them were matters of pleasure or convenience with her-no more. But to the
men, post-graduates for the most part,
with their way to make in the not to affluent world of teaching, the prospect on salary was a serious thing. "And I don't think,"," Alizabeth would
"dd, "that poor old Dr. Archibald is bad add, "that poor old Dr. Archibald is bad
enough to make all this necessary. It enough to make all this necessary. It
would be a terrible thing for him to be would be a terrible thing for him to be
dismissed like this in the middle of thê semester. And hasn't it seemed to you,", she would add, with the prettiest air of deference, "that his lectures are getting a
little better? Of course, I'm no judge I'm very ignorant. But don't you think that he is getting in a littlemmore subject
matter?", "ed" would be forced to agree.
And the "e Billy in a desperate last attempt to stee us all to Spain, had invited Archibald and Pearson to dine with him and had gently
started Pearson on his pet theories. It was impossible for anyone to listen to him unmoved and unenlightened, and Archibald absorbed clarity and power enough to transfigure his two or three succeedird. And gradually the leaders in the movement to oust Archibald found themselves with few followers. Faculty meetings generally took place on Thursday, and on the Thursday preceding the Saturday John again surprised me by calling in the
afternoon. "I haven't a moment to stay," he ex-
plained. "I've just come to tell you of plained. "I've just come to tell you of
a most extraordinary thing. Nearly all a most extraordinary thing. Neanen who
the men and several of the women signed poor Pearson's death warrant hiave
gone to the president and asked him to reconsider any idea of change in the science department."
"Vox populi changing its tune," said I, preparing to confess to the conspiracy
and my part in it, when Elizabeth and and my part in it, when Elight, crowned with almost visible laurels, broke in upon us. Billy grasped John's hand and shook it warmly, while "Inabeth gathered me into her embrace. "ISn't
"And isn't Marian wonderful?" Elizabeth added.
"What are you two lunatics talking about?" John demanded, and Elizabeth was so breathless that she allowed Billy to do the talking.
"Thornycroft's down and out. Prexy 'learns that the feeling of the underin a nice little speech in his office when I in a nice little speech inree other chaps to speak my little piece. It would have drawn tears to the eye of a graven image to hear me telling him how we had al learned to love Archibald; how it was only his preliminary
little above our heads."
"Marvelous," murmured John, "marvelous and unaccountable."
"And we can go to West Farms on Saturday with easy minds and consciences," cried the 'castle", were finished now we four might crave its hospitality on account of the brain strain it has she cried, and again threw her arms around me while Billy again shoo effusively John's unresisting hand. Blight was pleased to assure my fiance. "She'll make a wife in a million.
"I know it," John acquiesced, "but
might I trouble you to explain why might I trouble you to explain why you hold her responsible for this change in
public opinion?" "Oh, it's only their nonsense, John
dear "'I answered. "We've done nothing at all, except to give a few singing lessons to vox populi."

The Doctor: "Mrs. Brown has sent for me to go and see her boy, and I must go at once." "What is the matter with
His Wife: "When the boy?" "I don but Mrs Brown has a book on "What to do Before the Doctor Comes,' and I must hurry up before she does it."

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## A Neglected Tip

$S^{\pi}$TRANGERS whose attention is called to John L. Finnimore as he walks ham, very often make this remark: "That nan is older than he looks.
They are probably led to this opinion by the quite perceptible touch of grey at Finnimore's temple careworn, is quite youthful, but the patch of white on each side of his head suggests the frost in the early autumn of ife. Then, again, those who point out Mr. Finnimore to strangers-say on a
railway platform, or in the street, will railway platform, or in the street, will
often add: "One of the shrewdest judges of the
tock market Caterham possesses," or sometimes they say with a sigh: "I wis he would give me a tip on the market. It would be mon to invest; but Finnimor is as close-mouthed as an oyster.? As a matter of fact, Finnimore is a good deal younger than he looks, and the object of this narrative is to give for the first tim in print some account of the few fatefu Finnimore the reputation for busines acumen and also his anxious expression. Finnimore is a junior partner in a firm of architects with offices in the City. H had been carefully brought up, and wa with a great fear of debt, a horror of drink and a loathing for speculation in any form He never played cards for money, was a strict teetotaller, rigidly economical, and yet he always presented a natty and most respectable appearance. Although the
firm of which he was a member had been in existence but seven years, it had been rather successful, the three partners being all young men of energy, paying strict at tention to business; two of them were tal ented, and one was a creditable financier
who pulled the company through its early who pulled the company through its earl At the end of seven years John L. Finni more found himself inhabiting a most re spectable house in the best part of Cater ham, with a charming wife and two nic young children, while in the bank ther
stood the comfortable sum of one thousand wo hundred pounds to his credit. It bega to look as if their period of rigid economy and his handsome wife might indulge in various hittle luxuries. In act Finnmor troubles began the he was determined, week later, when his second-class ticke ran out, to purchase a first class season. The fact that during the seven years he had travelled second class from Caterham to London had had considerable in gathered friends in Caterham many of whom were much richer than himself, $h$ never cared to admit to any of them that he was second class, and got into the habit of journeying up in the morning by an turning to Caterham later than they did, turning to Caterham later than they dia, greatly to his own advantage and to that of the firm.
It was his habit to take the 8.6 up to London each morning, whin him to reach his office comfortably before nine. One advantage which this train possessed in Finnimore's estimation was the fact that none of the nabobs of Caterham travelled by it. The 8.6 is essentially to pounce upon the City worm. By taking this train every morning, Finnimore avoided those well-to-do and leisurely friends of his who were content to reach their offices when the clock struck ten,
and thus they never knew that he travelled second class, and was consequently not so prosperous as they had supposed. In like manner, when returning from the City, he invariably took a late train, which left Cannon Street or the low level at London
Bridge at an hour when his wealthy neighbours were already enjoying the repose furnish.
In spite of his vigilance and his self-
denial, now and then he met a friend on the platform at either end of the line, who, taking it for granted he carred a first-class season, lured him into the sensuous luxury
which such a compartment aforded.
Th hese trips made Finnimore very uneasy, riends. every morning?
"Yes; or an earlier one." more. "I never specuate, so a
for he knew not at what moment an in spector might come in and demand tickets. He had made up his mind how to act in such an emergency, which was to give the inspector his name and address, saying he had left his ticket at home, then he would preventing any divulging of his economical nethod to his large circle of prosperous

The point that young Mr. Finnimore was a second-class season ticket holder has an important bearing on what hap pened later, and so it is mentioned at this scrupulous reader that John Finnimore, in the first place, was a law-breaker, and, in the second, a coward; but it is likely that the majority will hold that there were mitigating circumstances, more especially
if any of them travel day by day by early morning trains between London and the suburbs. But whatever opinion may be formed of John Finnimore, it is the inten tion in this narration to tell the truth.
On the morning when Fate took him in
hand, and made a football of him for hand, and made a football of him fo several days, causing the grey hairs $t$ t
sprout, he was accosted on the Caterham


In Alberta's plentiful pasture.
platform by Edmund Herne, Junior partner of the well-known firm of Redwell and
Herne, whose offices were close to his own. "Hello, Finnimore! Just the fellow I want to see! Do you take this train
"What an energetic beggar you are. Let us get an empty compartment. I
have, something confidential to say to
you. It's no use, Herne," laughed Finni-
"That's all right, old man. Everyone else seems to be of the same cautious frame of mind; and there's very little speculation going on now. Nevertheless, if peope outside people to make money on the Stock Exchange to-day than it was when everyto take a flutter, telegraph to me, and I'll attend to the business end of the deal for you and see that you are not fleeced. A man with a few pounds to spare at this
juncture could easily, if well advised, juncture couldreasinto thousands. You don't need to buy the stock outright, you know; but use your capital to put up as a margin. You follow me? Herne," said Finnimore, "but I tell you I'm not taking any." "Quiteright," agreed Herne, holding open the door of a first-class compartment that was empty, whereupon
Finnimore stepped inside, Herne follow-
"The truth is, that, although you don't I wanted to have a few words with you about yours. I've just bought a piece of I intend to build a house there as soon as and shall reach London by a later train.' They talked about the new house, Herne appearance of the villa, while Finnimore, pencil in hand and drawing pad on knee, roughly sketched the outlines; and thus the two reached Purley, where Herne got out, leaving Finnimore absorbed in his drawing, quite oblivious of the fact with a second-class ticket.
At Croydon, the last stop before reach ng London Bridge, the young man realized his situation with a jump. He heard the strident
platform:
"All tickets, please! All seasons?
Glancing in alarm out of the window, he saw a fierce looking inspector making
directly for his compartment. Finninore's mind had been so intently concenrated on his sketch that the sudden crisis ound his intellect numb, causing this grown man to perform a school boy trick on the instant, and by the time he came deed was past amending. He plunged under the seat, where there was space enough, although it was rather dark and
the carriage was empty, and passed on till the train was in motion but ju before it started he heard the door open "Here you are, Ned; here is an empt, compartment. You itep inside, attemp hold the door, and if any man atten
to enter I'll hit him one on the jaw." to enter laughed, entered the compartment and sat down over poor John L. Finnimore, who now fell into a cold sweat, fearing h would be caught at Cannon Street by the porter who came The train gave a j erk ahead and then the man holding the door came
in. "We have now about eighteen minutes to ourselves, and no one to overhear Give, us your big news as quick as you "Well, you see, Peter, it's like this. I'd tell no one else on earth except yourself,
and 1 wouldn't do it for you, were you not my sister's husband
"Oh, go on, Ned; go on. Don't waste time in preliminaries. Some one may "Very well. You know I was sent to South Africa by the investigating com mittee of the Redtrust Nining Company More money had been wanted for ne as is always the case some of the share holders objected. They formed a com mittee, and that committee commissioned me to look over the prospects. The an nual meeting of the companys Derps has been quited very steadily been quoted very steadilf. Now, when my
or so at two-and-a-half report is presented, the stock of that company will jump to fifteen or twenty. Get
together all the money you can beg, borrow together all the money you can beg, borrow
or steal and buy Redtrust Deeps this very day. This company owns one of the most
may be. I'd like to consult with you
about it, and place the business in the hands of your firm. It is because of this new purchase that I have taken the 8.6 this morning. I'm getting off at Purley,

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one in England knows that for certain ex cept myself. The investigating commiand very likely you will see the stock stiff en up, for though my report to the commade public until the annual meeting there is always a leakage more or less o such important news as I have brought such mportant bith me."
"But suppose you've made
"I tell you my boy, I haven't made mistake, although I'll not speculate in these shares myself, I'll lend you every penny of money l've got, and ask yo
merely to return it when you have made your haul. You see, I'm ready to back my opinion.'
But how can you or any other man tell what is hidden in the ground? The vein may , give out before you get ten feet fur"Of course, no man, engineer or any other, can see into the centre of the earth but m not counting on that. The man-
ager of the mine out there is a grumpy old Scotchman, who is offended at the company for not sending him the smelting works he ordered more than a year agoo
He has made no protest, but he has mined away steadily until there is enouigh of ore in sight to pay the capital of the company twice over. After he had operated the mine for six months he wrote, with his native caution, to his chiefs that the mine was a good one; but begause the company
has not accepted his word or acted on his advice about the machinery, he has kept silent ever since, and there is this accumulation of rich ore merely awaiting the smelter. You must secure all the shares of the company you can.
ing." "I will," said the other.
"Very well; we'll get out at London "Very well; we'll get out at Lond
Bridge, and take a cab to your office."

As he said this the train ran under cover got out. Finnimore cautiously the two from under the seat, dusted his clothes, and breathed freely again in his joy at having escaped undetected.
When he arrived
When he arrived at his office he looked for the first time at his morning paper, and but to the financial page. Running down the list of mines, he came to. Redtrust Deeps, and saw them quoted at two-and-ahalf. He thought at first of plunging to but concluded at last to go more cautious y contenting himself with less than hal that number. He wrote an order for the purchase of ten thousand Redtrust Deeps, at two-and-a-half, and signed it, sent his
office boy to Messrs. Redwell and Herne with it, writing on the outside of thern velope that this was to be given to Mr. Herne as soon as he arrived.
A little after ten o'clock he was called "Is that you, Finnimore?"
"This is Herne. I've got your order
for ten thousand Redtrust, Deeps at two-and-a-half. Is that right?"
my signature?"
I always move with some caution in hase matters, Fimnimore; and I thought, perhaps, my talk with you this morning you weren't taking any, i remember Now, have you
"Oh, yes."
"There was some trouble about that company a year ago. An investigating was sent out. Did you know that? "Yes; certainly.
"Then you're not jumping blindly?" "Certainly not; and I say Herne, if you take my advice, you will go in for ten that house in Purley before a help to build, "Really? You seem very confident all at once!"
"I'm confident enough to secure ten thousand shares in this mine as you see." to buy these outright, but will give your cheque to cover?"
"Oh; I don't mind whether I buy outright or play on a margin. I leave all "Very well; I'll bring the bill over to your house to-night, after I've secured the stock, Good-bye."
the habit of arriving at Caterham rather late while he held his second-class season. On the evening of the day when he bought alarm in her face.
"Oh, John," she said, "I have had such a fright. There is surely something wrong Mr. Herne dropped in here an hour ago, with the servant, when she left this note would not be home untillate, and I opened it, in case it was something that needed attending to at once. You surely never bought twenty-five thousand pounds'
worth of shares in a mining company?' worth of shares in a mining company?" "Why, of course not, Jenny. 1 bought the number of shares as pounds. They the number of shares as pounds. They a little over a hundred pounds, that's
"Why then, Mr. Herne must have made a very great mistake. It's down here in five thousand pounds, and he says in his letter that if you do not wish to buy the stock outright, you can send him a cheque for five hundred pounds for a margin, "Oh, that's all righ said Finnimore, taking the opened letter and thrusting it in his pocket. "You've mixed, these things with the new house to you later. I'll see Herne to-night, and get this put right,"
The lady heaved a sigh of relief, while he door. He saw his study and locked take had arisen. The two-and-a-half, eally meant two pounds ce-halfpenny, If this meant trop pounds ten shillings. in the next day or two, all his little margin Finnimore said nothing to anyone about his appalling error. He went over to the
stockbroker's house that evening, and
placed a cheque for five hundred pounds their short interview the Herne had not followed his lead and bought Redtrust Deeps. Next morning he seized a daily paper, and turned at once to the financial
column. Redtrust Deeps remained at two-and-a-half; and one hair at each temple turned grey.
dresses of all his up the London adspent next day, not at his offieends, and round to one after another of them; tryin might perhaps get ten men to take a thous and shares each from him, and then he would be free of his awful burden. But he found that a man with whom he had
played whist in Caterham in the most played whist in Caterham in the most
friendly manner was a different sort of individual in his London office
He told the same tale to all of his friends offering them a most valuable tip if they
would buy the stock from him, and not in would buy the stock from him, and not in
the market. In every case they smiled the market. In every case they smiled before, they were not taking any A man here and there wrote the name of the mine on a slip of paper, said he would think it over, and communicate with him later, but Finnimore never heard from any on
them. For the next few days the young architect hung on desperately, because there was nothing else to do. He kept very much to himself, being afraid now to meet any of the friends to whom he had
endeavoured to sel and who had refused. endeavoured to sell and who had refused. him with the words:
"Well, Finnimore, how's that gold mine of yours coming along? I didn't notice
any advance in the papers this morning") Finy advance in the papers this morning." Faynimore grinned in a sheepish sort of way, and said the week wasn't out yet. His friends smiled in a provokingly super or manner, and passed on.
The afternoon papers on Thursday printed the report of the Redtrust mining on Thursday morning had begun to stock and even before the annual meeting and the reading of the report it stood at six-and-a-half. At closing time Redtrust Deeps was ten-and-three-quarters. On Friday morning it went by quick leaps twenty-four, at which price Finmimer commanded Herne to sell, netting asphall fortune, a few wrinkles, some grey hairs,
and also the deep respect of Caterham.

Robert Barr.

## Conspicuously Beautiful

The old maxim, "Every man is the architect of his own fortune" is equally applicable to every business. With the good" is generally something of a very material nature.
falls of the glat privileges that befalls a publication like ours is the opportunity to survey at close range the
growth and workings of our Industrial Institutions.
The occasion at this time for these remarks-is the arrival in our office of
the large catalog of the Big Seed A. E. McKenzie Co., Ltd., Brandon and Calgary. This catalog, like in years past carries us back year by year in our
reflections recalling similar occasions reflections recalling similar occasions of
soliloquy when we reviewed the annual soliloquy when we reviewed the
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## The Cruel Cross of Life

What silences we keep year after year With those who are most near to us and We live be
And speak of myriad things, but seldom say
The full s reach,
Beneath th
Beneath the
speech.
commonplace just in our

Then out of sight and out of reach they $\xrightarrow{\text { go- }}$ These close familiar friends who loved us And so! sitting in the shadow they have left,
Alone with loneliness and sore bereft, Alone with roneliness and sore bereft,
We think with vain regret, of some fond word
hat once we might' have said and
they have heard.
For weak and poor the love that we expressed
Now seems, beside the past, sweet unconfessed;
And glight the deeds we did to those un-
And small
And undeserved the praise for word and deed
That should have overflowed the simple
need.

This is the cruel cross of life to be Full-visioned only when the ministry
Of death has been fulfilled, and in the Of death
place
of place
space,
What recollected services can the
Give consolation for the "might have been?"

## Do not Be a Fretter

There is one sin which is everywher underestimated and quite too often much is the sin of fretting. It is as com. It as air, as speech; so common that unless it rises above its usual monotone, we do not even observe it. Watch any ordinary coming together of people, and see
how many minutes it will be before somebody frets; that is, makes more or less complaining statements of some
thing or other which most probabl everyone in the room, or in the car, or on the street corner, it may be, knew help. Why say anythibly nobody can is cold, it is hot, it is dry; somebody has broken an appointment, ill cooked
meal; stupidity or bad sulted in discomfort. There are re of things to fret about. It is simply astonishing how much annoyance may ing, even at the simplest, if one only keeps a sharp eye out on that side o
things. Even Holy Writ thays prone to trouble as sparks fly upwards But even to the sparks that fly upward sky above, and the less there is a blue on the road, the sooner they will reach it. Fretting is "all time wasted on the

## The Proud Boy

There was once a very proud boy. He
always walked through the village with always walked through the village with
his eyes turned down and his hands in his pockets. The boys used to stare at him and say nothing, and when he
was out of sight they breathed So the proud boy was lonely and would not been for two stray dogs if it had trees, and a flock of geese upon the
common. common.
One da
One day, just by the weaver's cottage,
he met the tailor's son. Now the tail. or's son made more noise than any other
boy in the village, and when done anything wrong he stuck to it. and
said he didn't care, so the neighbor thought that he was very brave and man, and some of them hoped he to be
distant lands. When the tailor's son distant lands. When the tailor's son
saw the proud boy he danced in tront of him, and made faces, and provoked him sorely, until, at last, the proud boy turned around and suddenly boxed the ars of the tailor's son, and threw his ba into the road; and the tailor's son was
surprised, and without waiting to pick up his hat ran away and sat down pict carpenter's yard and cried. After a few minutes the proud boy came to him and returned him his hat, saying gently
"There is no dust on it; you deserved to have your ears boxed, but I am sorry I was so rude
"I thought you were proud," said the ailor's son, astonished; "I didn't think "Perhaps you are not proud?"
"No, I am not."
"Ah, that makes a difference," said the proud boy politely. "When you are
proud and have done a foolish thing proud and have done a foolish thing
you make a point of owning it." you make a point of owning it." "But it takes a lot of courage," said "tailor's son.
"Oh, dear no"" answered the proud boy; "it only takes a lot of cowardice not to;" and then he turned his eyes down
again and softly walked away. - L.C.

## The Church Plano

"I'll never play that old piano again"" declared Gladys Marshall. "It's just a disgrace for our church to have an old out-
of-date instrument like that and expect oood music And re that and expect ood music. And as for inviting musicians rattletrap, or to play to its accompani ment, it's nothing but an insult!"
Her complaint was not wholly without
reason. She had invited Miss Schleal reason. She had invited Miss Schlegel
over from Randolph to play at the disover from Randolph to play at the dis-
trict convention of the King's Daughters, trict convention of the Kisgs Daughters, ust back from the conservatory, and ha a violinist of promise. Gladys had played her accompaniment, and the piano, which was more out of subject of complaint, Gladys was humiliated.
T'm going straight to Mr. Benson, and hand in my resignation as Sunday-schoo t, said Gladys; and she went
The minister listened to the outburst, and said:
I don't doubt, Gladys, that the piano is every thing you say. And I am sorry hat the trustees do not see their way to And it may be purchase of a better one. needed to hasten the coming of a new in strument. I will see what I can do to help the matter.
Suppose that shall we have no music? we must have the old instrument a day and patched a little, but still unsati actory? We must have music-yes and we must have you; and what's more you must have the work! For you need have done it all your life, and to drop out now-we simply can't let you.
"Does it ever occur to you that the Lord does a good deal of playing on imperect instruments, such as you and me? duced better music than we do. But ladys, hard as it is to keep us anywhere early at concert pitch, He is patient. of the fact that some of us are badly out of tune!
"And do you know that noble poem, 'Op-
portunity' the story of the man who portunity'-the story of the man, who
could have fought bravely if he had wad better sword, and the king's son who picked up the poor, broken fragment that it fought so successfully awat, he tha with it fought so success
defeat into victory?
'Hope'? Sou remember Watt's painting, of the world sits blindfolded on the top of her harp all broken but one the strings nakes the best music she knows how on hat one string, hoping all the while, I doubt not, for a better harp.
"Come, we will start a movement for
new piano. Meantime we will have the new piano. Meantime we will have the
old one tuned, and there will be Sundaychool as usual next Sunday and the

## The Canadian Bank of Commerce

## ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of The Can-
adian Bank of Commeree, held at Toronto adian Bank of Commeree, held at Toronto on 13th instant, the report of the Diree-
tors showed that profits of $\$ 2992$. tors showed that profits of $\$ 2,992$,
951.10 had been earned during the year forming a record in the history of the Bank and indeed of any bank in Canada After paying the usual dividends the
shareholders received two bonuses of hareholders received two bonuses of per cent. each, whieh were paid in June and December. The sum of $\$ 1,000,000$ written off Bank Premises accoint $\$ 384,529.98$ carried forward as unappro priated profits. The total assets of the Bank are now over $\$ 260,000,000$, an in rease of $\$ 14,000,000$ during the year. In accordance whe the plan adopted last to its report a review of business conditions in 1913, which covers the whol of Canada, Newfoundland, the Unite States and Great Britain, the countries in which the Bank now does business This review is very highly regarded by e sent to a the Head Office of the Bank.
After the reading of the report, the
General Manager, Mr. Alexander Laird, addressed the sharcholders as follows

General Manager's Address
We have closed our accounts for the past year and have great pleasure and
satisfaction in presenting you with a tatement of the results of the Bank, best record in its history, and should be a source of gratification to the share
holders and those actively engaged in its
There was enough difficulty and per plexity in the general financial situation hensive at the beginning of the past year Canadians had some reason to hope for an eayly return to normal conditions, but
were doomed to disappointment; and the were doomed to disappointment, and the then evident, and the aggravation of the of the of 1013 features has mad annals of international trade. While the yearg gras been full of anxiety and much actual strain, there is cause for congrat dation that, notwithstanding the long. Europe, the uncertainty as to how the djustn
vill be in bringing order out of chaos in unfor unate Mexico, the general position of fairly well maintained. In our own e should were seriously disturbed les this would certainly have added to our difficulties; but we were fortunate in ent quality abundant harvest of excel xtraordinary celerity and realized good alues which enabled us to make a subdebts and largely increase our cash capital. Canada is so closely allied with and
nfluenced by the movements of our influenced by the movements of our reat satisfaction when the radical and mportant measures initiated under the cent change of adm out any serious disturbance in financial affairs. Taken as a whole, and keeping
in mind all the adverse conditions, the past year has been marked by astonishing evidence of strength to meet great mergencies
You will readily see from the state ments included in the Report of the sat isfactory year in the matter of profits. assets, making liberal allowances for depreciation in securities, and providing for pleased to know that the Directors remembered the staff, to whosa faithrul and zealous efforts our suceess is largely
due.
staf of ore closing the books a sub. Year's earnings and distributed ata a bonns,
tal and bing 10.88 per cent on the Capito pay lest combined. We were enable including thends amounting to $\$ 1,800,000$, of 10 per cent per annum a nd extr bonus dividend per annum, and extra year; and we have reason to we shall maintain this rate until the Rest equals the Capital, and thereafter mak the permanent basis 12 per cent., with whatever advantage may come with extra good fortune.
In our last-report the urgent necessity for providing an extension of the Head referred to; and arrangements have since had to be made for the temporary ac commodation of some departments of the Bank outside the present building. We are now pleased to say that we have pui will proceed to consider plops although we do not expect to make much progres towards altering or erecting a buildin for two or three years. We have acquired property in windsor, Ont., where a suit he coming year, and are ercected during planning the erection building in the City of Quebec. In both these places it was absolutely necessary to provide for our growing business. Sank Reenses accoult now stands a mould direct an the of $\$ 979,915.61$ in the statent iem Real Estate. This includes bank pre mises acquired by the amalgamation wit the Eastern Townslips Bank, which wil be disposed of in due course at consider his sare the the book value. With written off Bank Premises we should b able to keep this account within reasonble bounds and still show our propertie at approximately 50 per cent. of their value.
We think it advisable to give you an ssurance that in the midst of the trouMexico our interests are being safeguarded and every precaution exercised
in handling a difficult problem. Our Manger enjoys our full confidence and he as shown bual bility and judgmen under these trying circumstances.
We deemed it prudent to restric opening of new branches to the carrying out in some measure of a programme we ad planned early in the year; and we onsequently confined ourselves to dis ricts we had no representation or the protection of other branches. The eographical distribut:on of branches and agencies as at 30th November, 1913, was as follows
Alberta.
ritish Columb:a
New Bruns
New Brunswi
ova Scotia.
Ontario
Prinee Edward Island
Saskatchewan
Yukon
Total in Canada London, Englan Wited States

Total number of Branches
The number of the Rank, 373 , 6,026 , inst 5656 shareholdago, an increase of $3 \stackrel{7}{\circ}$. The following table indicates how widely our share-
holders are scattered, not only in Canada, holders are se
but abroad:

Ontario
Quabec
Maritime Provinces
Vestern
Greai $\begin{aligned} & \text { Britain }\end{aligned}$ Onited States


There has been a widespread agitation supposed need for greater recognition of the claims of farmers to accommodation from the banks, but investigation does not support this contention, so far a this bank is concerned. A carefuly pre
pared statement of the business of this pared in the three western provinces shows the percentage of total deposits $t$. total loans in this district to be 55.55 per cent, which means that for every one dollar on deposit in these provinces w lend two. A compiation of the figure wan made at the request of the Royal Commission on Agricultural Credit, ap pointed by the Saskatchewan Govern nent, gave the percentage of farmers loans to farmers deposits in this province as 278.29 per cent,, while the per-
centage of farmers' loans to total de posits was 88.25 per cent. This means phat for every dollar which the farmers
of Saskatchewan have deposited with us of Saskatchewan have deposited with us, we have lent them nearly three. These acts should convince those interested in customers have been generously treated by ma .
The decennial revision of the Bank Act was an important feature of the las session of Parliament. A most searching
examination and discusion examination and discussion of every con
ceivable phase of banking is it affect this country, resulted in a measure evidently framed with the object of meeting every reasonable requirement, and the Act is generally rearded as a piece of unusually good legislation. The most provisions for the creati. of a Central Gold Reserve and the appointment on of banks.
In view of what has been accomplished in spite of so many adverse influences no taking into account the natural dis position to look at the bright side of rying period, it is not easy to forecas what the coming year will bring. We are nolined to the thought that with the correction and adjustment of important
matters now pending-such as the settle ment of European political and financial difficulties and the attempts to bring about a return of peace and prosperity to he situation)-we shall see a revival of better conditions and our problems ma e easily solved. We fear there will be vill be reavy, and great circumspectio mooth waters. We are likely to have n accumulation of idle money in the finncial centres, but this win probably no eneral business for some time to come ecause of the depression in all first clase securities and the difficulty of disposing of the large amount awaiting a favorable arket. On the other hand, trade has seen prosperous and is fundamentally riust be expected we pre hoful that the coming year will be one of reasonable prosperity.
The adoption of the report was then
moved by the President of the Bank, Sir Edmund Walker, whose address follows: President's Address At our last annual meeting for the first time we presented the information at our disposal regarding industrial conditions in Canada, and in the foreign
countries in which we do business, in the ountries in which we do business, in the
form of an appendix to the ordinary report to our shareholders. The advantage of presenting the views of our chief oficicers regarding the various districts difectly to the shareholders, instead of
compressing them into the addresses of compressing them into the addresses of
the President or the General Manager, seemed clear, and we think the experinent has justif
A. year ago the tide of expansion
seemed still to be in flood, althorms in seemed still to be in flood, although1 in
some quarters a check was either in plain some quarters a check was erther in plain
sight or had here and there made itzelf sight or had here and there made itzely
felt. Money for certain purposes, notably so easy to obtain as in former years, yet
little heed was appartntly paid to the oft-repeated warnings of bankers and others who tried to forecast the future,
although at the end of the year we must although at the end of the year we mist
conclude that, after all, such warninvs


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we have come through a time of difficulty in a most creditable manner, and we can
look forward to the future cheerfully if the spirit of prudence which now char acterizes our people remains unchanged at least until another good crop has been marketed. Much of that part of our expansion which went too far reminds one of the diseases through which the youn if
have to pass. We are doubtless' glad have to pass. We are doy, but we have
they escape them entirely, no reason to expect that they will be so fortunate. Some undue speculation in real estate, and some over-building in connection with public improvements, is
inevitable amidst such astonishing growth and prosperity, and it would be foolish to expect anything else. We are now realizing more accurately the value of real estate and through the process we
are gaining an experience which is are gaining an experience which is
absolutely necessary to the founabsolutely necessary to the foun-
dations of a sound prosperity. The dations of a sound prosperity. The
Western country as a whole will not again have to suffer from this particular ailment of young communities. We have repeatedly deplored the fettering of the country by the high rent-charge which the unfortunate effect of such a rentcharge on the cost of living, and if there is now to be a pause in the upward movement of values, there will in any event
be a corresponding gain to all landless be a co
people.
Immigration has not yet been much checked by the curtailment of industry; indeed, except from the United States, there has been a large increase during the year. The British immigrants exceed
in number the combined total of those in number the combined total of those
from Europe and Asia and very much exfrom Europe and Asia and very much ex-
ceed those from the United States. The largest increase as compared with the ligures of previous years, however, is in the division which includes all countries except Great Britain and the United
States. Here the increase December States. Here the increase, December
figures being estimated, is 32 per cent. figures being estimated, is 32 per cent.
From Great Britain the increase is 8 per cent., while from the United States there has been a decrease of 17 per cent. There
is thus a total increase of 6 per cent., as is thus a total increase of 6 per cent., as against 13 per cent. in the previous year.
The total number of immigrants, December figures again being estimated, was ber figures again being estimated, was
417,709 , as compared with $39 \overline{3}, 804$, the revised as compared with 395,80, the
for 1912. The total for 1913 is made up as follows: British, 156 , 873, United States, 115,805, all other countries, 145,031. These figures are again eloquent in explaining the con-
ditions of our foreign trade, the total of which for the year ending March,
1913, passed the billion mark for the first 1913, passed the billion mark for the first
time, being $\$ 1,085,175,000$. The imports time, being $\$ 1,085,175,000$. The imports
were valued at $\$ 691,943,000$ and the exwere valued at $\$ 691,943,000$ and the ex-
ports at $\$ 393,232,000$, showing the largest ports at $\$ 393,232,000$, showing the largest
excess of imports we have ever had, excess of imports
namely, $\$ 298,711,000$. In the six months of the current fiscal year ending Sep-
tember, the complete figures for which have been published, there is some improvement in the proportion of exports to imports, and since september a great-
er improvement has taken place. As to er improvement has taken place. As to
our exports we are glad to report an inour exports we are glad to report an in-
crease during this period in every group, while there has been a decrease in many of the classes of imports.
We again draw attention to the large
proportion of proportion of our imports which consists
or iron and steel in various or iron and steel in various forms, not
only as raw materials, but as manufactured goods. The total value is about $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \$ 140,000,000 \text {. May we once more point } \\ & \text { out that in the main these are articles }\end{aligned}\right.$ out that in the main these are articles
used in building or in equipping the used in building or in equipping the
country for its future, and that such purcountry for its future, and that such pur-
chases differ in effect from the chases differ in effect from the import of
foodstuffs and other rapidly perishing
objects? foodstuffs and other rapidly perishing
objects? At the same time we regret
that the greater part of these iron that the greater part of these iron and
steel goods is not made in Canada now, as certainly will be the case in time. To
the extent of which, by making these the extent of which, by making these
goods in Canada, we could have lessened
the debt repeser the debt represented by the securities we
have sold to pay for the difference between imports and exports, we have burdoned ourselves for a long time to come.
Oi course, while workmen are busily enAf course, while workmen are busily en-
gaged in other things, as the h have bern
in Canada. it may be said that they in Canada. it may be said. that they are
not available for more work in iron and
steel, but as som at railroud ind steel, but as soon as railroad and other
building lessens in volume, not in the aggregate but in propmortion to other industries, we may hope that tre shall be
able to make in Can m tho larear part

The increased output of our coal and ron mines, of our blast furnaces and o ur manufactories, which would result ould be of inestimable value to the It was evident to
It was evident to any student of the ituation a year ago that Canada, and ther borrowing countries, would be put a a severe test during 1913. What we sere not prepared for was that this country should be singled out as, in some neasure, chief among the sinners of this
ind. It is well, however, to remember that when money becomes scarce in the great markets of the world the chief borrower is always told that he has obtained too large a share and that he must stop borrowing for the time being. We become the chief borrower, or practically o, and somewhat resented being held esponsible for a situation created by the combined financial requirements of all the ctive mercantile nations of the world However, we have had our warning and hall doubtless act upon
The fact remains that under all this pressure England has taken more of our has patiently remembered that we ar obliged to finish the many sound and important enterprises, public, semi-public and private, which had been undertaken before the financial clouds began to
gather. That such enterprises will com. mather. That such enterprises money of the investor in preerence to loans for the rehabilitation of oreigh countries devastated by war, or in preference to securities based upon entures, we need not doubt, and out of he vast sum available each year in the we may be sure of getting a generous share. We shall have to face a keener analysis of the nature of the security ffered, and the necessity of paying higher rates to the investor, and we shall
well to abstain during the next year do well to abstain during the next year
or so from seeking to market any unor so.from seeking to market any un-
necessary securities, in order that we may do what we can to restore the balance between the investment resources of the world and the securities offered for sale. It is pleasing in this connection to
see that the higher rates of interest offered have opened the markets of the United States to our securities to an extent quite unusual in the past.
Now that we have come to a slight pause in the growth of North America, it is well to bear in mind some of the more important things accomplished during this period of expansion. In Candirections, we have in sight the completion of two new transcontinental railway systems, and while they have been building, the existing system has successfully established its claim to rank as one of the foremost railway systems of
the world. As regards the United States the Panama Canal is practically finished; a tariff adjustment, the mere thought of which would have created panic a few years ago, has taken place, leaving the outlook in this respect a certainty in-
stead of an uncertainty; stead of an uncertainty; a currency and
banking bill, for which; the country has been waiting about twenty years, has been passed, and a more reasonable attitude has been adopted towards the question of railroad rate adjustment. These are all events of the greatest importance
which must profoundedly affect the Which must profoundedly affect the
future of the two countries, and so far as Canada is concerned wa may surely feel that we are now entering upon a new and more important phase of indus-
trial life for which trial life for which our equipment is more adequate than ever before. No more
positive evidence of the need and value of such equipment could be offered than the ease with which the present year's rop was harvested, moved and warehoused. This has been done in a manner which would have seemed impossible only a few years ago, and the value of he smoothness and rapidity with which
he work was handled can scarcely be In connection with the opening of the Pamama Canal. there will be held at San Fancisco in 1915 the Panamaarific International Exposition, for the burpose of impressing upon the world the proe from this new waterway. It beculiarly gratifying to know that in
feet, considerably larger than the Cana lian building in any previous exposition, f our country in agriculture, horticul re minerals, forestry, fish, game, etc ill be adequately displayed. We understand that it is the intention of the Government to make this one of the best chibitions that has ever been placed be ore the public in the interest of this country.

We with to the Clearing House re ime as unusual interest at such a wenty-two Clearing Housere are Canada but leaving out two with records for part of the year only and comparing the gures of the twenty in operation a year n ten year, as compared with increases in very Clearing House the previous year The increase in the total is 1.27 per ent., as against 23.74 per cent. a year even eastern and three western cities and decreases in those of eight western and two eastern cities. After the phenomenal increases in 1912 we may be glad that we have held our own in 1913 ities which Toronto and Winnipeg, three the total, all show increases.
The building permits of the four cities $\begin{array}{cc}\text { were as follows:--- } 1912 . & 1913 .\end{array}$ Montreal-
$\$ 19,642,000$
$\$ 27,032$, (CO $\$ 14,580,000 \quad \$ 19,642,000$ 24,374,000
,374,00
$27,401,000-27,038,000$
$\begin{array}{lll}7,550,000 & 20,475,000 & 18,621,000\end{array}$
$17,652,000$ - 19,388,000 10,423,000 We have made the comparison for which has begun in some cities. Toronto has just kept even and the decline in Winnipeg is trifling. The thís no doubt represents conditions in many other western cities. In Montreal, however, there is a great increase in value, although the number of permits is practically the same. The figures suburbs, the building in which last year suburbs, the building in which last year
is said to approximate $\$ 10,000,000$ in value.
The comments of our Canadian, United States and English officers upon the trade and financial situation are so clearly set forth that I hesitate to
repeat in any form their conclusions It may be well, however, at such a difficult time to sum up the case as concisely as possible. The world has two problems before it: (1) How to render available a supply of money
sufficient for the carrying out of such physical for the carrying out of such physical betterments as must be finan-
ced by the sale of securities? (2) How to enlarge the credit facilities of the
world for those shorter term transactions which she shactur ing and distributing of perishable goods? The first problem can only be com money saved- that is profits witlidrient from active use in business, or income not expended by the owners, etc.-t provide for the necessary borrowing of those who are expanding money on permanent improvements. For some years the world has been more extravagant than in any period known to
history since Roman times, and this extravagance has been accompanied by a rise in prices which has made it very hard for those who are not extravagant and who are the most regular in sying money in ordinary times, to put ingencies. When securitiest life's conily be sold because of a shortage in hese savings, the money necessary fo the short term transactions above re erred to is used to some extent, but
the strain produced by this cannot con inue indefitaced by this cannot conmprovements must lessen in volume brium has been restored. and the equiliduring the past year, however, has bee ggravated by many other factors. In many countries, notably in Canada, permanent improvements, there is elatively small number the wh
ountries have exerted upon the lending countries of the world a combined pres ure greater than ever before known On the other hand, to the extravagance palatial houses, social display otc cars, ond the capacity of their incomes, have een added colossal expenditures in war nd on armaments, and for many purposes which are useless from an indusnial point of Armaments are f the world, but the money sunk in heir creation ir none the less a sad burden to the industrial world. We have thus come to a time when, coiniding, as they do, with the hoarding of noney by timid owners consequent upon nusual requirements coming from an almost world-wide prosperity cannot be fully met. All business activities, therefore, throughout the world, must be les sened in volume until things right themselves, which they will do quite speedily by the lessons to be drawn from recent experience.
In accordance with the provisions of the revised Bank Act, Messrs. T. Harry Webb, C.A., and Mr. James Marwick, C.A., were appointed Auditors of the resolutions of thenks to the Directors and to the staff of the Bank were passed, Mr. William Davidson, K.C., taking occasion in the course of his remarks as the mover of the resolution of thanks to the Board to draw attention to the strength of the statement presented to
the shareholders of the Bank. added:"It shows that the Canadian Bank of Commerce is in a position of very great strength and one which enables it to meet any emergency which may ans. I think also it will be see other large institutions in the Dominion of Canada, has done much to aver what might have been a very serious financial crisis during the past year or eighteen months in the history of this country." At the election of Direc tors the retiring members of th

## Protection?

A bride and groom had been much whered by the stares of people at hotels arrived at the next hotel the groom called the colored head-waiter.
said, "we have bee bothered to death by people staring at us because we are just married. We want to here's two dollars; and remember I trus, you not to tell people that we are just married, if they ask you. Understand? "Yas, sah!" said George; I" un'stand. All went well that day. But the following morning when the couple came down to breakfast the staring was worse tha eved; the clerks behind the desk nudged each other: everybody in the dining-room stared. When the couple returned to their room it was only to see a head stick ng out of nearly every room down the lon Angered beyond control, the groom wen " " desk and called for the head-waiter didn't I here, you old ool said the groom wife and myself from this staring business""
"Yas, sah, you did," said George "Then how about this staring?" asked the irate groom. "It's worse here than anywhere. Did anybody ask if we wer married?"
"號 several folks did," replied "Werge. what did you tell them?" "I tole 'em, sah," replied the honest negro, "you wuzn't married at all."

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## The Young Woman and Her Problem

By Pearl Richmond Hamilton

## ENGAGEMENTS

A group of girls asked me to give them a little talk on "engagements."
This is a more serious topic than This is a more serious topic than
many girls realize. Three weeks ago an many girls realize. Three weeks ago an
engaged girl accepted an expensive set engaged girl accepted an expensive set
of furs for a Christmas her young man friend and a week her young man broke her engagement. She even laughed about the affair. Is it any wonder
that men lose faith in girls? Playing that men lose faith in girls? Playing
with the hearts of men is dangerous. with the hearts of men is dangerous. attend a dance with hi. No," she replied, it is not right." "I'll wager you
believe will go to the annual ball", he re-
marked "you cannot resist the temptamarked "you cannot resist the tempta-
tion to attend that." He had little tion to attend that." He had little
respect for her will power. This girl respect for her wiri powif were right
actually asked a friend if
for her to go to that ball. She was not strong enough to decide for herself. Everywhere men tell me that they
meet so many weak girls. "Show me meet so many weak girls. "Show me
the girl who has will power to resist the girl who has will power to resist
my temptations and I'll ask her to marry me!" exclaims one young man
who laughs at the luck of decisive strength of his girl acquaintances.
Then another girl tells me she has Then another girl tells me she has
been engaged three times in one year been engaged three times in one year
and tosses her head proudly because of and tosses her
her popularity
Another girl tells me that she is not sure whether or no she likes the young man who wants her to marry him. Then scores of young men hesitate to ask a girl to marry them because they feel the girls have tastes too extrava-
gant for them to satisfy. There is such a condition, girls, as peaceful poverty Love will make the simple cottage pleasant. I am not going to discuss this subject until next month. In the meantime I ask my readers to write me
letters giving their opinion of these etters giving their opinion of these
examples of weakness in girlhood.

THE BEAUTY PAGE.
When a girl I studied every beauty department I could find for a sure re-
cipe for freckles. I washed in the cipe for freckles. I washed in the
morning dew seven months, I bathed my face in lemon juice and butter milk and even pasted white of egg over my
face but the stubborn freckles would not leave. I had a wrong idea of
beauty. A girl friend who desired red beauty. A girl friend who desired red
cheeks put a tiny mustard cheeks put a tiny mustard plaster on
eách cheek. She had a wrong idea of each cheek. She had a wrong idea of
beauty. We were all meant to be beautiful-every girl in this big wide world, but generations of pinched waists
and feet, of the brain over heated with false hair, the vital organs cramped the free step impeded and the forn nine idea of the "woman beautiful" Queen Elizabeth, though dressed in one myriads of jewels gowns, flashing with her three hundred wigs, was not beautiful. No-she spat upon her attend
ants. The insanity of fashion and out ward adorning paints and powders and false ringlets after a while reveal a
character false and ugly. With time come wrinkles-then the soul shines hrough and reveals the whole history
of ourselves.
Browning says
ach of justice, mercy wist heart of ness, To wrong and pain, and a knowledge of its cure.
And, these embodied in a woman' form."
The recipe for womanly beauty is wisdom. tenderness. Without these
characteristics and


sympathy. Justice-a strict performance of moral obligations; mercy-forbearance to inflict harm under circum-
stances of provocation when one has the stances of provocation when one haw
power to inflict it; wisdom-knowe and the capacity to use it; tenderness-
to be anxious for another's good-these to be anxious for another's good-these
develop a girl into a beautiful women. The highest method of acquiring beauty is the development of one's own inner life. Expression is the fascinating charm in every girl's face. In the
scales of society-beauty of manner, scales of society-beauty of manner
beauty of speech, beauty of achievebeauty of speech, beauty of achieve weigh natural facial features. "The Samson of soul power is a beautiful woman." Muscular force is weak under the power of a charming woman. Men
like to be in the atmosphere of the presence of a sincere woman. A face may attract the eye but unless there is something else to win the heart we tire of it. The mother of Francis Willard
gave her this motto to follow through gave her this motto to follow through life. "Womanliness first-afterward what you will. A recipe that in the following quotation:
"May you walk as through life's road, With a pure heart before God
And a true heart unto man."
GREAT BUILDERS OF CANADA.
Fifty years hence $I$ imagine an his. "Grian busy at work on a book entitled "Great Builders of Canada." On the page describld. ored the word "Women." It must be a book of golden deeds-ful of incidents, of hardships, ambitions, struggles, and attainments. One chap ter describes a woman like Agnes Dean Cameron who penetrated far into the vegetation and trophies from the peopl of the cold who have helped in the creation of Canadian life. Another chapter will be devoted to the noble pioneer women who have endured the privation of poverty and suffered and toiled that tivate a land of promise. Then a chap ter will be devoted to women who have righted the wrongs of their sisters, who
have lifted them up from helplessnes into protection and justice.
In the book will be the names of ing out dishonest food, unsanitary homes, and wicked haunts that lure the voung. There will be chapters devoted to women as teachers, college presidents, professors, inventors, newspaper women,
dentists, doctors, lecturers, artists, publishers, architects, designers, civil engi-
neers, business managers, dramatists, composers, women in real Canada is a field of opportunity for ambitious girls. It is full of promises
for the future-a future which you and for the future-a future which you and
I must help to make. Our sex is playCanada" $i_{\text {s }}$ a great motive "Tlie Girl o building of a nation that is before the questions of the day, political, social and moral-we must help in the solu-
tion of them. Do I hear girls say: "I have no chance". Do not wait for
opportunities-make them.

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But I'd never know because they wouldn't But I'd never know, because they wouldn't
write and tell me. You see I sell my Washing
Machines lion that way. So, thought I, it is only fair
enough ot ot peopie try my Washing Machanes
for a month, before they pay for them, just as I wanted to try the horse. ""900 Gravity" Washer
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way all other machines oo.
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with the horse. Only I won't wait for people to
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chine after you'se used it a month I'll take it chine after you've used it a month, I'll take it
back and pay the freight_too. Surely that is fair onoesn't it prove that the "1900 Gravity"
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soiled by the dusty floor; a slight sent $\begin{aligned} & \text { prosperous home. Lack of thrift in } \\ & \text { girthood is the reason why some women }\end{aligned}$ in her silk blouse had not been mended Her skirt was divorced fromas ruined. Her skirt was divorced from the waist
and she sat in the corner-discouraged and broken hearted because she had lost her position. Every person a girl meets sonal a mental photograph of her permay be simple and tidy she creates a much better impression than if her
dress be costly and careless dress be costly and careless. If a girl
wants a position, a neat tidy appearance is the most convincing ref erence she can carry

THE GIRLS IN DICKENS' NOVELS.
Probably the largest club in Winni peg, except the Canadian clubs, is the
Dickens Fellowship. Of all English elists the one who makes us most fa mitiar with characters of all types is Charles Dickens. "A lady in Edinburgh once asked him, "May I touch the hand of the one who has filled my life ..ith
so many friends?" It is. Oharles Dickens put as much care and energy into his short stories as into his larger works. His heart was in his work because he wept and laughed with his characters. Dickens believed that mental rest comes best after bodily exertion and after intellectual excitement he
would walk twenty miles. He was full of energy and enthusiasm because of this physical exercise, Some of the characters created by Charles Dickens are as dear as life long friends. He was a master of humor and pathos. I wonder if the girls and young women who
read this page are familiar with the girls and young women in the stories of Dickens. There was dear Little Nell who guided a gambling grandfather. She had more courage and spirit than many grown women: When her grandfather told her of his misfortunes she replied bravely: "Lint us be beggars ans,
be happy." Finally old in sorrows, trials and sufferings, her delicate body gave out, and how we love the dear little girl as we read of her kindness to the wandering old man.
Then there was the Blind Girl who
lived in a poor environment oblivious of lived in a poor environment oblivious of her surroundings. So tenderly and care-
fully did her father protect her that he led her to bel:eve their home was comfortable and his clothes were warm and whole. Optimism reignea supreme in the little old wooden house. When the
Blind Girl was told that her father was Blind Girl was tort man with a blue coat but a spare worn out grey-haired man, she threw herself down on the floor beside her father, took the grey head to her heart and exclaimed: "There's not a gallant figure on this earth that I example of filial love
Jenny Wren, the Doll's Dressmaker who sat stitching all day, is a dear friend of mine. She was patient and unselfish because she supported herself and her idle, worthless father. Beautiful thoughts were shut up in her cripple
body. Her mind was full of fanciful pictures. She could smell rose leaves sang sweetly to her-all in fancy. Little Jenny Wren teaches us lessonslessons of gratitude for our common
blessings. These are some of the girls we learn to know in the novels written by Charles Dickens-sweet, patient, lovable, self-sacrificing girls they areand very respectful to the aged as well
as loyal to their superiors.

THE UNIT OF PROSPERITY.
The unit of prosperity is the copper. "Why are so many girls without any
money to tide t'e... over a period of money to My friends usually have a -bank account." This girl had been in
this country a short time only. She has been paid a low salary yet she has a nank here where she may continue
to a bano
to depost her eekly caving. I find to deposit her cekly anding. I find
that the gins belonging to her nation
to-day are starving while others are
happy in an environment of plenty, One girl came to me saying: "Mrs Hamilton, I cannot save-my wages ar "How much did that feather on your hat cost?"

## "Five dollars."

"Five hundred coppers," I emphasized the word coppers. "How many picture shows do you qttend in one week?"
"About three"
"About three."
wearing a thin pers I added. "You are Wearing a thin pair of silk stockings.
How much did they cost "" a "Oh," she exclaimed, "I got them at a bargain sale for fifty cents.
"Cashmere are warmer and wear I put down on a er fifty coppers more "I see you have a box of chocolates. must have cost twenty-five coppers." "Six hundred and five coppers might have been saved from this month's wages. Six hundred and five that
have counted-you have no doubt spent have counted-you have no doubt spent
more needlessiy." Peop'n say to me: "Can a girl live on seven dollars a week?". I say it depends largely on the nationality of the girl. Thrift in volves self denial and rrugal living-1 is a good plan to follow the rule. "Spen
less than you earn""

## IN THE TOWER

Be a woman in the tower of character and you shall see opportunities. Down
on the level and in the depths of indecision, laziness and weakness-the scum of life blurs the vision and, like a fly on a sheet of sticky paper, the feet will
become so entangled in the glue of failure that you drop in despair. Look up and you shall be lifted ur They speak of the under-world-where the dregs of character live. Then there must be a ter lives, works, and thrives. Let us live in the upper-world-in the towers where we see only truth, prosperity joy and love.

## THE LITtLE VOICE

One time as I stood lost in wonder before the great Falls of Niagara, I exwonderful, is it not the most wonderfu thing in the world?" "Oh, no," she re plied, "the still small voice is far more wonderful." The still small voice speaks within to warn us against th falsehood that whispers in our hearts o the angry word, andick ack says, "B good, be grood be good, my girl-you good, be good, be good, my, girl-your
sins will come back to you." If selfishness would bid us keep what we should gladly share the inner voice begs us to The still our storehouse of blessing The still small veen every girl out of heeded will keep every girl out of
trouble. When a criminal is suspected of a crime detectives immediately get in touch with his associates and thes associates are carefully questioned be cause they have reen in his company as
in the case of Krafchenko. When the in the case of Krafchenko. When the give up an associate who poisons her mind-obey! How may a girl test an associate? A true friend inspires her false friend poisons her mind.

The proceedings at the annual meeting The Canadian Bank of Commerce held in Toronto in the early part of January
will be found in another section of the magazine. A year of exceptional progress is recorded and the business outiook head of the institution, President B. E Walker, gave, in his annual address,
words of advice and encouragement. words of advice and encouragement.
this connection the bank has issued a booklet dealing with the Dominion by
provinces and with the products and industries of each. The amount of know-
ledge contained in tlic little booklet will help anyone interested in the affairs of the country, and readers of The Wester

## She Was Helpless For Two Years

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place. And Mrs. Baldwin gives her reaplace.
"I was nearly helri"ss with rheuma. tism for two years," she tates, "I got several from the doctor, and hried me. Then one of my neighbors advised me to try Dodds my neging I boupht four boxes and they helped almost from the first. I have used nearl two dozen boxes and am nearly cured.
That rheumatism is one of the $r$. sults of diseased kidneys is again shown in Mrs, Baldwin's case. She had headaches, stiffness of the joints and backache, her sleep was broken and unrefreshing, and she was always tired and was alwavs thirsty. These are all symiptoms of diseased kidneys. When she cured her kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Fills the symptoms vanished-and so did the rheumatism.

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## The Women's Quiet Hour

By E. Cora Hind.

Unless all signs fail there will be a more than ever interesting this spring. Provincial election within the next three months. It is just possible that the Grain Growers hope to form a party and get into power themselves, when they
will proceed to grant a franchise to women. As that is rather a large undertaking, it would have seemed not a bad idea to have made some plans whereby their organization might have been effective in helping the women with the present party in power. As a matnumber of members of the Grain Growers' Association are not opposed to women having a vote, they are not yet impressed with the fact that it is important, and to them Hail Insurance is of infinitely more consequence than votes similar reform,
Again I say what has been said so often before, "Women of Manitoba, you will have to get busy on this matter yourselves, if you do not you will be just as far forward twenty years hence as you are now."

The crowds which attended last year were so large that President McGregor
and Manager Smale have decided that this year the women's section will be held in the Armoury building, which is just across the street from the Winter Brandon Fair. Already Manager Brandon Smale has his plans Winter Fair drawn up for putting in generally making it more comfortable for the women who attend and special attention will be given to making it easy for the women to follow the cook ing demonstrations. These demonstra tions will this year be in charge of Mrs. Chas. Gray, of Chicago
Mrs. Gray, who before her marriag was Grace Viall, is a ?h.B., Ed. B. of the University of Cincago, in rom whic immediately took up the work of In structor of Home Economics in Rock ford College for Women, Rockford, 11 She spent three years there with grea


On the subject of the Grain Growers the Home Economics Department of the I might say that there were this time Illinois Women's College at Jackson meting. I had a little talk with them
mille, where she spent a year. From and found that they were strongly in ciate Professor of Home Economics in favor of a women's section of the Grain the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa Growers Association similar to the one The head of t'is section is Miss McKay, which was organized last year in con- well known in Manitoba, her family Growers.' They stated that" while they having lived for years at Birtle and she were interested in many of the ques- lectures on Home Economics in connec tions discussed by the men's section, tion with the Manitoba Agricultural there were things in connection witle College.
their own work in the homes and the While at Ames, Miss Viall, now Mrs. rearing of children and matters of that
kind in which they were naturally interested, and they felt that a women's college extension work and has ad section covering part of the time, might $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { dressed many meetings and given dem- } \\ & \text { onstrations before thousands of women }\end{aligned}$ be very profitable and would in no way from thie farms of the State of Iowa interfere with the men's meetings, in Miss McKay, in speaking of her coming fact it would help them, as the women to Manitoba said "I am sure Mrs. Gray attending the meet.ags of their own will be a great success at the Brardon
would naturally spend some time at the would naturally spend some time at the
men's meetings also, and in that their outlook would be broadened beyond the more immediate home intercsts. On the other hand the men would have a chance to drop in and hear dis which, while more directly in problems ince of the women are of vital interest to the men also. I am quite sure of one thing, and tion may seem somewhat lax in the matter of pushing equal suffrage, they
would be quite willing that would be quite willing that the women
should to them. I belicve that if some of the women would take the matter up with Secretary Mckenzie, it would not be
difficult to arrange a meeting for next the United States. The women's section of the Winter Canada Gray has made one trip through pair at Brandon, which opened so all-. is the secretary of the Aberdeen Angus piciously last March, promises to be $\begin{aligned} & \text { is the secretary of the Aberdeen Angus } \\ & \text { Association of America, visited the sum- }\end{aligned}$

## Winnipeg, February, 1914.

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mer fairs of Winnipeg, Brandon, Saskatoon, and Edmonton in 1921. On tha opportunity for developing Domestic Visited science work at the fairs, isited and as she was due to visit
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friends in Brandon she was Canada quite willing to make her visit coincide wi help the Bates of the matter of Domestic Science demonstra tions.
Owing to the fact that practically all the Domestic Science teachers are very
busy with their own work at that seat busy with their own work at that sea-
son, the Board was finding difficulty in son, the Board was findisg dine and are
securing help along this line and warmly appreciative of ors.
willingness to come to their assistance. I am glad to be able to give readers
of the Monthly a picture of Mrs. Clas. Gray. The likeness is excellent, both of mother and child
In addition to the demonstrations of
conking there will be addresses by cooking there will be addresses by
number of prominent women speakers, number of prominent women speakers,
and other features which have not been fully determined upon. However, the farmer women of Manitoba will mak no mistake in putting down March 2 to 6 in their diaries, and keeping these The very name at the head of this page suggests thought and meditatio

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Mrs Charles Grav, of Chicago University, who
will act as Domestic Sciene Demonstrator at Brandon Winter Fair
and the result of that thought and meditation, in some of the quiet homes er the prairies would, I feel sure, be of
great benefit to other women, both in country and city homes.
I would like to feel that this year 1914, will be one of progress. I will try earnestly to do my share, but there allo. This question of writing to the ing the year, because it has frequently owever, brings new readers and 1 would not like anyone to feel that they
were not welcome to send a letter to were not welcome to send a letter express an opinion or oftier a criticism.
I.et us, have the benefit of your "Quiet The date for the Short Course in urssing at the Manitoba Agricultural College is set for February 3, and,
therefore, will be well on its way before it reaches many of my readers. I would like to say a word of commendaShort Course phaned this course.
in Nursing itr Nursing, three by given on Materfori, aursing, three by Dr. Mary CrawWhile Dr. A. W. Moody will deliver a alilresses on personal hygiene care of adilresses on personal hygiene, care of
children and invalid cooking. The
course will list two weols. There are, I understand, women being sent from the more remote districts of the Prov-
ince, by the women of the district clubince, by the women of the district club-
ling o together to bear r lhe expense, and
, and this seems to me a splendid thin and
there is no doubt the course will be ripeated.
There is nothing so appalling in the There is nothing so appaling in the
life of the pioneer as the laes of ability
to leip in the time of illness, especially
at times or birth. I so often po bact in mind to a statement made by Dr Jas. in. Robertson, when he assisted at of Nurses, he said, "It is a very simple
thing to die. I am not concerned about the people who must die anyway, but am concerried with the people, and particularly the women, who must live necialfier for lack of proper-help, es
pecially at the time of child-birth. a nation we are vitally interested in the birth of every child, and it s'ould be one of our first duties as a nation, with proper help at these trying periods.

Help that will insure not only the fe ery of the mother.'

Two sons of the Emerald Isle were tramping along a country road. Suddenly "Can you tell me, Mike, what the name "I can indade," says," Mike. "Them are blackberriese, me layd,", Mike. "Them "Gad"," says Sat, "I don't see how they "The more fool you. Sure any idiot would know that blackberries are always red when they'rc grane."

The usual crowd of small boys was tent in a small town one day, pushing and trying to get a glimpse of the intericr A man standing near watched them for a few moments, then walking up to the ticket-taker he said with an air of
authority: authority:
"Let all these boys in, and count them as they pass.'
The gateman did as requested, and when the last one had gone he turned and
said, "Twenty -ight, sir", said, "Twenty-ight, sir."
"Good," said the man, smiling as he
walked away, 'I thought I guessed right." walked away, "I thought 1 guessed right."

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## Poultry Chat

"A Critical Period in the Poultry Yard."

## H. E. Vialoux

Now that February is with us again warmth, and that delicious feeling of spring, no time should be lost in making many preparations for getting "fertile eggs. The success or failure of the poultry breeders whole season rests
on fertile eggs and the resulting strong chicks.
The average farmer or his wife, who often attends to the hatching and rearing of the chicks, does not care a fig for fancy feathers, or shor birds, they
leave that to the pure-bred fancier. The leave that to the pure-bred fancier. The
practical chicken raiser hopes to produce better chickens, and more of them, of as uniform age, size and quality as possible, to furniśh meat and eggs, to bring in a good all-round profit. I was very pleased to note that the farmers'
crates of live birds sent in by the hundreds this season to the central farmers' market, Winnipeg, were a very superior class of chickens, as a rule, type, breeding and fleshing showed a marked improvement over former years. Unproduced in our Western country.


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blocky birds that have not been forced into winter laying. Do not have then oo fat, or they will be lazy. Look out for the fowl with bright eyes; always on the alert of a kernel of grain dusting with insect them a thorough dusting with insect powder, and pro-
vide a deep dust bath in the pen and heaps of chaff and straw.
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If pullets compose the pen, and well matured early birds, sometimes do yeoman service, select coster one or two ears old to mate with them. If it is possible to secure two good every few days use them by all means, feeding the cock off duty very well in the meantime.
Of course, this changing of males will not do for live breeding, but, as I before remarked, here is little time for
that on the average farm. By the time March
after her usual fashion, and fine weather has come to stay, get sóme of the broody hens, trained for hatching, in as comfortable a place as possible. hie laying hens that have been turning out eggs, all winter get very broody
towards the end of March and early April, and will set well. In our northern climate I do not advise setting eggs either in an incubator or under hens before the 20 th of March. Our nights are too cold, and the chicks are a great
care if hatched too early, of course, on a regular poultry ranch where there are brooder houses and all conveniences, incubating can be attempted much earlier. Thave not mentioned feeding green cut bone to breeding hens, as I am not much iaying which it except to stimulate egg laving, which it certainly
does. I do not think its use conducive to fertility of eggs.
Sprouted oats, on the other hand, are splendid at this season, when a handy oat sprouter is used the green food is eassiy grown.
house; also with very little trounhouse; also with very little trouble,
using shallow seed boxes. All the cellar vegetables should be fed to breeding hens with a generous hand, using them raw, of course; cabbages are particularly
good. good.
Not only does the green food produce mating in a great measure prevent egg Egg eating is a most annoying habit amongst fowls, and sometimes one or two hardened sinners are the offenders. If that is the case, cutting off "their head behind their ears" relieves the disease.
When the sun is bright at noonday give the hens a run out. of doors, and some straw to scratch in; this helps to cure ergg eating and feather pulling, and a
little green cut bone helps also. Some time before the incubator is needed look it over and note the needed repairs, etce Then give it a thorough scrubbing inside, yuart of hot water a spoonful in solution for this purpose. If a new machine is to be purchased look up price hists, and order now, as delays are danus. Personally I am in favor of a machine constructed for use in the West, where the climate is dry and the nights cold in spring. The cabinet is a
reliable macline, and built in Winnipeg. Egy for hatching may be kept two set the better as a general rule, Kee them in a crate or tray, and turn them every day or so. The temperature should be 40 to 50 degrees.
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By following the simple rules outlined sults, egys testing 90 per cent fertile in April, and as good hatches as in May, when conditions are ideal.

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desired. This seasoning is best accomplished by peeling the bark from the posts and then stacking them in loose riles in the open air for several months;,
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Who killed the plan? "II," said the Sloth, "I lagged and was loath,

Who killed the plan? "I," said Ambition, "With my selfish,"

Who killed the plan?
"I " said the Crank "With my nonsense rank I killed the plan."
-Amos R. Wells.
I stood in the fading daylight, with a full moon looking down upon one of the most beautifur and picturesque soenes I have ever looked upon. Bil looked up after Jack, unhitch yer jaw, an let her go.
I'll bet she's a bird of a story. Keep still, Scotty."
This is the story and absolutely true: Boys, it seems but yesterday that I was a bare-foot boy at my mother's knee;
wild, reekless, impulsive, misunderstood wild, reekless, impulsive, misunderstood and abused by everybody but her. She I was her favorite. My father's intemperance deprived me of even the rudiments of a school education, and when ot her death-bed; she said to me: "My poor wild boy, did you know that your mother
was going to Heaven?" was gong to
Boys, that was the first great sorrow
of my life. Down on my knees by her of my life. Down on my knees by, her
bedside I wept as I had never wert bedside I wept as I "had never wept
before. As I sobbed: "Mother, dear. no one cares for me but you: no one in all the world but you understands me. 0, I am
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After Bill had taken his drink, he said: broiling my venison. "Here, Jack, take a swallow of this hallelujah juice. It'll make you feel as if yer soul had ange, "No was on the trail to paraise", "No, thank you, Bill, I don't drink." An' this is a special-a Fourth of July celebration. Why can't you?"

## intoxicants in all my life"

And Bill laughed. Everybody laughed as Shorty said: "What do you think of that? A frontiersman that never took a drink. Come on Jack, don't you spring that kind of a joke on us again. Throw your mouth into a sort of yearning atti-
ude an' down 'er
And he shoved the demijohn toward me. As I was rising with my meat in
my left hand, partly broiled, the demijohn my left hand, partly broiled, the demijohn came into my right hand with such force rround with both hands full. Everyone laughed, and Shorty said: "Well, if the outside of the jug is going to act like trat, "up with his inwards?" when it gets mixed My head was achin
arose to my knees, placed frightfully as I lid of the coffee-pot, and, holding the demijohn up, I said: "Boys, do you really want me to drink?"
"All right, boys, if you insist. But, before "I drink, will you listen to a little "Sure we will," said Bill. And, as I stood up and placed the demijohn, on the
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"I will promise you anything you ask, mother, and I will try to keep my rrotouch intoxicanis, and then it won't to so hard to leave these two little sisters in your care."
Boys, I gave that promise to mother, and she went to Heaven with a smile on her face, still hclding my hand, and as God is my Judge, amid all the temptation:
of a frontier, army, or socinl life, I have kept that promise, even when mon who were called "bad men" have put a sixshooter in my face, when they considered it an insult to refuse to drink with them. have folded my arms, and, looking into the muzzle of a gun, said: "You can shoot
and you can kill me, but you can't make me break a promise that I gave to a dying mother." And I've seen a man who had killed his man put his six-shooter back in his belt, take a glass of liquor he had poured
out and throw it on the floor, after 1 had mentioned that word "mother," then pardon; I had that kind of a meg your and walk out of the saloon. That man is living to-day. He never took another
drink. drink.
As I concluded my story, I picked up "Boys, I said I would holding it up, said: shali I I?:" Quick as a flash there was a shot; the demijohn was shattered; part blaze liquor went into the fire, a blue blaze leaped up. I pulled my own six-
shooter, for I did not shooter, for I did not pulled my own six-
and smoke, Bill Wild stepped out, the smoking pistol still in his hands and tears on his bronzed cheeks, as he said: that. Say, Jack, that's the kind of a thath say, Jack, ind back in the sunrise country.
 I started wrong when I smoked my first cigarette as a newsie, then I Iot to readin' dime novels, and one time I went eal western men killing Indians.: Later I got to drinking and one day when crazed with liquor I shot a man and had to run away. The only consolation my good mother had was that the man did not die, but never saw her again. She's up thar with your, mother, and when of heaven she 'll hear it, Jack, and it itll ell her that her wild boy has signed the ledge at last. There's my , hand.
never touch the poison stuff again."
And he never did. Captain. Jack Crawford in the Y.M.C.A. paper.

Leadership
Well pleased are all those who haye
labored so long To banish that tempte
To banish that tempter whose hand is so strong
The heart and of prospects to mar;
Because by the people a voice has been use by the
heard
Which calls
Throughout this great province the How preadful a fountain of ill it has been; Its evils are known from afar
And men who are striving for all that Have heard and are heeding the earnest Which bids them to "Banish the Bar"
The heart and the home and this land that we love
Are placing this question all questions And earnestly pressing the war; And therefore a welcome is given to-day
To leaders and statesmen who earnestly To leaders and statesmen who earn,"
"We purpose to Banish the Bar."
No longer must flourish this traffic which Iny blightives $\begin{aligned} & \text { thind blasting the fairest of } \\ & \text { lives }\end{aligned}$ lives.
The people say, "Anxious we are;
We promise by efforts and ballots and
To follow the the leaders who bravely declare
Their purpose to Banish the Bar.'

## A Scathing Arraignment

By Rev. W. A. Bartlet, Chicago.
What thief takes pictures, furniture and comforts from the home? The saloon.
What sends a mother out to scrub? The saloon.
What turns a deaf ear to a pleading wife? The saloon.
What impoverishes but never helps? The saloon.
What is the only business built up by debauchery? The saloon.
prisons? The saloon. What hides the thief, hold-ups, and
murderers? The saloon. murderers? The saloon.
What constantly defies the law? The What constantly defies the law
What costs the county, city, and state What costs the county, city, and state
more than all other things? The saloon. more than acks other dance halls and houses of ill-fane?
What bribes segison.
What bribes legislatures, cities, and
corporations? corporations? The saloon,
What fills the court
young and old? The saloon. criminals,
young and old? The saloon.
What ruins the body, mind, and soul?
The saloon.
What make a make fol himself in public? The saloon.
What makes a man a demon in private?
What fools the citizen by talk of
revenue? The saloon.
What would reduce our taxes and re-
plenish pocket-books end banks? The plenish pocket-books
abolition of the saloon.

## Play and Health

Play and health are closely related. The old proverb, "All work and no play
makes Jack a dull boy," is founded upon makes Jack a dull boy," is founded upon
sound common sense. Don't let your bound common sense. Don't let your
boyish and girlish propensities die as the years creep upon you and cares seem to ncrease. Your montal. attiunde toward
life makes all the difference in the world life makes all the difference in the world
as to how fast you grow old. If your work
is sedentary have is sedentary, have a garden and koep some
hens and let the care of these furnish you hens and let the care of these furnish you
part of the play which you need. Play is but a form of relaxation. An a avocation, something you can follow as a hobby, something entirely different from your regular, everyday work is needed to keep you interested in life. I know a physsician
who delights in the use of tools. He puts
0 delights in the use of toois. He puts healh tog marked degree. If your work

## What and Why Is the Internal Bath?

## By C. Gilbert Percival, M.D.

Though many articles have been
written and much has been said recently written and much has been said recently
about the Internal Bath, the fact remains about the Internal Bath, the fact remains
that $\#$ a great amount of ighoratice Yaind that a a great amount of ighoratice evid
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Physical Hygiene still exists.
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And inamuch as it seems that Internal
Bathing is even moiore esjential to peffect Bating is even morore efsential to peffect
health than External Bathing, I believe thatgeyeryone shouldthow its origis, its purpose and its action beyond the possibility of $a$ misưnderstanding
Its great popularity statarted at about the same time as did what are probably the same time as encouraging signs of recent the most encouraging signs of recent
times-I refer to the appeal for Optimism. Cheerfulness, Efficiency añ those, attri.
tion to Cheerfulness, Efficiency and those attri-
butes which go with them, and which, if steadily practiced, will make our Face not only the despair of nations, competitive to us in business, but establish us as a shining example to the reet of the world in our mode of living.
These new daily "Gospels," ap it, were, has as their inspiration the ever-present, unconquerablé Canadian Ambition, for it had been proven to the satisfaction of all real students of business that the most successful man is he who is sure of himself, who is optimistic, cheerful and impresses premely confident always - for the world of business has every confidence in the man who has confidence in himself.
who has conidence in himsen.,
If our outlook is optimistic, and our In our outlook is optimistic, and our
confidence strong, it naturally follows that confidence strong, it naturally fo" ows that
we inject enthusiasm, "ginger," and clear we inject enthusiasm, "ginger," and clear
judgment into our work, and have a judgment into our work, and have a
tremendous advantage over those who are tremendous advantage over those whe are
at times more or less depressed, blue, and at times more or less depressed, buent may
nervously fearful that their judgment may be wrong-who lack the confidence that comes with the right condition of mind, and which counts so much for success.
Now the practice of Optimism and Now the practice of Optimism and
Confidence has made great strides in improving and advancing the general efficiency of the Canadian, and if the mental attitude necessary to its accomplishment were easy to secure, complete success would be ours.
Unfortunately, however, our physical bodies have an influence on our mental attitude, and in this particular instance, because of a physical condition which is universal, these much-to-be-desired aids to success are impossible to consistently enjoy.
In other words, our trouble, to a gieat degree, is physical first and mental afterwards-this physical trouble is simple and very easily corrected. Yet it seriously
affects our strength and energy, and if it affects our strength and energy, and
is allowed to e eist too long becomes chronic and then dangerous.
in some spare hours daily, when his busy doing odd jobs which require the use of tools. An office man has a chicken farm where he spenids all his spare time. He raises only pure bred chicks, and he sells eggs and roosters at fancy prices for
breeding purposes. If your business is. such that you are not confined to one place all the year around;' and your family can.be persuaded to agree to the plan, rent a little cottage somewhere and lead the simple life for a few months. An Eastern business man and his wife kept house by themselves in a tiny cottage near flowers and vegetables, They raised sunshine and both rained in weight and health to a marked degree. If your work
keeps you busy the year around, do not be
discouraged. Start a garden in the back yard. Learn the use of tools at bome technicalschool. Take up amateur photography. (This latter can easily be made
to pay the expense of indulging in it and to pay the expense of indulging in it and more, too.) Study flowers and birds. A
good flower book and bird book for good flower book and bird book for
amateurs can be secured at any book amateurs can be secured at any book
store and will keep you busy for a season. Try fishing and hunting in season, not with theidea of replenishing the larder to any great extent, but purel as recreation. Put mind, attention, purpose into your play. It is only by the use of all our faculties that we truly know life. Only those who abandon themselves fully, to work and play develop their
anything like normal capacity.
thing of us, which, under our present mode of living and eating, it is impossible for us to give-that is, a constant care of ouf diet, and enough consistent physical work or exercise to eliminate all waste from the system.

If our work is confining, as it is in almost every instance, our systems cannot throw off the waste except according to our activity, and a clogging process immediately sets in.
This waste accumulates in the colon (lower intestine), and is more serious in its effect than you would think, because it is intensely poisonous, and the blood circuiating, through the colon absorbs these poisons, circulating them through the system, and lowering our vitality generally.

That's the reason that bifiousness and its kindred complaints make us ill "all over." It is also the reason that this waste, if permitted to remain as little too long, gives the destructive germs, which are always present in the blood, a chance to gain the upper hand, and we are not alone inefficient, but really ill-3eriously, sometimes, if there is a local weakness.
This accumulated waste has long been recognized as 2 menace, and Physicians, Physiculturists, Dietitians, Osteopaths and others have been constantly laboring to perfect a method of removing it, and with partial and temporary success.
It remained, however, for a new, rational and perfectly natural process to finally and satisfactovily solve the problem of how to thoroughly eliminate this waste from the colon without strain or unnatural forcing-to keep it sweet and clean and healthy and keep us correspondingly bright and strong-clearing the blood of the poisons which made it and us sluggish and dull spirited, and making our entire organism work and act as Nature intended it should.
That process is Internal Bathing with warm water-and it now, by the way, has the endorsement of the most enlightened Physicians, Physical Culturists, Osteopaths, etc., who have tried it and seen its results.
Heretofore, it has been our habit, when we have found by disagreeable, and sometimes alarming symptoms, that this waste was getting much the better of us, to repair to the drug shop and obtain relief through drugging.

- This is partly effectual, but there are several vital reasons why it should not be our practice as compared'with Internal Bathing.
Drucs force Nature instead of assisting her-Internal Bathing assists Nature and
is just as simple and natural as washing one's hands.
Drugs, being taken through the stomidat, sap the vitality of other functions before, they reach the colon, which is not colled. for-Internal Bathing washes out the colon and reaches nothing else.
To keep the colon constantly elean drugs must be persisted in, and to be effective the doses must be ingreased Internal Bathing is a consistent treatmeht, be continuously effective.
No less an authority than Professor Clark, M.D., of the New York:College of Physicians and Surgeons, says:" All of our curative agents are poisons, and as a
consequence every dose diminishes the consequence every dose diminishes the patient's vitality."
It is rather temarkable to find, at what would seem so comparatively late a daty, so great an improvement on the old methods of Internal Bathing as this new process, for in-a crude way it:
course, been practised for years..
It is probably no more surpriaing however, than the tendency on the part of the Medical Profession to depart further and further from the custom of using drugs, and aceomplish-the same and. better results by more nafural means: causing less strain on the system and leaving no evil after effects.
Doubtless you, as well as other Canadian men and women, are interested in knowing all that may be learned about keeping up to "concert pitch," and always fealing bright and confident
This improved system of Internal Bathing is naturally a rather dificicult subject to cover in detail in the 'public press, but there is a Physician who has made this his life's study and work, who has written an interesting book on the subject called "The What, The Why, The Way of the Internal-Bath?" This he will send on request to anyone ad 280 College Street, Toronto, and mentioning that they have read this in The Western Home Monthly:
It is surprising howilittle is known by the average person on this subject, whieh has so great an influence on the general health and spirits.
My personal experience and my observations make me very enthusiastic on Internal Bathing, for I have seenits results in sickness as in health, and I firmly believe that everybody owes it to himself if only for the information available, to read-this little boo's hy an authority on the subject.



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9811.-A Popular. Model. Ladies' Skirt
Waist, with Long or Shorter Sleeve. Waist, with Long or Shorter Sleeve. Lingerie, materials madras, crepe, lannel, satin, silk, velvet or corduroy may be used for this design, which shows some new style features. The tab closing may be button trimmed. The low collar is comfortable. The slzeve
may be in either length. The pattern is cut in 7 sizes: $32,34,36,38,49,42$ and 44 inches bust measure. It re uircs $21 / 2$ yards
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Blue silf crepe in a new shade with facings of white and with shadow lace tylish tuceation. The waist is map this Stypanese style with, surplice fronts. The skirt is in barrel shape with the ulness laid in dart tucks. Ladies wais
pattern cut in 5 s zes: $32,34,36,38 \mathrm{r}$ d 40 inches bust measure, and ladies' skirt


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9523.-A Pleasing House or Calling Gown. Ladies' Dress, with or withou
Chemisette and with Long or Shorter Chemisette and
With
Sleve.
Brown checked gingham, with trim ming of tan chambrey is here shown The design is appropriate for all was
materials, and will develop equally wel in silk or cloth. Green linen, with white embroidery for trimming would make a cool dainty frock. ${ }^{\text {Blue }}$ and
white wash silk finished white wash silk finished simply with
stitching, and worn with a chemisette stitching, and worn with a chemisette
of fine lawn would also be pleasing. The of fine lawn would also be pleasing. The
fronts of the waist are cut low and finished on one side with a smart rever. The neck opening reveals the
chemisette, which may be omitted. The chemisette, which may be omitted. The skirt shows a new back, with dart
tucks, the fulness of these tucks be arranged in pathers. The pattern is cut in 6 sizes: $32,34,36,38,40$ and 42 inches bust measure. It requires yards of 36 -inch material for a 36 -inch size.
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Ladies' Coat, No. 9800, and Ladies' Skirt 9801
The coat shows one of this season's smartest styles. The raglan sleeve is a new feature. Dark green zibelene
combined with white velour would make splendid development. Checked re versible cloakings in green and tan or black and white would also be effective. the style is also good for plush, caracul, The pattern is cut in 6 sizes: $32,34,36$, The pattern is cut in 6 sizes: $32,34,36$
38,40 and 42 inches bust measure. may be finished in $3 / 4$ or, shorter length and requires 4 yards of 44 -inch material for a 34 -inch size. For shorter length $/ 8$ yard less. The skirt may be developed in raised or normal waist line and will serve as part of a costume, combined
with any of our pretty waist models or as a separate skirt. Serge, voile, ranama velvet, satin, corduroy and crepe are al equally suitable. The right front is shaped over the left, and the back has a
new finish. It is dart tucked at the top. 26,28 and 30 inches waist measure It requires 3 yards of 44 -inch materia for a 24 -meh size.

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patterns "which"will be mailed to any patterns which will be mained fo any pattern, in silver or stamps.


9800-9801.-A Stylish Combination Comprising Ladies' Coat, No. 9800 and Ladies' ${ }^{\text {Skirt, }} \mathbf{9 8 0 1}$.

## Caleb's Courtship

Hadn't no time fer courtin' when I r:as young and spry, ${ }^{\prime}$, savin', I let the years go by, ${ }^{\text {Then }}$ I was buyin' an' buildin', an' farm work never gits done, Till at last I counted
found I was fifty-one. "to be choosin' suitable partner for life,
o I jest sot down an' considered where l'd better look for a wife.
wanted her young and harnsome, of course, an' steddy and neat, Smart at makin an churnin'; quick with her hands and feet, ( But she jests wastes a woman's time), An' as savin' with every penny as ef twas a silver dime;
n' ef she was good at mendin' and scrubbin' an' cleaning house, made up my mind to take her, ef she
was poor as a mouse. was poor as a mouse.
Waal, it cost some time an' trouble to diskiver a gal to my mind, There was lots of 'em to choose from, but the best was hard to find, ',
At last after lookin' an' thinkin', I settled on Eunice Stout
The Deacon's youngest darter-nineteen or thereabout.
Pretty, yes, as a picter, and made the
best butter, too That butter was sent to market "I guess she'll do." to market. Sez I

Whenever I stop to the Deacon's, she's as busy as a bee, do, Allus a-workin' an' doin', yes, that's the But now tha
sez to myself, "what next'", choosin', I I didn't know much 'bout wimmen, an' I'll own I was perplexed; So I asked advice of a neighbor-that Things mightn't hev gone so crooked ef I'd never said nothin' to Jake. But he was twenty years younger, an' the So I asked his advire about Eunicejest like a fool as I be;
Sez he: "Why, man, it's as easy; Sez he: "hy, man, it's as easy; you
must take her out to ride,

You must bring her home fr: must buy must buy her some pretty things, ribbon or a bome rings. pin, mebbe som

Then tell her her cheeks are rosy, tel Ther her eyes is bright; cearly, an' dream of her at night;
Tell her-but here I stopped him, "it' But I never did no courtin' an' I'm hal I'li make you an offer, Jacob; ef you'll go with me tonight,
Kinder keep up my courage and see that
things go right.
Tackle the Deacon, mebbe, an' show me Inll give y'a yearlin' calf; I will, as sure as sin is sin. Waal, the bargain was struck, me
Jacob went to see Eunice together, Jake, he talked to the Deacon 'bout crop an cattle an' weather; , just sot an Anitted away, sot close beside her, a-thinkin' of something to say.

Many an evenin' I noticed when she Inter the pantry 'twas allus, "Come, hold As if she counted him nobody; then she'd give me a smile, 'twasn't worth my while.
I'll own 'twas quite surprisin', how long A-pickin' out those apples, an' Jacob told me one day.

They was tryin' to find the best ones, so's she could give 'em to me, An'-surely that was flatterin', as anyone Once I bought her a ribbon; Jake said it oughter be olue; far more lasting, an But a brown ones far more lasting, an this one was cheaper, too;
$\mathrm{An}^{\prime}$ once I took her a-ridin', an' that An' I made up my mind that walkin' was pleasanter, anyway.

Waal, I'd been six month's a-courtin' "It's I sez to Jake, sez I, Thanksgivin' drawin' nịh
A first-rate day for a weddin', an' besides to say the least,
can make that Thanksgiving turkeỳ do
fer part of the weddin' feast," o that night I screwed up my courage to the very stickin' p'int,
You wouldn't never mistrusted I shook
in every j'int. in every j'int.
We was comin' along from meetin', séz That ye han't no objections, Eunice, to be married 'Thanksgiving day." She turned an' looked at me, smilin' an' blushin' an' jest as sweet,
I skursely knew fer a minnit ef I stood on I skursely knew fer a minnit ef I stood
my head or my feet, my head or my feet,
she, as I opened the gate, But she didn't ask me to
only, "It's ruther late."

I looked all around fer Jacob, but he'd kinder slipped out of m.y sight,
So I figured the cost of a weddin' as I went along home that night;
Waal, I got the house all ready, an' spoke
to the pa'son beside, $\quad$ An' early Thanksgiv n' mornin', I starts to hev the knot tied,
But before I came to the Deacon's, I was All rigged in my Sunday best, of coursea sleigh came dashin' by

Thar were that Jacob a-drivin', an' Eunice sot at his side, "Allow me to An he stops an sez: "Allow me to So that was the end of my courtship; you see I start d wrong,
Ask rg advice oi Jac.b, an' takin' him along;
Fer a team may be better at ploughin' an' hayin', an' all the rest,
But when it comes to courtin'; w'y a

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## Drugs Have Killed More People

## Than War, Pestilence and Famine.==Dr. Jno. M. Goode

"Medicine not a Science" but "An Ineffectual Speculation."-These and Other Unsparing Criticisms of their own Profession are made by Eminent Physicians.-Prominent Doctor Tells Why Drugs Don't Cure.-Electricity the Remedy of To-day.


Even such a high authority as The London
Lancet/said in a recent issue: $\begin{aligned} & \text { nerves, but they don't remove the cause o } \\ & \text { disease As long as the cause remains no }\end{aligned}$ Lancet/said in a recent issue:
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attaches to a supposed new thing." attaches to a supposed new thing.",
Some of the most eminent physicians were
sked recently to give their popinions of asked recently to ogive their opinions of
medicine and medical doctors. A few of the
replies are here replies are here given:
Dr. C. E. Page, Boston, Mass.
"From the time in which the Father of his
Country, affected by a simple and readily curable Country, affecteritis, was killed by bleeding,
malady, pharyng
up to the most recent catastrophe (February 3, 1907) of a reedless operation for
appendicitis, which killed a distinguished New
York statesman, such operations ,have killed York statesman, such operations, have killed
no end of goo men and women ",
Prof. Ofiver Wendell Holmes, who was for many. years one of the medical faculty of
Harvard Medical School, spaid before his.class: "The disgrace of medicine is that colossal
system of self deception in obedience to which
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drained of their venom and all conceivable
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throats of individuats suffering from some
fantt of organization, nourishment, or vital stimulation.".
Prof.. alentine Mott, the great surgeon,
ar says: "Of, all sciences, medicine is the most
uncertain., Abercrombie, Fellow of the Royal
Dr.
College of Physicians at at Edathyrg, syys:
"Medicine has been called by phiosophers College of hay been called by philosophers
"Me art has conjecturing; the science of
thuessing.".
Dr. Jacob Bigelow, formery President of guessing.". Jacob Bigelow, formerl President or
Dr.
the Massachunetts Medical ocoety, siys: The pe Massachusets of medical men brings with
piremature douth humiliting conclusion that medicine is Prof. Gregory; of the Edinburgh Medical
College, said to his medical class: Gentlemen, College, said to his medical class: Gentlemen,
99 out of every 100 medical facts are medical ies, and medical doctrines are, for the most
part, stark, staring nonsense." Dr. Albert Leffingwell, of the American
Humane Association, says. "I do not believe
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## Woman and the Home

## The Browns

 (By Frances.)When the day is dreary
You feel low-down and weary, And all your crystal gobletsWhen life is just a series-
Of vexing quirks and queries
Then-talk of yellow, pink or rose
But, don't say "Brown!"
When the rain falls tripping; And wind so wild and-whipping, Goes right gambols like a clown You listen to the clamor,
Heart, tapping like a hammer,
But, just think hard of pleasant things-
And-don't hear, "Brown!"
When your head is aching; Your nerves unstrung and shaking; And Fate brings in some fresh woe All other ills-to crown; When Old Despair chants dirges, And winks, and kind of urges, Why, then, tis time to
"Blues,"
And, "Old man Brown."

When Sorrow enters, stealing
And you lose sense and feeling;
No Beacon-flash spells. "Courage!" Somewhere, is Light undying, Gold-kissed and Death-def ying
In amethyst and gleaming pearl
There is no Brown.

Suggestions for St. Valentine's Hostess

By T. Celestine Cummings.
St. Valentine's Day furnishes opportunity for an elaborate table display of cakes and dainty viands in rose color or red. The expense and
much of the work may be spared the much of the work may be spared the giver of the entertainment refresh resses may be a decidedly attractive part of the occasion in their white crepe paper aprons rounded at the corners an finished with a frill of the paper headed with a row of red paper hearts. Eac guest is handed a pretty napkin, decor three-corner-wise, and tucked in paper bands crossing a big red paper heart. Novel cakes, ice-cream, sandwiches and ices may be served from a buffet made
attractive with a floral center-piece of roses or pink carnations. Hearts ma be cut from pink paper, two tied togethe of a St. Valentine point, and the hal the opening. Partners for supper will be found by matching these couplets. Tie the hearts together with pink or
white ribbon, and scatter them between dishes or on the buffet or table and let Little novelties for the
made. For instance, ordinary easily made. For instance, ordinary blanc
mange, when molded two inches deep in a large, flat-bottom tin, may be cut into heart shapes. Arrange, points up, around a mound of stiffly whipped cream, and
decorate with tiny hearts cut from cherdecorate with tiny hearts cut from cher-
ries. Around the base of the scatter a wreath of hearts cut from red elly. Use white and pink lace paper doilies.
Sandwiches made thin and cut in heart shapes are pretty. After the filling is in, stack them on a lace paper doiley, heart
part up, and stick in each a sprig of part up, and
After the cakes for a St. Valentine party have been smoothly iced with plain in a design upon the icing-after it has become' firm-by pressing through a cornucopia of stiff paper some of the left-
over icing which has been tinted pink with strawberry syrup from canner
through the tiny opening, move it along through the tiny opening, move ${ }^{\text {an }}$ to form the design. For the leave and stems the icing should be colored a delicate green, Another pleasing effect is to cover the cake first with the plain icing, then pipe on a pink rose in the centhe edge.
It is easy to make little souvenirs or prize gifts with a few simple materials, such as crepe paper, pasteboard, silk and ribbons. There are heart calendars and
photo frames made with rose-covered photo frames made with rose-covered crepe paper. Rose satchets and penwipers, ribbon rose ornaments for the
corsage or the hair, and others, will corsage or the hair, and others, will
readily suggest themselves. Fans that are decorative are very acceptable as little gifts. Make a round fan of pasteboard covered with a big, flat paper rose on either side, and a ribbon decorated
handle, first gilding the handle with gold handle, first gilding the handle with gold
paint. For
For a part of your entertainment decided novelty, would be to have a
"Sale of Hearts." This idea is suggested by a custom in vogue in olden times of conducting important auction sales by the light of a candle. The auctioneer lighted the candle and measured a pin, The bidding then began, and continued until the candle had burned down to the
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Make a centerpiece of a tall white wax candle set in a silver holder, with spray of paper bleeding hearts around the $t$ :ed in a bow around tiny silver arrows, one for each guest. These arrows are stuck into the candle in the space be$t$ ween the pinmark and the holder. The ribbons lead to each place where they ar ach place where th
ponbon boxes.
Before leaving the supper table, pass small squares of paper and pencils to
the guests with the request that each of them write a list of their personal charms and slip it into the bonbon box. Whe all have done so, the auctioneer"places a heart under the hammer" b reading these lists. The owner's high valuation increases the bids accordingly, candle, the sale of that heart is made and the owner must disclose his or he identity. The fun and excitement of the sale is perceptibly increased when a man finds himself the owner of anothe fellow's heart, and for the girl making
such a purchase, single blessedness is dicted.
A "Washington" table was planned along original lines by a hostess who de clared she was tired of the "annual cher y tree" and hatchets. Her decoration was beautiny patriotic, and, as a contractively conspicuous.
She cut a roll of scarlet crepe paper in two pieces, placing the strips or tl:c pled. A roll of white crepe paper stamped with cherries for a border was placed in the center of the red, allowing white paper A handsom beyond the placed in the center of this, the base filled with fruit, the vases with scarlet and white carnations mixed with a feathery green. The cream was served n scarlet crepe paper cases, the handles candied cherries on anglica a cluster of tied with the bow.
A Patriotic cake and Washington pie were a feast for the sight as they were paked at each end of the table. The baked flat in a large tin, cake mixture baked flat in a large tin, and, when cold,
cut into diamond-shaped blocks and iced with white icing, with a cluster of cherries on each.
The Washington pie was a delicate pie crust baked in a star-shaped tin two ries and anglica. The top was cover with a thick meringue and placed in the the meringue, and a little Cherries dotted the meringue, and a little flag stood up

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## Embroideries for Spring

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which few women are able to resist The elaborate lace trimmed garments are now a thing of the past and the rea-
son for this is not hard to understand as they were difficult to launder and very often when soiled did not withstand even the first visit to the tub This is now changed, and almost al articles excepting those intended fo elaborate occasions are made from simpl embroidered is the only decoration re quired. This idea has been carried out by the set we illustrate, which has been stamped on corded pique, one of the most satisfactory materials for children's use as it wears and launders beautifully.
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shall continue to show these until the seres have bee wolid out in over and over or satin stitch, and a lesson sheet describing this and many


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The spring seems to be the time when one's thoughts turn
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Again he has us on the rack
And pains us more and more, For now we have to call him back To have him shut the door.
-Lippinc̣ott's.


No. 6403-March Birthday Cushion, front Lace to edge Sike to emge $10 . \ldots \ldots \ldots$
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This "bottling" is done with the harrow
-There are still some farmers who have learned nothing from the people who farm in semi-aria countries-and there from them. Crops are now made where before the Campbell system was known none could be made. The system is so simple that it can be learned by any one, and so easy of application thatitis strange
that it is not in use in all districts. By "bottling" the water two years' rainfall is made to do duty for one year's crops.
-just a plain harrow.
It is well known to all thinking farmers that when water falls it either goes into
the ground or runs off. That which goe into the soil is useful, and to use this to best advantage is the problem of all farmers who live in sections where droughts are liable to come.
When water sinks into the soil it makes a pathway for itself, and this pathway is
open. Millions of pathways, open. Millions of pathways, or pipes,
are formed in the soil, and these later drain the soil of its water and pump it

## CO-OPERATION ASSURES SUCCESS


out into the air. Now to stop thes "pipes" is the only art about campbel top of the soil after a rain, keeps the pipe top of the soil after a rain, keeps the pipes a dust mulch placed on the soil, the wate is "bottled" and stays in the soil until it is taken up by the plants. The "dust mulch" is merely the stopper for the water bottles which were, they to remain un crust is permitted to remain is drained of its water. If the crust b broken and a dust mulch made, then the water serves the crops instead of passing off into the air

## To Handle Balky Hoyse

A balky horse that lies down when you want him to pull is about the most What would you do in a case of tha kind? Whipping does no good. Try a the tricks of the jockey and some horse a beast that has a bad trick simply because some senseless driver has over because some senseless driver has over-
loaded or abused the poor animal. No friends, don't be mean just because the animal is.
Sometimes a balky horse is started by diverting his attention a moment by picking up a foot or adjusting the collar-
anything that makes him forget that has a grudge against yourget Sometimes the load is too heavy or stuck in a chuck hole. Rest the team a moment, fuss around the balky horse a bit, swing the team to right or left quickly, and have teach a good horse to balk just at that critical moment by whipping him when he's doing all he can. If he refuses to go then-well, the David Harum method never fails. Tie the horse right there and next day, too, if necessary. Try him now and then-if the load is not actually stuck so no horse can start it-and as ong as he refuses to start again, tie him nd let him stay alone. Take the other horse to the barn, of course. If wher timber-then you don't need to stay and watch. But if some humane person is liable to come along and upset your cure then you had better stay around where you can explain the situation. One good
lesson usually cures a persistent balker.

## Making Potatoes Pay

A well-drained clay loam is considered best for potato growing. Alluvial soil is also good. The production per acre wil bein proportion to the amount of available plantfood and moisture in the soil. Selec a three-year rotation, for the scab germ 10 per cent actual potash. This we have applied as high as 1,500 pounds per acre but usually use 500 to 800 pounds directly into the row.
Select your seed potatoes in the Fall and keep over winter at a temperature of 38 degrees, as this will retard sprouting in the spring. Plough seven to ten Do not roll. Plant in rows three feet apart. Spray one to five times with a mixture of one and one-half pounds Paris green and 50 gallons of water. For five years the cost per acre of growing th Summary of points necessary for success:-
(1) Good seed. (2) Clay loam well drained and of good fertility. (3) Break land early and deep, but do not pack. (4) Store crop in cool, dark place. (a)
Do everything on time. (6) Square dealDo everything on
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## About the Farm

## Selling the Cream and Milk

One should get a pretty high price for the whole milk in order to make it pay to go on selling it year after year. Not only must have the nerve and courage to invest must of the ncome so derived to the purchase of 1 ertilizers in some form to maintain hisland under this yearly strain or he must invest pretty heavily in mill way some outside fertilizing material to ffset the loss to the land of this wholesale milk selling.
It is the same with the cheese making In both these cases the cows are simply machines through which the procuct of these machines is exported and all the concentrated fertility lost to the farm.
In the early days before the establishment of the great milling centres, when every arm had to produceits own feeds for the cows, the selling of whole milk for both cheese and milk had some startling effects on the soil in older states. Farmers cows assisted in depleting the fertility of those states. Soon after this came the general establishment of creameries that enabled the farmer to haul home his milk with the loss of only the butter fat; then the milk in fine condition right on the farm. And then, best of all, came the vast commrecial supplies of mill feeds rom the great milling centres of the rabled the the liberal use of which afely and profitably.
But the liberal buying and feeding of hese outside sources of fertility in the eed stuffs used, does not tell the whol order to carry on needs this milk itself in ig raising veal making lind then a uction of poultry,meat and eggs. Nothing take the place of the milk for thes purposes, and the greater prodits of
Use a separator, sell butter fat only, leaving the milk on the farm-this is the afest proposition for the fertility of the place.

## Paralysis In Pigs

Weakness of the hind quarters is condition frequently seen in growing pigs. It is a form of paralysis, and the exact cause cannot be stated for all cases. of paralysis in young pigs is improper of paralysis in young pigs is improper especially lime salts in the diet, is believed to be responsiblef or the majority of cases. The shortage of lime salts results in the mproper die 'rowing pig, and the condition known as On the other hand, the diet may be all et the pigs may not be able to assimilat heir feed and may not be able to assimilate from it. In this case the fault lies with the digestive organs. Pigs raised in damp quarters may develop weakness of the hind parts, often said to be of a rheumatic nature. In this case the remedy is selfapparent.
So it is evident that paralysis, rickets, conditions, as far as symptoms are concerned. The same general line of treatment is indicated in all these conditions. Good, wholesome feed, a well-balanced ration, plenty of fresh air and sunshine, ventilated pens, are the first requisites. Then see that the pigs have access to a supply of mineral matter in the form of charcoal, bone meal, crushed limestone wood ashes, and salt. For medical treat heing generally accepted as the best. The bowels should be kept moving freely by laxatives, as constipation is generally present. If treatment is started eary, recovery may be expected; but quite often these conditions are allowed to progress too long before receiving proper of no avail.

Thẹ Value of Trees
Professor J. Bowman, in his book on Forestry"" deplores the reckless timber cutting which has taken place in America during the last twenty-five years. The effects of deforestation are, he says, that the rain beats directly upon the soil, the
retarding influence of the ground litter retarding influence of the ground litter
and tree roots is withdrawn, and more
rapid soil removal occurs. When once these evil effects have been allowed to take place mankind is deprived practically for thousands and even millions of years the epoch of destruction. In $a$ hundred years it may achieve such baneful results that Nature will compensate only during a geologic period of hundreds of thousand of years.

Dead Leaves
Researches have been made to ascertain the manner in which the dead leaves
return to the soil the plant food exhauste by them when growing. Of course, in order that a forest may continue t flourish the trees must find in the soi supplies of nitrogen, phosphate and potash, and these constituents are the medium of the fallen leaves. It has been found that in a period of 255 days a dead leaf gave up 62 per, cent of the
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## To Print Butter

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between each pound you make. Make the butter solid in the butter bow land take the mould and cut the mould full out with the mould itself and smooth off with the ladle, push out on to the wet butte paper and roll up.

## Don’t Market Dirty Eggs

Dirty eggs of three kinds:-
Dirty eggs of three kinds:-

1. Plain dirties, those to which soil and manure adhere.
2. Stained eggs, 1. .e., dirty eggs that have been washed. 3. Smeared eggs, those that become The producer is largely to blame for the first two classes of dirty eggs. dirty egg is a disgrace to the person who
sells it The hens should not be blamed sells it. The hens should not be blamed for the appearance of dirty eggs. They they prefer to lay them in clean, cool places.
Diry eggs should never be marketed They are repulsive to the trade, and they seriously detract from the appearance of good eggs and cause the entire shipment
to sell at a lower price. This may not be to sell at a lower price. This may not be
apparent at the country store, where severe competition forces the merchant to take all or lose a customer, but the dealer
is obliged at considerable expense to re move most of them, and must therefore Iiscount the price he pays accordingly
It is not wise to wash market eegs
Washing removes the natural bloom and gloss, and makes the eggs appear old and stale. Clean nests should be provided, thereby reducing the number of
dirty eggs to the minimum dirty eggs to the minimum. About three per cent. of alt eggs marketed show con-
tamination in this form, and it is particularly apparent in the wet seasons, spring
and fall. So readily do eggs absorb odors that in many packers incurred heavy fination loss through having stored their eggs in chambers containing citrous fruits, fish,
\&c. In all modern cold storase ic. In all modern cold storage houses large separate rooms are
which eggs alone are stored

## Composition of the Egg

According to a large number of analyse agricultural stations, an egg weighing tw ounces has the following percentage composition: Shell, 10.5 ; water, 6.8 ; fat,
9.3 , and of ash, 0.9 A side of beef contains on an average abont the same percentage of protein, but a larger per-
centage of $f$ fat. genous group of foods, and would naturally and properf be combined in the diet
with material supplying carbohydrates sturar and starch), such as cereals There is four per cent less of protein, sirloin steak; half as much proten than in one-third as much fat as in cream cheese;

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much fat as in oysters. Fuel value about one-third that of rich cheese, and or nitrogenous matter that builds up and or nitrogenous master that bouild wip and
repairs the tissues of the body, while the fat supplies energy
It has often been claimed that the white of an egg is pure albumen, but that
it also contains phosphoric acid and it also contains phosphoric acid and proved. The fatty part of the egg, also phosphorus, calcium, magnesium, potassium and iron, are contained in the yolk. There is also sulphur in the egg, which no doubt, account
by eggs on sical science says that raw eggs are more quickly digested than cooked ones. more quickly and easily digested than when fried or hard-boiled. The stomach will digest a raw egg in from one and a
half to two hours. Soft-boiled and roasted require from two and a half to three hours, while hard-boiled or fried must be allowed from three and a half to
four hours for digestion. four hours for digestion.

The Barred Plymouth Rock By Prof. George C. Watson
This variety probably originated in Massachusetts something more than forty years ago. It is said to have sprung
from the cross of a Dominique cock and


## Corn growing at Camrose, Alta

a Black Java hen. The Barred Plymouth | often make a rather large hole where hocks combine largely the qualities of they are pipped, but cannot get out. both these breeds. They more nearly approach of the good qualities of the Dominique. While they do not have the color of either parent, yet they more nearly
approach that of the Dominique.
These fowls approach the Asiatics in These fowls approach the Asiatics in size, the Leghorns in egg production, and
constitute one of the most useful varieties. They also produce flesh of an excellent quatity. It is maintained by some breeders of Plymouth Rocks that the quality of the flesh approaches that of the Dorking.
They are blocky fowls, have large, full, They are blocky fowls, have large, full,
plump, well-proportioned bodies, yellow plump, well-proportioned bodies, yellow
shanks and skin. The flesh is of good texture and flavor. The cock weighs $9 \frac{1}{2}$, the hen $7 \frac{1}{2}$, cockerel 8 , pullet $6 \frac{1}{2}$ pounds. They are early maturing, considering their size, are good layers, hardy both as little chicks and mature fowls.
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hundred and thirty eggs per year from hundred and thirty eggs per year from
single birds. The pullets make excellent single birds.
winter layers, but por greatest egeng pro-
duction in the winter time fowls should not be kept longer than two years. They are easily kept in confinement and are adapted to nearly all climates. Probably qualities-egg-production and the yielding of a large amount of good meat for the able.

Eggs Bought for Hatching
When your eggs arrive, allow them to rest quietly for a day to give them time dealers are in the habit of sending out the eggs which they discard themselves No dealer should send out a thin-shelled gg. The thin shell may be detected by ond fore the eng.ircled by the thumb the tester. A to the lamp, or by using hows very few light spots. A thin shell is full of such spots; the larger the light pots the thinner the shell.
Sometimes the shell is good otherwise but has a belt, as it were, of thin material encircling the egg where its circumference the greatest. Often in such cases the idge on the outside, just as if the hen had broken the egg shell at that point while it wâs finishing its journey through he oviduct, and had patched it up just before laying. Such eggs invariably give trouble, and many are broke if hens time if hatched by incubator.
Make sure too that your eggs are not rom pullets that have just begun to lay for the first time. Such eggs are generally small in size and rather slender or narrow or thin at the greatest circumference.
Chicks from these egres are Chicks from these eggs are weak, and for
lack of room cannot turn around in the shell, and cannot crack it all the way round. Not being able to move, they this reason.
If you buy eggs to establish a laying If you buy eggs to establish a laying
strain, be sure you get good size, shape strain, be sure you get good size, shape,
good shell, and good color. It would be advisable to insist on these points in your order.
-J. M. Zurbrigg.

## Color in Eggs

A professor at Liverpool has bee carrying value of white and brown A number of eggs were selected which hau been laid in one day on a mixed ing to colo. They were graded accordfully analysed in the laboratory tenths of the contents of every egg is pure water, and so of no food value packed away some of the most nutritious food known. This was carefully analysed into its constituents, and the amount of
fat, which is the really iat, which is the really nutr
was estimated or weighed.
was estimated or weighed.
Some remarkable result
covered. The darkest egg, one laid by Buff Orpington, was found to contain 10 per cent more fat than the lightest colored egg. Moreover, the amount of fat was cound to increase with the deepening in color of the shell. A very big white egg
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is all the embryo has to live on," he said, "and it appears scragginess than others. They et setter start in life. But we shall probably find when we consult practical men that the dark eggs are laid by the bigger breeds of birds, and thus the chicken which had most nourishment in the egg grows up to
be the biggest fowl."

## Poultry Hints

Feed your fowls liberally; give oaristy; ut do tot overfeed.
quickly absorb odord, and these will affect the flavor.
It is not good for a fowl to be carried by the legs unless you are carrying it to the plucking' shed.
The sex of eggs cannot be foretold, not one of the old-time theories in this par-
ticular having been proved. vill remain from hens that are not mated long as the eggs from condition twice as The viesgs from mated hens.
The vices of feather pulling and, egg eating are always more common in over crowded flocks than in quarters where
there is plenty of space for the fowls to exercise.
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counts more than cash; in fact, the busicounts more than cash; in fact, the busi-
ness cannot be conducted without it. ness cannot be conducted without it.
few dollars invested in pure bred stock, place free from dampness and a good beginning has been made-Poultry.
Too highly stimulating food is apt to
cause liver troubles. cause liver troubles.
Small potatoes make an excellent addi-
tion to the soft mash for fowls.

Sometimes it is necessary to look back wards as it
profitable.
Overfeeding of green bone is apt to
provericeeding of leg troubles, diarrhoea, bowel complications, and worms.

Notes on Swine
y After farrowing, sows should be kept Separate for about a mootb
portant, and is conducive to health and profit.
Twenty-four hours after farrowing sows will need no feed warmed, is all that is necessary.
Potatoes are good for hogs, but they Potatoes are good for hogs, but they
are best when cooked and mixed with some meal into a mash and fed warm. With hogs as with all other stock no single breed possesses only good qualities
As a rule, the quieter the sow can be k apt during farrowing the better will be

## Value of the Plow

Good cultivation is equal to a dressing of a good fertilizer. This axiom is strikagy confirmed by the result of some ex periments reported by the Governmen encuiturist at the Cape. The experiment was carried out in the following man ner. At the experiment station a piece and uniformly dressed with a complet fertilizer. After being plowed, as stated below, a cultivator was run over the land
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Youngsters should be farrowed in dry quarters. A warm house keeps the sow and a little fuel often save a lot of pigs When pigs are kept eight months, when fully as good weights could have been obtained at six months, the profit is any Thing but what it should have been.
The most conservative course is select the breed most popular in the vicinity and improve upon the common individuals by the use of improved boars. The main object in the first few months of a pig's life is to produce bone, muscle
and growth-sort of and growth-sort of get him in shape to
carry a big load of corn to market carry a big load of corn to market.
Never keep your brood sows closely confined. A reasonable amount of exercise is necessary in order to strengthen her muscles and give tone to her system. If the trough for the sow is made flat
and shallow, and the slop fed the sow is sweet and warm, the pigs will begin to eat at three weeks old; but if the food is cold and sour they will refuse it as long as the plans of nature give them warm sweet milk

## Gives Wheat Bran before Calving

Prof. J. M. Trueman, of the Con necticut Experiment Station, has great the only grain ration ten days before she calves. On this point he said in a recent address: "I stop the full heavy ration and put her on wheat bran ten day her other feed unchanged to any has practically assured me good condi tions at calving time." As a further testimony on this point, he says: "I
have never had a cow with milk fever have never had a cow with milk fever
that was fed on bran ten days befor that was fed on bran ten days before
calving. I never had a cow retain the calving.
afterbirth that was fed on bran ten days
before calving if she delivered her calf full time and was given all the warm Water shee wanted to drink right after
calving.

Each successive plot however had received one more ploughing than the previous one, and the yields rose corres-
pondingly in steadily ascending order Plot 1.-Once ploughed yielded 750 lbs. oat hay per acre.
Plot 2 .
Plot 2.-Twice ploughed yielded 1,000 lbs. oat hay per acre.
Plot 3.-Thrice ploun Plot 3.-Thrice ploughed yielded 1,880 Plot 4.-Four times ploughed yielded 3,800 lbs. oat hay per acre. It is stated that equally striking results were obtained from the barley and wheat plots planted during the past year and harrowed once only, but each succeeding plot was cultivated once more than the previous one. The results of these experiments emphasize the importance of careful tillage, and show that, although
manuring is highly important, yields can be still further and profitably increased by extra ploughing or cultiváting. In India, where the peasants often find it difficult to obtain fertilizers, and labor is cheap, they depend largely on obtain-
ing good crcps by increased cultivation and will frequently plough their land four or five times.

See Through Him
An Irish soldier in the Spanish-American war took sick and was reduced to a skeleton "Well, was allowed to return home. front,"' remarked an old acquaintance, whom he met.
"I Is that so?" inquired the Irishman know I I was awful thin, but I didn't know I was as thin as thin, but I didn

## Self-Disgraced

In Boston, as everyone knows, the Symphony concerts are viewed in the connection the story is told of two little girls of a certain family who returned
from the Music Hall "in a state of mind" One of them carried an expression of dee scorn; the other an air of great dejection some momber the matter, girls?" "ake the concert fine?"
"The concert was all right," responded Cleanor. "The trouble was with Mary. She disgraced herself.",
"Disgraced herself?"
"Yes, she sneezed in the middle of the symphony."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Winnipeg, February, 1914.
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## Young People

The Empty Place
A homeless Bad Habit went searching one day
For a spot where it snugly could settle or a spot where it snugly could settle
and stay; $t$ hung round $F$
by the clock, But never found courage to step up and knock.
The place was too busy and crowded, Chere was really no minute that seemed to be free;
There were lessons and games, there were books to be read,
And no timé to be idle from breakfast And no time to be idle from breakfast
to bed.
"I might push my way in," thought the Habit, "but then,
Every corner is filled; I'd be turned out again,
It's no use to hang round; this is no place for me!"
And it went off as downeast as down cast could be

But Jim's door stood open not far down the road
To crowd was about it, no bustle it showed;
The hall was deserted, the study was And the Habit stepped in with a satisfied air.
"Ah, here's what I want," it remarked with a grin,
I can settle in peace, and grow into
$\stackrel{\sin ,}{ }$
Tim's life is so idle and empty, I see,
That it's just the right home for an in mate like me!"
So it stayed and it grew till it filled the whole place, in the bargain, and And owned Jim in the bargain, and Poor Jim! Other boys, too, should keep For many Bad Habits go searching or many
-Priscilla Leonard

## Billy and the Dwarf

Billy was called a bothersome boy, His brothers and sisters thought him
a bother because he was always teasing them. The neighbors closed their doors when they saw him coming, for he was sure to get into mischief. The chickens
all ran into a corner of the yard when he came, for he was likely to chase them; and the kittens ran and hid, too for he was not good to them.
Billy sat one evening on a hassock. He was lonely, and he was thinking. "I guess nobody likes me," when sud denly a funny. little man, about as big "Do you want me to help you," said the funny dwarf.
"Yes," said Billy, "if you will make people like me." "I "I will," said he. "But you must promise to do everything I say. will get into your own coat,"
Billy thought it would be very nice him, so he promises. Then he lifted him gently into his pocket. Just then his father called: "Billy run
into the house for my newspaper" into the house for my newspaper.
Billy was just on the point of saying Can't somebody else get it?" when the
dwarf called in his sharp little voice "Run, Billy, run on tiptoe." Then Billy ran on tiptoe, found his father's paper, and brought it with a smile.
Just then Billy heard the voices of his brothers and sisters, who had been to the woods for flowers and birch. They had gone without inviting Billy, for they
thought he would be in the way. Billy thought he would b
ran to meet them.
ran to meet them. "I think you're real mean," he was "I think you're real mean," he was
about to say, when the dwarf whis-
pered, "Billy, share your apples.".

Now, Billy had a bagful that his uncle had given him. He had meant to eat them all himsilf, bui whe he heard hed got his bag of apples, and gave a big rosy one to each of his brothers and sisters. They were surprised, and they gladly shared their birch and flowers with the little brother, o generous to them Early the next morning Billy $r$ coopful of fluffy yellow chickens. A soon as he dressed he ran out to see them. He found them, all running to ide under their mothers wing. On hicken lost its way, and Billy began ng in his pocket, whispered: "Give them some breakfast, Billy."
Billy heard the little voice
e ran quickly and shelled an ear corn for the mother hen. He mixed ome Indian meal with water in a big vellow bowl for the little chickens. They and, as he did not try to catch them and, as he did not try to catch them
Billy knew that they were afraid o him no longer.
On his way to school that morning Billy met Sambo, a little boy in a big traw hat. Billy's hand went out to natch the big hat and throw it ove out: "Ask him to play ball with you?" "Sam, Sambo, will you play with my new ball at recess?" said he.
"Yes," said sambo. "Do you mean "To be sure," said Billy, with à The boys had a fine game of ball at ecess, and in a few days Sambo had earned that Billy was always good to him now.
As Billy walked toward home that fternoon he remembered a pond where
the fishes played. He whispered to his little brother, "Let's run away to the pond," though his mother had often said Never go to the pond unless I am with you." "The tiny friend in his pocket aid: "Go, ask your mother."
Billy's mother was sitting on the porch, and the boys, politely raising oo with us to the pond?" Mother was pleased to see the children so courteous, and she gladly left her sewing to go with them again.
One night Billy sat again on the big tone at the bottom of the steps. He likes me, I I guess." The dwarf whispered from the pocket: "Shall I stay with you, Billy?"
"Yes," said Billy. "I will not let you go. Billy grew up tall, straight and hand some, and, best of all, he grew to like very one, and every one liked him.-
Elizabeth Stol, in ©Kindergarten Re vie

## How Dogs go to Sleep

Every reader, we should think, at
some time or other has watched a dog lying down and preparing to go to sleep Most dogs, large and small alike, twir themselves round and is a times before they keep still. It puzzled their heabit, and people have to explain it. Some cats, too, have bee noticed to have this habit, but not all hem, for cats are not quite so fidety The famous naturalist, Darwin ha his idea about it, and many people thin he was right. What he said was, the early home of the wild dog, ancestor of all other dogs, was on the prairies, comfortably the dogs had to turn roun and round till they got a resting-place they liked. But then somebody who had travelled over several prairies pointed out that, supposing a dog did curl him elf under the long grass, he woul up again! There is to matter to ge some prairies an animal called the the
prairie dog, though it is not exactly lik


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a dog, but more like a sort of mole)
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up a mound, by digging, upon the top up a mound, by digging, upon the top Another idea has been the Another idea has been that dogs have
fancy, when sleeping, that the head a fhould be in a a-particular direction towards the sky, so they move about till they think they have found this posi-
tion, north or south or whatever it may
be. be. There are other cases of this,
Some plants even seem to observe the sun, and twine or creep to the east or west, as may be their natural habit. Some people who think themselves wise say that even men and women, boys and
girls, should have their beds placed, if girls, should have their beds, placed, if
they can, with the head to the north they can, with the head to the north
and the feet to the south, because our bodies move as the earth moves. One naturalist says he is quite sure that the dogs which twirl about most are the smooth terriers and others with short hair, while the long-haired or shag-
gy dogs generally drop to sleep at once. gy dogs generally drop to sleep at once
so that, after all, it may be only a sort of fidgetiness in many dogs and a few cats which makes them go to sleep in tihs fashion. At any rate no one is
really certain of the reason. really certain of the reason.

## The Little Persian

Among the Persians there is a sect called the Soofers, and one of the most Abdool Kauder.


Rainy Lake, the new summering country, Sust opened up by C.N.R.
It is related that, in early childhood,
he was smitten with the desire of ond and Patty loved peppermints devoting himself to sacred things, and wished to go to Bagdad ta obtain know-
ledge. His mother gave her ledge. His mother gave her consent;
and taking out eighty dinars (a denomination of money used in Persia), she told lim that, as he had a brother, half of that would be all his inheritance.
She made him promise, solemnly, never
to tell a lie, and then bo to tell a a lie, and then bade him farewell,
exclaiming, "Go, my son; I give thee to exclaiming, Go, my son; I give thee to
Cod. We shall not meet again until the
day of judgment!"
He went on till he came near to Hamadan, when the company with which he was travelling was plundered by sixty horsemen. One of the robbers asked him
what he had got. "Forty dinars," said What he had got. "Forty dinars," said
Abdool Kauder, "are seved under garment." The fellow laughed, thinking that he was joking him. "What have
you got 9 " said another. He gave the you got "" said another. He gave the
same answer. When they were dividing the spoil he was called to an eminence where their whief stood "What property have you,
my ittle fellow?" said he. "I have told my little fellow?" said he. "I have told
two of your people already," replied the two of your people already," replied the
boy. "I have forty dinars sewed up carefully in my clothes." The chief dethe monery. "And hov came you" said he with "And how came you," said he with sur-
prise "to prise, to declare so openly what has "Because," Abdool Kauder replied, "I liave promised that I will never conceal lave promi,"
the truth."
"Child!" said the robber, "hast thou such a sense of duty to thy mother, at thy years, aid am I inscusible, at my
age, of the duty I owe to my God? Give
me thy hand, innocent boy," he con me thy hand, innocent boy," he continued, "that I may swear repentance
upon it." He did so; and his followers were all alike struck with the scene.
"You have been our leader in guilt," said they to their clief, "be the same in the path of virtue!" and they instantly, at his order, made resticu on of hand spoil, and $v$.
of the boy.

## The Spite House

(By Emily Rose Burt)

## "You're mean, Kitty Perkins."

 "So are you, Patty Parker, and if you don't look out I shall take all my things out of this playhouse and have em somewhere else. Then how would our old playhouse look?To grandma, sitting on he cross voices were wafted loudty from the corner playhouse under the plumtrees, and grandma looked troubled "Kitty, Patty!" she called clearly. At first kity and Patty did not hear, their own voices were too loud, but
when grandma down across the lawn, and stood in the doorway of the playhouse, they both looked up, just a little ashamed.
"Mid you ever hear about, the old
Spite House in Marblehead?" asked grandma smiling. "Come up on the veranda and have a peppermint while I tell you about it." stories, and so without looking at each
other, they walked stiflly beside grandother, they walked stiflly beside grand-
ma up to the veranda. "Down in the queer old town of Marblehead, on the Massachusetts shore," began grandma when Kitty and Patty
were settled on either side of her, munching the pink peppermints, "there is a very odd-looking house. It looks
just as if some just as if some one had taken a big
knife and sliced out a quarter of it, just knife and sliced out a quarter of it, just
as you cut a square corner out of a as you cut
loaf of cake."
"How funny!" eried Kitty.
"What made it that way?" asked
"That's just what I'll tell you, if you'll listen," said grandma.
"There once were four brothers who a whole house and not three- it wa of one. And then one day the brothers
had a "If quarrel, and one of them said: shall go off, and Ill take my whare of the house with me."
"But the other brothers did not give up, and the next day the other brother the old house and divided it intasured ters. Then they sawed and chopped and another place, amd there the fourth brother lived all alone. Every one in
Marblehead knew anout Marblehead knew about the quarrel; so
the story has come doyn to if story has come doyn to this day, and
if you go to Marblehead as follow a tain little winding street to the water's edge there you will see the "old Spite

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Kitty and Patty were very quiet as grandma finished the story. Then Patty said slowly, "I guess we don't want our playhouse to be a spite house. Come on
ner for the dolls."
ner for the doils."
"All right," said Kitty happily.
"And here, are some pink peppermints
"for dessert," said grandma, as she kissed for dessert,", said grandma, as she kissed
each little girl.- "S.S. Times."

## Mirandy on Valentines

## By Dorothy Dix

"Sis Mirandy," says Sis [Hannah Jane to me "is ys,
a valentine?", ', ", "I a
"Dat I ain't," I 'sponds "I done been
an' got my dose wid dis heah valentine an' got my dose wid dis heah valentine business, an' whilst I don't pertend to be
none of dese heah Lady Solomons in none or
petticoats, $I$ is got enough sense to know phen I gits enough, an' when to quituate." "Sis Mirandy", says Sis Hannah Jane,
"'se surprised an" disapp'inted to heah "I'se surprised an' disapp, inted to heah
you say dem words, for I'se afeard dat you say dem words, for 1se ateard dat whut ain't a f fedin' de fires of romance, whut ain't a feedin de de hearthstone, an
an' de flame of fove on
I tell you Sis Mirandy, dat dem of us In tell you, Sis Mirandy, dat dem of us
wives which am wise virgins, as de Scriptchers says, ought to be up an' doin', an' to be continually a pourin'
kerosene on de fire of our husbands love kerosene on de fire of our husbands licve
ef we don't want to see de flames flicker ${ }^{\text {out. }}$. Oh, Sis Mirandy," she goes on, "hit's' becaze we wives talks to our husbands all de time 'bout de price of
po'k chops instid of conversin' wid 'em on de subject of heart throbs, an' hit's becaze we meets ', 'em when dey comes
home of an evenin' wid de odor of fried home of an evenin' wid de odor of fried
ham an' eggs 'round us insti'd of smellin' ham an' eggs 'round us insti'd of smellin'
of violets; an' becaze we cuts out de poetry an' $^{\prime}$ de hifalutin sen, an' ins an
sticks to de high cost of livin' an' de cook stove, dat our husbands cas'es sheep's
cyes at gals dat ain't mo' dan half as ole eyes at gals dat ain't mo' dan half as ole
as we is, an' dat weighs fifty pounds less. "I tell you, Sis Mirandy, we wives is got to be mo romantical."
lady of my figger ain't built on poetic lady of my figger ain't built on poetic
lines, an' ef Ike is a pinin' $a_{n}$ a honin' any for romance, all 1 got to say is dat
hit ain't affected his apetite none." hit ain't affected his appetite none." "Dat's all dat you sees," says Sis
Hannah Jane in a pityin' tone of voice, "but may be while Bro' 'ITe is a puttin"
away corned beef an" cabbage in his away corned beef an cabbage in, his,
stomach, dat his heart is a hungerin' an' stomach, , ath his heart is a hungerin an
a thirstin for some token of affection from you, an' dat love's young dream is still a-dourishin' in yo' bosom dest de same,
as hit was when he led you a blushin' as hit was when
bride to de altar."
"Sis Hannah Jane," I 'spons, "when a man is got a wife dat gits up in de
mavinin' ${ }^{2 n}$ ' cooks his breakfast, an' washes his clothese, an' patches his britches,
an' takes in a little washin' on de side to an' takees in a little washin' on de side to
help pay de rent, he ain't got no need of help pay de rent, he ain't got no need of
tokens of sentiment from her. He's got a certificate of love from her dat's strong, enough to draw money on at de bank. "I ain't a sputin' yo prognostication,
Sis Nirandy,", spons Sis Hanah Jane,
c'sut dat ain't de whareforeness of whut Sis
"but datand, an't spons de whareoreness of on whut
I is promulgatin'; which is dat dest de I is promulgatin'; which in dat dest de
same as we laks a meringue on de pie, or icin' on 'de cake, so we laks a little
poetry
n' romance to be spread over de poetry an' romance to be spread over de
wuk an' de worry of married life, an' mayke ef we fed our husbands on mo'
sugar plums at home dey wouldn't go rangin' 'roun' de confectionery shops dat is kept by odder ladies.
"whut," we wives want to do is to rememWhut we wives want to do is to remem-
ber dit when a man marries us he don't
lose his sweet tooth an dat he laks lose his street tooth, an dat he laks
sentiment an' romance dest as well as he sed to, an' for us to act accordin', ${ }^{\text {an' }}$
un
my advice to you Sis Mirandy is to my advice to you, Sis Mirandy, is to go
down town an' buy de finest valentine down town an' buy de finest valentinc
you can git an' sen' hit to Rer Ike Hit
Hon sho' will surprise him to fin' out dat,
ole wife is dest his sweetheart still."
The Poor Man's Friend.-Put up in smail


"Sis Hannah Jane," 'spons I, "dat advice of yourn sounds, good, but I done took notice dat de better dat advice so.nds, de
wus hit wuks out. I done heah dem things dat you'se been spressify yin' once
befo', an' I done acton, an' hitmighty nigh lan' me an' Ike in de divorsch co't. No, Sis Hannah Jane", I goos on, "ole folks
lake me an Ike ain't got no business Iake me an' Ike ain't got no business
mixin' up wid dis heah romantical truck. mixin up wid dis heah romantical truck.
As I done tole you, I done been an' got
Is As I done tole you, I done been an
my dose of dat valentine business, an $\mathbf{I}$
lis my dose of dat valentine business, an I
knows when I'se got enough, an' I'se done quituate." "Is you done sen' Bro' Ike a valentine?" inquired Sis Hannah Jane. when all de I is," I 'spons, "one time when all de gals was a buyin valentines,
I jest thought dat I'd git one, an' send hit to my ole man, lak dey was sendin' to deir young ones, an' dat when he got to speculatin' 'bout who done hit $I^{\prime}$ d own
up to de soft impeachment. An' dest up to de soft impeachment. An' I dest,
pictured dat he'd be tickled to death, an pictured dat he'd be tickled to death, an'
dat we'd forgit dat we was ole, an' fat an grizzled-haided, an', go back to de days when we was co'tin'.
"Yassum, dat was de way dat I thought hit would wuk. An' so I took de money dat I was a savin' to buy me one of dese
heah weepin' willer fedders, an' I bought Ike a valentine dat was all hearts an' darts, an' roses, an' Cupids', an' poetry. Hit sho' was one gran'
went out ant antine, an'
mailed
I went out an' mailed hit at night so he
git hit de fust thing in de mawnin' git hit de fust thing in de mawnin". breakfast, an' instid of guessin' dat I was de onliest woman in de world dat would be fool enough to waste my money to send a valentine to a ole, bandy-laigged, bald-
haided grand na lak him, ke looked kin' of sheepish, an' stuck de valentine in his
pocket, $\mathrm{an}^{\prime}$ ' de fust news I knowed, he'd done spruced up in his good clothes, an' I see him wid his hat on de side of his haid, a walkin' y de street past de do' of dat hussy, Ma'y Sue Jones, an' he was a ${ }^{2 n}$ ' I know he done think she sent him dat valentine.
"Y Yassum, an' dat warn't de last of hit. He keep a passin' by dat 'woman's house, an' a makin' a ole fool of hisself a wavin
at her, tillI tellhim dat I sent devalentine an' he was dat mad when he found lit out, an' dat hit warn't from some odder woman dan his wife dat he ain't speak to me for fo' days. Nawm, dat valentine ain't fanned de flames of love none in our
house. Hit mighty nigh put hit out." "Sis Mirandy" "xes Sis Hannah Jone "don't you think dat husbands would be pleased to git valentines from deir wives?" "I think dat dey would ruther have de price put in a beetsteak, 1 spons. "But sholy, Sis Mirandy, you thinks dat husbands an wives shourareep up other"," "Wxes Sis Hannah Jane.
"Well, Dis Hannah Jane," I 'spons, "I thinks dat most men gits married so dat dey can quit makin' love, an climb down
off'n de poetry shelf to whar dey feels at off'n de poetry shelf to whar dey feels at
home. What a man wants wid a wife is some. Wody dat'll, keep on lovi, him
sidout him havin' to hol' her han' all de widout him havin' to hol' her han' all de
time, an' tell her whut a ancll she is an' time, an' tell her whut a angel she is, an'
I done took notice dat dem wives which I done took notice dat dem wives which am good cooks don't git so many divorshes
as
dem . ladies whose
strong
pint as dem l.
sentiment.
"Ventines an to tole matermony, but when you gits him dere, de way to keep him from jumpin' over de let him to fill him up wid good food "Nawm, I don't hol' none wid married women sendin', deir husbands valentines, an' encourarin' romantical notions in 'em,
for hit fills deir haids up wid de notion dat for hit fills deir haids up wid de notion dat
dey's still fascinators wid de women an' dey's still fascinators wid de women, an
is got a gift for love-makin' dat hit's a pity to waste on deir wives. De wise prife am de one whut prones hit into her
hushand dat she's de only woman in de husband dat she's de only woman in de
world dat has got sense enough an' taste world dat has got sense enough an taste
enouzh to know whut a wonder he is Dat's de talk dat keops him nailed to his own hearthstone. Not dis heah valentine oolishness."
In one of the public schools the other day, the teacher presented a problem for
the scholars, which would require the use of fractions, She expected the answer,
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## What about Clean Teeth

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You are satisfied, as an experienced You are satisfied, as an experienced
mother, that the six-year-old child needs only a toothbrush and a paste or powder, and he will do the rest. You fee
assured that all the terrors of infancy assured that all the terrors of infancy
and the first teeth are past. No longer need you bother about the child's teeth He is beginning the kindergarten and elementary schooling, therefore, you are
relieved of responsibility. But - are you? Not a bit of it.
As the first teeth of the second or permanent set appear, there is added danger and grave responsibility upon the part of the mother. Heavier teeth and tougher food mean increased attention
for their preservation. The molars or grinders require particular care in this respect. There is one of these on each side both above and below, thus there are four altogether. Only too often they appear without either the mother or the child being aware of their growth.
It, therefore, becomes the duty of the parent to watch carefully when the molars appear, to guard them from
with such a brush, remain soft, flabby, and unstipulated with the result that they are not strong enough to resist the other hand vigorous massage on stiff brushes in conjunction with hearty mastication, will both prevent and cure spongy or bleeding gums.
If the gums once become sore, tender or spongy, the point where they may be insulted with impunity by the use of a hard brush must be approached slowly cloth may be used to slowly a soft them. Then later after the gums seem to withstand considerable rough treat. ment, a stiff brush may be employed without tooth washes or other applications. In every instance the brush should be away from the gums; that is upward and downward and across their the upper teeth. Thus the interspaces between are cleaned of meat and other
Children, and their elders, also, should at intervals while cleaning their teeth grinding surfaces, manipulate across their bristles into the spaces be a teeth where any fiber is felt


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decay, and to prevent their loss. Cavi-
ties may progress too far if ties may progress too far, if you merely trouble. The child must be taken every few months to your dentist, for his trained eye alone will disçver impending trouble.
Several years before this, while the first teeth were the only sources of
chewing, the little tacker should have become accustomed to the use of a toothbrush. My own child had acquired toothbrush before he was four years old At such an age it is very necessary to
have a small baby's brush with widely separated bristles, yet fairly stiff in strength. As far as it is possible, each
child should be allowed suits its own mouth. No hard and fast rule can be laid down for that.
The brush should be used by the child in such a way as to brush the grinding
surfaces of the teeth with briskness and vigor. Not only does this cleanse the teeth, remove the bacteria and decayexercises them, and stimulates fresh blood to come into their blood vessels. The little kiddies soon learn by expe-
rience, although a word of cartion is at rience, although a word of cartion is at
times desirable. to a void brushing down into and upon the gums. Gums must from hugging up closely about the teeth.
Spongy, soft and bleeding gums are usually the outcome of using an old brush which has become soft, or buying
a new brush in the first instance that a new brush in the first instance that
lacked fiber and stiffness. The gums

Bathing vs. Climate
Is bathing good for us? Well, I guess uggests-is, if is taken as Mr. Wood out from personal experience.
I came to this Southern, sunny (?) and from a cold, crisp climate. I had em, and continul Tub Night" syscame to New Orl e practice after een here for eight years when I had had gotten so low that I wasted away octors, said that I had consumption ut I came to the conclusion that it was nalaria, so went back North. Six months there put me on my feet again stances compel me to live here-only to find that the same wasting process began again.
When my avoirdupois had dropped to one hundred and twenty pounds my
path happened to cross that of one of those "cold-bath-every-morning" gentle men of whom Mr Wood writes, and I game. My work a try at the same home about $5 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., so I couldn't see my way clear to a morning dip, but I jomed an athlete association located near my place of business, and every day, winter
or summer, after or summer, after my day's work is tone, I take a plunge in the swimming perature of sixty degrees. It was an awful ordeal at first, but I persevered, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing,
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there enjoying a healthy life, due, so there enjoying a healthy life, due, so
he claims, to outdoor exercise; the other two men lay in their hammocks smoking, reading, and waiting for the climate o cure them, while he cured himself by quo aid of the climate. I might also in such an advanced stage of He was such an advanced stage of consump-
tion that the doctor ordered medicine only to ease his last days. He threw this medicine out of the window and asked to be taken to his uncle's farm. a distance of thirty miles from the city in out to the field where his wascle was ploughing. At first he was able to walk only ten feet or so, and then rest, taking deep breaths of the pure country air; each day he would endeavor to walk farther, until he was able to follow the plough the whole length of the
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 oncentration one is led intotalyy mind sees the path head 4 whiou concentration a man goès througha like a sleep walker, never more that one-fourth alive to what is goingeton about him. Concentration is the yon centration man is controlled by out ratd things. He drifts, a prey to every withe of suggestion that blows. By concentration he becomes, in great degree, master of his fate, captain of his soul There is only one way to acquire con entration, and that is by practising in connection with your work each day.
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## Correspondence

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Something for Everybody
Manitoba, Dec. 10, 1913.
Dear Editor-Although we have taken the W.H.M. the greater part of the time since it was started, this is my first
letter to the correspondence column. I leter the the correspondence column. I
enjoy the paper very much, it seems to the second biggest ranch around hhere.
What really made me write this letter What really made me write this letter was to say a word regarding the letter headed "Too Strict"" in the November issue. Now, I think the boarding schools things put down as the fault of the parents. Out here in Canada and the United States the children are raised together, whereas in the Old Country the boys are herded together, and when
you go home for your holidays, and meet a young lady, you act as if you had just come from the country. But apart from this there is certainly a false modesty in England, in fact, in Europe, which is altogether different from out here, where parents seem more frank.
Well, Mr. Editor, I am wondering wh. will happen to this letter, as I see in your note at the head of the column that someone complains of the monotony


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departments Though made up of many departments,
each good in its way I would like to each good in its way, I would like to
mention two or three in particular There are the pictures-a person may learn a great deal by simply looking over the W.H.M. pictures, which are always well chosen and clearly finished
The writings by Bonnycastle Dale are The writings by Bonnycastle Dale are
always interesting
and
instructive always interesting and instructive.
Many of us would never have known Many of the Coast Indians if it were not for his pen and camera. Then there is the correspondence column, of course,
everyone is interested in it. Some vears everyone is interested in it. Some years
ago, people when writing to this column ago, people when writing to this column
would, in many cases, start off with a description of themselves. Then, perhapss mention their occupation, and close
by wishing someone by wishing someone to write them. I have noticed a change in the last few
years. Sone very important subjects years. Some. very important subjects
have been intelligently discussed-the have been inteligently discussed-the
letters show that some deep thinking letters show that some deep thinking
has been done. I think it is fine for people to have a chance to compare their views of matters such as are taken up
in the correspondence column. h the correspondence column. $I_{\text {a }}$ also
think that the WHM think that the W.H.M. is going a great
way toward promoting wayg its readers. Well, Mr. Editor I must not take up any more space this time. I just want to get acquainted. Rest wishes, and a prosperous New
Thistle.

Who is to Blame?
Dear Editor-Alchena, R.C., Dec. 1913. had two copies of your paper I only decided to write you a phaper I Ihave
been out from England four years now. and have been along the Parecic Coast,
from Alaska to San Diego, California.
Ouilchus ia Quilchnena is cight miles from Nicola andid
ject, but I thought I'd send a line as I myself have suffered from the false
modesty of my loving parents and the modesty of my loving parents and the
boarding schoools. I leave my address with the Editor, and if anybody would like to know about this part of the orld they can write me. Rainbow.

Quite an Old Friend
Mellowdale, Alta.,Dec. 13. Dear Editor-As it is several years 1 correspondence page, I have decided to enew old acquaintance again. The last from members, but they dwindled away now, for one reason or another, and as the evenings are very long now, should like a correspondent or cain help pass an evening now and ern bachelors, thoughe of those Westlonely as my work keops say for that, but I think when one is held down to a place by his work that a very profitable. I have proved can prove section in "SSunny Alberta", 35 a miles from the nearest railroad. I must Congratulate you, Mr. Editor on the quite I have been a subscriber for certain number of years now, and it has improved, and I certainly magazine will be a hard proposition to to think in it any further. Wislling the magazine continued success. "Sod Buster",

Coming to Canada
Yorkshire. England, Nov., 1913. Thi a constant For a long time I have Wecu a constant reader of your graid
Testernn Home Monthly, and should like

## ACOLD

## Developed Into

 BRONCHITIS.However slight a cold you have, you
However slight a cold you have, you
should never neglect it. In all possibility, if you do not treat it in time it will develop into bronchitis, pneumonia, or some other serious throat or lung trouble.
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ing cough and all troubles of the throat and lungs. Three points in favour of Dr . Wood's Norway Pine Syrup are 1. Its action is prompt. 2. It invigorates as well as heals, and soothes the throat and lungs. 3. It is pleasant, harmless
Mrs. Albert Vait, Brockville, Ont., Mrites: "Just a line to let you know about Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Our oldest little girl is now six years old.
When she was four months old she got When she was four months old she got a cold which developed into Bronchists, and we tried everything we could
of and had two doctors attending her, but it was no good. One day I read in your almanac about Dr. Wood before she had finished one bottle of it the dry hacking cough had nearly all and we are never without it in the house." See that you get "Dr. Wood's" when you ask for it, as there are numerous imitations on the market. The genuine
is, manufactured by The T. Milburn is, manufactured by The
Price, 25 c .; family size, 50 c


Presbyterian Methodist" in your July number. I might say that I am a on a farm. I am looking forward to
coming out in 1914 so would like some coming out in 1914 so would like some
news of Canada. Wishing the W.H.M. every success, I will close by wigning myself, $\quad$ Yorkshire Lassie On a Farm All the Time

Man., Dec., 1913.
Dear Editor-I've long been a reader of your most valuable paper, and just our highly esteemed page. Father has aken the paper for many years. Now I am a girl of 17 years, and have lived on a farm all my life, and wouldn't like o live any place else. I went to the city last winter, but city life and I don' agree. I am a music teacher, and have
been teaching since I was 15 . I am fond of dancing, music and outdoor sport. I saw that a girl 16 years old stooked this harvest, well, she's pretty good. I have run a binder this thre years and like it fine. Father has a section of land and has been on it for
over thirty years. Now, I think this etter is long enough for a start I se where "A Batch" would like recipes. have lots of them if he "would like to write to me," I would also like to hear rom "Dido." Wishing your club every

True Marriage Not a Failure 2
Alta., Canada, Noyinct

Dear Editor-I would very shinch lik
 you would permit me to dorso so letters in the Win wit interest for the past two years, 4 Hsee lately some of the readers, are taking up
 give my opinion a may. Somessing
that marriage is a failupe I cannot agree with them. God créated mumbriage and can anyone say that anythiug that God created is a failune. Atswanythin more ennobling to a youngsman than the realization that he has won , the love
and respeet of a respectable youggtady. On the other hand, the young lady is happier than she ever was befork She loves with a sweet, true love, $\boldsymbol{c}$ Can suach love between two young peoplebe any
thing but sacred? In course of timie thing but sacred? In course of simi hey marry. I suppose then they ind hat will put up with many faults. We will now picture them in their new home -a little shack on the homestead, it is small, but tidy and warm. They: help ach other, and if any quarrels arise they are soon made up. In the evening arns his socks. Twenty-five years pass Now a large house stands where the shack was many years ago. Everything speaks of prosperity. An old man and
woman sit by the fire still happy in woman sit by the fire still happy in
their love for each other. Some people their love for each other. So pe people they have not followed God's teaching Some men marry for a housekeeper or because the girl has some money. The girls from the time they leave school begin to think of the boys. Some of if these girls would be friendly with al the boys, go and have a good time, and put their minds on something else as well, in time their mate will come to them and they will have a chance to marry and be happy. up any more space, but will sign myself

A Brave' Start
Sedalia, Alta., Dec., 1913. Dear Editor-As I can hold my motions no longer I must make a brave more than superior magazine, and als the magnificent efforts that the member of the correspondence column are making to keep the W.H.M. so far in advance of the other for the past five years, and I would not miss it if I had to walk to Winnipeg to get it.
There are some excellent argument discussed, and I feel proud to join such am a lonely homesteader in this beautiful province called Sunny Alberta.

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Betow will be found six sets of mixed or jumbled letters. Can you arrange these six sets of letters in such order that each set will spell the name of a well known vegetable. It is not easy to do, but by patience canibe accomplished. Tryl By sending a proper arrangement you have be shown by the names and addresses published below. Write these six words plainly and neatly on a slip of paper, as in case of ties, both writing and neatness will be considered factors in this contest.
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Names and Addresses of a few Prize-Winners in Recent Coniests

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 ty, Premature Decine and Loss or Power in Men. on Generative Weakness, Flagging of the Powers and practical observations on Marriage. gain Strength To the inexperienced, the married, or those contemplating marriage, no other work contains so much
helpful or sensible advice or will prove so interesting and instructive to those who desire to preserv
 Address-CHARLES GORDON N A plain, sealed envelope to any address of receipt of Copyright].

Now, if any of your readers would like to make a bachelor happy this is the chance of a lifetime. Wishing the
W.H.M. every suceess, will sign myself

## 4 Great Traveller

Medieme Hat, Alta., Dec. 1913.
Dear Sir-For two years I have been
interested. Now 1 am what is called elderly, just turned fifty. I seldom see any correspondence from people who have turned that corner. 1 amm certain women in this great lonesome men and value friendship. If any readers care to write me a letter I will be pleased to answer same. I have travelled from the extreme east of the Dominion as far
weat as the very prosperous city of weat as the very prosperous eity of
Medicine Hat, and I just love this Sunny Modicine Hat, and I just love this Sunny right into the best of B.C. It think it is a duty to learn all you can about a new country. As I am in feeling quite young enough to stilr like to learn and travel, I hope some readers in B.C. will notice the most prosperous town this side of Vancouver. Will sign myself, sign myself,
Wandering Widow.

Wiil Exchange Postcards
Bladworth, Sask., Dec., 1913. Dear Sir-Having been a subscriber to the W.H.M. for the past four years 1 various columns it contains. In have written twice before, but was never lucky enough to see my letters in print any of the readers who are interested in gasoline engines, as I am following that kind of work. Would also like to exchange postcards with any of the readers who care to write. I see by the W.B.M. that back of my copy of the due again so I'll have to get busy or miss a copy. Wishing the column every
succees will sign myself,

## Hopes to See the West

Ont., Dec., 1913. Dear Editor-I am very much in terested in the correspondence column month for the magazine I especially enjoy the letters from the Western correspondents as they tell us about their country, which I hope to see some
day. I have lived on day. I have lived on a farm all my life, except a few years spent in going t
school in town. I would like very to correspond with any of the readers especially the bachelors out West. My address is with the Editor. I w:11 sign this time, wishing all a Merry Christma and a Happy New Year,

An Eastern Rosebud.
A Football Enthusiast
Man., Dec., 1913.
Dear Editor-This is my first attempt at writing a letter to the correspondence to see it in print. I have been a reade
of the W.H.M. for about two years now, and am always looking forward to the an English boy, and have been in this country about four years. I certainly agree with the rest of the readers who say that there is an opportunity for anyone who is willing to put his or her
shoulder to the wheel. I am like Englishmen a lover of football, and had the pleasure of playing against Winnipeg teams on three occasions this summer, and I do not think that I ever played in matches before as interesting as these were, or got acquainted with real sports. I am afraid that $\bar{I}$ must bring my letter to a close as it is gettirg quite lengthy. I would like to hear fron any who care to write

Happy Harry.
Better Late than Never
Sandia, Sask., Dec. 29th, 1913.
Dear Editor-I am a new subscriber t

Engineer

its existence before, but better late tha never they say It certainly is a good paper for the money, and it is cheering
many a lonely bachelor and many home, from what I read in the corres pondence pages; and I know what bachelor life is myself as $f$ belong to that class. So I for one say the W.H.M as to all who read it. I find many in teresting and worthy things to remem ber. I wish it would come a little oftener-time seems long to me be tween each time it calls, but when it does come I have no time for cooking a new settler here in a new settlement in new settler here in a new settlemen farm but have been about the world a great deal, but decided that farming would satisfy me best of all. There are times when one feels lonely, but work disappear. It is too bad a girl is not llowed to take up a homestead hre in Canada. If they were, there would not be so many lonely bachelors, and as the good book says, it is not good for man to live alone; but what will they do? I have not seen a glimpse of the
fair sex all summer. I have becn to busy to go out visiting, and the nearest town is thirty miles, so there is not muci chance of getting acquainted. things look a little brighter now for these single fellows as the railroad will person will be able to go out and coms in a little quicker than by oxen. We bachelors get up what we call a stag lance, and we try and enjoy ourselves the best we know how. I like the way the Editor conducts his paper, especially
the correspondence column. Each one can state his own ideas and it is a great education as well as pastime for the lonely bachelor. I, myself, have many ideas as to what I would like to be discussed, but as I am a new reader I will find out what is in the swing first.
Wishing the Editor and all W.H.M. readers a happy and prosperous New Year, and if there are any who feel for a 'onely bachelor why not write to me,

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dollies are stamped in bright colors on strong dolies are stamped in bright colors on strong cloth and mother can sew them up on the machine in


The dollies down, bend thir arms and Tho legs and dress them upin all kinds limbs of clothes and play all day long. are How To Get These Don' movable Dollies Free

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own clothes fit it. clothes fit it.
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Thousands of little ones all over the country will be made happy with these three dollies. After your little girl gets her dolls all your neighbors' children will want dolls just like hers. The supply of dolls is limited and we will fill all orders as long as our supply en ables us to do so

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Winnipeg, February, 1914.
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His Healith In A Terrible State Until He Took "Fruit-a-tives"

B. A. KELLY, Ese.

Hagersvilile, Ont., Aug. 26th, 1913. "About two years ago, I found my health in a very bad state. My kidneys
were not doing their work, and I was all run down in condition. I' felt the need "of some good remedy, and having seen "Fruit-a-tives" advertised, 1 decided to try them. Their ethect foction mand more and the result all that could be expected.
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B. A. KELL
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neys and thereby soothes and cures any neys and thereby
Kidney soreness.
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"Fruit-a-tives" is sold by all dealers or will be sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

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and I will be prompt in answering. 1
leave my address with the Editor and sign myself,

Thirty-two.

## Back Again

Glen Valley, B.C., Dẹc.; 1913. Dear Editor-It is a long time since I travelling around since then I have been unfortunate enough to lose all my old-
time correspondents, although I still time correspondents, although I still
kept on getting the paper. I am settled kept on getting the paper. I am settled
down now on a farm of my own in one of the most beautiful spots of B.C.,
with with mountains all around me, in a
cabin built in the foothills beside a spring. I have no time to get lonely as I have a chum batching with me, and neighbors on both sides of me. Well, couple of hours, as the boys are all out hunting and it is my turn to cook dinner, and it will be a dinner to remember, as I cleaned three grouse, tore them to pieces and put them in a pot with lots
of spuds and carrots. It makes me hungry to sit here and smell them hungry to sit here and smell to
cooking, but I s'pose I will have to wait till the boys get back from the hunt.
There is a lot of game here, grouse and There is a lot of game here, grouse and
duck in the valley, and deer and bear in the hills. We have vension all the
time here. This certainly is a fine time here. This certainly is a fine
country although the land is a bit dear to start with. I began homesteading in Alberta in 1905, but soon got tired of the cold winter, and came to B.C. Since then I have gone right ahead. I now have two good farms with stock and
machinery, so am considered quite indemachinery, so am considered quite indeconcerned. I would be pleased to hear from some of the fair sex with some recipes, as I am not much of a cook.

Golden Ears Rancher.
From the Emerald Isle
Ulster, December, 1913. Dear Editor-Although I live in tha little green isle in the east I have bee ence column in your magazine for al most four years. My brother, who is out West, sends it to me every month.
and I do not think there could be a and I do not think there could be a
better magazine published than The better magazine published than The
Western Home Monthly. When I have finished with it I lend it to friends, and they are delighted with it-their only fault is like my own, that it does not come often enough. It is with deep
interest that we all look forward to its interest that we all look forward to its arrival, with its enjoyable and instruc-
tive reading. I take a number of English tive reading. Itake a number or it is my special favorite. I am a farmer's daughter living on a farm near a small town in the north, and as I feel rather
lonely I thought I would join this circle lonely I thought I would join this circle
in the hope of corresponding with some. in the hope of corresponding with some
Canadians. Those wishing to correspond will find my address with the ed that
Wishing the W.H.M. every success it deserves.

Irish Nellie.

Perhaps there are no merchants who see more of the stinginess of human nature than those who keep a drug store. Whether you are run down by an automobile and
wish to wait for the ambulance, whether you are in need of the city directory, a postage stamp, or merely wing the time, the long-suffering is the man to supply your needs.
A man of this useful calling recently former's shop in ontario town and former's shop in an
spent a pensive ten minutes inhaling the fregrance of a new and expensive French perfume.
"That's pretty swell," ejaculated the shopper. "A dollar an ounce"
"'Gimme five cents'. worth."
"You've smelled five cents" worth already," snapped the other, whose patience had ultimately given way. A second d ruggist tolls and who returned for a second supply, bringing with her the
small pasteboard box which had held the original purchase.
"What's that for?" asked the druggist. thing off the price if I brought back the

## That Weak Back

 accompanied by pain here or there-extreme nervousness-sleeplessness-may be faint spells-or spasms-all are signals of distress for a woman. She may be growing from girlhood into
womanhood-passing from womanhood to motherhood-or later



## DR. PIDRCESS

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## Household Suggestions


#### Abstract

Household Recipes Ginger Cookies. TOne eup each lard, onfull soda dissolved in vinegar; onehyif teabpoonful each salt, ginger, cloves. Mour to thicken. Fegs stinn-The brown stains which comits from baking custards or cooking eggs in various ways can be removed by rabbing the stain with a little salt, when it will come off at once Boiling Fgss-Instead of putting eggs witer boiling for thiree or four minutee


 pour boiling water over them, set themon the back of the stove and leave for on the baek of the stove and leave for eight minutes. They will be cooked much
nicer in this way, and be more digestible.
What to do with Bits of Bread. Dry them in a Dry them in a slow oven, then roll them Keep them in a glass jar ready to use for croquettes, scalloped dishes, etc. True economy does not consist in going with
out, but in utilizing what we have in gfich a way as to obtain the most rom it
When frying becon, put the sliced moating water over it or sieve and pour water juat a fow seconds, then pour cold Water throuigh it to regain its crispnesss Aiboorb the water with a oloth and fry in a smoking hot pan. The scallaing re. usually left in the bacon. The fat that if tried out in the cooking is better than
lard for frying. As it has no burnt salt lirr for frying. As it has no burnt salt ${ }_{4}{ }^{3} \mathrm{it}$,
$D_{0}$ not throw away bits of toilet soap. Keep a jar to put them in. Make bags Fin with bran, a few bits of soap, and, if you have it, , pinch or two of orris. Tie the bagg at the top; do not fill them full at the bran swells in the water. These bagd make the nicest kind of wash rags. pht some of them in a jar and pour in alcobiol or cologis, not quite enough to cover the soap. This will make a jelly Which will be found useful in shampooing, or in the bath, as it dissolves
qaickly in the water. Add a few drops of lavender or rose to
soap just before using.

## Useful Hints

To keep rats away from vegetables a simple way is to set four bricks on end and set the barrel on top of these bricks,
uining the bricks for legs of the barrel. This the bricks for legs of the barrel. that the rat cannot reach it to gnaw, neither can he climb up, for the reason that the bricks are inside the chine and when he reaches up he strikes the botfom of the barrel and cannot go any A volu
A valuable use for lye is the killing of cockroaches and other vermin that will Sprinkle a little lye on a dish so as to cover it thinly and place a piece of meat or bread in the centre of the dish. The bugs will eat through this bait to the lye in sinks or in other places that are likely to be infested with roaches or waterbugs. Sprinkle lye around rat holes and in damp and musty cellar corgers to drive away troublesome rodents as it will destroy same.

## Medicinal Values of Fruit and Vegetables

The succulent vegetables and fruits contain an active principle making difdiseases, as, lettuce is soothing, as it has a principle similar to opium, yet leaving no bad résults.
Onions dissolve uric acid, contain sulphur, and absorb poison

Apples, onions and lemons tend to clear the complexion of dark, mudd Rhuber by uric acid in the bloo taken without sugar
Too much cane sugar interferes with the normal action of the liver
Turnips, onions, cabbage, cauliflower, purifying the blood.
Beans, spinach, raw cabbage contain
iron and are a great benefit to anaemic people.
Carrots are rich in iron and increase with pepper and salt. crumbs in oven.

1 cupful sugar return to oven to brown.
to clear and beautify the complexion to clear and beautify the complexion.
Celery is serviceable in counteracting condery
couraligia.
Tomatoes stimulate the liver
Potatoes contain salts of potash that counteract uric acid
Melons arouse
Melons arouse the kidneys and bowels and keep the system cool.
Peaches have iron for
Prunes are laxative the blood.
the nerves.
Berries are
Berries are rich in inon bin be indulged in large iron, but should not as the seeds tend to clog the intestines,

## Apple and Celery Salad

Have the celery nicely cleaned and crisped by keeping it in a damp napkin
on the ice until just before ready to use. Then cut it into thin crescent-shaped sliees. With a silver knife pare and core some mildly tart apples,
eighths or

## Household Suggestions-Western Home Monthly Recipes

Carefully selected recipes will be published each month. Our readers are requested to cut these out and paste in scrap book for future reference.

## TOMATO SOUP

Boil tomatoes 20 minutes with a little water; strain; add a pinch of soda; scald 1 qt . of milk, butter size of an egg add all together, put in some broken crackers and season

## MACARONI AND CHEESE

2 cupfuls macaroni 1 cupful rich milk
(broken in pieces) $21 / 2$ tablespoonfuls butter
$1 / 2$ cupful grated cheese $11 / 2$ tablespoonfuls flour
$1 / 4$ cupful bread crumbs
Boil macaroni in plenty of salted water; cook butter and flour until it bubbles; add milk and stir until smooth; add salt and pepper and a pinch of Cayenne; 1 teaspoonful dry mustard; stir in cheese and dissolve it; pour this over macaroni; melt 1 tablespoonful butter and mix with bread crumbs for top; butter dish in which it is baked and brown

## DOUGHNUTS

$11 / 2$ cupfuls sour milk 1 cupful sugar
1 teaspoonful soda 1 egg
Enough flour to thicken, to which add 2 tablespoonfuls melted lard; roll; cook in boiling lard, to which add 1 slice of potato; when brown, take this out and add another.

RAISIN PIE
1 cupful sour cream 1 cupful raisins
3 eggs
Beat yolks of eggs well; line a deep pie plate with rich paste; put in filling and bake; beat whites to stiff froth adding 3 tablespoonfuls sugar; spread on top of pie and
 lettuce on a dish. Dip each ring of ap ple into the green mayonnaise and layit on the lettuce. Moisten the celer large tablespoored dressing and put piling it high in the centre and leaving an edge of the green apple uncovered.

Pineapple and Grapefruit Salad
Arrange lettuce leaves on individua plates. In the center of each put a round drained and chilled. On this arrange perfect sections of grapefruit which
have been skinned and chilled, being have been skinned and chilled, being
careful to conform to the circular shape careful to conform to the circular shape
of the pineapple. Sprinkle these lightly with powdered sugar. Surround with mayonnaise dressing into which has been
lightly folded a little whipped cream just before using, a the fruit place t

## Quick Frult Bread

Mix ingredients for baking powde biscuits, adding three-quarters of a cupful of cleaned currants and three-quarters of a cupful of seeded raisins. Make inte a loaf, brush over the top wit brown sugar that has been mixed with a ittle cold wate., Bake for three-quar ters of an hour. This may also be mad which case sprinkle over the top a few chopped nuts and serve hot with honey.

## Oatmeal

The night before you want it, put on quart of boiling water in the ounde o the inside; in this mix one teaspoon of salt and four large tablespoons of oat meal. Put the cover on and stand the boiler on the back of the stove for the night, where it will hardly cook at all. in the morning look in the outer boiler there; if not, fill it up from the teakettle; then put it over a hot fire and boil it hard for an hour without stirring it, when it will be done. Turn it into a oitcher of cream.

## Love Loaves

Cream half a cupful of butter with two cupfuls of sugar and add one cupcupfuls of flour mixed and sifted two two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Fold in the well beaten whites of four eggs and flavor with vanilla. Bake in a square a heart cutter, cover with a chocolate icing over which sprinkle coconut. For the icing, place one cupful and a half of
sugar with three tablespoonfuls of sugar with three tablespoonfuls of cream and a thirl of a cake of chocolate
in a saucepan and boil until it will ron when poured from the spoon. Pour this over the beaten whites of two this Beat until it thickens.

When baking a cake, divide the time into quarters and look at your cake only
four times, taking it out the last time four times, taking it out the last time.
At the end of the first quarter it should At the end of the first quarter it should
be somewhat risen, with bubbles on the top; the second quarter finds it well risen and beginning to brown very
slightly; at the end of the third quarter it is "set" and evenly but lightly browned. The last look into the oven should find the cake ready to take out. Be sure of this before you take it out,
however.

## Looks are Deceptive

As several travelers got into the station bus one of the men (who was quite a portly woman had aced that a certain young it was placed with the rest of his, but tha on top. Thinking there might baggage, mistake made he kept his inside and placed it at his feet. He was soon engrossed with woman reach and did not notice the young to her side. Being of a humorous grip close mind he waited until she was occupied with a book and then pulled the grip to its former position, the rest of the travelers In turning and suddenly over a leaf she looked down of the grip. She was quite indignant, and with some force in her voice and manner said, "That is mine!" and jerked it back close to her feet.
Touching his
Touching his hat politely the owner said, madam; but may I please cet my pipight nightshirt out? You are welcome to the
rest of the things!"

The Beauty of a Clear Skinof the liver regulates the condition of the
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quality of these pills. can use them with the
certainty that the effect will be most

# Honest Methods Win! 

> The Grain Grower's Association have promised to assist us in ourfight with the large interests that are trying to force us from the field. We need the orders and influence of every Farmer to make a success of our co-operative policy.

## OUR SUCCESS MEANS LOW PRICES-OUR FAILURE MEANS HIGH PRICES OF THREE YEARS AGO.

One year ago we started market ing our fence direct to the farmers of Western Canada at prices so much lower than they had previously paid, that the
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the Western farmer and in return for our efforts ev-ry large farm organization in Western Canada has endorsed our policy and promised us every asiot ance. In return we wish every Western farmer to know that we will do everything in our power to improve and make our connection more close with him so that it will be impossible for combine to again control the fence prices in the West. We ask your personal assistance not only by the placing of your orders with us but we ask you to use what personal influence you have with your neighbors. In return for this we guarantee to sell you the best value in wire fence that you have ever received. Further information in regard to our policy, or our fence will be given on request.
Our Direct from Factory to Farm policy is a guarantee in itself of your receiving the best fence it is possible to buy at the lowest possible cost. You receive from us a roll of Sarnia fence that will give such satisfaction that will be rempmbered long after the price has been forgotten and meke you a per-
manent customer and a strong supporter of our Direct from Factory to Farm policy In the manufacture of our fence we nse the best galvenied pire manent customer and a strong supporter of our Direct from Factory to Farm policy. In the manufacture of our fence we use the best galvanized wire
that can be bought on the market. A comparison of the wire from which our fence is conclusively that our materials are of the highest possible standard. Behind Sarnia fence you have the largest and most up-to-date fence plant in the $D_{0}$ minion of Canada, and this great organization is manufacturing and selling its entire output direct to the farmer. Let us supply vour next requirements in fence and we assure you that our fence will live up to every claim we have made for it
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fence you ever purchased at any price, you are at liberty to return it to us. We will pay freight both ways and refund your money.

| WE SET THE PRICE. OTHERS devote their energy to try to meet our prices. | $\text { E.E } 5$ |  | 皆 |  |  | Cos | CASH WITH THE ORDER SAVES EXPENSE BENEFIT OF THE SAV GET THE PRICE PRICE. |  | 边 |  | bis | ent |  |
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|  in. high, 9 stays to the rod, all No. 9 Har <br>  prepaid. | 22 c | 20c | 24c | 22c | 26c | 23 C |  | 39c | 37c | 44c | 39C | 47 c | 42c |
| 6-40-0 $\underset{\text { FENCE }}{\text { HoRS }} \underset{\text { Has }}{\text { AN D }}$ CATTLE 40 in. high, 9 stays to the rod, all No. <br>  | 265 | 24c | 29c | 27c | 31c | 28 C |  | 43c | 41 c | 48c | 43c | 52c | 46C |
| 7-26 HEAVY HOG FENCE Has, ? the rod, all wires, 26 in. high, 16 stays <br>  With 12 stays to the rod, deduct 3 cenis per rod. | 33c | 31c | 37c | 33c | 40c | 36c | 7-26 MRDIUM HOG PRNCE Has ? the rod, too wires bottom No. No. 9 , finling No. <br>  <br>  | 23 C | 21c | 27c | 24c | 29C | 26c |
| 7-40-0 $\begin{aligned} & \text { HOREE } \\ & \text { SHEAT } \\ & \text { CEACE }\end{aligned}$ wires, 40 in. high,, stays to the rod, ali <br>  per rod, freight prepaid. | 29c | 27c | 33c | 29c | 35c | 32c | 15-50-P STOCK AND POULTRY <br>  <br>  <br>  | 43c | 41c | 48c | 43c | 51c | 46c |
|  in, high, 9 stays to the rod, all 17 No. 9 Hard <br>  | 29c | 27c | 33c | 29 c | 35c | 32 C | walk Gate. $31 / 2 \times 48$. Freight paid.... <br> FARM GATE. 12x48. Freight paid.... | 43 $\$ 3.00$ 4.50 | 4210 <br> 2.90 <br> 4.25 | \$3.10 | $\begin{array}{r} 430 \\ \$ 3.00 \\ 4.50 \end{array}$ | 510 <br> $\$ 3.10$ <br> 5.00 | \$3.00 4.50 |
| 8-40 General stock fence. Has $8-40{ }^{8}$ line wires. 40 in. high, 12 stasy to the rod, all No. 9 Hard Steel wire, | 290 | 27. | 33 c | 23 | 350 | 320 |  | 4.75 5.00 | 4.50 | 5.00 | 4.75 | 5.25 | 4.70 5.00 |
| spacing 3, 4, $5,6,7,7,8$. Weight .per rod, $101 / 2$ lbs. Price per rod, freight pre- paid | 35c | 33c | 39c | 35c | 42c | 37c | FARM GATE. 16x48. Freight paid.... staples galvanized. $13 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. Per | 5.25 | 5.00 | 5.50 | 5.25 | 5.75 | 5.25 |
| 8-48 GERERAL STOCK FENCE Has to the rod, all Nires, 9 Hard Steel wire, spacing ${ }^{4}$. 5 , ${ }^{6}$. $7,8,7,7$, 9 , Weight per rood, 11 ibs. Price per | 36 c | 34c | 40c | 36 c | 43 C |  | box of 25 lbs. Freight paid ........... <br>  | 1.00 1.00 | . 90 | 1.10 | . 90 | 1.10 | . 90 |
| 9-48-0 GENERAL STOCK PENCE stays to the rod, all No. 9 Hard in Stel wigh, 9 <br>  | 36c | 33 c | 40c | 36c | 43c | 38 c |  | 3.10 8.75 | 2.75 8.00 | 3.20 9.00 | 2.80 8.75 | 3.40 9.00 | 2.00 8.25 |





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