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Should you feel like quitting the game in despair,
Don't do it, stick to it, rou might rue it!

Stay in the game, play out your hand,
Success has ways we don't understand,
Stick to it, stay in it, you may win it.

There is many a mortal, not known to fame,
Who has played without ace or face in the game,
Yet to-day a better world reverence their name,
You can do, perseue it, you won't rue it.

There is many a heart through the neighborhood,
Which perhaps by us are not understood,
They are bearing the stress for humanity's good,
Who don't boast of it, brag of it, lag of it.

Success has broad and unlimited ways,
Be honest of purpose, look not for praise,
For there's naught in the brand they give now-a-days,
Don't call for it, bawl for it, call for it.

When stripped of the harness and turned out to grass,
And labelled as one of the has-been class,
When would-be's sneer at you as they pass,
They're the blind, never mind, just be kind.

When cards run bad and you've lost your dime,
And you feel that you're out of the game at times,
Don't listen to luck's discordant chimes,
Do not let up, just set up, and bet up.

Perhaps you may never be just what you could,
Perhaps you have never been just what you should,
But where there's a conscience there's always good,
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As the Foreign Marriage Act of 1892 requires all foreigners to be married at the consulate, Cario, the official ceremony was performed by the British Consul at the consulate, Cario, at 12 a.m., November 17th, in the presence of Miss A. B. Greene, principal of the H.M. Girls' School, Assiout, and Rev. J. C. Black, superintendent of the H.M. Mission in Egypt.

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The ceremony being over, twenty-one missionaries, Presbyterian, Standard and Holiness Movement, proceeded to the H.M. Mission Home where they together partook of a supper prepared by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Black and Miss E. Brown, which would compare favorably with the feasts prepared for a like event in the home-land.

Rev. M. S. Slack led in prayer and the guests after best wishes for a future full of God's choicest blessings and years of service for the land of the Pharaohs, bid the happy couple good night. Rev. and Mrs. Mainse for the present will reside at Assiout.

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The ladies of St. Paul's church held a very successful bazaar and supper on Friday, December 12, in the town hall. A large number partook of the tasty salads, pies, nut breads and cakes, served in a most appetizing manner by the ladies in charge. A wonderful assortment of fancy goods and useful articles met with a ready sale, and altogether about \$245 was realized, of which \$53 was made by the juniors.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Women's Auxiliary and Guild of St. Paul's church was held in the church on Tuesday, December 16. Splendid reports of the year's work were presented by the secretary and treasurer. The election of officers resulted in all the former officers being returned to office: Honorary president, Mrs. V. O. Boyle; president, Mrs. C. E. Frye; vice-presidents, Mrs. S. Whaley and Miss Mary Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Miss M. Barlow; Dorcas secretaries, Mrs. William Birch and Mrs. W. W. Berney; leaflet secretary, Mrs. William Sheridan; superintendent of juniors, Mrs. H. E. Johnson; prayer partner, Mrs. Johnson Frye. The meeting voted the sum of \$90 to the wardens to assist in meeting the financial obligations of the church. The rector closed the meeting with prayer.

JELLYBY
Jellyby, Dec. 15.—Harvey Knowles and Melbourne Baker spent Tuesday at Gordon Kennedy's.

Miss Marian Berry and Master Kenneth Kennedy, who have been ill, are gaining nicely under the care of Dr. W. E. Throop, Frankville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman and Master Alton spent Sunday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Brock Moore's.

Howard Clarke spent last week in Ottawa.

DRIVES OVER ICE FROM MAINLAND TO GRENADIER ISLAND

Ernest Poole One of First to Cross on Bridge.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT
John Seymour Did Not Miss Meeting for 18 Years, Gets a Ring.

Mallorytown, Dec. 22.—Ernest Poole crossed on the ice to Grenadier Island on Monday with his horse and car.

Gland Gibson, of New York, is visiting his father, J. P. Gibson.

Ernest Poole has purchased the D. Armstrong farm on Avery street for the sum of \$9,500.

Blake Haws, who moved to Waterford, N.Y., a few months ago, has returned to the village.

Robert Mallory, who motored to Florida a few weeks ago, has returned home.

D. J. McDonald has moved from Brockville to this village with his son, Howard McDonald.

Miss Minnie Taylor is confined to her home through illness.

While attending a party at McIntosh Mills on Thursday last, Thomas Miller had a buffalo robe stolen.

Miss Annie Hollingsworth has returned to Toronto after having attended the funeral of her aunt, Miss Ann Hollingsworth.

Mrs. C. Partridge and Mrs. W. I. Mallory were guests of Dr. Pritchard, Athens, last week.

Allen White and mother, of Rockport, were guests of Miss May Green on Sunday last.

GOSFORD
Gosford, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Hale Eyre spent the week-end in Brockville with her friend, Mrs. Greenwood.

Harold Dunham has accepted a position with the T. Eaton Co., Toronto.

Robert Pettin and daughter, Miss Mabel, were operated upon for appendicitis at the Brockville General hospital last week. Both are doing nicely.

Mrs. Dwight Bennett and children, of Brockville, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Metcalfe.

Arnold Marshall, Fred Oxy and Herb Landon are enjoying concerts from different broadcasting stations over their radios recently installed.

INSTALL OFFICERS OF ORANGE LODGE AT LORD'S MILLS

Arnold Hannah Re-Elected Master of the Lodge.

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Various Christmas Entertainments Are to be Presented in Country.

Lord's Mills, Dec. 15.—The following officers of L. O. L. No. 1554 were elected and installed with Wor. Bro. J. W. White as installing officer:—

Arnold Hannah, re-elected W.M.
D.M.—Horton Tanny.
Chaplain—S. Solman.
Recording secretary—H. Gilchrist.
Financial secretary—B. Cooper.
Treasurer—C. F. Vout.
First lecturer—Hartly Tanny.
Second lecturer—John Durant.
Director of ceremonies—Charles Fox.
First com.—S. Reynolds.
Second com.—Robert Seeley.
Third com.—Bernard.
Fourth com.—W. Leeder.
Fifth com.—G. McLean.

The various officers-elect were called upon for short addresses and the lodge closed in due form.

Mrs. L. Rendar and children, of Bishop's Mills, have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wier, for the last two weeks.

Miss Vera Kyle, of South Augusta, spent the week-end at J. W. White's.

Mrs. A. E. White was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Drew, Brockville, last week.

The hum of the threshing mill is still heard in this section.

A very successful assembly was held by the local Orangemen on Friday, December 12. All report a most enjoyable time.

Fred Steacy has disposed of his farm at Jellyby and expects to hold an auction here in February.

Collier Dawson is visiting friends at Gosford.

The Red Cross Juniors of Lord's Mills school and the Ladies' Guild of Christ church are preparing for a Christmas tree and bazaar which will be held on Monday evening, December 22 in the Orange Hall.

Miss Helen Joynt spent the week-end at her home.

Hockey Schedule

The schedule of games in "group 2" are as follows:—
Delta at Athens—Jan. 1st
Athens at Lyndhurst—Jan. 3rd
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OAK LEAF.

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EASTON'S CORNERS

Easton's Corners, Dec. 17.—William Polley, who was hurt last week by falling from a wagon, is improving.

The following local residents have installed radio sets: H. Watts, Grant Robinson, Mansell Empey, Stanley Empey, Chambers Empey, Jacob Halpenny, Gordon Bates, Roly Maitland, Hubert Maitland.

At a meeting called by the hockey club recently it was decided to get the skating rink ready for the season. Billy Stevens will be in charge.

The annual Christmas concert by the Methodist Sunday school will be held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, December 23. A play entitled "Mother Mine" will be offered by the young people as well as a grand Christmas Carol. The proceeds will fund the school.

THE ANNIVERSARY SUPPER AND Entertainment
of the ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH
Will Be Held on
Monday, January 5th, 1925
IN THE CHURCH
PLATFORM MEETING:
Addresses:—Rev. R. H. Bell, D.D., of Kingston; Rev. T. F. Townsend, B. A., B. D., of Frankville; and the local clergy.
Music:—Mrs. (Rev.) Townsend and Mr. Thos. Horsefield will sing; Misses Burns and G. Wiltse will give instrumental numbers.
Mrs. Wm. G. Towriss will Recite.
The Orchestra Will Attend
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Quite a large number of farmers
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at Mr. and Mrs. Brock Moore's.

Howard Clarke spent last week in
Ottawa.

Master Cecil Duval has returned to
Brockville after having spent some
time at his uncle's, Andrew Smith's.

Miss Lyla Moore spent the week-end
with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary
Hill, Brockville.

Mort Wilkins and family have moved
to North Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mott spent the
week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sym-
ington.

School was closed on Monday owing
to the illness of Miss M. Algarie,
teacher.

DRIVES OVER ICE FROM MAINLAND TO GRENADIER ISLAND

Ernest Poole One of First to
Cross on Bridge.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

John Seymour Did Not Miss
Meeting for 18 Years,
Gets a Ring.

Mallorytown, Dec. 22.—Ernest
Poole crossed on the ice to Grenadier
island Monday with his horse and
sled.

Gaud Gibson, of New York, is visit-
ing his father, J. F. Gibson.

Anton Avery has purchased the D.
Armstrong farm on Avery street
for the sum of \$9,500.

Blake Haws, who moved to Water-
town, N.Y., a few months ago, has re-
turned to the village.

Robert Mallory, who motored to
Florida a few weeks ago, has return-
ed home.

D. J. McDonald has moved from
Brockville to this village with his son,
Howard McDonald.

Miss Minnie Taylor is confined to
her home through illness.

While attending a party at McIn-
tosh Mills on Thursday last, Thomas
Miller had a buffalo robe stolen.

Miss Annie Hollingsworth has re-
turned to Toronto after having attend-
ed the funeral of her aunt, Miss Ann
Hollingsworth.

Mrs. C. Partridge and Mrs. W. I.
Mallory were guests of Dr. Pritchard,
Athens, last week.

Allen White and mother, of Rock-
port, were guests of Miss May Green
on Sunday last.

GOSFORD

Gosford, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Hale Eyre
spent the week-end in Brockville with
her friend, Mrs. Greenwood.

Harold Dunham has accepted a
position with the T. Eaton Co., To-
ronto.

Robert Pexin and daughter, Miss
Mabel, were operated upon for appen-
dicitis at the Brockville General hos-
pital last week. Both are doing nicely.

Mrs. Dwight Bennett and children,
of Brockville, spent the week-end with
her mother, Mrs. Mary Metcalfe.

Arnold Marshall, Fred Oxy and
Herb Landon are enjoying concerts
from different broadcasting stations
over their radios recently installed.

Mort Wilkins and family, of Jelly-
by, having rented the farm of Mensel
Wilkins, have taken possession and
Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkins have
moved to North Augusta.

The Triangle Social Club held its
annual banquet at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. W. H. Landon on Wednesday
evening. About 30 were present and
thoroughly enjoyed the good time and
the delicacies that were bountifully
provided. It being the last meeting
of the year, the secretary, Miss Myr-
le Langtry, read a very satisfactory
yearly report and the election of offi-
cers took place. After some commu-
nity singing and a social hour, a vote
of thanks was tendered the host and
hostess and all joined in singing "God
Save the King."

The January meeting will be held
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Checkley.

J. B. Checkley visited at Henry Fer-
guson's, South Augusta, on Thursday.

ALGONQUIN

Algonquin, Dec. 16.—The regular
meeting of the Women's Institute was
held at the home of Mrs. B. Edwards
on Thursday evening, December 11th.
There was quite a good attendance.
The meeting opened with the singing
of the Institute Ode after which the
minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved. Reports were given by
the ladies who attended the Ottawa
convention. The book committee pre-
sented three books to the members.
The secretary had the pleasure of hav-
ing her new secretarial case with her.
It was of leather, donated by the Rob-
Simpson Co. This Institute and also
the Blue Church were the prize-win-
ners in the Women's Institute report
contest at the Ottawa convention. A
resolution was passed that the secre-
tary write G. A. Putnam and extend
a vote of thanks for this lovely case
which the Institute had received. Mrs.
B. Edwards gave a reading on some
of the laws regarding women and
children. The roll call was responded
to by "Ideas for Christmas Gifts." An-
other feature of the meeting was a
presentation to Mrs. W. Smith, who
is about to leave this vicinity. A very
nice address was read by the presi-
dent, Mrs. G. Seeley and the secre-
tary made the presentation. Refresh-
ments were then served and the meet-
ing closed with the National Anthem.

The bazaar held by the W.M.S. of
the Methodist Church in W. Mella-
font's Hall on Wednesday last was a
decided success.

Miss Joyn, teacher at Lord's Mills
School, is having a Christmas con-
cert on Monday night, December 22,
in the Orange Hall. There will also
be a sale of work.

INSTALL OFFICERS OF ORANGE LODGE AT LORD'S MILLS

Arnold Hannah Re-Elected Mas-
ter of the Lodge.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Various Christmas Entertain-
ments Are to be Presented in
Country.

Lord's Mills, Dec. 15.—The follow-
ing officers of L. O. L. No. 1554 were
elected and installed with Wor. Bro.
J. W. White as installing officer:—

Arnold Hannah, re-elected W.M.
D.M.—Horton Tanny.

Chaplain—S. Solman.

Recording secretary—H. Gilchrist.

Financial secretary—B. Cooper.

Treasurer—C. F. Vout.

First lecturer—Hartly Tanny.

Second lecturer—John Durant.

Director of ceremonies—Charles Fox

First com.—Robert Seeley.

Second com.—S. Reynolds.

Third com.—Bernard.

Fourth com.—W. Leeder.

Fifth com.—G. McLean.

The various officers-elect were call-
ed upon for short addresses and the lodge
closed in due form.

Mrs. L. Render and children, of
Bishop's Mills, have been visiting the
former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James
Wier, for the last two weeks.

Miss Vera Kyle, of South Augusta,
spent the week-end at J. W. White's.

Mrs. A. E. White was a guest of her
sister, Mrs. Drew, Brockville, last
week.

The hum of the threshing mill is
still heard in this section.

A very successful assembly was
held by the local Orangemen on Fri-
day, December 12. All report a most
enjoyable time.

Fred Steacy has disposed of his
farm at Jellyby and expects to hold
an auction here in February.

Collier Dawson is visiting friends
at Gosford.

The Red Cross Juniors of Lord's
Mills school and the Ladies' Guild of
Christ church are preparing for a
Christmas tree and bazaar which will
be held on Monday evening, December
22 in the Orange Hall.

Miss Helen Joyn spent the week-
end at her home.

Hockey Schedule

The schedule of games in "group 2"
are as follows:—
Delta at Athens—Jan. 1st
Athens at Lyndhurst—Jan. 3rd.
Lyndhurst at Delta—Jan. 10th.
Athens at Delta—Jan. 17th.
Lyndhurst at Athens—Jan. 24th
Delta at Lyndhurst—Jan. 31st.

OAK LEAF.

Oak Leaf, Dec. 18.—The annual
meeting and election of officers of the
Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity church
was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd
Green on Saturday, December 13, with
Mrs. M. J. Johnson as president.
After the regular business meeting
the election of officers took place,
which resulted as follows: Honorary
president, Mrs. V. O. Boyle; presi-
dent, Mrs. W. F. Warren; vice-presi-
dents, Mrs. S. Godkin and Mrs. Oscar
Wills; recording secretary, Mrs. Her-
mon Pierce; corresponding secretary,
Mrs. Lloyd Green; treasurer, Mrs. R.
J. Green; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Jesse
Webster; literature secretary, Mrs. T.
Jeffreys; leaflet secretary, Mrs. Oscar
Wills; little helpers, Mrs. Lloyd
Green; prayer partner secretary, Mrs.
Wallace Johnson.
Mrs. Fletcher Gibson, of Athens,
then read a very interesting mission-
ary paper on "The Newcomer of Yes-
terday". The rector closed the meet-
ing with prayer, after which delicious
refreshments were served by Mrs.
Green which were greatly enjoyed.

EASTON'S CORNERS

Easton's Corners, Dec. 17.—Will-
iam Polley, who was hurt last week
by falling from a wagon, is improv-
ing.

The following local residents have
installed radio sets: H. Watts, Grant
Robinson, Mansell Empey, Stanley
Empey, Chambers Empey, Jacob Hal-
penny, Gordon Bates, Roly Maitland,
Hubert Maitland.

At a meeting called by the hockey
club recently it was decided to get
the skating rink ready for the season.
Billy Stevens will be in charge.

The annual Christmas concert by
the Methodist Sunday school will be
held in the town hall on Tuesday
evening, December 23. A play en-
titled "Mother Mine" will be offered
by the young people as well as a re-
sultant "Christmas Spirit". The A.C.
orchestra will furnish music.

THE ANNIVERSARY SUPPER AND
Entertainment
of the ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH
Will Be Held on
Monday, January 5th, 1925
IN THE CHURCH
PLATFORM MEETING:
Addresses:—Rev. R. H. Bell, D.D., of Kingston;
Rev. T. F. Townsend, B. A., B. D., of Frank-
ville; and the local clergy.
Music:—Mrs. (Rev.) Townsend and Mr. Thos.
Horsefield will sing; Misses Burns and G.
Wiltse will give instrumental numbers.
Mrs. Wm. G. Towriss will Recite.
The Orchestra Will Attend
TEA SERVED AT SIX ADMISSION 40c

We wish to thank you all for
the Patronage You have
Extended Us
Wishing You all a Happy and
Prosperous New Year.
MAX AIN
ATHENS - ONT.

Efficient Farming

THE VALUE OF WINDBREAKS IN OUTDOOR WINTERING.

The importance of a good windbreak cannot be overestimated where colonies of bees are wintered out of doors, since, for protection from the prevailing winds, it is as essential as packing.

Although well-packed, colonies which are subjected to a heavy wind blowing on them for a few hours will have their temperature reduced considerably; in fact, well-packed colonies which are exposed to the cold winds may die while those having less packing but better protection from the winds will survive. When we think of our own houses in wind-swept areas and of the difficulty of keeping the temperature up in the best constructed ones, we will appreciate the necessity of providing adequate protection from cold winds for our colonies.

Windbreaks may be natural or artificial, and the artificial ones may be either temporary or permanent. Natural windbreaks are considered to be the better. For good natural protection the apiary may be located in the

lee of a grove of trees, young timber, an evergreen hedge or on a side hill slanting from north to south, along the top of which a hedge or fence is located.

Artificial windbreaks may be temporary fences or hurdles, such as are used by the railroads, in which the boards are placed horizontally with intervening spaces of 1 1/2 to 2 inches. They may be permanent fences in which the boards are placed vertically with the above mentioned spacing between them. The object of the openings between the boards is to allow some of the wind to pass through, thus preventing a tendency to rise and roll over the fence top into the apiary. The height of these fences should be approximately eight feet and if possible, placed on all four sides of the apiary. Buildings, as a rule, should not be relied on to break the wind, for they may only divert it and possibly make matters worse. Apart from its advantages in winter, a good windbreak facilitates examinations in the summer, when without it, strong winds would retard the work.

TRAINING OUR CHILDREN

As Bobby and Mother reached the conclusion of a confidential talk, Aunt Ellen came into the dining room and caught a few words of the conversation. She looked mildly disapproving, and as soon as Bobby was off school she remonstrated with her niece.

"When I was young, Alice, children were never allowed to bring home tales about school and the teacher."

"You mean, don't you, that they were never allowed to repeat them to their elders? I'll warrant the children discussed the day's events among themselves and not always to the teacher's credit, either."

"Oh, well, of course children will—" "To be sure they will," laughed Bobby's mother. "As long as they are creatures of intelligence they are going to think about what happens in school, and as long as they think, they are going to talk to somebody about the things they are thinking of. Refusing to listen to a child's comments and questions does not stop his thinking, it only leaves him to draw his own faulty conclusions."

"Just the same," the older woman protested, "I think it is wrong to encourage a child to find fault with his teachers."

"So do I, and I am sure I have never been guilty of doing that. But when I see that some problem is puzzling Bobby I do try to help him solve it, whether it concerns school or other things."

"This noon he told me that Miss Larson had been unfair. I suspected one of those cases in which a child does not perceive all that lies back of a punishment or reprimand, so I encouraged Bobby to tell me the whole story. I do not think he felt that he was being encouraged in fault finding."

"It was as I had suspected. While I could see the reasons for Miss Larson's action, Bobby in his inexperience could not possibly be expected to. If he noticed the incident at all, he could not have done otherwise than misjudge his teacher. I talked with him a long time about it and at last his manly little soul caught the larger vision. For the first time he has sensed the truth that there is something bigger and more important than the individual—that is, the welfare of the group. He went back to school satisfied with his beloved Miss Larson again and with something added to his ideals. If he and the other children discuss the incident of the morning among themselves Bobby will, I am sure, present Miss Larson's side of the question and stoutly defend her. So I am well pleased that Bobby brought his little grievance to me, and if Miss Larson could know the whole story, I am sure she would agree with me."

Aunt Ellen was only half convinced but hesitated to say so.

"Well," she remarked at last, "I don't think you have a very easy task ahead of you if you are going to try to help Robert solve every problem that troubles him all through school."

"Oh, as for that," replied the young mother, "I never for a moment imagined that being Bobby's mother was going to be an easy task, but I am finding it one that is truly worth while."

Stale bread, free from mold, has a feeding value equal to wheat for hens.

As an investment, the hen leads. The fact that the stock is always in demand, the shares are accessible to those whose means are limited, and the dividends are declared with regularity, make her a leading and favorite stock in the markets of the world.

To clean harness, first soak thoroughly in a washtub three-fourths full of warm water containing a handful of sal soda. Scrub each piece with a brush, one end of the piece placed over the tub so that the dirty water will run into the tub. While harness is still wet, apply harness oil with a rag or sponge.

Poultry

It is a relatively simple matter to dress a goose. The bird should be hung up, hit on the head with a short club to stun it, and immediately stuck in the back of the mouth just as a chicken is killed.

When through bleeding, the bird is dipped in scalding water for a moment, and wrapped in a sack until the steam penetrates the feathers, which should then come off without difficulty.

The goose to be picked is hung up by the legs at a convenient height, which leaves both hands free. The coarse feathers are dropped on the floor. The down and fine feathers should be saved, as they meet a ready sale.

A handy arrangement for saving feathers is a tall bushel hamper from which the bottom has been removed, and placed upside down on the floor, near the picker. A clean cotton grain bag is hung inside the hamper, and fastened open at the top with three or four clothespins.

The feathers to be saved are dropped into this, and the bag is then hung out in the wind and sun until its contents are thoroughly dried and aired.

Preserving Poultry Manure.

It often is necessary to hold poultry manure for a considerable length of time before it can be applied to the land. How to hold it with a minimum loss in fertilizing value is important.

The quantity of manure which can be collected and saved varies with the breed, age and sex of the birds as well as with the ration fed. Available data seem to indicate that it is safe to estimate a hen's night droppings at from thirty to forty pounds a year.

On the basis of a hundred-hen flock this means an annual poultry yield of nearly two tons of fresh manure, which is by no means an inconsiderable quantity. The method of preservation should be aimed at preventing a large loss of nitrogen, converting the product into a more nearly complete fertilizer, and so improving its mechanical condition that it can be applied with a manure spreader.

As has often been pointed out, hen manure is a one-sided nitrogenous fertilizer. Furthermore, as usually managed, perhaps half or more of its nitrogen is lost before it is applied to the land. This waste can be prevented by storing the manure in a dry place and mixing with it something that will hold the nitrogen and some dry material to act as an absorbent.

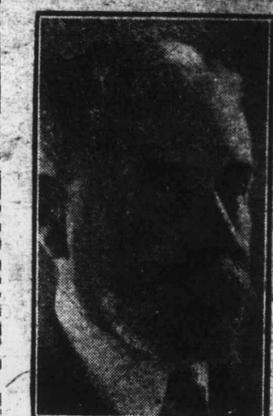
The Maine Experiment Station has recommended acid phosphate and kainit as materials which will prevent the loss of nitrogen and also help to balance the fertilizer so that it is more nearly complete.

For example, it is pointed out that a mixture of thirty pounds of hen manure, ten pounds of sawdust, sixteen pounds of acid phosphate, and eight pounds of kainit would carry about 1.25 per cent. nitrogen, 4.5 per cent. phosphoric acid, and 2 per cent. potash, which used at the rate of two tons per acre would furnish 50 pounds of nitrogen, 185 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 80 pounds of potash.

Feeding Hardy Perennials.

One year my sister planted several clumps of peonies. They grew two years and bloomed nicely, but after that they refused to bloom at all. I suggested a good mulching of rotted manure with plenty of bonemeal added, and the foliage became dark and lustrous and the plants set buds by the dozens. It was a case of starvation. All hardy perennials that spend years in the same spot need frequent feeding to do their best. Some will bloom on, but they will be enough finer if fed, to make it worth while.

Poultry manure is ideal as a top-dressing for the hardy border, but more organic matter is needed. Mulching with rotted manure and straw from around an old strawstack serves and is not objectionable. Most perennials hide the mulch soon in the spring. Bonemeal may be mixed with the rotted mulch or it may be sprinkled about the plants and worked into the surface soil.—Agnes Hilco.



Sir Gilbert Parker, Anglo-Canadian author, who suffered severe injuries when knocked down by an automobile at Aiken, South Carolina.

Progress in Hog Grading.

During the past fiscal year, it is stated by the Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, in his report of the work of his Dept., hog grading in practice has been so well established that packers' buyers and live stock commercial men of the various stock yards have become definitely acquainted with the official hog grades. Shipping agents and drovers through the continued grading of hogs at all marketing centres have learned the weights and types of hogs designated to the various grades. Farmers also, through contact with buyer and shipper and through the medium of meetings and demonstrations, have come to realize more and more what is required in the select bacon hog both from the standpoint of type and finish.

This knowledge on the part of trade has permitted of steps being taken to simplify the grading methods at stock yards and packing plants. Similarly the fact that farmers and drovers are now acquainted with the grades of hogs has permitted of the buying and selling at many country points on a graded basis with general satisfaction to producer and buyer. The grading system has proved itself a practical method of trading in hogs and it has the further advantage of greatly improving the quality of the hogs of this country. Hog grading statistics, it is claimed in the report, show the percentage of select bacon hogs to be 14.97 per cent. in 1923. But these statistics, it is further stated, do not tell the whole story in so far as analyzing the figures pertaining to the marketing of commercial hogs. The infusion of bacon hog breeding has typified the type of the thick-smooth hogs to a marked degree. Quite a percentage of these are now approaching the select bacon standard and in consequence thereof produce a much better carcass. The average finished weight of both the select bacon and thick-smooth hogs indicate that farmers are paying close attention to the correct market weights.

A Fire Extinguisher May Save Your Home.

"Now, where are you going to put it?" asked the fire extinguisher agent. He had driven 20 miles over our country roads, car packed with the useful cylinders, at the beginning of his day; but he had left one, or two, or three in almost every farmhouse at which he had stopped.

On his lawn he had crumpled some paper, soaked it with gasoline, and had touched a match to it. But the fierce blaze vanished as if by magic, when the swing of the red tube had scattered the chemical on it. Not even the young grass was scorched. I was convinced.

"Why," said I, answering his question, "in the kitchen, I think. It's almost the only place where a fire would be likely to start, now that we have the electric lights. Why not hang it near the stove?"

"By no means!" he told me. "You want a stout hook to hang it from, and you want it close to the door leading into the kitchen. The best place is right on the door-frame. You see, if it's near the stove, and fat boils over and catches fire, or a coal falls out and sets the floor afire, you have to chance burning yourself before you can reach it. That's where half the mistakes in placing an extinguisher are made. Folks don't stop to think where fires may start, and how they'll get to the tube without risk."

Silver Fox Inspection.

In his report of the work of the Department for the past fiscal year, the Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, stated that during the silver fox inspection season which began about the middle of September and ended the middle of January, about 10,000 foxes were inspected, tattooed in the ears for identification and duly registered in the office of the Canadian National Live Stock Records. That brought the number of registered foxes up to the end of March last, beyond the 20,000 mark. The inspection of foxes and their registration in this manner is claimed by the Minister to be doing much to stabilize the industry as it is a guide to beginners who are assured when they purchase a duly registered fox that they are getting an animal of at least fair quality and bred to type for a number of generations.

Are You Kind to a Pussy?

Active cruelty to an animal is a very dreadful thing. It is not only dreadful, but cowardly. We do not believe that any of the boys and girls who read this column would be guilty of deliberate cruelty to their pets, but unintentional cruelty is just as hard to bear.

Do you like having your hair pulled? No? Well, your kitten does not, either. Neither does he like having his tail pulled, as the tail is a very sensitive part of his body.

Would you like, when you are curled up sound asleep in bed, having someone dump you roughly on the floor, because he wanted the bed? Certainly not! Then do not do it to the cat or dog. If you must have the chair or cushion on which they are sleeping, waken them gently, and place them on the floor.

Do you mind the day you had a bilious headache from eating too much candy? How would you have liked daddy to have pulled you off the sofa, tossed you in the air, insisted on pulling you about, and making you play? Why, he wouldn't do such a thing!

No, but you do it to poor Muff sometimes. Cats have their off days when they do not want to play. Perhaps their little tummies feel sick and upset, and they want to just be quiet and sleep. Do not make them play, or drag them about. They hate it just as much as you would.

How would you like to wait and wait when you were thirsty, or have what was left of this morning's breakfast served up to-morrow, after it had grown quite sour and nasty? How disgusting! Yes, of course, but did you wash out the cat and dog's dish and give them fresh food this morning? And did you put fresh water in their drinking cup? How would you enjoy it, on a very cold day, to be sent out to play in the yard, then to have mother lock the door and go upstairs, forgetting all about you, while you shivered and cried at the door for a couple of hours? Mother never does such a thing! No, but that is what you did to poor little Fluffy. You took him from a warm cushion and put him out in the yard. Then you forgot all about him, while he wailed pitifully to get in. Never forget that animals who live with people grow like people, and dislike discomfort as much as you do. You are to them what mother and dad are to you. They depend on you for care. Do not be a piker and fail them.

She Did a Good Job.

What a wonderfully complete job nature did when she invented and manufactured milk. So far as our knowledge goes, it appears to be the only product she made solely as a food. The wisecracks have fallen far short of reproducing it artificially.

In this wonder-work she seems to have gone so far into the endless realm of her creation when blending so delicately all the elements of this outstanding panacea for making strong and revitalizing the human body, that her strength and skill could not compound another equally nutritious and health-restoring product.

Fortunately, we find the leading races of men depending more and more upon this oldest of foods. But the maximum of its usefulness is still a long way off; and it will require more and more of education and promotion to attain the fullest benefit of nature's seeming excess when she put milk into the mouths of men.

Keeping Fresh Meat in Winter.

I am wondering if some of the readers of your paper would be interested in my method of keeping fresh meat in winter. This method can be used only when there is snow. This is how I do it:

First, I see that the meat is frozen hard. Then, in the bottom of a barrel, I lay a thick layer of clean snow and on it a layer of the meat. Care is taken to keep the meat away from the staves of the barrel and to fill this space with well-packed snow. Another layer of the snow is then added and on this goes the second layer of meat. This process is continued till the meat is all down, or the barrel is nearly full, when a good thick layer of snow is put on top. A heavy cover should then be placed over the barrel to keep dogs and cats from getting at the contents. The meat can be taken out as needed, but in doing so make certain each time the meat is removed that the top is again covered with a thick layer of snow. Place the barrel somewhere in a shady nook where the contents will be kept cold.—R. S. J.

As a compliment, the Lord Mayor of London is always an Admiral of the Port of London.

Australian apples sold at the British Empire Exhibition totalled up to a weight of over 1,500 tons.

Speaking at a grocery trade luncheon, Lord Leverhulme visualized a time when grocers would be asked for "a quart of electricity" and would be able to "supply the right kind to drive a mangle or do the cooking."

Britain's smallest house is at Conway Quay, North Wales; it has a frontage of 6 ft., is 10 ft. 2 in. high, and measures 8 ft. 4 in. from front to back.

CANNING MEAT THE YEAR ROUND

BY JOSEPHINE WYLIE.

The butchering season on the farm usually begins with the first steady cold weather, when the porkers are killed. But it is not necessary to wait till this time for the meat canning supply. Fried chicken out of the can is quite as good as the freshly prepared, and it is certainly desirable to extend the season of this famous farm dish.

Fryers are at their best for canning when weighing from three to four pounds, although they may be canned much younger, according to family tastes and traditions.

Chicken for canning is prepared in much the same way as for immediate serving, except that the stick end of the drumstick is cut off to facilitate packing in the jar. The breast bone is cut in two crosswise if large. Roll in flour and brown well on both sides. A tablespoonful of butter added to the fryings will give the meat a delectable golden brown color. Season with salt and pepper and pack hot into the jars, pouring over any excess fat. Livers and necks are not canned.

Quart jars or No. 3 tin cans are cooked ninety minutes at fifteen pounds' steam pressure or three hours in the boiling water bath. In the case of the latter the water should be at a bubbling boil all the time.

Chicken fritassee may be made from the cockerles or year-old hens. Cut the chicken up as for frying, or the meat may be cut from the bones. Roll in flour, season and cover with water in the bottom of the pressure cooker or in a kettle. This is cooked until the flour and liquid have made a gravy over the meat, which takes about ten minutes in the pressure cooker or a half hour at boiling. Pack into the cans at once and cook the same length of time as for fried chicken.

DELICIOUS PORK RECIPES.

Plain boiled chicken is put into the jars uncooked but is not at all plain when opened and served up hot with dumplings and cream gravy. This sort of canned chicken makes delicious salad and is also usable in sandwiches and chicken pies. Salt and pepper are added to the meat and the jars are filled with boiling water or stock made by cooking the feet and perhaps the tips of the wings. This will form a jelly on the meat and can be used as an aspic jelly or for gravy or broth. This requires ninety minutes cooking under pressure or three hours in boiling water.

With corn husking well under way the first pork butchering takes place, for hogs require plenty of meat. There are almost as many ways to can pork as there are methods of cooking it. The loin and rib chops are fried brown on both sides and canned with the pan gravy and grease poured over. Quart-size cans and jars are cooked sixty minutes under fifteen pounds' pressure or two and a half hours in boiling water.

Canned spareribs served up with sauerkraut are tantalizing to smell and better to eat. Cut the ribs in sections, two or three ribs to a section, or roll them to fit the cans. Add seasoning and fill the jars with boiling water. Process eighty minutes under pressure or three hours at boiling temperature.

Hams and shoulders may be roasted or boiled and then sliced and canned, or the meat may be first cut into sizeable pieces before cooking. This is better when the meat is roasted than when boiled, as so much more of the meat juice is lost in the water. This is canned in the pan gravy or stock. There is usually enough of this to cover the meat if water has been added during the roasting, but it will keep without being covered if thor-

oughly sterilized for sixty minutes usually begins with the first steady cold weather, when the porkers are killed. But it is not necessary to wait till this time for the meat canning supply. Fried chicken out of the can is quite as good as the freshly prepared, and it is certainly desirable to extend the season of this famous farm dish.

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Canned spareribs served up with sauerkraut are tantalizing to smell and better to eat. Cut the ribs in sections, two or three ribs to a section, or roll them to fit the cans. Add seasoning and fill the jars with boiling water. Process eighty minutes under pressure or three hours at boiling temperature.

Hams and shoulders may be roasted or boiled and then sliced and canned, or the meat may be first cut into sizeable pieces before cooking. This is better when the meat is roasted than when boiled, as so much more of the meat juice is lost in the water. This is canned in the pan gravy or stock. There is usually enough of this to cover the meat if water has been added during the roasting, but it will keep without being covered if thor-

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Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

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Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor Points Out That Canada Must Put House in Order—People Must Insist on Government Practising Policy of Economy.

The 107th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was marked by interesting addresses by Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager.

The President declared that he was satisfied "that a gradual improvement in the trade situation is occurring. Statistical returns support this view, and while there is irregularity in the movement, in the main the trend is upward." After pointing out the gratifying growth of a favorable balance of trade, the President declared that he regarded this increase in Canada's foreign trade credit as "an augury of a not distant improvement in domestic business."

The President concluded his address with the following expression of confidence:

"My last word is a word of confidence and encouragement. The interests of your Bank are more closely bound up with those of Canada than ever before and unless Canada prospers the Bank cannot expect the prosperity it should enjoy. I believe Canada will prosper. It offers inducements to immigrants vastly superior to those of other countries which are at present endeavoring to attract citizens. It stands third amongst the countries of the world in natural resources.

"Yet cardinal virtues must be practiced and I would again stress the necessity for hard work and economy, so often preached and seldom put into practice, and the need for immigration. Given these three things,

I look forward with the utmost confidence to Canada's future."

Much to be Thankful For.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the general manager, in his address to the shareholders, said in part:

"First and foremost I would say that there must be an end to the present apathy about public affairs. In my opinion, those who will not vote in municipal, provincial, and federal affairs should be penalized in some form for their indifference.

"We all know that apart from the cost and defects of the war Canada's troubles are the accumulated result of what may be termed in mild and temperate language imprudence in affairs."

"Good government is a hard problem in any country. No government can move faster in these matters than public opinion will permit, and upon the people lies the responsibility of voting for economy.

"We, in Canada, have much to be thankful for. If this were a poor country our case would be a bad one, but we have riches in our forests, our fields, our fisheries, and in our minerals, also in our mighty water powers, and in the industry and ambition of our people.

"If Canada were a private business enterprise the situation would present no great difficulty, for we are solvent, with wealth vastly in excess of our liabilities; and a way would be found by following the obvious course of cutting down our overhead and, like a sane, capable and industrious people, putting our house in order."

The Example of the Pine.

One day a boy and his father who were hunting in the mountains took shelter from the wind in the lee of some great gray boulders that lay like sleeping giants close to the crest of a lonely ridge. As the two looked upward they saw the wild autumn wind lay grim hands on a mountain pine that towered from the summit of the ridge. It was a sentinel that could escape no danger; it was an outpost to receive the first shock of the enemy's attack. Savagely the wind tore at it, shook it violently, howled through its shadowy branches. To the boy the tree, stalwart though it was, seemed about to be blown to pieces.

"Look, father," he said, pointing upward, "what the wind is doing to that pine."

The full fury of the blast just then made the pine shudder and sway wildly and heave despairingly against the stormy sky.

"Storms are an old story to that tree," said the father. "A tree like that from the time when it is high enough to catch the first breath of wind lives in a struggle. Tennyson describes an oak as 'storm-strengthened on a windy site'; and the strongest trees are always those that have weathered the greatest number of gales. Besides, the question is not what is happening to the tree, but what is happening in the tree."

"The pine doesn't really seem to mind fighting the storm," the boy admitted.

"It's the same with us," the man said. "It really doesn't matter what happens to us, but it matters a great deal what happens in us. You see, a man's character is tested by everything that happens to him; he becomes either weaker or stronger. The test is not nearly so important as the result of the test. If you think clearly, nothing can really happen to you, but everything can happen in you. That old pine is safe because it resisted the first storm years and years ago, and it has kept on resisting. It is getting stronger all the time. Because of what has happened in it nothing harmful can happen to it."

TOO WEAK TO WALK

The Sad Condition of a Brandon Lady—How Relief Came.

"I owe my present good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," says Mrs. Annie Tremblay, Brandon, Man., who tells of her new found health as follows:—"Some years ago I had an attack of pneumonia and it left me in a terribly weakened and run-down state. I was unable to walk for a long time as I had practically lost the use of my legs, and had to be carried upstairs, for I had not the strength to go myself. I became despondent over my condition for I had tried many remedies, which failed to help me. While in this wretched condition a lady friend urged me to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and I procured a supply. After taking the pills for a while I could see that I was growing stronger, and I gladly continued their use until I had fully regained my old-time health and strength. Now if I feel at all run down at any time I at once take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and they never fail me. I can therefore warmly recommend them to others who may be run down."

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The Inchcape Rock.

Many poems are unknown to the modern schoolboy that used to delight his youthful grandfather. Who now declaims Southey's spirited ballad of the Inchcape Rock, once so popular with budding orators? Do young voices in their teens, magnificently rolling their r's and occasionally cracking inopportunely at the climax, still proclaim from the school platform to their critically attentive fellows how—

"Sir Ralph, the Rover, tore his hair; He cur-r-rt himself in his despair. The waves r-rush in on every side; The ship is sinking beneath the tide!"

It is to be feared not; Southey is a neglected poet nowadays. But the story of the Inchcape Rock—or Bell Rock, as it is apter called in our day—is interesting from the fact that Sir Ralph the Rover, insolently removing the warning bell buoyed over the reef by the pious and benevolent Abbot of Aberbrothock, and later himself wrecked upon the unguarded rock, is, like the good Abbot, a figure rather of tradition than of history; but a bell there was, long preceding any light. The building of the present Bell Rock Light, as it is related in F. A. Talbot's Lightships and Lighthouses, is as fine a story as Southey's tale of the pirate and the Abbot's bell.

It was in 1806 that the Commissioners for Northern Lighthouses decided to put up a tower on the long, low, lonely reef twelve miles from the coast of Scotland—a reef two thousand feet long, entirely submerged at high tide and falling steeply away on all sides to deep water. Until the tower had risen to a fair height work was possible only on the calmest days of the summer and then during but five hours a day. It was before the era of steam, and men and materials were dependent on the perilous and difficult manoeuvring of sailing craft in the complex racing currents with their sudden changes—manoeuvring often made even more difficult by the weather's turning against them.

Once while some of the men were at work on the rock their vessel and tender broke apart in steaming fog and rising wind. The workmen were too intent on their work to observe their danger, but not so their engineer, Robert Stevenson, who was that day superintending the job in person, and who realized their plight only too well. But he said nothing, and only when they laid down their tools to leave did the men realize that they were caught and were more than likely to be drowned before the boats could beat back. Indeed it was not their own boats, but a pilot boat that fortunately came to their rescue just as the water was beginning to lap about their feet.

They were so drenched, exhausted and terrified that out of thirty-two only eight could return to work next day; but after a day's rest the twenty-four others had recovered their nerve and were back on the job. The tower, a hundred and twenty feet high, was completed in 1810. It still stands, though its "ruddy gem of changeable light," as Sir Walter Scott called it, now shines from a modern light chamber with vastly improved power and brilliance.

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An Exploded Theory. Bug—"Who said 'snug-as-a-bug-in-a-rug'?" Bah!"

The Electric Waiter.

In a certain restaurant in Detroit, the meals are served by electricity. The diner enters the restaurant, selects his table, notes on the menu the food he requires, drops the menu through a slot in the table, and waits a minute or two. Presently there is a humming noise, and in the centre of the table, on a four-poster tray, appears the food he has ordered.

When the menu is slipped into the slot it drops to the kitchen below; the server there attends to the order, presses a button, and the food is on its way to the table.

When the diner has finished his meal he takes the bill, which has also been delivered by electricity, and pays at the usual cashier's desk.

The Homer Pigeon.

What is known as a Homer or Homing pigeon, is one that will return to its home or loft from a distance. An ordinary pigeon might be called a Homer if it has this homing instinct, but what the pigeon world calls a Homer is the Antwerp, a breed that originated in Belgium. It has the sagacity and endurance to travel hundreds of miles. It seems likely that the old carriers, Dragons and Horsemen were used for carrying messages. All pigeons are strongly attached to their homes and will fly back to them, so far as their powers allow them to.

The sun is the greatest physician. Sir Herbert Barker.

EASY TRICKS

No. 248 Hidden Spirits



This stunt does not amount to much if badly presented. With a little care in working up the effect, however, it can be made very puzzling. The effect is that a spectator places a tumbler on the table, drops a coin into it and covers it with a handkerchief. The performer pretends to magnetize the hidden coin. At his command it jumps up and down in the glass, ringing any number requested. At any rate, it seems to do that because the spectators, who are not too near, hear it ring. The secret is another tumbler, a small one, in the trickster's hip pocket. In this is a coin to which a thread is attached. The other end of the thread is fastened around a suspender button on the left side. The thread is slack enough so that the spectator can catch it around the little finger of his left hand. An imperceptible movement of the little finger will cause the coin in the hidden glass to hop up and down, making the ringing sound. At a few feet it will appear to come from the glass on the table.

The best part of the trick is to make suspicious movements with the right hand, leading the spectators to believe that the coin in the glass on the table is animated by a thread attached to it. If some confident spectator snatches the handkerchief away and accuses the trickster of doing the trick in that manner, the trickster can easily turn the laugh on him and at the same time divert attention from the real solution of the mystery.

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HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

The health of many men and women engaged in certain industries is affected by benzol, a product largely used in this province in the preparation of rubber for commercial purposes. Too often in the past, before the effects of benzol poisoning were known, and measures taken to counteract it, there was a considerable amount of somewhat unexplainable sickness, through such conditions as loss of energy and loss of appetite, general weakness, sleeplessness and irritability. These and other symptoms of a kindred nature indicated that something was wrong, but just what the trouble actually was, constituted a problem. Knowing the effects of benzol poisoning, investigations were made by physicians from the Ontario Dept. of Health, in plants where this commodity was used. One of the first tests consisted in making an examination of the blood of the persons working there, to see if the amount of red and white corpuscles were up to the standard. In nearly every case where the worker had been submitted to the fumes of benzol for a considerable length of time, there was a diminution in the white blood count resulting in the symptoms already mentioned. Just how many people in the province are subjected to benzol fumes has not been determined up to the present,

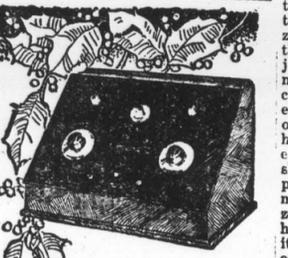
but at any rate, there is definite proof that the poisoning from this source constitutes a health hazard, the injurious effects of which cannot be minimized.

It might be opportune to mention at this point that benzol is very active solvent for rubber. It is efficient and economical in all trades in which rubber has to be used. Its only two disadvantages, and both are formidable, are that the fumes are poisonous and highly inflammable. It will, therefore, be seen at once that measures have to be taken to control the fumes of benzol and quickly and efficiently remove the fumes from workshops and factories where people are employed.

A few days ago I visited a large canning factory in this province where benzol is used in the manufacture of rubber rings for the lids of airtight cans. Recently one or two of the workers employed in this industry died and the cause of death was attributed to benzol poisoning. As a result, very active interest is now being taken by the management in the health of these workers, and every possible effort is being made to remove the danger of benzol poisoning. Powerful exhausts have been installed over the ovens where the benzol fumes are evaporated and these exhausts draw away a very large amount of the fumes. Except directly at the intake of the exhaust, the odor of benzol is hardly discernible. As a further precaution, the workers are subjected to a blood examination every month or six weeks, and if any indication of anaemia is found, the affected person is either transferred to another department or allowed to recuperate. The management has further shown its interest in the workers by providing a pint of fresh milk each morning for every worker in the benzol department, and this innovation has proved doubly successful in that it has stimulated the employees and especially the women employees to bring sandwiches, etc., to take with the milk. Many of these women, worried with household cares had hitherto time for only a cup of tea or coffee before coming to work. The provision of milk has brought about a better standard of health for every worker so favored, and in addition has reduced the time lost through sickness. Efforts are being made by the Industrial Hygiene Division of the Provincial Department of Health to interest all employers in the health of their workers, so that active measures may be taken to preserve the health of all classes of people engaged in industry and so bring about a better standard of health and living conditions not only for the workers themselves but also for their families and dependents.

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Coffee Sponge Cream

Have ready one and one-half cups of cold, strained coffee and add three-quarters of a cup of cream and one-third of a cup of sugar. Heat in the upper part of the double boiler and stir in the yolks of two eggs, beaten with a pinch of salt, and another third of a cup of sugar. Cook until the custard coats the back of the spoon and add one and a half tablespoons of gelatine, softened in three tablespoons of cream. Stir until the gelatine is dissolved remove from the fire, cool and beat with an egg beater. As it begins to stiffen fold in the stiffly whipped egg whites and one-quarter of a teaspoon of vanilla extract. Turn into an ornamental mold and chill on the ice. Serve unmolded with a whipped cream sauce flavored with chocolate.

ONE ON THE C. P. R.

In the Canadian West small business men often try to lend prestige to their establishments by affixing to their firm name the initials of one of the big railways. One often sees such signs as "C.P.R. Tobacco Store," "G.T.P. Poolroom," "C.N.R. Boarding House," etc.

The Canadian Pacific recently took official notice of these acts of piracy and sent out notifications that the unauthorized use of the railway's name was illegal. One notice sent to the proprietor of a certain "C.P.R. Barber Shop—Cut Rates," brought the following reply:

TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES

Frequently a great deal of Sunday's dinner can be prepared on Saturday afternoon to take away some of the stress of going to church and having a nice Sunday dinner at the same time.

If you find a brand of food that just appeals to you along the line of canned goods jot down the maker's name. Then when next you order you are certain of being pleased. It is foolish to continue trying different brands of food when you know of a satisfactory one.

When the bureau drawers stick floor wax (paste) rubbed on the offending parts is better even than yellow soap. Rub on the slides and also on the lower edges of the drawers themselves, then polish well. Unless well polished, wax will form a stick coating properly rubbed it forms a hard, smooth finish.

Leftovers

Left-overs spinach or greens should be packed in small jelly moulds and put in the refrigerator, and turned out when they are chilled and eaten as salad with French dressing.

Save Paper

Save the tissue paper in which your bundles are wrapped and use it for cleaning off the dishes before you wash them. This makes the washing much easier.

Hot Meats

Ham, tongue, corned beef and meats that are not to be served hot are improved by partially cooling in the water in which they were boiled.

Squash

Squashes and pumpkins need a dry atmosphere at about 50 degrees.

Butter

Any housewife can pack butter herself even though she does not know anything about butter making. But a saving of money is possible if butter is stored when it is of moderate cost for use when it has soared high in price.

Serving Sliced Peaches

Slice your peaches just before you want to serve them as they discolor rapidly. Add the sugar as soon as they are pared.

Packing Fall Butter

Pack the butter solid in stone crocks, leaving a space of about an inch at the top. This space is filled with brine as strong as possible. It is made with dairy salt and water, and should be strong enough to float a potato. Use a well-gazed crock or a new or old wooden firkin. Scald either thoroughly two or three times with boiling salt water. If a firkin is used it should not leak. Put the butter in small pieces, pounding from the centre toward the outside so as to have no holes or air spaces. A wooden potato-masher answers as a pounder. Level off neatly. A layer of salt moistened with water to form a paste is used instead of brine by some persons. In that case cover the top of the butter with parchment paper, or cotton, then spread a thick layer of the wet salt. Put on the cover and tie down with several thicknesses of clean paper. Keep in a cool, clean place, where the temperature does not vary. The great secret of keeping butter is to have it good at first and keep it cold.

APPLE BUTTER

Required: 1 peck of apples (16 lbs), 2 lbs. brown sugar, 1 1/2 level teaspoonsful of cinnamon, 1 tablespoonful of nutmeg, 1 tablespoonful of allspice, 1/4 teaspoonful of ground ginger, 1/2 teaspoonful of cloves, 1 Peel and core the apples, put the pint of cider.

peels and cores into a preserving pan and cover with water. Simmer until soft, drain and measure 2 1/2 quarts of the water. Place this 2 1/2 quarts of apple water in the preserving pan, add the apples, thinly sliced, and simmer until soft, then add the other ingredients and simmer slowly until thick, stirring almost continuously as the mixture thickens. This mixture must be made very slowly or it will not have such a good flavor. As it boils easily towards the end it is well to place an asbestos mat under the pan.

When cooked, put into jars and cover with a lid or cork and then with paper. It is a good plan to keep it in small fruit bottling jars with rubber ring and screw tops. Some cooks put the jars into a pan on a false bottom and pour in warm water up to the necks of the jars, bring slowly to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Lift out the jars and screw down tightly. The mixture should be of a consistency of butter, and is very wholesome spread on bread for children.

LITTLE FOOTSTEPS

(By Barbara De Andie)

Little footsteps, how I love them,
Gliding 'round the cottage door;
In and out, I hear them trample,
Up and down the kitchen floor.

Little ones in tenderest keeping,
Every day we love them more;
It is not real home without them,
Little footsteps 'round the floor.

Little footsteps, I can see them
Dancing in their childlike play;
In their glee, now all forgetful
Of the hours that pass away.

And when absent I am longing
For those little ones once more;
I'm near heaven when I hear them,
Little footsteps 'round the door.

Little footsteps, soft and gently,
Gliding 'round the cottage door;
How I love to hear them trample
Up and down the kitchen floor.

Oh! in mischief they are straying
Seems we only love them more;
And we kiss them! How we'd miss
Them, little footsteps 'round the door.

BELL'S CROSSING

Bell's Crossing, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Ezra Moore sprained her ankle while visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Thom, but was able to return to her home on Friday.

Mrs. William Richards has been quite ill with a severe attack of bronchitis but is now regaining.

The entertainment in the school house is to be held on Tuesday evening, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. William Speer, Fairfield, spent a few days at George Rowson's and Harold Richards' recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Guinness and family spent Sunday with William Johnson, Elmda.

Miss Ethel McManus, nurse-in-training at the State hospital, Odensburg, was a week-end visitor at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ellis spent an evening last week at Abel Godkin's.

Ben Scott, Addison, made a business trip through this section last week.

The young people are taking advantage of a piece of ice in David Thom's field and enjoying the skating.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Giffin and Miss Keitha Giffin, Rockspring, were visitors at Mort, Giffin's last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Delbert Connell, Newbliss, was visiting her mother last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hinton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hinton, Rockspring, were guests of H. E. Richards on evening last week.

LIME WILL AID CLOVER

It Enables the Plant to Cope With the Winter

Acid Phosphate Good for Clover and Alfalfa—A Great Root Fertilizer—Nitrate of Soda Helps in Cold Springs—Foultry Pointers.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Did your clover kill out in the spring? If it did, you had better write the Department of Chemistry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for directions for taking a sample of your soil to discover the reason.

Reports from some districts this year show a good deal of winter wheat and clover killed out, states the Department of Chemistry, O.A.C. This is highly undesirable, and can be prevented by the use of lime and acid phosphate applied with the crop on which lime is not necessary, for the soil is not acid; but where acidity occurs lime is very essential. Phosphorus is a great root fertilizer, and it is the strong deep-rooted clover and wheat plant that withstands the alternate freezing and thawing of spring weather.

Result of Lime Phosphate Experiments.

In answer to a circular sent out last spring to the twenty-five co-operative experimenters handling our Lime Phosphate Experiment, the majority report that the clover on the half acre which received crushed limestone and acid phosphate in the fall of 1922 is in perfect shape, while in many cases the untreated section did not winter nearly as well and in one or two cases will have to be ploughed up.

If seeding is done with spring grain it is good business to use acid phosphate at the rate of at least 300 pounds per acre, and preferably 400. If the soil is acid, lime is also necessary to give a strongly rooted clover and alfalfa which will carry it over the first winter, the most critical period of the life of the plant.

Nitrate of Soda Helps in Cold Springs.

In such a season as the spring of last year, cold and wet, the greatest need of the plant is for nitrates, says the Department of Chemistry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The ground will be so cold and wet that it takes a long time to warm up, and as a result bacterial activity is at a low ebb. As a result no nitrates are formed in the soil, and plants cannot make vegetative growth.

To correct this and enable the plant to get away to a good start, apply nitrate of soda one hundred pounds to one hundred and fifty pounds per acre at once. If bought in lots of several hundred pounds it can be obtained at a reasonable price, and its benefit is almost certain. Do not, however, apply if heavy rain threatens, as it is soluble and will be lost by washing.

Another benefit which will be derived is this that the nitrate of soda dissolves in the soil water and soaks down into the soil. The roots go after it, and hence the result is a deeper rooted plant more able to withstand the period of drouth which so often follows a wet seed time.

Salt and Water for Sheep.

During the winter when the snow is available, and especially when a liberal supply of roots is being fed, the flock will not suffer a great deal if water is not given, says the Department of Animal Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College. At the same time sheep will drink more or less water if it is to be had, and if at all convenient it will pay to provide it even in the winter. After the ewes have lambed in the spring, and during the summer while on grass, an abundant supply of clean, fresh water should be at hand. Especially during the long, hot days of summer the sheep will drink freely, and the health and comfort of the flock demands that it be available.

Salt should be before the flock at all times during the year. A box or trough set up in the pen during the winter, or in the field while on pasture, in which there is always a supply, will assure the owner that his flock is always well provided with salt.

Storing Potatoes.

If potatoes are grown only for home use the crop is usually stored in the cellars of the houses or of the barns. Occasionally potatoes are stored in pits. When the crop is grown commercially, however, it is generally placed in a potato storage cellar erected for the purpose. In all cases it is important to store only well sorted, sound, clean, dry potatoes and to keep them constantly in a dry, cool, dark and well ventilated place. The temperature usually recommended for the best results is from 33 degrees F. to 35 degrees F.

Egg Production at O. A. C.

The average egg production of the one thousand pullets that were trapped for the year was 168 eggs each. We are trying to improve the strain in size of body, size of eggs and color, rather than increasing the number of eggs. Five pens of ten pullets each were placed in laying competitions. The fifty birds averaged slightly above 190 eggs each. The high bird of those in the contests was 263 eggs, and the high bird of those on the plant was 236 eggs.—Prof. W. R. Graham, O. A. C., Guelph.

BAZAAR HELD AT ELGIN PROVES A SIGNAL SUCCESS

Sum of \$615 Raised by Ladies of St. Columbanus Church.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Merrick Warren, Lansdowne, Has His Nose Broken While Skating.

Elgin, Dec. 17.—The bazaar on the 12th and 13th inst. by the ladies of St. Columbanus church, was a grand success. Although the weather conditions were not the most congenial, a large crowd gathered on both afternoons. The party on Friday evening and play on Saturday night were also well attended. The net proceeds in all were very gratifying, amounting to \$615.

The annual Methodist Sunday school Christmas entertainment will be held in the new town hall on Christmas eve. A well arranged and interesting programme is under preparation.

Miss Nellie Brown has returned home from Kingston, where she has been receiving medical treatment.

Mr. Chapman, Athens, is assisting Messrs. Ferguson in their bakery.

Albert Kenny was taken to a Kingston hospital on Tuesday to undergo an operation. All hope for a speedy recovery.

A political meeting was held on Monday evening last when Reeve J. A. Kenny and the same four councillors were re-nominated for 1925. A citizens' meeting will be held on Monday, the 22nd inst.

TOLEDO

Toledo, Dec. 19.—Victors to Smiths Falls on Wednesday included Miss Irene Pepper.

Mrs. M. J. Gray is able to be around again after her illness.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. D. McClure, accompanied by Mrs. James Gray and Miss Irene Gray, motored to Brockville and rejoiced to find Mr. Gray so far recovered as to be able to accompany them home. At present, although suffering pain at times, he is gaining steadily.

F. J. McNamee was a Delta visitor on Friday.

Several have been victims of la grippe, including Mrs. Lena Briginshaw, who has almost fully recovered from a severe attack.

Mrs. C. Cohen left on Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays at her old home.

John Seymour received a great, but yet a very pleasant surprise on Wednesday night when, at a meeting of the Black Preceptory Lodge, the brethren presented him with a beautiful emblem ring of the Royal Arch and the Black Preceptory as a slight token of appreciation of his services as chaplain of the lodge. He has never missed attending one meeting in the whole period of thirteen years that he has held that office.

Denton McClure is not yet fully recovered from his illness.

Among those home for the Christmas holidays are noted Donald Edgar from Kars.

JUNETOWN

Junetown, Dec. 15.—Miss Kate Purvis has returned from a ten day's visit with her sister, Mrs. A. N. Earl, Brockville.

The Public school Christmas entertainment will be held in the school house on Friday evening, December 19.

Mrs. James White and Miss Arley Purvis spent the week end at Purvis street with relatives.

Miss D. Gilbert has returned home from a two weeks' visit with Miss Mary Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Fortune, Arthur Fortune and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Warren attended the funeral of Mrs. William Green at Lyn on Saturday.

The body of Mrs. Timothy Guild, of Andressburg, who passed away at the General hospital, Brockville, on Saturday, was brought to the residence of her son-in-law, Fred Graham, on Saturday evening. The funeral took place from Mr. Graham's residence on Tuesday afternoon to the Mallorytown Methodist church.

Mrs. Alex Herbison and Mrs. W. Earl, of Purvis street, are staying here with their aunt, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, who has been seriously ill for some months, and her friends are sorry to hear that she is falling rapidly.

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Women and Home

HOW TO BE WELL DRESSED

The Clever Amateur Costumer Apt At Copying Designs

Heydda Hoyt in the United Press says:

"This fall there are so many inexpensive cloths of good material and of good lines that anyone with taste can be well dressed. Take, for instance, those snappy little short fur coats, which can be made from anything from goat fur to sable! Some of these are selling so cheaply as to come within the means of almost any one. Cat fur and goat fur, dyed in deep rich, browns may not resemble the more expensive furs but they do have smartness and chic. Who knows at the first glance whether they are real mink or dyed cat? And who cares? It's the fit of the little frock beneath the coat and the shape of the perky little felt hat above it that creates an ensemble worth looking at.

Perkiness and "An Air" Tell

A girl can spend several hundreds of dollars on a fur paquette and from fifty to a hundred dollars on her hat, and some clever little person with quick wit seizes the opportunity of copying her costume and appears a week after in a cheaper duplicate

Some Original Dresses

Many women like to feel that they are original in dress. They will purchase a fashion book and create a gown with Lanvin sleeves, Poiret waistline and Madeline skirt and add trimmings approved by some other designer. The finished dress looks like a Christmas tree. It has neither style nor chic and is ruined by the combination of different patterns. The designer has a reason for everything he or she does. If her frock has long sleeves it should never be made without sleeves. If it is long as to hem, it is because such a frock requires a long hemline. The home dressmaker should realize these facts.

Importance of Accessories

"Accessories are very important these days, and it is these little accessories which make or mar one's ensemble. Just now well dressed women are wearing more subdued shades of hostery. Pinks and flesh shades are no longer worn for street wear. Wood shades, light tans and browns and greys are good. Gunmetal accompanies the black shoe and occasionally one sees the oyster white shoe combination. White hostery may be worn when the costume is a black

which she wears with an air that absolutely outclasses the owner of the original model. Sure enough women know the difference between cat fur and sable, and between a \$50 bonnet and a \$2.00 one. But who dresses for women nowadays? For that matter, many of the very wealthy women are wearing imitation furs and jewels this year, so why worry about quality?

Some Chic Standard Safest

"The well dressed woman doesn't attempt to set styles of her own if she had a limited dress allowance. She knows that she can't hope to compete with the lines set by Fashion designers. She sees something smart in a shop window and, choosing her own coloring, follows perhaps in cheaper but good materials the standard set by her wealthier sister, and white affair.

Gloves and Handkerchiefs

"Gloves likewise play a very important part this year. Tans and mauve shades are these generally chosen. White gloves are not being worn during the day time and only occasionally at night in which case they may either be glaze kid or suede. Most women are gloveless for evening occasions. A woman in a Spanish shawl with long white gloves looks ridiculous these days. Arms are always bare it would seem.

"Handkerchiefs are chosen with respect to the coloring of the frock. The all-white handkerchiefs of lace or lace trimmed may be carried for evening use, but for day wear the pastel squares of linen, chiffon or silk are the mode. Little sets of six handkerchiefs may be purchased in the shops, with each handkerchief of a different color. The fastidious woman choose a handkerchief which harmonizes with her frock for each and every occasion.

"While these little details of dress do not seem important in themselves, the woman who dresses on a limited allowance must pay heed to them if she wishes to appear smart.

"In speaking of facts and accessories, one can't omit the little bar pin or brooch that is worn on the left shoulder nowadays. These may be real or imitation.

"Another fad which doesn't apply to dress exactly, is the painting of the fingernails. One sees girls and women with nails as red as any Nautch dancer. And some women of refinement are among them."

A FUR SEASON

It is going to be, in the language of the modistes a "fur season." Perhaps the tradition that a "white winter will follow a "green" one, such as last winter, has stimulated interest in fur garments.

Sealskin in all its variations is still to be worn, but it is no longer smart as an entire garment. Some of the dressy coats and wraps sent out from the Paris ateliers are made of satin, crepe and cloth with sealskin introduced as a part of the skirt, in sleeves, deep collar, or in any of the several attractive ways, making a wrap of exceptional dignity and elegance. Mink is another staple among the handsomer furs. It is especially good this season, and some of the new mink coats, wraps and capes, are superb—quite as popular with young women as with the dowager.

Perhaps the smartest among the dark furs is caracul. In the natural color and light dyes this had a tremendous vogue last season, particularly in the chic little jacquette which will be worn again this year. It is shown in many lovely novelty styles for younger women, in the misses and junior models. Baby lamb broadtail and caracul, especially the fine, silky, "baby" quality are all fashionable, with the preference for caracul.

Mountain sable is another new fur that is taking very well. It is short, soft skin, a lovely shade of brown in this distinctly brown season.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

Storing Vegetables

Vegetables must be stored under the conditions that will keep them in the best condition for use. Mr. H. O. Werner of the North Dakota Experiment Station gives the following pointers: In the first place they should be handled carefully. Bruises form a place for decay germs to enter. The vegetables store best if a little immature.

Roast Vegetables

Cabbage, celery and root crops keep best at low temperature, with a fairly moist atmosphere and good ventilation. Onions keep best just above freezing in a dry atmosphere. Celery when dug is really transplanted, as it has to be kept growing when in storage. Dig it with a good deal of soil on the roots and plant closely in sand or loose, damp soil in a cool cellar or pit. The root crops keep a cool place. The vegetables, except when buried in sand or soil in cepting celery, will keep better if well dried in the sun before being stored.

Cooking Doughnuts

Doughnuts should not be turned more than once while cooking. If the fat is too cold the doughnuts will absorb some of it, and if too hot they will brown before they have risen sufficiently. Keep the temperature uniform.

Cleaning Floors

Crude petroleum can be used to cleanse floors that have been painted, varnished or oiled.

For Curtains

When buying material for upholstery and curtains remember to buy more if you use a large pattern than if you use a plain or small figured material because you waste more in matching.

Keeping Vegetables

If asparagus or lettuce must be kept for more than a day or two put some water in a shallow dish and let the roots rest in that. Never have the water more than an inch deep.

Good Cleaning Substance

Warm bran makes an excellent cleaning substance for the tapestry or cloth-covered furniture. It should be allowed to stand for some time before it is brushed off.

Cucumber Salad

Cucumber salad is always particularly good served with fish.

We wish to thank our many customers for their splendid Patronage during the past year and solicit the same in future.

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CHILDREN COME TO CANADA ON MAGIC CARPET



DICK ANDERSON STUDIES COMPASS
 DESPITE the fact that the Canadian Pacific is the greatest transportation system in the world, it finds it wise and profitable to give individual attention to any little children who may be consigned to its care.

The war broke up families and left orphans in all European countries. Many of these are now being transported to friends and relatives in the United States and Canada. In most cases there is little money. Above are shown some of the little folks who have recently crossed the Atlantic alone. Keith Herz, an 11-year-old boy, travelled from his home in Uscjug on the Russian-Austrian border, to Milwaukee. The chaperon or guardian for the youth-

panied him to Antwerp, whence he sailed on the S.S. Metagama. A very interesting passenger came over on an August run of the S.S. "Melita," a little 6½-year-old Armenian refugee, who is to become the adopted son of western Canadian farmers, a marvellous change from poverty to plenty. Dick Anderson, the boy being shown the working of the compass by Captain Landy of the S.S. "Melita," was the youngest member of a party of boys sent from England to the Dr. Barnado's Home in North Toronto, Ontario, where waits from London are given education, a comfortable living and become worthy Canadian citizens.

A Scotch lassie, Rita Tiffey of Dundee, Scotland, boasts of many trophies won by her nimble 9-year-old heels. She owns 4 silver cups and 21 medals won at dancing, and gave much pleasure to all passengers on a recent voyage of the S.S. "Montclare," by executing 36 different dances on her way out to Canada.

Catching fish isn't all the fun of fishing;
 It's the going, and the coming, and the wishing;
 It's the stream that lies before you,
 And the slippery stones that floor you.
 It's the bright blue sky above you,
 And the friends along who love you,
 That makes the fishing pay.

Making money isn't all the pay for working;
 If it were we'd all be shirking, yés just shirking;
 It's the happy friends who meet you,
 It's the genial smiles which greet you,
 It's their ready comprehension
 Of your liberal intention,
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STOCKING TOYS.

As a general thing, most old stockings are thrown away when they are too worn-out to darn any more.

But we will continue to make toys from ours that will more than delight the babies and small children.

Do not use silk ones; they split too readily, and the plain lisle are apt to stretch. The ribbed ones are best, and be sure they have no holes in the legs, for that is the part to use.

For a funny old "mammy doll" proceed as follows: Cut off the foot and sew the leg straight across the top, so as to form a bag. Then decide how big you want your doll, for the longer the leg the bigger she will be.

Stuff with cotton or old rag—more stockings cut up small will do—till the head is round and large enough. Then tie a string tightly around the neck to hold it in place and form the head. Stuff the rest of the body and sew up the bottom.

For arms and legs, take a piece of stocking the desired length, roll up and wrap tightly with black thread, sewing at the bottom. Tie a string a little way up to form the hand.

The legs are made the same way, but turn up about an inch at right angles to the leg to form a foot and catch with a few stitches, then sew the arms and legs on the doll.

Outline the features with white thread, making large goggle eyes and a big mouth with stitches taken across it for teeth. Dress mammy in any scraps you may have, but be sure to make her an apron and a head-handkerchief with stick-up ears.

A dear little girl doll is made the same way from a white stocking, and dressed in dainty clothes, with the features done in colors—blue eyes, red mouth and perhaps a touch of rouge on her pale cheeks. If she has a little cap, she needs no hair.

The funniest sort of witch's black cat is made by making the head and body this same way, then pinching up the two corners of the head for ears, gathering them a little and fastening with a few tight stitches. Do not sew on legs and arms; they can be outlined on the body with white, if liked, or left out altogether. Outline the features and whiskers in white, with a touch of green or yellow for the eyes. Make quite a long tail, wrapped like the doll limbs, and sew on tightly.

A rabbit is made from a white stocking by adding long ears to the body made like the cat, with a tail of a wad of cotton sewed on. The ears should be cut out separately and doubled and turned and sewed on. They are less trouble made from white flannel. Outline the features in black. He and the cat may have a ribbon tied around their necks, with perhaps a bell.

THE FEET AND ANKLES.

The appearance of the feet and ankles is of great importance, now that short skirts and low shoes are so generally worn. While it is impossible for every one to have a small foot, certainly every one can have a neat or dainty-looking foot. The last place to economize is on shoes. It is better to wear one fairly high-priced pair of shoes throughout a season, than two cheap pairs.

Of course you will not be able to wear well-fitting shoes comfortably if the feet hurt. I do not mean that shoes should be tight, but neither should they be too loose; one produces corns as much as the other. Given the right sort of footwear, it is quite possible to keep the feet healthy without ever having to go to a chiropodist.

The feet, as well as the body, should be bathed daily; not just given a careless washing, but scrubbed with mild soap and a flesh brush. Then they should be dried well and gone over with a corn file. Every callus should be rubbed down, the corns softened by soaking and either filed down, or if very bad, the top callus skin should be cut off with cuticle scissors. It is quite possible to do this without touching any of the living tissue. Very stubborn corns should be bound up with a slice of lemon over them—next day the hard skin will easily come off.

Tender feet should be soaked in hot salt water, the proportion being a cupful of sea-salt to a quart of hot water. This rests the feet, and hardens them. If the skin of the foot is very dry, there is nothing better than sweet-oil or vaseline to use as a daily massage. In fact, corns and calli rubbed daily with sweet-oil, vaseline, or cold cream, will eventually disappear. One woman has been successful in

reducing enlarged joints (bunions) by applying turpentine, night and morning; in fact, she declares that the turpentine "almost shrinks the bone."

We repeat the remedy for split skin (between the toes): When the skin splits between the toes, apply chalk, the kind used for writing upon blackboards. Procure a stick of the chalk, scrape off the outer layer and throw this away. Scrape the remaining chalk to a fine powder and dust this powder between toes. The chalk has a drying effect which is very healing and gives quick relief.

If free of the common ailments of the feet, and a moderate amount can be spent for shoes, every woman can boast of neat and attractive-looking feet. Size does not matter so much; the large woman must have large feet or she will look too heavy. If they seem too big, however, she should carefully avoid fancy styles of footwear, and buy nothing but the plainest and best.

PATCHING UP THE MIRROR.

We have a mirror from which the silver has come off in several places. Could you tell me what I could do to it?—Mrs. C. H.

Clean the bare portion of the glass by rubbing it gently with fine cotton, taking care to remove any trace of dust and grease. If this cleaning be not done very carefully, defects will appear around the place repaired. With the point of a penknife, cut upon the back of another looking glass around a portion of the silvering of the required form, but a little larger. Upon it place a small drop of mercury; a drop the size of a pin-head will be sufficient for a surface equal to the size of the nail. The mercury spreads immediately, penetrates the amalgam to where it was cut off with the knife, and the required piece may be now lifted and removed to the place to be repaired. This is the most difficult part of the operation. Then press lightly the renewed portion with cotton; it hardens almost immediately, and the glass presents the same appearance.

A NEW DOLL OUTFIT.



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FRENCH ONION SOUP.

Winter is the season for thick soups, and this one which, with a liberal chunk of bread, makes a whole meal for the Breton peasant, is especially good. Peel four large onions and two carrots. The onions should be chopped fine, and the carrots sliced. Put them into an enameled ware saucepan with three tablespoonfuls of butter and saute them until the onions are well browned. Use a quarter teaspoonful of sugar and half a teaspoonful of salt. Add a quart of water and boil for two hours, adding more water as it boils away. This soup should be served with a slice of bread in each plate.

Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

"I have something to say too!" answered Peter gaily, for it was a spring day and all the world seemed young and gay. "If we have to avoid May, it must be not later than the twenty-ninth of April—our wedding, I mean—for I don't propose to wait till June."

She sat down suddenly, as if her limbs failed her, and began, with the hazel stick she carried, to draw strange hieroglyphics among the pine needles at her feet.

He took a step nearer to her and touched her shoulder.

"Darling!" he said, passionately, "say it will be the twenty-ninth. You have kept me in a state of uncertainty so long, I'm going to take the law into my own hands. Do you hear? The Lees needs and wants its mistress, and I am tired of waiting."

It seemed a long, long time before she spoke, and then she rose to her feet and looked at him quite straightly, but very strangely, in the face.

"I am very sorry, Peter, but I cannot marry you at all."

CHAPTER IV.

THE MARCH DYKE.

A lover, secure in the knowledge of love given and returned, might have taken the words as a jest, to be frowned or laughed over as the occasion seemed to demand; but the tone in which Carlotta uttered them, the set and almost anguished expression of her face, drove them home with relentless force.

Even at the moment when he knew their finality, Garvock tried to make light of them.

"You can't marry me!" he repeated. "Oh, no, Carlotta! It is not a very kind jest between you and me at this late day!"

"It is not a jest," she answered dully. "I would not make that kind of jest. It would be unseemly. Besides, I am not a jesting woman."

"Then why?" he stammered, "why this change of front?"

But this time she had no direct answer ready. Her eyes evaded his and sought to follow the flight of a bird on the wing.

Presently, however, she brought them back to his face.

Her expression had changed again, for swift and bewildering variety was one of the chief charms of that mobile face.

"I think you can't be very much surprised. We have been engaged just three weeks, but have you ever had, in that time, any feeling of security or happiness?"

"I had your promise," he said gloomily, "the promise I am going to claim."

"Do you remember the day it was given?" she asked swiftly. "It was not a happy day. It is not yet so far away but that you can recall precisely what I said."

"You said you did not care for me," he answered, readily enough. "But I answered that I could teach you."

"And you remember what I said in answer to that? 'Love gives itself. It is not bought.'"

His face flushed dully.

"I was not seeking to buy your love, Carlotta. Be just to me. I did not so much as mention material things."

"Oh, no!" she said, with a swift glance of compassion for him. "It was I who was mercenary, sordid, base! I told you I was tempted as a poor woman can be tempted by a rich man. I said horrible things, which afterwards I hated myself for. But your patience was boundless."

"Because I cared so much, Carlotta," said Peter Garvock with a strange humility. "Besides, I did not believe the half of them. I understood you better than you understand yourself."

For the first time, she studied his strong, harsh face attentively, thinking of the pity of it, and how, given love—the necessary, the all-forgetting love—the right woman might find and cherish the gold of a nature that wore its most forbidding characteristics on the outside.

"If you understand me then, Peter, try to understand me now," she said, in a low, sweet voice. "I am very miserable. I wish we had never met. Try

to forget that we ever have, or that these weeks had being."

"The man who has known you for three weeks, and been permitted to look into your eyes, doesn't forget, Carlotta," he said with a melancholy touch, a touch of poetry, even, which surprised her afresh.

It made her dumb in front of her colossal task. For Peter Garvock was no weakling to be tossed hither and thither on the froth of a woman's whim. He would probe deeper. The dreary conviction that nothing but the truth would satisfy him, penetrated Carlotta's soul.

"Somebody has been talking to you," he said, encouraged by her silence, and by the unwonted sweetness and pathos of her looks. "Tell me who it is, that I may go and crush their lies and innuendoes."

She shook her head.

"Nobody has been talking. None would dare. Oh, Peter, can't you understand that I have never cared and that now I know that I never could care, and that I am saving you, as well as myself, from a misery too great to be imagined or endured?"

"I said I would take the risks, even of being married for my money," he said doggedly. "And I'm taking them still. We are to be married on the twenty-ninth of April."

"No, no! No, no!"

Just those four syllables—nothing more!

"You remember I said if you were so desperate as to take the risks, I would try," she went on, drearily. "But I warned you of the kind of woman I was. I even—"

"I even warned you royally," she went on, "and other things that might happen, was the other man. He has been known to come into married lives before this, and to destroy such peace as existed."

"That would never have happened with you, Carlotta!" he answered proudly. "If a man trusted you with his honor, it would be safe."

The tribute touched her inexpressibly, nay, more—it drove her irresistibly to the truth. She fixed her eyes on his now set and gloomy face, and spoke quite quietly.

"Peter, I am twenty-five years of age, and a good many men have spoken to me about this love. Every one has left me cold. I had grown if not to believe in its existence, at least to think it never would exist for me. But I was wrong. It is the biggest force in the world—and the most disastrous."

"Then, if I have taught you that much," he cried joyfully, "the rest will be easy!"

"Oh, but—but it is not you! Don't you see that if it had been you, there would have been no need for all this talk?"

Then Peter Garvock's expression changed indeed, and became terrible. The blackness of his hair and eyes accentuated the sickly paleness of the face, outraged by the deepest passions which can ravage the soul of man.

"Then who—who is it? Someone you have seen since we met last?" he demanded thickly.

Then all at once his eyes were opened. The scales fell from them and he knew!

"It is Stair!" he cried in an awful voice. "That hound and blackguard, that breaker of women's hearts—Alan Rankine!"

He was at once answered and rebuked by the majesty of Carlotta's look. She stepped across the pine needles, and laid her hand, so light and firm yet compelling, on his arm.

"Listen, Peter Garvock. You and I, and Stair, and all the other men and women in the world, are but players on the board. We move a little this way or that, but the final moves, the big stratagems, are not in our hands. That Alan Rankine and I should meet, and love, and belong to one another, has been ordained from the beginning of time. I knew it that day when you brought him to me at the Clock House. Did you feel nothing of the strange currents with which the air was charged?"

"I wish I had choked his black heart out of him before I brought him!" cried Peter Garvock, almost foaming at the mouth. "But he shall

never have you, Carlotta! Never while I live."

She shrank back, the woman in her quailing momentarily before the fury of his face.

"And all this high-falutin' nonsense about your being ordained for one another from the beginning of time! I wonder how many woman he has led on that tack since he began?" he went on, his evil passion rising with every word.

Carlotta put up an arresting hand. "I must leave you, Peter Garvock. All this talk will serve no end. I may never be Alan Rankine's wife—very probably I never shall be, but I will never be yours. I ask your forgiveness—for these three weeks of folly and misery! Some day you will come to me and thank me for what I have done this day."

When she would have turned from him he grasped her arm.

(To be continued.)

The Sheikh's Justice.

The sheik of an Arab tribe, says Mr. Paul Harrison in a recent issue of Asia, exercises unlimited power; of him it may be said as it was of Nebuchadnezzar, "Whom he would he slew and whom he would he kept alive."

The only check upon his actions is public opinion and the likelihood of its expressing itself in the form of assassination if he becomes too unpopular.

The office is hereditary and in the natural course of events passes to the eldest son; but occasionally, if the heir is obviously a man of no force, one of the other children assumes it instead. "The ablest ruler is the man wanted and the one eventually secured. No one cares much to what family he belongs."

Able some of the sheiks certainly are, and according to their lights and traditions just, although the trifling severity of the punishments inflicted would often seem to the more merciful mind of the Occident out of all proportion to the offenses committed. Flogging, cutting off the hands and decapitation are frequent. But Mr. Harrison tells of one act of justice, severe in its way, it is true, but such as to win approval in the Western world no less than in the Orient.

Ibu Jilawi, Governor of Hama, holds his court in Hofuf, the capital. He rules with a rod of iron, and the rich and powerful may expect no favors at his hands. He is absolutely incorruptible and impartial.

One day there appeared before him as complainant a poor and ignorant villager whose cow some boys on a hunting expedition had shot and killed. A careful description of the party made it possible to gather the entire number before the governor. The villager did not know the name of the ring-leader, but on being asked if he could identify him at once pointed him out. To his horror he learned that the lad was Ibu Jilawi's own son.

"Did you do this?" the father asked sternly.

"Yes, I did it," acknowledged the boy.

The boy had a very fine mare, a recent gift from his father, and at the father's command she was brought in.

"Would you," asked Ibu Jilawi with the utmost courtesy, "be willing to regard this mare as an adequate compensation for the loss of your cow?"

"Certainly," replied the villager. "She is worth many times the value of my cow, but I hope you will excuse me from taking her. If I had had the least idea who the offender was, I should never have entered a complaint."

"No doubt that is true," replied Ibu Jilawi with a smile, "but nevertheless you will not be excused from taking the mare. The boy will apologize to you unqualifiedly, and if you will then consider the matter settled I shall be sincerely indebted to you."

So, having received the apology, the villager led off the mare. The child's heart was almost broken, but it was not until some time later that Ibu Jilawi bought the mare back for him, and then at a thousand riyals, or Maria Theresa dollars, a sum sufficient to make the villager independently wealthy for the rest of his life.

May Make "Rudy" Into Shoe Leather.

The up-to-date woman in London now has a regular "menagerie" in her shoe cupboard. To dainty footwear—including those made of crocodile, lizard, alligator, shark and sea leopard—she must now add a pair made of ostrich skin.

This is a new departure, and shoes composed of it look smart and promise to wear well. It is brown, and the holes out of which feathers have been plucked show a deeper tone and make an effective decoration.

A shoemaker who has introduced these shoes is also making models in walrus skin, and is experimenting with the skin of the rayfish, which he thinks will be very successful for footwear.

Date Palms In Desert.

Though the date palm is commonly thought of as a desert plant, its roots must be constantly kept wet, in the marshy soil of the oasis in which it grows.

NURSES

The Toronto Hospital for Incurables, in affiliation with Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City, offers a three year Course of Training in young women, having the required education, and desiring of becoming nurses. This Hospital has adopted the English system. The pupils receive uniforms of their system, a monthly allowance and travelling expenses to and from New York. For further information apply to the Superintendent.

Bass Voice Requires the Most Energy.

An eminent physician, presenting before the Academy of Medicine in Paris the results of an investigation of the amount of work performed by orators and singers, said he found from his experiments that a bass voice, in order to produce the same impression upon the ears of an audience in a hall requires the performance of about eighteen times more work than is required of a baritone or tenor voice. A bass voice is always at a disadvantage with regard to the amount of work demanded of it, he said. It was also found, he added, that men are always more fatigued than women and children by an equal effort of the voice, and men with bass voices suffer the most fatigue.



He—"Do you believe love comes more than once?"

She—"If you treat him right, he does."

Minard's Liniment Heals Cuts.

Percy's Puzzle.

The teacher had been lecturing his class on the wisdom often displayed by animals and birds. He compared it with that of human beings, to the latter's disadvantage. Having finished his discourse, he invited his pupils to ask questions bearing on the subject. Percy held up his hand.

"Well, Percy," said the teacher, "what is it you want to know?"

"I want to know, sir," replied Percy, "what makes chickens know how big our egg-cups are?"

Health Notes.

Two business men, having to spend a few hours in a small town, decided to dine at the village school.

One of them turned to the pretty waitress and asked: "How's the chicken?"

"Oh, I'm all right," she blushed. "How are you?"

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This monument in the Kicking Horse Pass, British Columbia, marks the place where the last spike was driven in the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Bovril inside keeps cold outside

Canada from Coast to Coast

Vancouver, B.C.—Two cargoes of wheat were loaded here recently for export, which are of more than usual interest and indicate the increasing importance of Vancouver as a wheat exporter. One of 5,000 tons was for Vladivostok and the other of 1,000 tons went to Callao, Peru.

Edmonton, Alta.—Final arrangements are being made for the provincial incorporation of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers' Association. The promoters hope to enrol one-third of the producers of the province and it is anticipated that the Pool will be in operation early next spring.

Regina, Sask.—The new wheat champion of the world, named at the 1924 International Hay and Grain Show, held at Chicago, is J. C. Mitchell, owner of a homestead quarter section at Dahinda, Sask. His exhibit was selected from 550 specimens from all parts of Canada and the United States. The winning sample, a bushel of hard red variety, gave Canada her thirteenth grand championship in the fourteen years' history of the show.

Winnipeg, Man.—Canada was a heavy winner in the hard red winter wheat division at the 1924 Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, taking twenty-five out of thirty places. J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Sask., won the championship. Seager Wheeler, of Rosthern, Sask., was second. The

third and fifth places went to the U.S. Other Canadian winners in this division were: A. E. Dowling, Lunenburg, Sask.; S. Larcombe, Birtle, Man.; H. G. L. Strange, Fenn, Alta.; Nick Taiteinger, of Claresholm, Alta.

Toronto, Ont.—Canadian sheepmen were generally triumphant at the fifth International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago. The blue ribbon for a breeders' entry went to the Champion South Down wether produced by Cecil Stobbs, Wheatley, Ont. First honors in the Cotswold class went to H. M. Lee, Highgate, Ont., one of whose yearlings was picked for the international championship; F. B. Gaspell, Hampton, Ont., took off the big award for a pen of Cotswold lambs.

Montreal, Que.—With the close of Montreal's 1924 season of ocean traffic on December 3rd, the Harbor Master announced that 1,222 ocean and coasting ships had arrived in Montreal in 1924, as against 1,114 in 1923 and 1,194 in 1922, the best previous season. It is believed that a new record has also been established in the number of lake vessels visiting the port.

Perth, N.B.—Potatoes are being shipped at the rate of 5,000 barrels weekly to England from the sheds of a local agency. The prospects are that 1,000,000 barrels will be shipped before the season closes. Messages from England are most complimentary as regards the quality of the shipments.

ARMS TRAFFIC PARLEY FIXED FOR NEXT MAY

Twenty-Three Nations Have Accepted League of Nations Invitation to Conference.

A despatch from Geneva says:—The acceptance by Germany, Persia, Estonia, China, India, France and Finland of the League of Nations invitations to the international arms traffic conference, May 4th, brings the total number of nations to accept to 23.

Plans for the conference are being pushed rapidly. The desirability of an American chairman, the United States having accepted some time ago, is also being discussed. The appointment of a chairman will be made at the March session of the League Council.

The active participation of Americans in the opium conference, which would have resulted in the flattest sort of compromise without them, is an additional argument for an American chairman. The arms traffic conference will be of the same nature as the opium gathering—a meeting of plenipotentiaries with the League's only function being to assemble them. Of course the League's statistics will be at the conference's disposal.

January One.

January 1st, besides being the first day of the year, is the anniversary of an astonishing number of important events. The Union of Great Britain and Ireland occurred on January 1st, Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India on January 1st, and the Commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated on January 1st.

Bavaria, also, was made a kingdom. On this date Dr. Jameson and his troops were defeated at Krugersdorp, and the Kaffir War ended.

It is the anniversary of the treaty by which Austria lost Venice and the Tyrol; of President Lincoln's proclamation by which all the slaves in the Confederate States were set free; of Britain's annexation of Upper Burma, and the administration of the Niger Protectorate; and the start of Colonel Plumer's famous march to relieve Makekeing.

At Greenwich, on this date, it was decided to reckon the day as beginning at midnight instead of at noon. At Grenna Green the popular elopement marriage was made illegal.

Truly, January 1st has much to account for!



Yes, this is a real live wolf, which was roaming with a pack around Sault Ste. Marie only a few weeks ago. The animal was caught in a trap by Dr. F. Deadman of that district, and after being in custody for a time became quite tame.

YOUNG TIME'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

A Jolly Way to Usher Out the Old Year.

BY JEAN HATHAWAY.

As Father Time turns the last page of his 1924 diary, shall we give him a farewell party and greet the bright New Year with a gay birthday feast? New Year's Eve offers such a delightful excuse for entertaining a few friends and adding to the gaiety of the Holiday Season.

The invitations are written on correspondence cards decorated with a silhouette of Father Time cut from black kindergarten paper and pasted on the cards.

Every Month's invited To Young Time's first party! Dress to suit from top to boot And make his welcome hearty.

Each girl invited to our party will be asked to wear a costume to represent a month in the New Year. She is also requested to keep the name of the month a secret. February will choose a crisp white frock decorated with red paper hearts and will carry a Cupid's bow and arrow. March may impersonate an Irish Maiden with emerald green and shamrock proclaiming the feast of Saint Patrick which falls on the 17th of March.

April will find it hard to choose between the April shower idea and the Easter bunny costume. Many of the months can be represented delightfully by crepe paper costumes.

Mystery shrouds the motives of the hostess as she receives and ushers the boys into one room and the girls into another. Each boy is given a card bearing the names of the Months who are attending the party and is asked to choose his partner for the evening. Much merriment is sure to accompany the selection if the girls have guarded well the secret of their costumes. As each month is chosen she is called from the adjoining room and joins her partner.

Next, Father Time, dressed in a flowing robe of black, wearing long whiskers and carrying a scythe or an hour glass—an old-fashioned "egg boiler" will do—enters and is introduced by the hostess. He carries a large document and reads from it the

prophecy for the New Year. The boy who represents Father Time is the humorist of the neighborhood and his prophecy will be a delightful combination of fun and facts for the amusement of everyone.

The next feature is pinning the hands on the clock. The face of a clock is drawn on an old sheet and hung on the wall. Each guest is blindfolded in turn and given a cardboard hand and told to pin it on the face of the clock with the hand pointing to midnight. The winner of this contest is given a favor.

Cards are now passed and each guest is requested to write a New Year's resolution for the person seated at his right. Many resolutions will suggest themselves when the boys and girls know each other's little peculiarities. Then the cards are collected and the resolutions read aloud.

What is a party without a feast!

Since we are honoring the birth of the New Year, let's have real birthday refreshments. Ice cream, birthday cake, popcorn balls, fruit, candy and nuts would be good, don't you think? And shall we have red and green balloons floating over each place? These may have the names of the guests painted on with water colors and serve as place cards. Partners change at the supper hour. Red and green crepe paper ribbons form a canopy over the table, and evergreens are attractively arranged for additional decoration.

When places have been found and all are waiting expectantly to be seated, the New Year, a little boy dressed in white, enters carrying a wonderfully big birthday cake with the year 1925 written in red icing across the top and having one candle.

When the last piece of cake has dwindled away, the midnight chimes are heard and the New Year is "danced in" to the gay strains of an old-fashioned Sir Roger de Coverley in the midst of merry laughter, flying confetti and an entanglement of serpentine.

Commander Goolden Succeeds Brabant at Halifax

A despatch from London says:—Commander Massy Goolden, D.S.C., is being lent the Royal Canadian Navy for duty in succession to Commander F. H. Brabant, who commands the depot ship Stadacona at Halifax, at which port he is senior naval officer. Commander Goolden was formerly second in command of the cruiser Constance, of the North America Station, and was also first lieutenant-commander of the Raleigh when she was lost by stranding off the Labrador Coast. He served afloat all through the war in the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Courageous in 1916-18. The Distinguished Service Cross was conferred on him for service in action during the landing at Gallipoli.

France Placing Emphasis on Christmas Festival

New Year's Day is yielding precedence to Christmas for exchanging gifts in France, the children apparently having prevailed over their elders' preference for the *etrennes* of the first of the year, says a Paris despatch. Thus Noel this year is being observed in the traditional manner more than ever, and the shops have been crowded with fond parents in quest of jumpjacks, toy trains and dolls, and shop managers claim their holiday sales have been record breaking.

The French child, however, does not know what it is to hang up his stocking, for the custom here is to put out the wooden shoes for St. Nicholas to fill. New Year's gifts will consist of jewels, as usual.



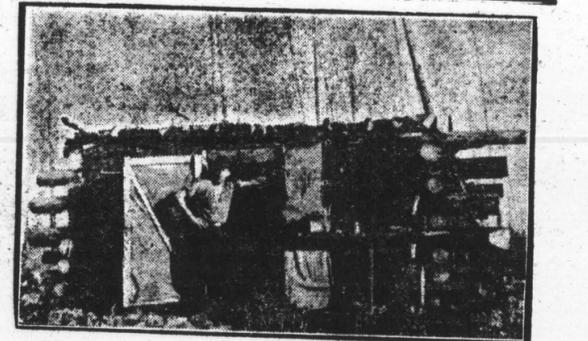
Occupying his leisure hours in building an ice cutter, simply because winter and some old machinery are at hand, S. C. Kilpatrick, of Bredenburg, Sask., found a satisfactory living in selling ice. He handles about 1,500 tons every winter.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.86½; No. 2 North, \$1.85½; No. 3 North, \$1.75½; No. 4 wheat, \$1.65½.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 71½c; No. 3 CW, 69c; extra No. 1 feed, 70c; No. 1 feed, 68c; No. 2 feed, 65c.
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.41½.
Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35.25; shorts, per ton, \$37.25; middlings, \$42.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.45.
Ont. wheat—No. 3 white, 48 to 50c.
Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.41 to \$1.43; No. 3 winter, \$1.39 to \$1.41; No. 1 commercial, \$1.37 to \$1.39, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.
Barley—Malting, 84 to 85c.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 80 to 83c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.16 to \$1.19.
Man. flour—First patn., in jute sacks, \$9.60, Toronto; do, 2nd patn., \$9.10, Toronto.
Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$7, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do, export, 45c, cotton bags, c.i.f.
Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.
Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$27.
Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 19½ to 20c; triplets, 21c; Stiltons, 22c. Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 39 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 68 to 70c; loose, 65 to 66c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.
Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 15c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 25c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 37c.
Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6½c; primes, 6c.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13½c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13½c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2½-lb. tins, 15½ to 16c.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked

rolls, 38 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 23c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; hocks, boneless, 29 to 36c.
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lig. weight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$37.
Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 18½ to 19½c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 14½ to 15c; tubs, 14c to 15½c; pails, 15½ to 16c; prints, 17 to 17½c.
Heavy beef steers, \$6 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$4 to \$4.75; butcher heifers, good to choice, \$6 to \$6.75; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.75; do, com., \$3.50 to \$3.75; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$3.50 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2 to \$2.75; feeding steers, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4 to \$4.75; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; calves, choice, \$10.50 to \$11.50; do, med., \$8 to \$9.50; do, grassers, \$3 to \$4; milch cows, choice, \$70 to \$75; fair cows, \$45 to \$50; springers, choice, \$80 to \$100; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; culls, \$3 to \$4.50; good ewe lambs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; bucks, \$9.50 to \$10; do, med., \$9.50 to \$10; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$9.60 to \$9.85; do, f.o.b., \$9 to \$9.25; do, country points, \$8.75 to \$9; do, off cars, \$10 to \$10.25; select premium, \$1.88 to \$1.88.

MONTREAL.
Oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW, 73c; extra No. 1 feed, 70½c. Flour—Man. spring wheat patn., firsts, \$9.60; seconds, \$9.10; strong bakers, \$8.90; winter patn., choice, \$6.90 to \$7. Rold oats, 90-lb. bag, \$3.85 to \$3.95. Bran, \$35.25. Shorts, \$37.25. Middlings, \$43.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.
Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 35½ to 36c; No. 1 creamery, \$4 to 35c; seconds, 33½ to 33¾c. Eggs, storage extras, 48c; storage firsts, 48 to 44c; storage seconds, 39 to 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 60 to 65c.
Good veals, \$10; med., \$8, fairly good lambs, \$12; do, poorer ones, \$11.50; hogs, mixed lots of good quality, \$10.25; poorer quality and lighter hogs, \$10 and \$10.15; selects, \$10.50; sows, \$8 to \$8.25.



Here is one of the crude but serviceable cabins in which prospectors make their homes for part of the year. In the photograph is William Empey of Ingersoll, Ontario, taken nine miles southwest of Timmins.

Last Black Maria is Retired from Service.

A feature of London streets since 1833 passed recently when the last of the old horse-drawn prison vans was scrapped. Henceforth all prison vans will be motor ones, says a London despatch.

BOY PERISHED IN QUEST FOR XMAS TREE

Fort William Turned Out to Search for Lad Overcome by Storm in Bush.

A despatch from Fort William says:—Responding to Mayor Edmeston's appeal to the citizens of Fort William to help in finding Ernie Elvish, over 300 men and boys manned the leadership of City Engineer Symes at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for the most thorough search of the area where the 7½-year-old boy perished in a wild snowstorm Monday night.

Penetrating the area near the power line about a mile from the Davidson & Smith's elevator at 4.10 o'clock Thursday afternoon, a party of searchers found the boy's body, half hidden by a mantle of snow.

The report of the discovery was flashed to city headquarters a few minutes later, and was followed by the tolling of the bell in the dome of St. Paul's church. The flag at the masthead of the City Hall was lowered to half-mast.

The distance from the spot where the child's body was found to the place where he and Jackie Saunders separated last Monday evening is nearly a mile, indicating that the child had wandered with the wind at his back, unable to face the storm. Hunters in the search were called together by signals and returned to the city. More than 250 men and boys were engaged in the successful hunt.

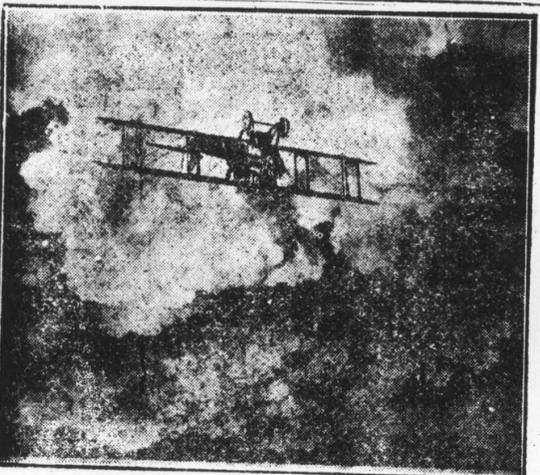
The finding of the body brings to a close the hunt for a child that had been lost since Monday evening, a quest in which all Fort William participated.

120,000 Barrels of Canadian Flour Shipped to Russia

A despatch from New York says:—Two full cargoes of Canadian flour, aggregating 120,000 barrels, were sold here for immediate shipment to Russia. One cargo, it was said, would go to the port of Batum, on the Black Sea, and the other to Leningrad. Shippers believe that this demand is a definite evidence of shortage in bread grains in Russia.

Antelopes in Alberta.

The reports of the state of the antelope herd in the antelope reserve maintained by the National Parks Branch at Nemiskam, Alta., continue most satisfactory. There are now 110 of these animals in this reserve, the numbers having increased by 50 in a past year.



This U.S. army airplane, equipped with the new radio compass, flies through clouds almost out of sight of land. The new instrument enables a pilot to know his exact location while in the fog without the use of landmarks.

No German War of Revenge, Says French Prophet

A despatch from Paris says:—France's most active prophet, Prof. Raymond, predicts a Japanese-American war some time between 1942 and 1950.

His annual prognostication for the ensuing year has just been published, but it is so thin, he finds it necessary to explore the future for a generation ahead to make up for the uneventfulness of 1925, which he sees as more peaceful than any year since before the war.

There will be no war of revenge between Germany and France, he predicts, but rather a rapprochement between 1934 and 1938. President Coolidge will soon call an international financial conference with the participation of big American banks to put finances on a sound basis. In a few years inter-allied debts will be settled commercially in a way practically relieving the debtors of all payments.

Prof. Raymond sees Bavaria a monarchy again under the Wittelsbachs and protecting Austria. Earthquakes in Italy, Russian entrance into the League of Nations in 1926, tightening of American relations with Europe, and a railway catastrophe on a Pacific railway in the United States are among the predictions.

The United States produces 40,000 tons of borax a year.

Cossacks Desire to Establish Homes in the Dominion

Colonel Vladimir Kishinsky, of Manchuria, is a visitor in Winnipeg, his mission in Canada being to obtain sanction for the entry of 2,000 Cossack families that wish to settle on lands in the West. Colonel Kishinsky is proceeding to Ottawa, where he will present a petition from the Cossack colony residing at Harbin, Manchuria, since the revolution in Russia.

The colonel said his compatriots in China all had been land owners under the Czar's regime; that they were accustomed to this life and sought to prosper in Canada. The colony at Harbin has organized a governmental group of its own, with a president and legislative body, and from them Colonel Kishinsky carried a power of attorney to the Canadian Government.

"We were driven out to look for peaceful homes; we fear God; we will never disobey your government, and all the Cossacks have a high opinion of your national history," the colonel said.

It doesn't do to be too finicky. Be willing to try new foods. There are many good foods used and enjoyed in one section of this country that are almost unknown in other sections. Try the new things and have a variety on your table.

LOCAL NEWS

ATHENS AND VICINITY

About a score of Athens teachers who are teaching rural schools are home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Dora Mulvena, Donald Peate, Clarence Quartus and Andy Ferguson are home from the Ottawa Normal for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Frances Wiltse, of Victoria University, Toronto, is spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays in her home, Isaac Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Hollingsworth were in Athens Saturday last, making preparations to take up residence in Smiths Falls, where they have secured a house.

Miss Doris Connerly is spending the holidays in Montreal with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Monghan and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and children, of Brighton, are in town for Christmas tide, guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Purcell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gordon are in Kingston for Christmas tide, in the home of their son, C. L. Gordon.

There are some 40 inmates now domiciled in the House of Industry, of which 24 are men and 16 women.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blancher went to Morrisburg Wednesday to spend Xmas-tide with their son, Dr. Kenneth Blancher and family.

Mrs. H. E. Burnham, son and daughter will take up residence in the Gilroy property, Henry Street, the beginning of the New Year.

S. C. A. Lamb, secretary of the Athens High School Alumni Association since its formation, has offered a medal for High School competition for the best essay on "A History of the Schools of Athens."

Rev. H. E. Warren, accompanied by his brother, G. F. Warren, of Elgin, left Sunday afternoon for Stittville, near Utica, N.Y., to attend the funeral of their niece, Miss Mary Warren, daughter of Rev. Delbert Warren, a native of Elgin.

Mrs. M. Latimer, who has been absent from home for several weeks with relatives and friends at Peterboro, Toronto and other points, has returned to her Athens home.

Miss Myrtle Taber and brothers Robert and Arthur Taber, of the Toronto University, are spending the holidays in the home of their father, W. J. Taber, east of Athens.

Miss Cora Gray has closed her millinery business for the season and left Monday for her home in Brockville to remain until March.

Mr. Gerald Wilson is home from the Brockville General Hospital and convalescing nicely from his double operation which he underwent recently.

Mrs. W. H. Hause left last week for Asheville, North Carolina, accompanying her brother, G. C. Bellamy, and wife, where they purpose spending the winter.

The concert and Christmas Tree Entertainment given by the choir and Sunday School of Christ Church assisted by Miss Edith Young, violinist of Ottawa on Monday night Dec. 22nd was a splendid success and was greatly enjoyed by the large number present.

Mrs. Ira Kelly, who has been in town for several weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. Berney, has gone to Ottawa to spend the winter in the home of her son, Mr. John Kelly, an old Athens boy.

A watch Night Service is to be held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday the last day of the old year, at 11 p.m. lasting for an hour in the Church Auditorium. This is an old custom, and as it is the first Watch Night Service in some years the public of Athens is invited to join, and make it a great success. The pastor, Rev. H. E. Warren will give a short address of Retrospect and Hope and will be assisted by the local clergy.

The High and Public Schools closed on Friday last for the holidays. In the Public School the usual entertainment, given by the pupils, took place in the afternoon with the usual treat of good things from the teachers and gifts from the pupils to the teachers. At the High School Literary held Thursday night, all the teachers in the Public School were recipients of useful and pretty gifts from the pupils.

The following teachers are spending the holidays out of town: Mr. A. D. Campbell, at his home near London; F. J. ... has joined Mrs. Elder and the son of ... Miss de Renzy is at her home at ... and Miss ... at home near Almonte. Miss ... of the Public School, is at ... with her brothers, and Miss ... at her Frankville home.

Mrs. Arthur Manual and baby daughter, who have been here for several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. ... left last week for ... where she joins her husband's parents, on her return to Manitoba. She was accompanied as far as Barrie by her mother, Mrs. ...

Mrs. V. O. Boyle left on Wednesday to spend Christmas with her mother in Chalk River and New Years with her sister Mrs. T. Reekie in North Bay.

Mr. A. E. Judson, with Hangerford Holbrook Printing House, Watertown, is home for his vacation.

Mrs. G. F. Donnelly was called to Prescott last week by the serious illness of her niece, Miss Mabel Bellamy, who has since passed away in the Brockville hospital. Her father died a little over a year ago and her mother some two months ago.

Christmas Day was fittingly observed in Christ Church by the Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. at which a goodly number were present. The Church was prettily decorated with evergreens and Christmas bells. Miss Autherene Whaley delighted the congregation with a beautiful solo, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and Miss Kathleen Taylor presided most acceptably at the organ in the absence of Mrs. Boyle.

Beautiful Calendar Free

Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal have been advised that they will receive free of charge a most beautiful calendar for 1925 with a most attractive picture in colors entitled, "The Sale of Old Dobbin." When one considers that the subscription price of this big 72 page family and farm journal is only \$2.00 per year, one is amazed by the value received, but with a beautiful picture calendar thrown in, the value is indeed superlative.

Soperton

Mr and Mrs. F. J. Pierce and son of Trenton spent Christmas with his parents, Mrs. M. Pierce, brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs Herman Pierce, Soperton.

BIRTH

UPHAM—In Athens on December 25th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Upham, a daughter.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of J. E. Knapp who died Dec. 21st 1919, at Edmonton, Alta.

There comes at evening in the silence, When the day is almost run, And the earth is dyed in radiance In the setting of the sun Comes a whisper rapt and holy, Comes a murmur, sweet and true, From the distance—'tis a tender thought of you. Inserted by Children.

The Churches

Athens Methodist Church
Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D., Pastor.

Sunday, December 28, 1924.
Morning Service, 10.30.
'Home's Reunions.'
Afternoon—2.30.
Evening Service, 7.00.
"Life's Second Opportunities."

A WATCH NIGHT Service will be held on Wednesday night (Dec. 31st.) at 11 p.m. for an hour in the Church Auditorium, to which the Athens public are invited. A service of Retrospect and Hope for the Future Year.

The Anniversary Services will be held on Jan. 4th., 1925. Rev. Dr. R. H. Bell of Kingston, will be the preacher all day.

Parish of Lansdowne Rear
Rev. V. O. Boyle, M.A., B.D., Rector
Sunday after Christmas.
December 28th

Christ Church Athens, —
10.00 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Class.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
Trinity Church, Oak Leaf.
2.30 p.m. Evening Prayer followed by Sunday School.
St. Paul's Church, Delta.
9.30 a.m. Sunday School.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Baptist Church
Rev. G. G. Upham, Pastor.

Plum Hollow—
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m.
Toledo, —
Service, 2:30 p.m.
Athens—
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Service, 7:00 p.m.

Let
The Reporter
Do Your printing

Anniversary Supper and Entertainment of the Athens Methodist Church will be held on Monday, Jan. 6, in the Church. A good programme of addresses and music will be given. Tea served at 6.00, admission 40c.

ADDISON

Dec. 20.—School closed on Friday. The pupils had a Christmas tree and programme in the afternoon. They presented the teacher, Miss G. Percival with a very pretty cut glass vase.

The members of the Anglican Church are busy getting ready for the "Old Time Tea" and concert which is to be held in Ashwood Hall, Tuesday evening, December 30th. The programme will consist of old-time songs, recitations, dialogues and plays, "The Adventures of Grandpa." Those who want an evening's enjoyment should not fail to be present.

CHARLESTON

Dec. 22.—Wood cutting is the order of the day in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Halliday have gone to Toronto to spend the winter.

Mrs. Leonard Halliday is suffering from an affliction of the eye.

Mrs. Glenn, of Westport, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Heffernan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Heffernan attended the Christmas tree entertainment at McIntosh Mills on Friday evening.

Mrs. Heffernan remained for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Leader.

George Heffernan has moved into his stone house recently rebuilt.

The Christmas tree entertainment held at our school house on Saturday evening was a decided success in every way and too much praise cannot be given the teacher, Miss Margaret McAvoy, her pupils and the young people of the section in making it such a success. W. Eyre occupied the chair and the musical part of the program was in charge of Mrs. M. J. Kavanagh and brother, B. Slack.

FRANKVILLE

Frankville, Dec. 21.—The Anglican church bazaar was a great success. Proceeds were \$90 and Mrs. Stewart Montgomery won the prize quilt.

Mrs. W. N. Throop and son, Victor, of Kingston, was last week visitors of the former's son, Dr. W. E. Throop, and Mrs. Throop.

Mrs. W. G. Richards, who was very ill, is able to be around again, which will be good news to her many friends.

Mrs. Joseph Coad has returned home from Athens, where she was visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. Soper, for a week or more.

Miss Louise Reynolds has returned home after having visited her cousin, Mrs. Depeau, Sudbury, for a few weeks.

The Methodist choir intend holding their Christmas entertainment on December 23.

Dr. W. H. Bourne has installed a radio receiving set in his home.

Rev. G. O. Davies and family will move on January 1 to Rawdon.

MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, by Edward Taylor, Auctioneer, at the Armstrong House, in the Village of Athens, on THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1925,

at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, the following property, viz.: All and singular those certain parcels or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being: FIRSTLY, in the Township of Elizabethtown, in the County of Leeds, and being composed of the East Half of Lot Number thirty-seven, in the Tenth Concession of the said Township of Elizabethtown, containing 100 acres more or less, excepting thereout and therefrom that part thereof sold by Jonathan M. Church to Benjamin F. Scott, being that part south of the highway and more particularly described in instrument dated the 14th day of January, 1911, and registered on the 20th day of January, 1921, in the Registry Office for the County of Leeds as No. 8909.

SECONDLY: In the Township of Yonge, in the County of Leeds, and being composed of the front end of Lot One in the Tenth Concession of the Township of Yonge, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast angle of said Lot at a post numbered "Commons" and No. One; thence South sixty-six degrees West nineteen chains and forty-five links to the limit between Lots one and two; thence North twenty-four degrees West nineteen chains and seventy-five links; thence North sixty-six degrees East nineteen chains and fifty-five links; then South twenty-four degrees East nineteen chains and seventy-six links to the place of beginning, containing 38 acres, two rods and 39 rods, be the same more or less.

The said property is situate on the Perth Road about two miles north of Addison, about seventy-five acres are under cultivation, the balance in pasture and bush land, including a sugar bush of about 600 trees.

There are said to be a good stone house, large frame barn with stable attached, also a horse stable and machine house.

TERMS:—Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid down at time of sale, balance within 30 days without interest. The property will be sold subject to a reserve bid.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to T. R. BEALE, Athens, Ont. Solicitor for Mortgagee.

Dated at Athens, Ont., the 22nd day of December, 1924.

LANSDOWNE

Lansdowne, Dec. 17.—Robt. Shields, Saskatchewan, arrived on Monday night. His wife (nee Muriya Mulvaugh) and children have been here for the past few months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mulvaugh.

The play "Sunbonnets", presented in the town hall on Saturday night by the Alpha class of the Methodist church was a success.

A few from here attended the sale to-day of Mrs. Robert Heaslip, Warburton.

Donald Giffin spent the week-end with Frank McDonald.

The Women's Institute met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Arthur Burns.

Mrs. Fred McDonald and Mrs. Raymond Murphy spent Wednesday in Brockville.

Miss Lottie Landon attended the funeral in Lyn on Saturday of Mrs. William Green, who passed away at her home in Elizabethtown on Thursday.

Ford Warren, of the Bank of Montreal staff at Quyon, Que., was a recent visitor of his mother, Mrs. Fred Warren.

LOST

In or near the Methodist Church, Sunday night 21st inst. lady's linen handkerchief, hem-stitched, edged with tatted a tatted medallion in one corner. Mrs. Wm G. Towriss.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society of Athens District will be held in the office of the Department of Agriculture, on Saturday, Jan. 10th 1925, at 3 p.m.

A full attendance of members is requested.

J. E. Thomas, Sec.-Treas.

Janitor Wanted

Janitor Wanted—for new High School, Athens. List of duties may be seen at the shop of W. C. Smith, Chairman of the Property Committee or at the office of the undersigned.

G. F. HOLMES, Sec.-Treas. A.H.S. Bd.

NOTICE

Long distance accounts owing Plum Hollow and Elويدa Phone Co. must be paid by Jan. 1st. 1925. Calls will be refused after this date if not paid.

Plum Hollow & Elويدa Phone Co.

A. W. PARISH, Collector.

Nomination Meeting

A Public Meeting of the Electors of the Village of Athens, will be held on Monday, Dec. 29, 1924

at 7.30 p.m., in the Town Hall, for nominating a Reeve, Councillors and School Trustees, for 1925, and in case a poll be required, the votes of the qualified electors will be taken from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday January 5, 1925, at the several polling subdivisions in the municipality.

E. J. Purcell, Returning Officer.

(Meeting in Auditorium)

Nomination Meeting

The public meeting for nomination of candidates for the office of Reeve and Councillors for the township of Rear Yonge and Escott, for the year 1925, will be held at the Township Town Hall, Athens on Monday the 29th day of December, 1924, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon.

R. E. Cornell, Returning Officer.

Clocks Repaired

Clocks repaired and cleaned. Especially old weight clocks that may have been laid aside, repaired and put in running order. Prices reasonable.

FRANCIS SHELDON, Mill St.

Athens Grain Warehouses and Lumber Yard

Highest prices paid for Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Buckwheat.

Also for Pine, Hemlock, Elm, Maple and Basswood Legs.

Athens Grain Warehouse, Lumber Yard and Saw Mill.

Notice of Application For Divorce

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alvin Wesley Richards of the Township of Westard, in the County of Leeds, in the Province of Ontario, Farmer, will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the next Session thereof for a Bill of Divorce from his wife, Hazel Mary Evelyn Richards, of the Township of Lansdowne, in the County of Leeds, and the Province aforesaid, on the grounds of adultery and desertion.

Dated at Brockville, in the Province of Ontario, this Twenty-sixth day of November, A.D. 1924.

ALVIN WESLEY RICHARDS, By his Solicitors, HUTCHESON & DRIVER.

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Eveready and Burgess
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the Past Year, and Wish You a
Happy and Prosperous 1925.
Sincerely,
H. H. Arnold.
Central Block, Athens.

THE GAME OF LIFE.

(Crawf. C. Slack.)

When you look at your hand, and you
haven't a pair,
And you censure the dealer as being
unfair,
Should you feel like quitting the game
in despair,
Don't do it, stick to it, you might rue
it!

Stay in the game, play out your hand,
Success has ways we don't understand,
Stick to it, stay in it, you may win it.

There is many a mortal, not known to
fame,
Who has played without ace or face
in the game,
Yet to-day a better world reverence
their name,
You can do, persevere, you won't rue it.

There is many a heart through the
neighborhood,
Which perhaps by us are not under-
stood,
They are bearing the stress for hu-
manity's good,
Who don't boast of it, brag of it, lag
of it.

Success has broad and unlimited ways,
Be honest of purpose, look not for
praise,
For there's naught in the brand they
give now-a-days,
Don't call for it, bawl for it, call for it.

When stripped of the harness and
turned out to grass,
And labelled as one of the has-been
class,
When would-be's sneer at you as they
pass,
They're the blind, never mind, just be
kind.

When cards run bad and you've lost
your dime,
And you feel that you're out of the
game at times,
Don't listen to luck's discordant
chimes,
Do not let up, just set up, and bet up.

Perhaps you may never be just what
you could,
Perhaps you have never been just
what you should,
But where there's a conscience there's
always good,
Be the start of it, part of it, heart of it.

LEHIGH'S CORNERS.

Dec. 15th.—Miss Emma Rathwell,
who has been suffering severely from
blood poisoning in her hand, is some-
what better.

Mr. Russell Hanton had the mis-
fortune to lose three fine heifers last
week from an epidemic prevailing
among young cattle.

Mrs. Laura Eaton returned home
last Friday from attending the funeral
of her niece, Miss Doris Hewitt, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hewitt, of
Emsley township.

A number of friends and relatives
from here attended the funeral of Mrs.
Manford Hewitt and infant daughter
in Brockville on Tuesday last.

A few from here attended the ban-
quet held by the Orangemen in Rock-
spring on Monday evening and report
a very good time.

Mr. Wilbur Burns and sister, Leita,
spent the week-end in New Boyne,
guests of their uncle, Mr. Edward
Burns.

Several from this district were sorry
to hear of the death of Mrs. William
McCoubrie in the Brockville General
Hospital, where she had been a pa-
tient sufferer for some months past.
The funeral was held on Saturday
afternoon from the residence of her
son, Robert McCoubrie.

Big Value for Your Money

It is said that the Family Herald and
Weekly Star of Montreal works on the
principle that nothing but the best will
do for its readers. The soundness of
this policy is amply demonstrated in
the rapidly growing subscription list of
this great weekly. The public have been
tempted by trashy weeklies at give-
away prices, but when it comes down
to value for your money and a genuine
Canadian flavor to your reading, the
Family Herald and Weekly Star has no
competitor. This year we see that the
publishers are giving each subscriber
whose subscription is received in time
a large calendar for 1925 with a beau-
tiful picture entitled "The Sale of Old
Dobbin," and a free entry to a contest
in which ten thousand dollars will be
awarded. The subscription price of the
Family Herald is only Two Dollars a year.

ADDISON

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"The Adventures of Grandpa".

From the Land of the Pharaoh's

Interesting Letter from Mrs. L. L. Greene

The SS. City of Calcutta, which sailed from New York October 26th, carried a prospective bride, Miss Norma Hazel Pritchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Pritchard, of North Wakefield, Que., who in company with Mrs. L. L. Greene, of Thornton, Ont., took passage for Port Said, there to meet her fiancée, Rev. Roy Lake, of the Canadian Holiness Movement Mission, Assiout, Egypt.

As the Foreign Marriage Act of 1892 requires all foreigners to be married at the consulate, Cairo, the official ceremony was performed by the British Consul at the consulate, Cairo, at 12 a.m., November 17th, in the presence of Miss A. B. Greene, principal of the H.M. Girls' School, Assiout, and Rev. J. C. Black, superintendent of the H.M. Mission in Egypt.

On November 18th at 6 p.m. the religious marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Black in the H. M. Church, Assiout. Miss A. B. Greene acted as bridesmaid and the groom was ably supported by Rev. E. H. Thompson, of the Standard Church of America. Miss Una Black acted as flower girl. The bride wore navy blue with a cluster of Egyptian roses as her only adornment. The bridesmaid wore grey and carried a magnificent bouquet of pink Egyptian roses. The ceremony was in English, interpreted by Mr. Sutton in Arabic, for the benefit of the Egyptian friends who were present, and was simple and impressive. The church, in appearance, was quite in harmony with the event, thanks to the Egyptian friends who so generously supplied the roses. The wedding party during the ceremony stood under a simple yet beautiful arch of Egyptian roses and palm branches tastefully prepared under the personal supervision of Miss B. Roe, teacher of the H.M. Girls' School, Assiout. About 200 were present to witness the ceremony and according to Egyptian custom were treated to boxes of candy at the close.

The bride was the recipient of many useful presents. A live turkey, a three-tier cake and roses in abundance were the gifts of the Mallory family. Other Egyptian friends showed their good-will and best wishes by their appropriate gifts.

The ceremony being over, twenty-one missionaries, Presbyterian, Standard and Holiness Movement, proceeded to the H.M. Mission Home where they together partook of a supper prepared by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Black and Miss E. Brown, which would compare favorably with the feasts prepared for a like event in the home-land.

Rev. M. S. Slack led in prayer and the guests after best wishes for a future full of God's choicest blessings and years of service for the land of the Pharaohs, bid the happy couple good night. Rev. and Mrs. Mainse for the present will reside at Assiout.

Open Meeting Literary Society

The second open meeting for the year of the A. H. S. Literary Society was held in the Town Hall on Thursday Dec. 18.

The meeting was well attended and was under the direction of the Third Form.

After the usual business, a well-rendered programme was given, followed by a play in four scenes, "The Erring Son Reclaimed." This was excellently given the cast showing considerable dramatic talent. During the evening much merriment was occasioned by a Topical Chorus by the Third Form and the Stump speeches.

A pleasing feature of the programme was the presentation of suitable gifts from the different forms to the members of the staff who replied in appropriate words.

The pleasant evening was brought to a close with the report of the critic, Rev. H. E. Warren, who spoke in very favourable terms of the meeting.

LOMBARDY

Lombardy, Dec. 15.—Miss Efa Jordan leaves to-day to resume her duties as nurse-in-training in the Hepburn hospital, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Miss A. B. Dooher, Detroit, Mich., is home for the holiday season.

Miss Mary Kelly, who has been in St. Francis' hospital, Smiths Falls, for some time is gaining quite rapidly.

Mrs. M. J. Covell, who has been ill for some time, is not improving very rapidly.

Quite a large number of farmers from this vicinity attended the poultry fairs in Perth and Smiths Falls on the 11th and 12th.

Mrs. B. Tomhey, Toronto, spent a few days with friends here last week. Miss K. Quigley went on Friday last to Westport on account of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. M. J. Co- burn.

INSTITUTE HELPING VILLAGE IN BUYING OF FIRE APPARATUS

Delta Women Make Grant for Purchase of Fire Engine.

NEWS NOTES OF VILLAGE

Mrs. W. F. Warren Heads Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Oak Leaf.

Delta, Dec. 18.—The Women's Institute held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. George Morris. There were 18 members present. The meeting was opened by the singing of "O Canada", followed by regular business. An expression of thanks for a gift while ill was given from a member. It was decided to have the Eighth Dramatic Club present its play here on New Year's night. The Institute dishes were sent to the Church of England and also to Soperton, and if any are broken they are to be replaced. A motion was made by which the secretary will pay the secretary of the village trustees \$75 as agreed upon for fire engine. A pupil in the school, who has defective eyesight, was to be fitted with glasses at the expense of the Institute, and two ladies were appointed to look after the matter. Roll call was answered by "Christmas Thoughts and Ideas". A splendid paper was then given by Mrs. E. A. Pierce on "Christmas in Other Lands", giving the customs of various countries. Miss Dorothy Keough also read a paper on "Dress for Health and Beauty on the Average Girl's Income", which gave many ideas worthy of remembering. The thanks of the Institute were extended these ladies for their excellent papers. Mesdames Hill and Erwin treated the ladies to candy and the meeting was closed with the National Anthem. The next meeting is to be held on January 5.

Miss Carrie Hill, Cornwall, visited her brother, L. W. Hill, and Mrs. Hill last week.

The bazaar and tea held on Friday last by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's church was a great success.

Several radios have recently been installed in homes.

Mrs. George Morris spent the week-end in Elgin with her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Kerr.

The choir of the Methodist church assisted in the anniversary services at Soperton on Sunday last.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Hill.

Mrs. R. J. Green, Oak Leaf, was taken ill while in Delta and remained in the home of Dr. J. M. Kelly for a few days.

Mrs. C. D. Ralph was in Elgin attending the bazaar on the 12th and 13th.

Miss Loreen Pheups was able to resume her duties as teacher at Lillieville this week.

The ladies of St. Paul's church held a very successful bazaar and supper on Friday, December 12, in the town hall. A large number partook of the tasty salads, pies, nut breads and cakes, served in a most appetizing manner by the ladies in charge. A wonderful assortment of fancy goods and useful articles met with a ready sale, and altogether about \$245 was realized, of which \$53 was made by the juniors.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Woman's Auxiliary and Guild of St. Paul's church was held in the church on Tuesday, December 16. Splendid reports of the year's work were presented by the secretary-treasurer. The election of officers resulted in all the former officers being returned to office: Honorary president, Mrs. V. O. Boyle; president, Mrs. C. E. Frye; vice-presidents, Mrs. S. Whaley and Miss Mary Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Miss M. Barlow; Dorcas secretaries, Mrs. William Birch and Mrs. W. W. Berney; leaflet secretary, Mrs. William Sheridan; superintendent of juniors, Mrs. H. E. Johnson; prayer partner, Mrs. Johnson Frye. The meeting voted the sum of \$90 to the wardens to assist in meeting the financial obligations of the church. The rector closed the meeting with prayer.

JELLYBY

Jellyby, Dec. 15.—Harvey Knowles and Melbourne Baker spent Tuesday at Gordon Kennedy's.

Miss Martan Berry and Master Kenneth Kennedy, who have been ill, are gaining nicely under the care of Dr. W. E. Throop, Frankville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman and Master Alton spent Sunday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Brock Moore's.

Howard Clarke spent last week in Ottawa.

Master Cecil Duvall has returned to Brockville after having spent some time at his uncle's, Andrew Smith's.

Miss Lyla Moore spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Hill, Brockville.

Mort Wilkins and family have moved to North Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mott spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Syngton.

School was closed on Monday owing to the illness of Miss M. Alguire, teacher.

DRIVES OVER ICE FROM MAINLAND TO GRENADIER ISLAND

Ernest Poole One of First to Cross on Bridge.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

John Seymour Did Not Miss Meeting for 18 Years, Gets a Ring.

Mallorytown, Dec. 22.—Ernest Poole crossed on the ice to Grenadier Island on Monday with his horse and cutter.

Claud Gibson, of New York, is visiting his father, J. P. Gibson. Clinton Avery has purchased the D. Armstrong farm on Avery street for the sum of \$9,500.

Blake Hays, who moved to Water- town, N.Y., a few months ago, has returned to the village.

Robert Mallory, who motored to Florida a few weeks ago, has returned home.

D. J. McDonald has moved from Brockville to this village with his son, Howard McDonald.

Miss Minnie Taylor is confined to her home through illness.

While attending a party at McIn- tosh Mills on Thursday last, Thomas Mallory had a buffalo robe stolen.

Miss Annie Hollingsworth has re- turned to Toronto after having attend- ed the funeral of her aunt, Miss Ann Hollingsworth.

Mrs. C. Partridge and Mrs. W. I. Mallory were guests of Dr. Pritchard, Athens, last week.

Allen White and mother, of Rock- port, were guests of Miss May Green on Sunday last.

GOSFORD

Gosford, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Hale Eyre spent the week-end in Brockville with her friend, Mrs. Greenwood.

Harold Dunham has accepted a position with the T. Eaton Co., To- ronto.

Robert Perrin and daughter, Miss Mabel, were operated upon for appen- dicitis at the Brockville General hos- pital last week. Both are doing nice- ly.

Mrs. Dwight Bennett and children, of Brockville, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Metcalfe.

Arnold Marshall, Fred Oxy and Herb Landon are enjoying concerts from different broadcasting stations over their radios recently installed.

Mort Wilkins and family, of Jelly- by, having rented the farm of Mensel Wilkins, have taken possession and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkins have moved to North Augusta.

The Triangle Social Club held its annual banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Landon on Wednesday evening. About 30 were present and thoroughly enjoyed the good time and the delicacies that were bountifully provided. It being the last meeting of the year, the secretary, Miss Myr- tie Langtry, read a very satisfactory yearly report and the election of officers took place. After some commu- nity singing and a social hour, a vote of thanks was tendered the host and hostess and all joined in singing "God Save the King."

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Checkley.

J. B. Checkley visited at Henry Fer- guson's, South Augusta, on Thursday.

ALGONQUIN

Algonquin, Dec. 16.—The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. B. Edwards on Thursday evening, December 11th. There was quite a good attendance. The meeting opened with the singing of the Institute Ode after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Reports were given by the ladies who attended the Ottawa convention. The book committee presented three books to the members. The secretary had the pleasure of hav- ing her new secretarial case with her. It was of leather, donated by the Rob- Simpson Co. This Institute and also the Blue Church were the prize-win- ners in the Women's Institute report contest at the Ottawa convention. A resolution was passed that the secre- tary write G. A. Putnam and extend a vote of thanks for this lovely case which the Institute had received. Mrs. B. Edwards gave a reading on some of the laws regarding women and children. The roll call was responded to by "Ideas for Christmas Gifts." An- other feature of the meeting was a presentation to Mrs. W. Smith, who is about to leave this vicinity. A very nice address was read by the presi- dent, Mrs. G. Sealey and the secre- tary made the presentation. Refresh- ments were then served and the meet- ing closed with the National Anthem.

The bazaar held by the W.M.S. of the Methodist Church in W. Mella- font's Hall on Wednesday last was a decided success.

Miss Joant, teacher at Lord's Mills School, is having a Christmas con- cert on Monday night, December 22, in the Orange Hall. There will also be a sale of work.

INSTALL OFFICERS OF ORANGE LODGE AT LORD'S MILLS

Arnold Hannah Re-Elected Master of the Lodge.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Various Christmas Entertain- ments Are to be Presented in Country.

Lord's Mills, Dec. 15.—The follow- ing officers of L. O. L. No. 1554 were elected and installed with Wor. Bro. J. W. White as installing officer:— Arnold Hannah, re-elected W.M. D.M.—Horton Tanny. Chaplain—S. Solman. Recording secretary—H. Gilchrist. Financial secretary—B. Cooper. Treasurer—C. F. Vout. First lecturer—Hartly Tanny. Second lecturer—John Durant. Director of ceremonies—Charles Fox. First com.—Robert Sealey. Second com.—S. Reynolds. Third com.—Bernard. Fourth com.—W. Leeder. Fifth com.—G. McLean.

The various officers-elect were call- upon for short addresses and the lodge closed in due form.

Mrs. L. Render and children, of Bishop's Mills, have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wier, for the last two weeks.

Miss Vera Kyle, of South Augusta, spent the week-end at J. W. White's.

Mrs. A. E. White was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Drew, Brockville, last week.

The hum of the threshing mill is still heard in this section.

A very successful assembly was held by the local Orangemen on Fri- day, December 12. All report a most enjoyable time.

Fred Steacy has disposed of his farm at Jellyby and expects to hold an auction here in February.

Collier Dawson is visiting friends at Gosford.

The Red Cross Juniors of Lord's Mills school and the Ladies' Guild of Christ church are preparing for a Christmas tree and bazaar which will be held on Monday evening, December 22 in the Orange Hall.

Miss Helen Joant spent the week- end at her home.

Hockey Schedule

The schedule of games in "group 2" are as follows:— Delta at Athens—Jan. 1st Athens at Lyndhurst—Jan. 3rd Lyndhurst at Delta—Jan. 10th. Athens at Delta—Jan. 17th. Lyndhurst at Athens—Jan. 24th Delta at Lyndhurst—Jan. 31st.

OAK LEAF.

Oak Leaf, Dec. 18.—The annual meeting and election of officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity church was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Green on Saturday, December 13, with Mrs. M. J. Johnson as president. After the regular business meeting the election of officers took place, which resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. V. O. Boyle; presi- dent, Mrs. W. F. Warren; vice-presi- dents, Mrs. S. Godkin and Mrs. Oscar Wills; recording secretary, Mrs. Her- mon Pierce; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Green; treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Green; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Jesse Webster; literature secretary, Mrs. T. Jefferys; leaflet secretary, Mrs. Oscar Wills; little helpers, Mrs. Lloyd Green; prayer partner secretary, Mrs. Wallace Johnson.

Mrs. Fletcher Gibson, of Athens, then read a very interesting mission- ary paper on "The Newcomer of Yes- terday". The rector closed the meet- ing with prayer, after which delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Green which were greatly enjoyed.

EASTON'S CORNERS

Easton's Corners, Dec. 17.—Will- iam Polley, who was hurt last week by falling from a wagon, is improv- ing.

The following local residents have installed radio sets: H. Watts, Grant Robinson, Mansell Empey, Stanley Empey, Chambers Empey, Jacob Hal- penry, Gordon Bates, Roly Maitland, Hubert Maitland.

At a meeting called by the hockey club recently it was decided to get the skating rink ready for the season. Billy Stevens will be in charge.

The annual Christmas concert by the Methodist Sunday school will be held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, December 23. A play en- titled "Mother Mine" will be offered by the young people, as well as a pa- geant, "Christmas Spirit". The E.C. orchestra will furnish music.

THE ANNIVERSARY SUPPER AND Entertainment

of the ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH

Will Be Held on

Monday, January 5th, 1925

IN THE CHURCH

PLATFORM MEETING:

Addresses:—Rev. R. H. Bell, D.D., of Kingston; Rev. T. F. Townsend, B. A., B. D., of Frank- ville; and the local clergy.

Music:—Mrs. (Rev.) Townsend and Mr. Thos. Horsefield will sing; Misses Burns and G. Wiltse will give instrumental numbers.

Mrs. Wm. G. Towriss will Recite.

The Orchestra Will Attend

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THE VALUE OF WINDBREAKS IN OUTDOOR WINTERING.

The importance of a good windbreak cannot be over estimated where colonies of bees are wintered out of doors, since, for protection from the prevailing winds, it is as essential as packing.

Although well-packed, colonies which are subjected to a heavy wind blowing on them for a few hours will have their temperature reduced considerably; in fact, well-packed colonies which are exposed to the cold winds may die while those having less packing but better protection from the winds will survive. When we think of our own houses in wind-swept areas and of the difficulty of keeping the temperature up in the best constructed ones, we will appreciate the necessity of providing adequate protection from cold winds for our colonies.

Windbreaks may be natural or artificial, and the artificial ones may be either temporary or permanent. Natural windbreaks are considered to be the better. For good natural protection the apiary may be located in the

lee of a grove of trees, young timber, an evergreen hedge or on a side hill slanting from north to south, along the top of which a hedge or fence is located.

Artificial windbreaks may be temporary fences or hurdles, such as are used by the railroads, in which the boards are placed horizontally with intervening spaces of 1 1/2 to 2 inches. They may be permanent fences in which the boards are placed vertically with the above mentioned spacing between them. The object of the openings between the boards is to allow some of the wind to pass through, thus preventing a tendency to rise and roll over the fence top into the apiary. The height of these fences should be approximately eight feet and if possible, placed on all four sides of the apiary. Buildings, as a rule, should not be relied on to break the wind, for they may only divert it and possibly make matters worse. Apart from its advantages in winter, a good windbreak facilitates examinations in the summer, when without it, strong winds would retard the work.

TRAINING OUR CHILDREN

As Bobby and Mother reached the conclusion of a confidential talk, Aunt Ellen came into the dining room and caught a few words of the conversation. She looked mildly disapproving, and as soon as Bobby was off school she remonstrated with her niece.

"When I was young, Alice, children were never allowed to bring home tales about school and the teacher."

"You mean, don't you, that they were never allowed to repeat them to their elders? I'll warrant the children discussed the day's events among themselves and not always to the teacher's credit, either."

"Oh, well, of course children will—" "To be sure they will," laughed Bobby's mother. "As long as they are creatures of intelligence they are going to think about what happens in school, and as long as they think, they are going to talk to somebody about the things they are thinking of. Refusing to listen to a child's comments and questions does not stop his thinking, it only leaves him to draw his own faulty conclusions."

"Just the same," the older woman protested, "I think it is wrong to encourage a child to find fault with his teachers."

"So do I, and I am sure I have never been guilty of doing that. But when I see that some problem is puzzling Bobby I do try to help him solve it, whether it concerns school or other things."

"This noon he told me that Miss Larson had been unfair. I suspected one of those cases in which a child does not perceive all that lies back of a punishment or reprimand, so I encouraged Bobby to tell me the whole story. I do not think he felt that he was being encouraged in fault finding."

"It was as I had suspected. While I could see the reasons for Miss Larson's action, Bobby in his inexperience could not possibly be expected to. If he noticed the incident at all, he could not have done otherwise than misjudge his teacher. I talked with him a long time about it and at last his manly little soul caught the larger vision. For the first time he has sensed the truth that there is something bigger and more important than the individual—that is, the welfare of the group. He went back to school satisfied with his beloved Miss Larson again and with something added to his ideals. If he and the other children discuss the incident of the morning among themselves Bobby will, I am sure, present Miss Larson's side of the question and stoutly defend her. So I am well pleased that Bobby brought his little grievance to me, and if Miss Larson could know the whole story, I am sure she would agree with me."

Aunt Ellen was only half convinced but hesitated to say so.

"Well," she remarked at last, "I don't think you have a very easy task ahead of you if you are going to try to help Robert solve every problem that troubles him all through school."

"Oh, as for that," replied the young mother, "I never for a moment imagined that being Bobby's mother was going to be an easy task, but I am finding it one that is truly worth while."

Stale bread, free from mold, has a feeding value equal to wheat for hens.

As an investment, the hen leads. The fact that the stock is always in demand, the shares are accessible to those whose means are limited, and the dividends are declared with regularity, make her a leading and favorite stock in the markets of the world.

To clean harness, first soak thoroughly in a wash tub three-fourths full of warm water containing a handful of sal soda. Scrub each piece with a brush, one end of the piece placed over the tub so that the dirty water will run into the tub. While harness is still wet, apply harness oil with a rag or sponge.

Poultry

It is a relatively simple matter to dress a goose. The bird should be hung up, hit on the head with a short club to stun it, and immediately stuck in the back of the mouth just as a chicken is killed.

When through bleeding, the bird is dipped in scalding water for a moment, and wrapped in a sack until the steam penetrates the feathers, which should then come off without difficulty.

The goose to be picked is hung up by the legs at a convenient height, which leaves both hands free. The coarse feathers are dropped on the floor. The down and fine feathers should be saved, as they meet a ready sale.

A handy arrangement for saving feathers is a tall bushel hamper from which the bottom has been removed, and placed upside down on the floor near the picker. A clean cotton grain bag is hung inside the hamper, and fastened open at the top with three or four clothespins.

The feathers to be saved are dropped into this, and the bag is then hung out in the wind and sun until its contents are thoroughly dried and aired.

Preserving Poultry Manure.

It often is necessary to hold poultry manure for a considerable length of time before it can be applied to the land. How to hold it with a minimum loss in fertilizing value is important.

The quantity of manure which can be collected and saved varies with the breed, age and sex of the birds as well as with the ration fed. Available data seem to indicate that it is safe to estimate a hen's night droppings at from thirty to forty pounds a year.

On the basis of a hundred-hen flock this means an annual poultry yield of nearly two tons of fresh manure, which is by no means an inconsiderable quantity. The method of preservation should be aimed at preventing a large loss of nitrogen, converting the product into a more nearly complete fertilizer, and so improving its mechanical condition that it can be applied with a manure spreader.

As has often been pointed out, hen manure is a one-sided nitrogenous fertilizer. Furthermore, as usually managed, perhaps half or more of its nitrogen is lost before it is applied to the land. This waste can be prevented by storing the manure in a dry place and mixing with it something that will hold the nitrogen and some dry material to act as an absorbent.

The Maine Experiment Station has recommended acid phosphate and kainit as materials which will prevent the loss of nitrogen and also help to balance the fertilizer so that it is more nearly complete.

For example, it is pointed out that a mixture of thirty pounds of hen manure, ten pounds of sawdust, sixteen pounds of acid phosphate, and eight pounds of kainit would carry about 1.25 per cent. nitrogen, 4.5 per cent. phosphoric acid, and 2 per cent. potash, which used at the rate of two tons per acre would furnish 50 pounds of nitrogen, 185 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 80 pounds of potash.

Feeding Hardy Perennials.

One year my sister planted several clumps of peonies. They grew two years and bloomed nicely, but after that they refused to bloom at all. I suggested a good mulching of rotted manure with plenty of bonemeal added, and the foliage became dark and lustrous and the plants set buds by the dozens. It was a case of starvation. All hardy perennials that spend years in the same spot need frequent feeding to do their best. Some will bloom on, but they will be enough finer if fed, to make it worth while.

Poultry manure is ideal as a top-dressing for the hardy border, but more organic matter is needed. Mulching with rotted manure and straw from around an old strawstack serves and is not objectionable. Most perennials hide the mulch soon in the spring. Bonemeal may be mixed with the rotted mulch or it may be sprinkled about the plants and worked into the surface soil.—Agnes Hilco.



Sir Gilbert Parker, Anglo-Canadian author, who suffered severe injuries when knocked down by an automobile at Alken, South Carolina.

Progress in Hog Grading.

During the past fiscal year, it is stated by the Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, in his report of the work of his Dept., hog grading in practice has been so well established that packers' buyers and live stock commercial men of the various stock yards have become definitely acquainted with the official hog grades. Shipping agents and drovers through the continued grading of hogs at all marketing centres have learned the weights and types of hogs designated to the various grades. Farmers, also, through contact with buyer and shipper and through the medium of meetings and demonstrations, have come to realize more and more what is required in the select bacon hog both from the standpoint of type and finish.

This knowledge on the part of trade has permitted of steps being taken to simplify the grading methods at stock yards and packing plants. Similarly the fact that farmers and drovers are now acquainted with the grades of hogs has permitted of the buying and selling at many country points on a graded basis with general satisfaction to producer and buyer. The grading system has proved itself a practical method of trading in hogs and it has the further advantage of greatly improving the quality of the hogs of this country. Hog grading statistics, it is claimed in the report, show the percentage of select bacon hogs to be 14.97 per cent. in 1928. But these statistics, it is further stated, do not tell the whole story in so far as analyzing the figures pertaining to the marketing of commercial hogs.

The infusion of bacon hog breeding has typified the type of the thick-smooth hogs to a marked degree. Quite a percentage of these are now approaching the select bacon standard and in consequence thereof produce a much better carcass. The average finished weight of both the select bacon and thick-smooth hogs indicate that farmers are paying close attention to the correct market weights.

A Fire Extinguisher May Save Your Home.

"Now, where are you going to put it?" asked the fire extinguisher agent. He had driven 20 miles over our country roads, car packed with the useful cylinders, at the beginning of his day; but he had left one, or two, or three in almost every farmhouse at which he had stopped.

On my lawn he had crumpled some paper, soaked it with gasoline, and had touched a match to it. But the fierce blaze vanished as if by magic, when the swing of the red tube had scattered the chemical on it. Not even the young grass was scorched. I was convinced.

"Why," said I, answering his question, "in the kitchen, I think. It's almost the only place where a fire would be likely to start, now that we have the electric lights. Why not hang it near the stove?"

"By no means!" he told me. "You want a stout hook to hang it from, and you want it close to the door leading into the kitchen. The best place is right on the door-frame. You see, if it's near the stove, and fat boils over and catches fire, or a coal falls out and sets the floor afire, you have to chance burning yourself before you can reach it. That's where half the mistakes in placing an extinguisher are made. Folks don't stop to think where fires may start, and how they'll get to the tube without risk."

Silver Fox Inspection.

In his report of the work of the Department for the past fiscal year, the Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, stated that during the silver fox inspection season which began about the middle of September and ended the middle of January, about 10,000 foxes were inspected, tattooed in the ears for identification and duly registered in the office of the Canadian National Live Stock Records. That brought the number of registered foxes up to the end of March last, beyond the 20,000 mark.

The inspection of foxes and their registration in this manner is claimed by the Minister to be doing much to stabilize the industry as it is a guide to beginners who are assured when they purchase a duly registered fox that they are getting an animal of at least fair quality and bred to type for a number of generations.



Are You Kind to Pussy?

Active cruelty to an animal is a very dreadful thing. It is not only dreadful, but cowardly. We do not believe that any of the boys and girls who read this column would be guilty of deliberate cruelty to their pets, but unintentional cruelty is just as hard to bear.

Do you like having your hair pulled? No? Well, your kitten does not, either. Neither does he like having his tail pulled, as the tail is a very sensitive part of his body.

Would you like, when you are curled up sound asleep in bed, having someone dump you roughly on the floor, because he wanted the bed? Certainly not! Then do not do it to the cat or dog. If you must have the chair or cushion on which they are sleeping, waken them gently, and place them on the floor.

Do you mind the day you had a bilious headache from eating too much candy? How would you have liked daddy to have pulled you off the sofa, tossed you in the air, insisted on pulling you about, and making you play? Why, he wouldn't do such a thing! No, but you do it to poor Muff sometimes. Cats have their off days when they do not want to play. Perhaps their little tummies feel sick and upset, and they want to just be quiet and sleep. Do not make them play, or drag them about. They hate it just as much as you would.

How would you like to wait and wait when you were thirsty, or have what was left of this morning's breakfast served up to-morrow, after it had grown quite sour and nasty? How disgusting! Yes, of course, but did you wash out the cat and dog's dish and give them fresh food this morning? And did you put fresh water in their drinking cup? How would you enjoy it, on a very cold day, to be sent out to play in the yard, then to have mother lock the door and go upstairs, forgetting all about you, while you shivered and cried at the door for a couple of hours? Mother never does such a thing! No, but that is what you did to poor little Fluffy. You took him from a warm cushion and put him out in the yard. Then you forgot all about him, while he waited pitifully to get in. Never forget that animals who live with people grow like people, and dislike discomfort as much as you do. You are to them what mother and dad are to you. They depend on you for care. Do not be a piker and fail them.

She Did a Good Job.

What a wonderfully complete job nature did when she invented and manufactured milk. So far as our knowledge goes, it appears to be the only product she made solely as a food. The wisecracks have fallen far short of reproducing it artificially.

In this wonder-work she seems to have gone so far into the endless realm of her creation when blending so delicately all the elements of this outstanding panacea for making strong and revitalizing the human body, that her strength and skill could not compound another equally nutritious and health-restoring product.

Fortunately, we find the leading races of men depending more and more upon this oldest of foods. But the maximum of its usefulness is still a long way off; and it will require more and more of education and promotion to attain the fullest benefit of nature's seeming excess when she put milk into the mouths of men.

Keeping Fresh Meat in Winter.

I am wondering if some of the readers of your paper would be interested in my method of keeping fresh meat in winter. This method can be used only when there is snow. This is how I do it:

First, I see that the meat is frozen hard. Then, in the bottom of a barrel, I lay a thick layer of clean snow and on it a layer of the meat. Care is taken to keep the meat away from the staves of the barrel and to fill this space with well-packed snow. Another layer of the snow is then added and on this goes the second layer of meat. This process is continued till the meat is all down, or the barrel is nearly full, when a good thick layer of snow is put on top. A heavy cover should then be placed over the barrel to keep dogs and cats from getting at the contents. The meat can be taken out as needed, but in doing so make certain each time the meat is removed that the top is again covered with a thick layer of snow. Place the barrel somewhere in a shady nook where the contents will be kept cold.—R. S. J.

As a compliment, the Lord Mayor of London is always an Admiral of the Port of London.

Australian apples sold at the British Empire Exhibition totalled up to a weight of over 1,500 tons.

Speaking at a grocery trade luncheon, Lord Leverhulme visualized a time when grocers would be asked for "a quart of electricity" and would be able to "supply the right kind to drive a mangle or do the cooking."

Britain's smallest house is at Conway Quay, North Wales; it has a frontage of 6 ft., is 10 ft. 2 in. high, and measures 8 ft. 4 in. from front to back.

CANNING MEAT THE YEAR ROUND

BY JOSEPHINE WYLIE.

The butchering season on the farm usually begins with the first steady cold weather, when the porkers are killed. But it is not necessary to wait till this time for the meat canning supply. Fried chicken out of the can is quite as good as the freshly prepared, and it is certainly desirable to extend the season of this famous farm dish.

Fryers are at their best for canning when weighing from three to four pounds, although they may be canned much younger, according to family tastes and traditions.

Chicken for canning is prepared in much the same way as for immediate serving, except that the stick end of the drumstick is cut off to facilitate packing in the jar. The breast bone is cut in two crosswise if large. Roll in flour and brown well on both sides. A tablespoonful of butter added to the fryings will give the meat a delectable golden brown color. Season with salt and pepper and pack hot into the jars, pouring over any excess fat. Livers and necks are not canned.

Quart jars or No. 3 tin cans are cooked ninety minutes at fifteen pounds' steam pressure or three hours in the boiling water bath. In the case of the latter the water should be at a bubbling boil all the time.

Chicken fricassee may be made from the cockerels or year-old hens. Cut the chicken up as for frying, or the meat may be cut from the bones. Roll in flour, season and cover with water in the bottom of the pressure cooker or in a kettle. This is cooked until the flour and liquid have made a gravy over the meat, which takes about ten minutes in the pressure cooker or a half hour at boiling. Pack into the cans at once and cook the same length of time as for fried chicken.

DELICIOUS FORK RECIPES.

Plain boiled chicken is put into the jars uncooked but is not at all plain when opened and served up hot with dumplings and cream gravy. This sort of canned chicken makes delicious salad and is also usable in sandwiches and chicken pies. Salt and pepper are added to the meat and the jars are filled with boiling water or stock made by cooking the feet and perhaps the tips of the wings. This will form a jelly on the meat and can be used as an aspic jelly or for gravy or broth. This requires ninety minutes cooking under pressure or three hours in boiling water.

With corn husking well under way the first pork butchering takes place, for huskers require plenty of meat. There are almost as many ways to can pork as there are methods of cooking it. The loin and rib chops are fried brown on both sides and canned with the pan gravy and grease poured over. Quart-size cans and jars are cooked sixty minutes under fifteen pounds' pressure or two and a half hours in boiling water.

Canned spareribs served up with sauerkraut are tantalizing to smell and better to eat. Cut the ribs in sections, two or three ribs to a section, or roll them to fit the cans. Add seasoning and fill the jars with boiling water. Process eighty minutes under pressure or three hours at boiling temperature.

Hams and shoulders may be roasted or boiled and then sliced and canned, or the meat may be first cut into sizeable pieces before cooking. This is better when the meat is roasted than when boiled, as so much more of the meat juice is lost in the water. This is canned in the pan gravy or stock. There is usually enough of this to cover the meat if water has been added during the roasting, but it will keep without being covered if thor-

oughly sterilized for sixty minutes under fifteen pounds' pressure or two hours in boiling water. The loin may also be roasted and canned. There should be just enough water to cover at the beginning. When cooked remove the bones and add one tablespoonful of mixed spices and a half cupful of vinegar and simmer for half an hour. Pack hot into cans and cook forty minutes under ten pounds' pressure or eighty minutes at boiling. This is a delicious meat dish sliced and served cold. When canned in tin cans this meat comes out in nice jellied cylinders all ready for slicing. Otherwise it can be heated and remolded.

PRESERVING BEEF.

The pressure cooker and the other canning paraphernalia won't have a chance to get rusty or even need dusting off, for there's fresh beef in the house by December or, at the latest, February. There's no end to the list of good things to be canned here, roast beef in brown gravy, steak, meat rolls, beef birds, Swiss steak, beef stew, croquettes and Irish stew.

The club and porterhouse steaks can be canned with the bones left in, but it is best to remove the large sirloin bones. Sear steaks and without waiting for them to cook season and pack into cans and pour on the hot pan gravy.

Cook fifty-five minutes under fifteen pounds' steam pressure or two hours in the water bath.

Round steak, cut in inch-thick slices, is used for making the meat rolls. One cut will make four pieces for rolling. Finely minced onion and a slice of bacon is placed on each and the whole rolled up and tied firmly with a string. Brown in hot fat on all sides and pack into cans with the pan fryings. Cook in the cans the same length of time as for steaks.

Beef birds are made like veal birds with dressing rolled and tied up inside. Round steak is used for this, and the method of handling is the same as for meat rolls.

The round is also used for Swiss steak. Place meat on a board and pound flour well into it with the edge of a saucer. Sear on both sides and just cover with water and allow to simmer for half an hour.

Finely chopped onion may be spread on the meat at the beginning of the simmering process and tomato juice and pulp may be used instead of water. This is processed the same length of time as for steaks.

Flank steaks may be rolled with dressing on the inside or smothered in the following fashion: Sprinkle the bottom of a well-greased baking pan with onion and parsley and on it place the flank steaks. Brush over the meat with a little egg slightly beaten with water, and then spread some more of the chopped onion and parsley on top. Add stock from boiled meat or bones, just barely covering the meat. Place in a hot oven, uncovered, and bake thirty minutes. The stock may be thickened now or when the cans are used. Small new potatoes cooked and added to the thickened gravy and poured over the steak will make this an excellent one-dish meal. Carrots and turnips may also be used.

Beef stew may be made from the lower part of the round, the shank or the less choice but very nutritious cuts as the brisket, neck, plate or navel. This is packed in the jars cold in chunks or cubes, seasoning added and a bay leaf placed across the top and the jars filled with boiling water. Cook three hours in boiling water bath or ninety minutes under fifteen pounds' pressure.

THE USE OF LEISURE

It is said that one of the seven great objectives in education is the training in a worthy use of leisure. This is becoming an objective of greater importance as the trend of the age is toward greater leisure. Modern machinery is enabling one to do his tasks quicker than in the days of crude methods. Thus, the working day is shorter for the working man, and even for the farmer, we believe.

But regardless of whether it is or not, there is a period of farm leisure which we are now approaching. It is the time when outdoor farming activities must usually be confined to the doing of chores and other necessary daily duties. It is the time when constructive activity can be greatly replaced by thought. The use of this time is what should receive consideration. It should be made valuable to us individually and to our work.

Leisure has helped to accomplish many things. More than one great education, many prominent authors have written their best books during the time free from other activities. Leisure has helped many gain fortune and fame; it has also taken many to the dreags of despair and the mire of life because they did not know how to use it.

Time is the most precious element in our lives, for it is what we do with our time that determines what we get out of our lives.

It would be inappropriate for us to

suggest what one should do with his time this winter, but we write this suggestion regarding the use of leisure as a reminder that it can be wasted, it can be worse than wasted, or it can be made useful, helpful and interesting. Your use of it will determine what you get out of it.

Dust Bath in Winter.

Leaves make light scratching material better than straw, and it is surprising how large a quantity of dry leaves can be stored in a couple of barrels or a large box.

Some farmers save dry earth for their hens' winter dust bath. This is work that does not take much time and it is certain that hens need a chance to dust themselves fully as much in winter as in summer. There was a time when farmers didn't take much stock in the winter dust bath, and one winter when the dust box was empty for quite a while, and was filled again with loose dirt found in a shed during a warm spell, the way in which those hens tumbled over one another wanting to roll in the dirt at once, opened our eyes to their needs in this respect. They were simply wild to get into dirt and make it fly. Some say that hens will not use this dust bath in winter after it is provided, but experience taught differently.

It is said that coal or wood ashes placed in a dust box will cause scaly leg. This is a mistake, but no doubt the dirt is better than ashes for a dust bath.

Exercise produces warmth, provides pleasure and promotes health. Therefore, it is well to let hens hunt in a deep litter of straw for all their grain. Hens love to scratch. They do it intuitively.

Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

Sir Vincent Meredith Expresses Belief That Canada Will Prosper—Country Offers Inducements to Immigrants Vastly Superior to Those of Other Countries.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor Points Out That Canada Must Put House in Order—People Must Insist on Government Practising Policy of Economy.

The 107th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was marked by interesting addresses by Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager.

The President declared that he was satisfied "that a gradual improvement in the trade situation is occurring. Statistical returns support this view, and while there is irregularity in the movement, in the main the trend is upward." After pointing out the gratifying growth of a favorable balance of trade, the President declared that he regarded this increase in Canada's foreign trade credit as "an augury of a not distant improvement in domestic business."

The President concluded his address with the following expression of confidence:

"My last word is a word of confidence and encouragement. The interests of your Bank are more closely bound up with those of Canada than ever before and unless Canada prospers the Bank cannot expect the prosperity it should enjoy. I believe Canada will prosper. It offers inducements to immigrants vastly superior to those of other countries which are at present endeavoring to attract citizens. It stands third amongst the countries of the world in natural resources.

"Yet cardinal virtues must be practiced and I would again stress the necessity for hard work and economy, so often preached and seldom put into practice, and the need for immigration. Given these three things,

I look forward with the utmost confidence to Canada's future."

Much to be Thankful For. Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the general manager, in his address to the shareholders, said in part:

"First and foremost I would say that there must be an end to the present apathy about public affairs. In my opinion, those who will not go to the trouble to register their vote in municipal, provincial, and federal affairs should be penalized in some form for their indifference.

"We all know that apart from the cost and defects of the war Canada's troubles are the accumulated result of what may be termed in mild and temperate language imprudence in affairs.

"Good government is a hard problem in any country. No government can move faster in these matters than public opinion will permit, and upon the people lies the responsibility of voting for economy.

"We, in Canada, have much to be thankful for. If this were a poor country our case would be a bad one, but we have riches in our forests, our fields, our fisheries, and in our minerals, also in our mighty water powers, and in the industry and ambition of our people.

"If Canada were a private business enterprise the situation would present no great difficulty, for we are solvent, with wealth vastly in excess of our liabilities; and a way would be found by following the obvious course of cutting down our overhead and, like a sane, capable and industrious people, putting our house in order."

The Example of the Pine.

One day a boy and his father who were hunting in the mountains took shelter from the wind in the lee of some great gray boulders that lay like sleeping giants close to the crest of a lonely ridge. As the two looked upward they saw the wild autumn wind lay grim hands on a mountain pine that towered from the summit of the ridge. It was a sentinel that could escape no danger; it was an outpost to receive the first shock of the enemy's attack. Savagely the wind tore at it, shook it violently, howled through its shadowy branches. To the boy the tree, stalwart though it was, seemed about to be blown to pieces.

"Look, father," he said, pointing upward, "what the wind is doing to that pine."

The full fury of the blast just then made the pine shudder and sway wildly and heave despairingly against the stormy sky.

"Storms are an old story to that tree," said the father. "A tree like that from the time when it is high enough to catch the first breath of wind lives in a struggle. Tennyson describes an oak as 'storm-strengthened on a windy site'; and the strongest trees are always those that have weathered the greatest number of gales. Besides, the question is not, what is happening to the tree, but what is happening in the tree?"

"The pine doesn't really seem to mind fighting the storm," the boy admitted.

"It's the same with us," the man said. "It really doesn't matter what happens to us, but it matters a great deal what happens in us. You see, a man's character is tested by everything that happens to him; he becomes either weaker or stronger. The test is not nearly so important as the result of the test. If you think clearly, nothing can really happen to you, but everything can happen in you. That old pine is safe because it resisted the first storm years and years ago, and it has kept on resisting. It is getting stronger all the time. Because of what has happened in it nothing harmful can happen to it."

TOO WEAK TO WALK

The Sad Condition of a Brandon Lady—How Relief Came.

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The Inchcape Rock.

Many poems are unknown to the modern schoolboy that used to delight his youthful grandfather. Who now declaims Southey's spirited ballad of the Inchcape Rock, once so popular with budding orators? Do young voices in their teens, magnificently rolling their r's and occasionally cracking inopportunistly at the climax, still proclaim from the school platform to their critically attentive fellows how—

"Sir Ralph, the Rover, tore his hair; He cur-r-rt himself in his despair. The waves r-rush in on every side; The ship is sinking beneath the tide!"

It is to be feared not; Southey is a neglected poet nowadays. But the story of the Inchcape Rock—or Bell Rock, as it is aptly called in our day—is interesting from the fact Sir Ralph the Rover, insolently removing the warning bell buoyed over the reef by the pious and benevolent Abbot of Aberbrothock, and later himself wrecked upon the unguarded rock, is, like the good Abbot, a figure rather of tradition than of history; but a bell there was, long preceding any light.

The building of the present Bell Rock Light, as it is related in F. A. Talbot's Lightships and Lighthouses, is as fine a story as Southey's tale of the pirate and the Abbot's bell.

It was in 1806 that the Commissioners for Northern Lighthouses decided to put up a tower on the long, low, lonely reef twelve miles from the coast of Scotland—a reef two thousand feet long, entirely submerged at high tide and falling steeply away on all sides to deep water. Until the tower had risen to a fair height work was possible only on the calmest days of the summer and then during but five hours a day. It was before the era of steam, and men and materials were dependent on the perilous and difficult manoeuvring of sailing craft in the complex racing currents with their sudden changes—manoeuvring often made even more difficult by the weather's turning against them.

Once while some of the men were at work on the rock their vessel and tender broke adrift in steaming fog and rising wind. The workmen were too intent on their work to observe their danger, but not so their engineer, Robert Stevenson, who was that day superintending the job in person, and who realized their plight only too well. But he said nothing, and only when they laid down their tools to leave did the men realize that they were caught and were more than likely to be drowned before the boats could beat back. Indeed it was not their own boats, but a pilot boat that fortunately came to their rescue just as the water was beginning to lap about their feet.

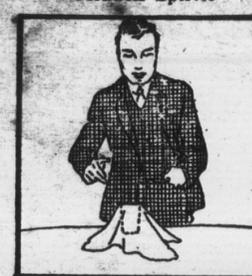
They were so drenched, exhausted and terrified that out of thirty-two only eight could return to work next day; but, after a day's rest the twenty-four others had recovered their nerve and were back on the job. The tower, a hundred and twenty feet high, was completed in 1810. It still stands, though its "rddy gem of changeable light," as Sir Walter Scott called it, now shines from a modern light chamber with vastly improved power and brilliance.

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No. 246
Hidden Spirits



This stunt does not amount to much if badly presented. With a little care in working up the effect, however, it can be made very puzzling. The effect is that a spectator places a tumbler on the table, drops a coin into it and covers it with a handkerchief. The performer pretends to magnetize the hidden coin. At his command it jumps up and down in the glass, ringing any number requested. At any rate, it seems to do that because the spectators, who are not too near, hear it ring. The secret is another tumbler, a small one, in the trickster's hip pocket. In this is a coin to which a thread is attached. The other end of the thread is fastened around a suspender button on the left side. The thread is slack enough so that the spectator can catch it around the little finger of his left hand. An imperceptible movement of the little finger will cause the coin in the hidden glass to hop up and down, making the ringing sound. At a few feet it will appear to come from the glass on the table.

The best part of the trick is to make suspicious movements with the right hand, leading the spectators to believe that the coin in the glass on the table is animated by a thread attached to it. If some confident spectator snatches the handkerchief away and accuses the trickster of doing the trick in that manner, the trickster can easily turn the laugh on him and at the same time divert attention from the real solution of the mystery.

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HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

The health of many men and women engaged in certain industries is affected by benzol, a product largely used in this province in the preparation of rubber for commercial purposes. Too often in the past, before the effects of benzol poisoning were known, and measures taken to counteract it, there was a considerable amount of somewhat unexplainable sickness, through such conditions as loss of energy and loss of appetite, general weakness, sleeplessness and irritability. These and other symptoms of a kindred nature indicated that something was wrong, but just what the trouble actually was, constituted a problem. Knowing the effects of benzol poisoning, investigations were made by physicians from the Ontario Dept. of Health, in plants where this commodity was used. One of the first tests consisted in making an examination of the blood of the persons working there, to see if the amount of red and white corpuscles were up to the standard. In nearly every case where the worker had been submitted to the fumes of benzol for a considerable length of time, there was a diminution in the white blood count resulting in the symptoms already mentioned. Just how many people in the province are subjected to benzol fumes has not been determined up to the present,

but at any rate, there is definite proof that the poisoning from this source constitutes a health hazard, the injurious effects of which cannot be minimized.

It might be opportune to mention at this point that benzol is very active solvent for rubber. It is efficient and economical in all trades in which rubber has to be used. Its only two disadvantages, and both are formidable, are that the fumes are poisonous and highly inflammable. It will, therefore, be seen at once that measures have to be taken to control the fumes of benzol and quickly and efficiently remove them from workshops and factories where people are employed.

A few days ago I visited a large canning factory in this province where benzol is used in the manufacture of rubber rings for the lids of airtight cans. Recently one or two of the workers employed in this industry died and the cause of death was attributed to benzol poisoning. As a result, very active interest is now being taken by the management in the health of the workers, and every possible effort is being made to remove the danger of benzol poisoning. Powerful exhausts have been installed over the ovens where the benzol fumes are evaporated and these exhausts draw away a very large amount of the fumes. Except directly at the intake of the exhaust, the odor of benzol is hardly discernible. As a further precaution, the workers are subjected to a blood examination every month or six weeks, and if any indication of anaemia is found, the affected person is either transferred to another department or allowed to go home for a period of rest and recuperation. The management has further shown its interest in the workers by providing a pint of fresh milk each morning for every worker in the benzol department, and this innovation has proved doubly successful in that it has stimulated the employees and especially the women employees to bring sandwiches, etc., to take with the milk. Many of these women, worried with household cares had hitherto time for only a cup of tea or coffee before coming to work. The provision of milk has brought about a better standard of health for every worker so favored, and in addition has reduced the time lost through sickness. Efforts are being made by the Industrial Hygiene Division of the Provincial Department of Health to interest all employers in the health of their workers, so that active measures may be taken to preserve the health of all classes of people engaged in industry and so bring about a better standard of health and living conditions not only for the workers themselves but also for their families and dependents.

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An Exploded Theory. Bug—"Who said 'snug-as-a-bug-in-a-rug?' Bah!"

The Electric Waiter.

In a certain restaurant in Detroit, the meals are served by electricity. The diner enters the restaurant, selects his table, notes on the menu the food he requires, drops the menu through a slot in the table, and waits a minute or two. Presently there is a humming noise, and in the centre of the table, on a four-poster tray, appears the food he has ordered.

When the menu is slipped into the slot it drops to the kitchen below; the server there attends to the order, presses a button, and the food is on its way to the table.

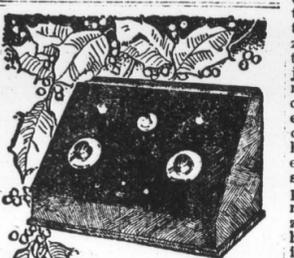
When the diner has finished his meal he takes the bill, which has also been delivered by electricity, and pays at the usual cashier's desk.

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The Homer Pigeon.

What is known as a Homer or Homing pigeon, is one that will return to its home or loft from a distance. An ordinary pigeon might be called a Homer if it has this homing instinct, but what the pigeon world calls a Homer is the Antwerp, a breed that originated in Belgium. It has the sagacity and endurance to travel hundreds of miles. It seems likely that the old warriors, Dragons and Horsemen were used for carrying messages. All pigeons are strongly attached to their homes and will fly back to them, so far as their powers allow them to.

The sun is the greatest physician.—Sir Herbert Barker.



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SOME FAVORITE RECIPES

Chocolate Doughnuts

Chocolate doughnuts will take the place of cake. One very good recipe calls for two tablespoons of shortening, a cup and a quarter of sugar, 2 well beaten eggs, a square and a half of melted chocolate, a cup of sour milk in which a teaspoon of soda has been dissolved, and about four cups of flour sifted with a half a teaspoon of salt. Lavor with vanilla and fry in deep fat.

Coffee Sponge Cream

Have ready one and one-half cups of cold, strained coffee and add three-quarters of a cup of cream and one-third of a cup of sugar. Heat in the upper part of the double boiler and stir in the yolks of two eggs, beaten with a pinch of salt, and another third of a cup of sugar. Cook until the custard coats the back of the spoon and add one and a half tablespoons of gelatine, softened in three tablespoons of cream. Stir until the gelatine is dissolved remove from the fire, cool and beat with an egg beater. As it begins to stiffen fold in the stiffly whipped egg whites and one-quarter of a teaspoon of vanilla extract. Turn into an ornamental mold and chill on the ice. Serve unmolded with a whipped cream sauce flavored with chocolate.

ONE ON THE C. P. R.

In the Canadian West small business men often try to lend prestige to their establishments by affixing to their firm name the initials of one of the big railways. One often sees such signs as "C.P.R. Tobacco Store," "G.T.P. Poolroom," "C.N.R. Boarding House," etc.
 The Canadian Pacific recently took official notice of these acts of piracy and sent out notifications that the unauthorized use of the railway's name was illegal. One notice sent to the proprietor of a certain "C.P.R. Barber Shop—Cut Rates," brought the following reply:

TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES

Frequently a great deal of Saturday's dinner can be prepared on Sunday afternoon to take away some of the stress of going to church and having a nice Sunday dinner at the same time.
 If you find a brand of food that just appeals to you along the line of canned goods jot down the maker's name. Then when next you order you are certain of being pleased. It is foolish to continue trying different brands of food when you know of a satisfactory one.
 When the bureau drawers stick floor wax (paste) rubbed on the offending parts is better even than yellow soap. Rub on the slides and also on the lower edges of the drawers themselves, then polish well. Unless well polished, wax will form a stick coating properly rubbed it forms a hard, smooth finish.

Leftovers

Left-overs spinach or greens should be packed in small jelly moulds and put in the refrigerator, and turned out when they are chilled and eaten as salad with French dressing.

Save Paper

Save the tissue paper in which your bundles are wrapped and use it for cleaning off the dishes before you wash them. This makes the washing much easier.

Hot Meats

Ham, tongue, corned beef and meats that are not to be served hot are improved by partially cooling in the water in which they were boiled.

Squash

Squashes and pumpkins need a dry atmosphere at about 50 degrees.

Butter

Any housewife can pack butter herself even though she does not know anything about butter making. But a saving of money is possible if butter is stored when it is of moderate cost for use when it has soared high in price.

Serving Sliced Peaches

Slice your peaches just before you want to serve them as they discolor rapidly. Add the sugar as soon as they are pared.

Packing Fall Butter

Pack the butter, solid in stone crocks, leaving a space of about an inch at the top. This space is filled with brine as strong as possible. It is made with dairy salt and water, and should be strong enough to float a potato. Use a well-glazed crock or a new or old wooden bucket. Scald either thoroughly two or three times with boiling salt water. If a turkin is used it should not leak. Put the butter in small pieces, pounding from the centre toward the outside so as to have no holes or air spaces. A wooden potato-masher answers as a pounder. Level off neatly. A layer of salt moistened with water to form a paste is used instead of brine by some persons. In that case cover the top of the butter with parchment paper, or cotton, then spread a thick layer of the wet salt. Put on the cover and tie down with several thicknesses of clean paper. Keep in a cool, clean place, where the temperature does not vary. The great secret of keeping butter is to have it good at first and keep it cold.

APPLE BUTTER

Required: 1 peck of apples (16 lbs), 2 lbs. brown sugar, 1 ½ level teaspoonsful of cinnamon, 1 table-spoonful of nutmeg, 1 table-spoonful of allspice, ¼ teaspoonful of ground ginger, ½ teaspoonful of cloves, 1 Peel and core the apples, put the pulp and cores into a preserving pan and cover with water. Simmer until soft, drain and measure 2 ½ quarts of the water. Place this 2 ½ quarts of apple water in the preserving pan, add the apples, thinly sliced, and simmer until soft, then add the other ingredients and simmer slowly until thick, stirring almost continuously as the mixture thickens. This mixture must be made very slowly or it will not have such a good flavor. As it burns easily towards the end it is well to place an asbestos mat under the pan.

When cooked, put into jars and cover with a lid or cork and then with paper. It is a good plan to keep it in small fruit bottling jars with rubber ring and screw tops. Some cooks put the jars into a pan on a false bottom and pour in warm water up to the necks of the jars, bring slowly to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Lift out the jars and screw down tightly. The mixture should be of a consistency of butter, and is very wholesome spread on bread for children.

LITTLE FOOTSTEPS

(By Barbara De Audle)

Little footsteps, how I love them,
 Gliding 'round the cottage door;
 In and out, I hear them trample,
 Up and down the kitchen floor.

Little ones in tenderest keeping,
 Every day we love them more;
 It is not real home without them,
 Little footsteps 'round the floor.

Little footsteps, I can see them
 Dancing in their childlike play;
 In their glee, now all forgetful
 Of the hours that pass away.

And when absent I am longing
 For those little ones once more;
 I'm near heaven when I hear them,
 Little footsteps 'round the door.

Little footsteps, soft and gently,
 Gliding 'round the cottage door;
 How I love to hear them trample
 Up and down the kitchen floor.

Off' in mischief they are straying
 Seems we only love them more;
 And we kiss them! How we'd miss
 them,
 Little footsteps 'round the door.

BELL'S CROSSING

Bell's Crossing, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Ezra Moore sprained her ankle while visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Thom, but was able to return to her home on Friday.

Mrs. William Richards has been quite ill with a severe attack of bronchitis but is now regaining health. The entertainment in the school house is to be held on Tuesday evening, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. William Speer, Fairfield, spent a few days at George Row-some's and Harold Richards' recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Guinness and family spent Sunday with William Johnson, Florida.

Miss Ethel McManus, nurse-in-training at the State hospital, Ogdensburg, was a week-end visitor at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ellis spent an evening last week at Abel Goukin's. Ben Scott, Addison, made a business trip through this section last week.

The young people are taking advantage of a piece of ice in David Thom's field and enjoying the skating.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Giffin and Miss Keitha Giffin, Rockspring, were visitors at Mort Giffin's last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Delbert Connell, Newbliss, was visiting her mother last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hinton and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hinton, Rockspring, were guests of H. E. Richards on an evening last week.

LIME WILL AID CLOVER

It Enables the Plant to Cope With the Winter

Acid Phosphate Good for Clover and Alfalfa—A Great Root Farmer—Nitrate of Soda Helps in Cold Springs—Poultry Pointers.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Did your clover kill out in the spring? If it did, you had better write the Department of Chemistry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for directions for taking a sample of your soil to discover the reason.

Reports from some districts this year show a good deal of winter wheat and clover killed out, states the Department of Chemistry, O.A.C. This is highly undesirable, and can be prevented by the use of lime and acid phosphate applied with the crop on which the clover is seeded. In some cases lime is not necessary, for the soil is not acid; but where acidity occurs lime is very essential. Phosphorus is a great root farmer, and it is the strong deep-rooted clover and wheat plant that withstands the alternate freezing and thawing of spring weather.

Result of Lime Phosphate Experiments.

In answer to a circular sent out last spring to the twenty-five co-operative experimenters handling our Lime Phosphate Experiment, the majority report that the clover on the half acre which received crushed limestone and acid phosphate in the fall of 1922 is in perfect shape, while in many cases the untreated section did not winter nearly as well and in one or two cases will have to be ploughed up.

If seeding is done with spring grain it is good business to use acid phosphate at the rate of at least 300 pounds per acre, and preferably 400. If the soil is acid, lime is also necessary to give a strongly-rooted clover and alfalfa which will carry it over the winter, the most critical period of the life of the plant.

Nitrate of Soda Helps in Cold Springs.

In such a season as the spring of last year, cold and wet, the greatest need of the plant is for nitrates, says the Department of Chemistry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The ground will be so cold and wet that it takes a long time to warm up, and as a result bacterial activity is at a low ebb. As a result nitrates are formed in the soil, and plants cannot make vegetative growth.

To correct this and enable the plant to get away to a good start, apply nitrate of soda one hundred pounds to one hundred and fifty pounds per acre at once. If bought in lots of several hundred pounds it can be obtained at a reasonable price, and its benefit is almost certain. Do not, however, apply if heavy rain threatens, as it is soluble and will be lost by washing.

Another benefit which will be derived is this that the nitrate of soda dissolves in the soil water and soaks down into the soil. The roots go after it, and hence the result is a deeper rooted plant more able to withstand the period of drouth which so often follows a wet seed time.

Salt and Water for Sheep.

During the winter when the snow is available, and especially where a liberal supply of roots is being fed, the flock will not suffer a great deal if water is not given, says the Department of Animal Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College. At the same time sheep will drink more or less water if it is to be had, and if at all convenient it will pay to provide it even in the winter. After the ewes have lambed in the spring, and during the summer while on grass, an abundant supply of clean, fresh water should be at hand. Especially during the long, hot days of summer the sheep will drink freely, and the health and comfort of the flock demands that it be available.

Salt should be before the flock at all times during the year. A box or trough set up in the pen during the winter, or in the field while on pasture, in which there is always a supply, will assure the owner that his flock is always well provided with salt.

Storing Potatoes.

If potatoes are grown only for home use the crop is usually stored in the cellars of the houses or of the barns. Occasionally potatoes are stored in pits. When the crop is grown commercially, however, it is generally placed in a potato storage cellar erected for the purpose. In all cases it is important to store only well sorted, sound, clean, dry potatoes and to keep them constantly in a dry, cool, dark and well ventilated place. The temperature usually recommended for the best results is from 33-degrees F. to 35 degrees F.

Egg Production at O. A. C.

The average egg production of the one thousand pullets that were trapped for the year was 168 eggs each. We are trying to improve the strain in size of body, size of eggs and color, rather than increasing the number of eggs. Five pens of ten pullets each were placed in laying competitions. The fifty birds averaged slightly above 190 eggs each. The high bird of those in the contests was 263 eggs, and the high bird of those on the plant was 296 eggs.—Prof. W. R. Graham, O. A. C., Guelph.

BAZAAR HELD AT ELGIN PROVES A SIGNAL SUCCESS

Sum of \$615 Raised by Ladies of St. Columbanus Church.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Merrick Warren, Lansdowne, Has His Nose Broken While Skating.

Elgin, Dec. 17.—The bazaar on the 12th and 13th inst. by the ladies of St. Columbanus church, was a grand success. Although the weather conditions were not the most congenial, a large crowd gathered on both afternoons. The party on Friday evening and play on Saturday night were also well attended. The net proceeds in all were very gratifying, amounting to \$615.

The annual Methodist Sunday school Christmas entertainment will be held in the new town hall on Christmas eve. A well arranged and interesting programme is under preparation.

Miss Nellie Brown has returned home from Kingston, where she has been receiving medical treatment.

Mr. Chapman, Athens, is assisting Messrs. Ferguson in their bakery.

Albert Kenny was taken to a Kingston hospital on Tuesday to undergo an operation. All hope for a speedy recovery.

A political meeting was held on Monday evening last when Reeve J. A. Keelny and the same four councillors were re-nominated for 1925. A citizens' meeting will be held on Monday, the 22nd inst.

TOLEDO

Toledo, Dec. 19.—Victors to Smiths Falls on Wednesday included Miss Irene Pepper.

Mrs. M. J. Gray is able to be around again after her illness.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. D. McClure, accompanied by Mrs. James Gray and Miss Irene Gray, motored to Brockville and rejoiced to find Mr. Gray so far recovered as to be able to accompany them home. At present, although suffering pain at times, he is gaining steadily.

P. J. McNamee was a Delta visitor on Friday.

Several have been victims of la grippe, including Mrs. Lena Briggingshaw, who has almost fully recovered from a severe attack.

Mrs. C. Cohen left on Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays at her old home.

John Seymour received a great, but yet a very pleasant surprise on Wednesday night when, at a meeting of the Black Preceptory Lodge, the brethren presented him with a beautiful emblem ring of the Royal Arch and the Black Preceptory as a slight token of appreciation of his services as chaplain of the lodge. He has never missed attending one meeting in the whole period of thirteen years that he has held that office.

Denton McClure is not yet fully recovered from his illness.

Among those home for the Christmas holidays are noted Donald Edgar from Kars.

JUNETOWN

Junetown, Dec. 15.—Miss Kate Purvis has returned from a ten day's visit with her sister, Mrs. A. N. Earl, Brockville.

The public school Christmas entertainment will be held in the school house on Friday evening, December 19.

Mrs. James White and Miss Arley Purvis spent the week end at Purvis street with relatives.

Miss D. Gilbert has returned home from a two weeks' visit with Miss Mary Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Fortune, Arthur Fortune and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Warren attended the funeral of Mrs. William Green at Lyn on Saturday.

The body of Mrs. Timothy Guild, of Andressburg, who passed away at the General hospital, Brockville, on Saturday, was brought to the residence of her son-in-law, Fred Gram, on Saturday evening. The funeral took place from Mr. Graham's residence on Tuesday afternoon to the Mallorytown Methodist church.

Mrs. Alex Herblison and Mrs. W. Earl, of Purvis street, are staying here with their aunt, Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, who has been seriously ill for some months, and her friends are sorry to hear that she is falling rapidly.

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Women and Home

HOW TO BE WELL DRESSED

The Clever Amateur Costumer Apt At Copying Designs

Heyda Hoyt in the United Press says:

"This fall there are so many inexpensive cloths of good material and of good lines that anyone with taste can be well dressed. Take, for instance, those snappy little short fur coats, which can be made from anything from goat fur to sable! Some of these are selling so cheaply as to come within the means of almost any one. Cat fur and goat fur, dyed in deep rich, browns may not resemble the more expensive furs but they do have smartness and chic. Who knows at the first glance whether they are real mink or dyed cat? And who cares? It's the fit of the little frock beneath the coat and the shape of the perky little felt hat above it that creates an ensemble worth looking at.

Perkiness and "An Air" Tell

A girl can spend several hundreds of dollars on a fur paquette and from fifty to a hundred dollars on her hat, and some clever little person with quick wit seizes the opportunity of copying her costume and appears a week after in a cheaper duplicate

Some Original Dresses

Many women like to feel that they are original in dress. They will purchase a fashion book and create a gown with Lanvin sleeves, Poiret waistline and Madeline skirt and add trimmings approved by some other designer. The finished dress looks like a Christmas tree. It has neither style nor chic and is ruined by the combination of different patterns. The designer has a reason for everything he or she does. If her frock has long sleeves it should never be made without sleeves. If it is long as to hem, it is because such a frock requires a long hemline. The home dressmaker should realize these facts.

Importance of Accessories

"Accessories are very important these days, and it is these little accessories which make or mar one's ensemble. Just now well dressed women are wearing more subdued shades of hosiery. Pinks and flesh shades are no longer worn for street wear. Wood shades, light tans and browns and greys are good. Gunmetal accompanies the black shoe and occasionally one sees the oyster white shoe combination. White hosiery may be worn when the costume is a black

which she wears with an air that absolutely outclasses the owner of the original model. Sure enough women know the difference between cat fur and sable, and between a \$50 bonnet and a \$2.00 one, but who dresses for women nowadays? For that matter, many of the very wealthy women are wearing imitation furs and jewels this year, so why worry about quality?

Some Chic Standard Safest

"The well dressed woman doesn't attempt to set styles of her own if she had a limited dress allowance. She knows that she can't hope to compete with the lines set by Fashion designers. She sees something smart in a shop window and, choosing her own coloring, follows perhaps in cheaper but good materials the standard set by her wealthier sister, and white affair.

Gloves and Handkerchiefs

"Gloves likewise play a very important part this year. Tans and mauve shades are those generally chosen. White gloves are not being worn during the day time and only occasionally at night in which case they may either be glaze kid or suede. Most women are gloveless for evening occasions. A woman in a Spanish shawl with long white gloves looks ridiculous these days. Arms are always bare, it would seem.

"Handkerchiefs are chosen with respect to the coloring of the frock. The all-white handkerchiefs of lace or lace trimmed may be carried for evening use, but for day wear the pastel squares of linen, chiffon or silk are the mode. Little sets of six handkerchiefs may be purchased in the shops, with each handkerchief of a different color. The fastidious woman choose a handkerchief which harmonizes with her frock for each and every occasion.

"While these little details of dress do not seem important in themselves, the woman who dresses on a limited allowance must pay heed to them if she wishes to appear smart.

"In speaking of facts and accessories, one can't omit the little bar pin or brooch that is worn on the left shoulder nowadays. These may be real or imitation.

"Another fad which doesn't apply to dress exactly, is the painting of the fingernails. One sees girls and women with nails as red as any Nautch dancer. And some women of refinement are among them."

A FUR SEASON

It is going to be, in the language of the modistes a "fur season." Perhaps the tradition that a "white winter will follow a "green" one, such as last winter, has stimulated interest in fur garments.

Sealskin in all its variations is still to be worn, but it is no longer smart as an entire garment. Some of the dressy coats and wraps sent out from the Paris ateliers are made of satin, crepe and cloth with sealskin introduced as a part of the skirt, in sleeves, deep collar, or in any of the several attractive ways, making a wrap of exceptional dignity and elegance. Mink is another staple among the handsomer furs. It is especially good this season, and some of the new mink coats, wraps and capes, are superb—quite popular with young women as with the dowager.

Perhaps the smartest among the dark furs is caracul. In the natural color and light dyes this had a tremendous vogue last season, particularly in the chic little jacquette which will be worn again this year. It is shown in many lovely novelty styles for younger women, in the misses and junior models. Baby lamb broadtail and caracul, especially the fine, silky, "baby" quality are all fashionable, with the preference for caracul.

Mountain sable is another new fur that is taking very well. It is short, soft skin, a lovely shade of brown in this distinctly brown season.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

Storing Vegetables

Vegetables must be stored under the conditions that will keep them in the best condition for use. Mr. H. O. Werner of the North Dakota Experiment Station gives the following pointers: In the first place they should be handled carefully. Bruises should be handled carefully. Bruises form a place for decay germs to enter. The vegetables store best if a little immature.

Roast Vegetables

Cabbage, celery and root crops keep best at low temperature, with a fairly moist atmosphere and good ventilation. Onions keep best just above freezing in a dry atmosphere. Celery when dug is really transplanted, as it has to be kept growing when in storage. Dig it with a good deal of soil on the roots and plant closely in sand or loose, damp soil in a cool cellar or pit. The root crops keep a cool place. The vegetables, except when buried in sand or soil in cepting celery, will keep better if well dried in the sun before being stored.

Cooking Doughnuts

Doughnuts should not be turned more than once while cooking. If the fat is too cold the doughnuts will absorb some of it, and if too hot they will brown before they have risen sufficiently. Keep the temperature uniform.

Cleaning Floors

Crude petroleum can be used to cleanse floors that have been painted, varnished or oiled.

For Curtains

When buying material for upholstery and curtains remember to buy more if you use a large pattern than if you use a plain or small figured material because you waste more in matching.

Keeping Vegetables

If asparagus or lettuce must be kept for more than a day or two put some water in a shallow dish and let the roots rest in that. Never have the water more than an inch deep.

Good Cleaning Substance

Warm bran makes an excellent cleaning substance for the tapestry or cloth-covered furniture. It should be allowed to stand for some time before it is brushed off.

Cucumber Salad

Cucumber salad is always particularly good served with fish.

We wish to thank our many customers for their splendid Patronage during the past year and solicit the same in future.

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CHILDREN COME TO CANADA ON MAGIC CARPET



DICK ANDERSON STUDIES COMPASS

DESPITE the fact that the Canadian Pacific is the greatest transportation system in the world, it finds it wise and profitable to give individual attention to any little children who may be consigned to its care.

It broke up families and left orphans in all European countries. Many of these are now being transported to friends and relatives in the United States and Canada. In most cases there is little money, the actual passage being all that can be raised, so there is no question of a companion for the child. Here is where the great Canadian Pacific becomes nurse, companion, the chaperon or guardian for the youth-

panied him to Antwerp, whence he sailed on the S.S. Metagama. A very interesting passenger came over on an August run of the S.S. "Melita," a little 6½-year-old Armenian refugee, who is to become the adopted son of western Canadian farmers, a marvellous change from poverty to plenty. Dick Anderson, the boy being shown the working of the compass by Captain Landy of the S.S. "Melita," was the youngest member of a party of boys sent from England to the Dr. Barnardo's Home in North Toronto, Ontario, where waits from London are given education, a comfortable living and become worthy Canadian citizens.

A Scotch lassie, Rita Tiffey of Dundee, Scotland, boasts of many trophies won by her nimble 9-year-old heels. She owns 4 silver cups and 21 medals won at dancing, and gave much pleasure to all passengers on a recent voyage of the S.S. "Montclair," by executing 16 different dances on her way out to Canada.

Catching fish isn't all the fun of fishing;
It's the going, and the coming, and the wishing;
It's the stream that lies before you,
And the slippery stones that floor you.
It's the bright blue sky above you,
And the friends along who love you,
That makes the fishing pay.

Making money isn't all the pay for working;
If it were we'd all be shirking, yes just shirking;
It's the happy friends who meet you,
It's the genial smiles which greet you,
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As a general thing, most old stockings are thrown away when they are too worn-out to darn any more.

But we will continue to make toys from our old stockings. It will more than delight the babies and small children.

Do not use silk ones; they split too readily, and the plain lisle are apt to stretch. The ribbed ones are best, and be sure they have no holes in the legs, for that is the part to use.

For a funny old "mammy doll" proceed as follows: Cut off the foot and sew the leg straight across the top, so as to form a bag. Then decide how big you want your doll, for the longer the leg the bigger she will be.

Stuff with cotton or old rags—more stockings cut up small will do—till the head is round and large enough. Then tie a string tightly around the neck to hold it in place and form the head. Stuff the rest of the body and sew up the bottom.

For arms and legs, take a piece of stocking the desired length, roll up and wrap tightly with black thread, sewing at the bottom. Tie a string a little way up to form the hand.

The legs are made the same way, but turn up about an inch at right angles to the leg to form a foot and catch with a few stitches, then sew the arms and legs on the doll.

Outline the features with white thread, making large goggle eyes and a big mouth with stitches taken across it for teeth. Dress mammy in any scraps you may have, but be sure to make her an apron and a head handkerchief with stick-up ears.

A dear little girl doll is made the same way from a white stocking, and dressed in dainty clothes, with the features done in colors—blue eyes, red mouth and perhaps a touch of rouge on her pale cheeks. If she has a little cap, she needs no hair.

The funniest sort of witch's black cat is made by making the head and body this same way, then pinching up the two corners of the head for ears, gathering them a little and fastening with a few tight stitches. Do not sew on legs and arms; they can be outlined on the body with white, if liked, or left out altogether. Outline the features and whiskers in white, with a touch of green or yellow for the eyes. Make quite a long tail, wrapped like the doll limbs, and sew on tightly.

A rabbit is made from a white stocking by adding long ears to the body made like the cat, with a tail of a wad of cotton sewed on. The ears should be cut out separately and doubled and turned and sewed on. They are less trouble made from white flannel. Outline the features in black. He and the cat may have a ribbon tied around their necks, with perhaps a bell.

THE FEET AND ANKLES.

The appearance of the feet and ankles is of great importance, now that short skirts and low shoes are so generally worn. While it is impossible for every one to have a small foot, certainly every one can have a neat or dainty-looking foot. The last place to economize is on shoes. It is better to wear one fairly high-priced pair of shoes throughout a season, than two cheap pairs.

Of course you will not be able to wear well-fitting shoes comfortably if the feet hurt. I do not mean that shoes should be tight, but neither should they be too loose; one produces corns as much as the other. Given the right sort of footgear, it is quite possible to keep the feet healthy without ever having to go to a chiropodist.

The feet, as well as the body, should be bathed daily; not just given a careless washing, but scrubbed with mild soap and a flesh brush. Then they should be dried well and gone over with a corn file. Every callus should be rubbed down, the corns softened by soaking and either filed down, or if very bad, the top callus skin should be cut off with cuticle scissors. It is quite possible to do this without touching any of the living tissue. Very stubborn corns should be bound up with a slice of lemon over them—next day the hard skin will easily come off.

Tender feet should be soaked in hot salt water, the proportion being a cupful of sea-salt to a quart of hot water. This rests the feet, and hardens them. If the skin of the foot is very dry, there is nothing better than sweet-oil or vaseline to use as a daily massage. In fact, corns and calli rubbed daily with sweet-oil, vaseline, or cold cream, will eventually disappear.

One woman has been successful in

reducing enlarged joints (bunions) by applying turpentine, night and morning; in fact, she declares that the turpentine "almost shrinks the bone."

We repeat the remedy for split skin (between the toes): When the skin splits between the toes, apply chalk, the kind used for writing upon blackboards. Procure a stick of the chalk, scrape off the outer layer and throw this away. Scrape the remaining chalk to a fine powder and dust this powder between toes. The chalk has a drying effect which is very healing and gives quick relief.

If free of the common ailments of the feet, and a moderate amount can be spent for shoes, every woman can boast of neat and attractive-looking feet. Size does not matter so much; the large woman must have large feet or she will look top heavy. If they seem too big, however, she should carefully avoid fancy styles of footwear, and buy nothing but the plainest and best.

PATCHING UP THE MIRROR.

We have a mirror from which the silver has come off in several places. Could you tell me what I could do to it?—Mrs. C. H.

Clean the bare portion of the glass by rubbing it gently with fine cotton, taking care to remove any trace of dust and grease. If this cleaning be not done very carefully, defects will appear around the place repaired. With the point of a penknife, cut upon the back of another looking glass around a portion of the silvering of the required form, but a little larger. Upon it place a small drop of mercury; a drop the size of a pin-head will be sufficient for a surface equal to the size of the nail. The mercury spreads immediately, penetrates the amalgam to where it was cut off with the knife, and the required piece may be now lifted and removed to the place to be repaired. This is the most difficult part of the operation. Then press lightly the renewed portion with cotton; it hardens almost immediately, and the glass presents the same appearance.

A NEW DOLL OUTFIT.



4579. This is a very desirable model and one that will please the little "doll mother," for not only the garments but the doll as well may be made from the pattern here given. The doll may be of drill or unbleached muslin, and stuffed with floss hair or cotton batting. The dress could be of gingham, oretone, chambray, silk or crepe, and the cap, to match, or of lace or embroidery.

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FRENCH ONION SOUP.

Winter is the season for thick soups, and this one which, with a liberal chunk of bread, makes a whole meal for the Breton peasant, is especially good. Peel four large onions and two carrots. The onions should be chopped fine, and the carrots diced. Put them into an enameled ware saucepan with three tablespoonfuls of butter and saute them until the onions are well browned. Use a quarter teaspoonful of sugar and half a teaspoonful of salt. Add a quart of water and boil for two hours, adding more water as it boils away. This soup should be served with a slice of bread in each plate.

For Sore Feet—Minard's Liniment.

Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

"I have something to say too!" answered Peter gaily, for it was a spring day and all the world seemed young and gay. "If we have to avoid May, it must be not later than the twenty-ninth of April—our wedding, I mean—for I don't propose to wait till June."

She sat down suddenly, as if her limbs failed her, and began, with the hazel stick she carried, to draw strange hieroglyphics among the pine needles at her feet.

He took a step nearer to her and touched her shoulder.

"Darling!" he said, impassionedly, "say it will be the twenty-ninth. You have kept me in a state of uncertainty so long, I'm going to take the law into my own hands. Do you hear? The Lees needs and wants its mistress, and I am tired of waiting."

It seemed a long, long time before she spoke, and then she rose to her feet and looked at him quite straightly, but very strangely, in the face.

"I am very sorry, Peter, but I cannot marry you at all."

CHAPTER IV.

THE MARCH DYKE.

A lover, secure in the knowledge of love given and returned, might have taken the words as a jest, to be frowned or laughed over as the occasion demanded; but the tone in which Carlotta uttered them, the set and almost anguished expression of her face, drove them home with relentless force.

Even at the moment when he knew their finality, Garvock tried to make light of them.

"You can't marry me!" he repeated. "Oh, come, Carlotta! It is not a very kind jest between us and me at this late day!"

"It is not a jest," she answered dully. "I would not make that kind of jest. It would be unseemly. Besides, I am not a jesting woman."

"Then why?" he stammered, "why this change of front?"

But this time she had no direct answer ready. Her eyes evaded his and sought to follow the flight of a bird on the wing.

Presently, however, she brought them back to his face.

Her expression had changed again, for swift and bewildering variety was one of the chief charms of that mobile face.

"I think you can't be very much surprised. We have been engaged just three weeks, but have you ever had, in that time, any feeling of security or happiness?"

"I had your promise," he said gloomily, "the promise I am going to claim."

"Do you remember the day it was given?" she asked swiftly. "It was not a happy day. It is not yet so far away but that you can recall precisely what I said."

"You said you did not care for me," he answered, readily enough. "But I answered that I could teach you."

"And you remember what I said in answer to that? 'Love gives itself. It is not bought.'"

His face flushed dully. He was not seeking to buy your love, Carlotta. He just to me. I did not so much as mention material things."

"Oh, no!" she said, with a swift glance of compassion for him. "It was I who was mercenary, sordid, base! I told you I was tempted as a poor woman can be tempted by a rich man. I said horrible things, which afterwards I hated myself for. But your patience was boundless."

"Because I cared so much, Carlotta," said Peter Garvock with a strange humility. "Besides, I did not believe the half of them. I understood you better than you understand yourself."

For the first time, she studied his strong, harsh face attentively, thinking of the pity of it, and how, given love—the necessary, the all-forgetful love—the right woman might find and cherish the gold of a nature that wore its most forbidding characteristics on the outside.

"If you understand me then, Peter, try to understand me now," she said, in a low, sweet voice. "I am very miserable. I wish we had never met. Try

to forget that we ever have, or that these weeks had being."

"The man who has known you for three weeks, and been permitted to look into your eyes, doesn't forget, Carlotta," he said with a melancholy touch, a touch of poetry, even, which surprised her afresh.

It made her dumb in front of her colossal task. For Peter Garvock was no weakling to be tossed hither and thither on the froth of a woman's whim. He would probe deeper. The dreary conviction that nothing but the truth would satisfy him, penetrated Carlotta's soul.

"Somebody has been talking to you," he said, encouraged by her silence, and by the unwonted sweetness and pathos of her looks. "Tell me who it is, that I may go and crush their lies and innuendoes."

She shook her head. "Nobody has been talking. None would dare. Oh, Peter, can't you understand that I have never cared and that now I know that I never could care, and that I am saving you, as well as myself, from a misery too great to be imagined or endured?"

"I said I would take the risks, even of being married for my money," he said doggedly. "And I'm taking them still. We are to be married on the twenty-ninth of April—"

"No, no! No, no!"

Just those four syllables—nothing more!

"You remember I said if you were so desperate as to take the risks, I would try," she went on, drearily. "But I warned you of the kind of woman I was. I even—and her color certainly rose royally—"I even warned you that, among other things that might happen, was the other man. He has been known to come into married lives before this, and to destroy such peace as existed."

"That would never have happened with you, Carlotta!" he answered proudly. "If a man trusted you with his honor, it would be safe."

The tribute touched her inexpressibly, nay, more—it drove her irresolutely to the truth. She fixed her eyes on his now set and gloomy face, and spoke quite quietly.

"Peter, I am twenty-five years of age, and a good many men have spoken to me about this love. Every one has left me cold. I had grown if not to believe in its existence, at least to think it never would exist for me. But I was wrong. It is the biggest force in the world—and the most disastrous."

"Then, if I have taught you that much," he cried joyfully, "the rest will be easy!"

"Oh, but—but it is not you! Don't you see that if it had been you, there would have been no need for all this talk?"

Then Peter Garvock's expression changed indeed, and became terrible. The blackness of his hair and eyes accentuated the sickly paleness of the face, outraged by the deepest passions which can ravage the soul of man.

"Then who—who is it? Someone you have seen since we met last?" he demanded thickly.

Then all at once his eyes were opened. The scales fell from them and he knew!

"It is Stair!" he cried in an awful voice. "That hound and blackguard, that breaker of women's hearts—Alan Rankine!"

He was at once answered and rebuked by the majesty of Carlotta's look. She stepped across the pine needles, and laid her hand, so light and firm yet compelling, on his arm.

"Listen, Peter Garvock. You and I, and Stair, and all the other men and women in the world, are but players on the board. We move a little this way or that, but the final moves, the big stratagems, are not in our hands. That Alan Rankine and I should meet, and love, and belong to one another, has been ordained from the beginning of time. I knew it that day when you brought him to me at the Clock House. Did you feel nothing of the strange currents with which the air was charged?"

"I wish I had choked his black heart out of him before I brought him!" cried Peter Garvock, almost foaming at the mouth. "But he shall

never have you, Carlotta! Never while I live.

She shrank back, the woman in her quailing momentarily before the fury of his face.

"And all this high-falutin' nonsense about your being ordained for one another from the beginning of time! I wonder how many women he has led on that tack since he began?" he went on, his evil passion rising with every word.

Carlotta put up an arresting hand. "I must leave you, Peter Garvock. All this talk will serve no end. I may never be Alan Rankine's wife—very probably I never shall be, but I will never be yours. I ask your forgiveness for—for these three weeks of folly and misery! Some day you will come to me and thank me for what I have done this day."

When she would have turned from him he grasped her arm.

(To be continued.)

The Sheik's Justice.

The sheik of an Arab tribe, says Mr. Paul Harrison in a recent issue of Asia, exercises unlimited power; of him it may be said as it was of Nebuchadnezzar, "Whom he would he slew and whom he would he kept alive."

The only check upon his actions is public opinion and the likelihood of its expressing itself in the form of assassination if he becomes too unpopular. The office is hereditary and in the natural course of events passes to the eldest son; but occasionally, if the heir is obviously a man of no force, one of the other children assumes it instead. "The ablest ruler is the man wanted and the one eventually secured. No one cares much to what family he belongs."

Able some of the sheiks certainly are, and according to their lights and traditions just, although the frightful severity of the punishments inflicted would often seem to the more merciful mind of the Occident out of all proportion to the offenses committed. Flogging, cutting of the hands and decapitation are frequent. But Mr. Harrison tells of one act of justice, severe in its way, it is true, but such as to win approval in the Western world no less than in the Orient.

Ibu Jilawi, Governor of Hass, holds his court in Hofuf, the capital. He rules with a rod of iron, and the rich and powerful may expect no favors at his hands. He is absolutely incorruptible and impartial.

One day there appeared before him as complainant a poor and ignorant villager whose cow some boys on a hunting expedition had shot and killed. A careful description of the party made it possible to gather the entire number before the governor. The villager did not know the name of the ring-leader, but on being asked if he could identify him at once pointed him out. To his horror he learned that the lad was Ibu Jilawi's own son.

"Did you do this?" the father asked sternly.

"Yes, I did it," acknowledged the boy.

The boy had a very fine mare, a recent gift from his father, and at the father's command she was brought in.

"Would you," asked Ibu Jilawi with the utmost courtesy, "be willing to regard this mare as an adequate compensation for the loss of your cow?"

"Certainly," replied the villager. "She is worth many times the value of my cow, but I hope you will excuse me from taking her. If I had had the least idea who the offender was, I should never have entered a complaint."

"No doubt that is true," replied Ibu Jilawi with a smile, "but nevertheless you will not be excused from taking the mare. The boy will apologize to you unqualifiedly, and if you will then consider the matter settled I shall be sincerely indebted to you."

So, having received the apology, the villager led off the mare. The child's heart was almost broken, but it was not until some time later that Ibu Jilawi bought the mare back for him, and then at a thousand riyals, or Maria Theresa dollars, a sum sufficient to make the villager independently wealthy for the rest of his life.

May Make "Rudy" Into Shoe Leather.

The up-to-date woman in London now has a regular "menagerie" in her shoe cupboard. To dainty footgear—including those made of crocodile, lizard, alligator, shark and sea leopard—she must now add a pair made of ostrich skin.

This is a new departure, and shoes composed of it look smart and promise to wear well. It is brown, and the holes out of which feathers have been plucked show a deeper tone and make an effective decoration.

A shoemaker who has introduced these shoes is also making models in walrus skin, and is experimenting with the skin of the rayfish, which he thinks will be very successful for footwear.

Date Palms in Desert.

Though the date palm is commonly thought of as a desert plant, its roots must be constantly kept wet, in the marshy soil of the oasis in which it grows.

NURSES

The Toronto Hospital for Incurables, in connection with Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York City, offers a three-year course of training to young women, having the required education, and desiring to become nurses. This Hospital has adopted the eight-hour system. The pupils receive uniforms of the Hospital, a monthly allowance and travelling expenses to and from New York. For further information apply to the Superintendent.

Bass Voice Requires the Most Energy.

An eminent physician, presenting before the Academy of Medicine in Paris the results of an investigation of the amount of work performed by orators and singers, said he found from his experiments that a bass voice, in order to produce the same impression upon the ears of an audience in a hall requires the performance of about eighteen times more work than is required of a baritone or tenor voice. A bass voice is always at a disadvantage with regard to the amount of work demanded of it, he said. It was also found, he added, that men are always more fatigued than women and children by an equal effort of the voice, and men with bass voices suffer the most fatigue.



He—"Do you believe love comes more than once?"
She—"If you treat him right, he does."

Minard's Liniment Heals Cuts.

Percy's Puzzle.

The teacher had been lecturing his class on the wisdom often displayed by animals and birds. He compared it with that of human beings, to the latter's disadvantage. Having finished his discourse, he invited his pupils to ask questions bearing on the subject. Percy held up his hand.

"Well, Percy," said the teacher, "what is it you want to know?"

"I want to know, sir," replied Percy, "what makes chickens know how big our egg-cups are?"

Health Notes.

Two business men, having to spend a few hours in a small town, decided to dine at the village school.

One of them turned to the pretty waitress and asked: "How's the chicken?"

"Oh, I'm all right," she blushed. "How are you?"

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This monument in the Kicking Horse Pass, British Columbia, marks the place where the last spike was driven in the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Bovril inside
keeps cold outside

Canada from Coast to Coast

Vancouver, B.C.—Two cargoes of wheat were loaded here recently for export, which are of more than usual interest and indicate the increasing importance of Vancouver as a wheat exporter. One of 5,000 tons was for Vladivostok and the other of 1,000 tons went to Callao, Peru.

Edmonton, Alta.—Final arrangements are being made for the provincial incorporation of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers' Association. The promoters hope to enrol one-third of the producers of the province and it is anticipated that the Pool will be in operation early next spring.

Regina, Sask.—The new wheat champion of the world, named at the 1924 International Hay and Grain Show, held at Chicago, is J. C. Mitchell, owner of a homestead quarter section at Dahinda, Sask. His exhibit was selected from 550 specimens from all parts of Canada and the United States. The winning sample, a bushel of hard red variety, gave Canada her thirteenth grand championship in the fourteen years' history of the show.

Winnipeg, Man.—Canada was a heavy winner in the hard red winter wheat division at the 1924 Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, taking twenty-five out of thirty places. J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Sask., won the championship. Seager Wheeler, of Rosthern, Sask., was second. The

third and fifth places went to the U.S. Other Canadian winners in this division were: A. E. Dowling, Luseland, Sask.; S. Larcombe, Birtle, Man.; H. G. L. Strange, Fenn, Alta.; Nick Taitinger, of Claresholm, Alta.

Toronto, Ont.—Canadian sheepmen were generally triumphant at the fifth International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago. The blue ribbon for a breeders' entry went to the Champion South Down wether produced by Cecil Stobbs, Wheatley, Ont. First honors in the Cotswold class went to H. M. Lee, Highgate, Ont., one of whose yearlings was picked for the international championship; F. B. Gaspell, Hampton, Ont., took off the big award for a pen of Cotswold lambs.

Montreal, Que.—With the close of Montreal's 1924 season of ocean traffic on December 3rd, the Harbor Master announced that 1,222 ocean and coasting ships had arrived in Montreal in 1924, as against 1,114 in 1923 and 1,194 in 1922, the best previous season. It is believed that a new record has also been established in the number of lake vessels visiting the port.

Perth, N.B.—Potatoes are being shipped at the rate of 5,000 barrels weekly to England from the sheds of a local agency. The prospects are that 1,000,000 barrels will be shipped before the season closes. Messages from England are most complimentary as regards the quality of the shipments.

ARMS TRAFFIC PARLEY FIXED FOR NEXT MAY

Twenty-Three Nations Have Accepted League of Nations Invitation to Conference.

A despatch from Geneva says:—The acceptance by Germany, Persia, Estonia, China, India, France and Finland of the League of Nations invitations to the international arms traffic conference, May 4th, brings the total number of nations to accept to 23.

Plans for the conference are being pushed rapidly. The desirability of an American chairman, the United States having accepted some time ago, is also being discussed. The appointment of a chairman will be made at the March session of the League Council.

The active participation of Americans in the opium conference, which would have resulted in the flattest sort of compromise without them, is an additional argument for an American chairman. The arms traffic conference will be of the same nature as the opium gathering—a meeting of plenipotentiaries with the League's only function being to assemble them. Of course the League's statistics will be at the conference's disposal.

January One.

January 1st, besides being the first day of the year, is the anniversary of an astonishing number of important events. The Union of Great Britain and Ireland occurred on January 1st, Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India on January 1st, and the Commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated on January 1st.

Bavaria, also, was made a kingdom. On this date Dr. Jameson and his troops were defeated at Krugersdorp, and the Kaffir War ended.

It is the anniversary of the treaty by which Austria lost Venice and the Tyrol; of President Lincoln's proclamation by which all the slaves in the Confederate States were set free; of Britain's annexation of Upper Burma, and the administration of the Niger Protectorate; and the start of Colonel Plumer's famous march to relieve Makekeing.

At Greenwich, on this date, it was decided to reckon the day as beginning at midnight instead of at noon. At Gretna Green the popular elopement marriage was made illegal.

Truly, January 1st has much to account for!



Yes, this is a real live wolf, which was roaming with a pack around Sault Ste. Marie only a few weeks ago. The animal was caught in a trap by Dr. F. Deadman of that district, and after being in custody for a time became quite tame.

YOUNG TIME'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

A Jolly Way to Usher Out the Old Year.

BY JEAN HATHAWAY.

As Father Time turns the last page of his 1924 diary, shall we give him a farewell party and greet the bright New Year with a gay birthday feast? New Year's Eve offers such a delightful excuse for entertaining a few friends and adding to the gaiety of the Holiday Season.

The invitations are written on correspondence cards decorated with a silhouette of Father Time cut from black kindergarten paper and pasted on the cards.

Every Month's invited To Young Time's first party! Dress to suit from top to boot And make his welcome hearty.

Each girl invited to our party will be asked to wear a costume to represent a month in the New Year. She is also requested to keep the name of the month a secret. February will choose a crisp white frock decorated with red paper hearts and will carry Cupid's bow and arrow. March may impersonate an Irish Maiden with emerald green and shamrock proclaiming the feast of Saint Patrick which falls on the 17th of March.

April will find it hard to choose between the April shower idea and the Easter bunny costume. Many of the months can be represented delightfully by crepe paper costumes.

Mystery shrouds the motives of the hostess as she receives and ushers the boys into one room and the girls into another. Each boy is given a card bearing the names of the Months who are attending the party and is asked to choose his partner for the evening. Much merriment is sure to accompany the selection if the girls have guarded well the secret of their costumes. As each month is chosen she is called from the adjoining room and joins her partner.

Next, Father Time, dressed in a flowing robe of black, wearing long whiskers and carrying a scythe or an hour glass—an old-fashioned "egg boiler" will do—enters and is introduced by the hostess. He carries a large document and reads from it the

prophecy for the New Year. The boy who represents Father Time is the humorist of the neighborhood and his prophecy will be a delightful combination of fun and facts for the amusement of everyone.

The next feature is pinning the hands on the clock. The face of a clock is drawn on an old sheet and hung on the wall. Each guest is blindfolded in turn and given a cardboard hand and told to pin it on the face of the clock with the hand pointing to midnight. The winner of this contest is given a favor.

Cards are now passed and each guest is requested to write a New Year's resolution for the person seated at his right. Many resolutions will suggest themselves when the boys and girls know each other's little peculiarities. Then the cards are collected and the resolutions read aloud.

What is a party without a feast!

Since we are honoring the birth of the New Year, let's have real birthday refreshments. Ice cream, birthday cake, popcorn balls, fruit, candy and nuts would be good, don't you think? And shall we have red and green balloons floating over each place? These may have the names of the guests painted on with water colors and serve as place cards. Partners change at the supper hour. Red and green crepe paper ribbons form a canopy over the table, and evergreens are attractively arranged for additional decoration.

When places have been found and all are waiting expectantly to be seated, the New Year, a little boy dressed in white, enters carrying a wonderfully big birthday cake with the year 1925 written in red icing across the top and having one candle.

When the last piece of cake has dwindled away, the midnight chimes are heard and the New Year is "danced in" to the gay strains of an old-fashioned Sir Roger de Coverley in the midst of merry laughter, flying confetti and an entanglement of serpentine.

Commander Gooden Succeeds Brabant at Halifax

A despatch from London says:—Commander Massy Gooden, D.S.C., is being lent the Royal Canadian Navy for duty in succession to Commander F. H. Brabant, who commands the depot ship Stadacona at Halifax, at which port he is senior naval officer.

Commander Gooden was formerly second in command of the cruiser Constance, of the North America Station, and was also first lieutenant-commander of the Raleigh when she was lost by stranding off the Labrador Coast. He served afloat all through the war in the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Courageous in 1916-18. The Distinguished Service Cross was conferred on him for service in action during the landing at Gallipoli.

France Placing Emphasis on Christmas Festival

New Year's Day is yielding precedence to Christmas for exchanging gifts in France, the children apparently having prevailed over their elders' preference for the *etrennes* of the first of the year, says a Paris despatch. Thus Noel this year is being observed in the traditional manner more than ever, and the shops have been crowded with fond parents in quest of jumpingjacks, toy trains and dolls, and shop managers claim their holiday sales have been record breaking.

The French child, however, does not know what it is to hang up his stocking, for the custom here is to put out the wooden shoes for St. Nicholas to fill. New Year's gifts will consist of jewels, as usual.



Occupying his leisure hours in building an ice cutter, simply because winter and some old machinery are at hand, S. C. Kilpatrick, of Bredenburg, Sask., found a satisfactory living in selling ice. He handles about 1,600 tons every winter.

The Week's Markets

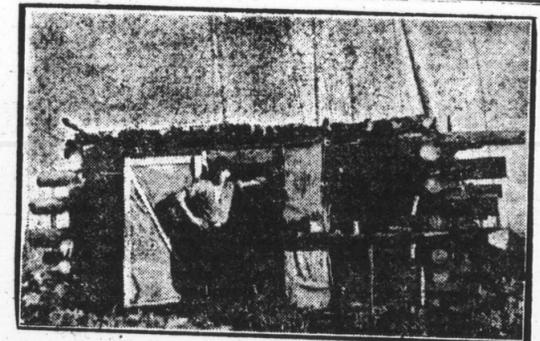
TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.86½; No. 2 North, \$1.85½; No. 3 North, \$1.76½; No. 4 wheat, \$1.65½.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 71½c; No. 3 CW, 68c; extra No. 1 feed, 70c; No. 1 feed, 68c; No. 2 feed, 66c.
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.41½.
Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35.25; shorts, per ton, \$37.25; middlings, \$42.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.45.
Ont. oats—No. 3 white, 48 to 50c.
Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.41 to \$1.45; No. 3 winter, \$1.39 to \$1.41; No. 1 commercial, \$1.37 to \$1.39, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.
Barley—Making, 84 to 89c.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 89 to 93c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.18 to \$1.19.
Man. flour—First patn., in jute sacks, \$9.60, Toronto; do, 2nd patn., \$9.10, Toronto.
Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$7, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do, export, 45c, cotton bags, c.i.f.
Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.
Screenings—Carlots, per ton, \$9.
Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$27.
Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 19½ to 20c; triplets, 21c; Stiltons, 22c. Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 89 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 68 to 70c; loose, 65 to 66c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.
Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 37c.
Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6½c; primes, 6c.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13½c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13½c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2½-lb. tins, 15½ to 16c.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked

ROLLS, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 22c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 29 to 36c. Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$37. Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 18½ to 19½c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 14½ to 15c; tubs, 14½ to 15½c; pails, 15½ to 16c; prints, 17 to 17½c. Heavy beef steers, \$6 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$4 to \$4.75; butcher heifers, good to choice, \$6 to \$6.75; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.75; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4.75; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; do, com., \$2.75 to \$3.50; feeding steers, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4 to \$4.75; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; calves, choice, \$10.50 to \$11.50; do, med., \$8 to \$9.50; do, grassers, \$3 to \$4; milch cows, choice, \$70 to \$75; fair cows, \$45 to \$50; springers, choice, \$80 to \$100; good light sheep, \$3.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; culls, \$3 to \$4.50; good ewe lambs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; bucks, \$9.50 to \$10; do, med., \$9.50 to \$10; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$9.60 to \$9.85; do, f.o.b., \$9 to \$9.25; do, country points, \$8.75 to \$9; do, off cars, \$10 to \$10.25; select premium, \$1.88 to \$1.88.

MONTREAL.

Oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW, 73c; extra No. 1 feed, 70½c. Flour—Man. spring wheat patn., firsts, \$9.60; seconds, \$9.10; strong bakers, \$8.90; winter patn., choice, \$6.90 to \$7. Rolled oats, 90-lb. bag, \$3.85 to \$3.95. Bran, \$3.25. Shorts, \$3.25. Middlings, \$4.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.
Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 35½ to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 34½ to 35c; seconds, 33½ to 33¾c. Eggs, storage extra, 48c; storage firsts, 48 to 44c; storage seconds, 39 to 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 60 to 65c.
Good veals, \$10; med., \$8, fairly good lambs, \$12; do, poorer ones, \$11.50; hogs, mixed lots of good quality, \$10.25; poorer quality and lighter hogs, \$10 and \$10.15; select, \$10.50; sows, \$8 to \$8.25.



Here is one of the crude but serviceable cabins in which prospectors make their homes for part of the year. In the photograph is William Empey of Ingersoll, Ontario, taken nine miles southwest of Timmins.

Last Black Maria is Retired from Service.

A feature of London streets since 1838 passed recently when the last of the old horse-drawn prison vans was scrapped. Henceforth all prison vans will be motor ones, says a London despatch.

The Black Marias, as they were called, were closely covered, black painted vans, very hard and very uncomfortable, and they were used to convey prisoners from the court to prison, and vice versa. The sight of a Black Maria (they were never called anything else) always was cause for a crowd to collect, and very often groups of small boys would follow it from one place to another. Being horse-drawn they never attained any great speed. The vans were big. They contained twelve little cells, six on each side of a passage way, and with cells full, as frequently happened during the suffragette days and also during the war, the Maria held fifteen-twelve prisoners, a matron, who sat at one end of the passage dividing the cells; a sergeant, who sat with his back to the door, and the driver, perched on his box seat outside.

What will happen to this old relic (officially Black Maria No. 20) no one seems to know at present. The proper place for her, it is thought, is the Black Museum at Scotland Yard, where all sorts of criminal relics are collected, but there is no room for her there. It is rumored that a prospective purchaser has been after her for weeks. This man wants, it is said, to take away the cell partitions and make a cosy caravan.

Although Black Maria No. 20 has been on the roads almost forty years, she was so soundly constructed that she shows practically no signs of wear.

120,000 Barrels of Canadian Flour Shipped to Russia

A despatch from New York says:—Two full cargoes of Canadian flour, aggregating 120,000 barrels, were sold here for immediate shipment to Russia. One cargo, it was said, would go to the port of Batum, on the Black Sea, and the other to Leningrad. Shippers believe that this demand is a definite evidence of shortage in bread grains in Russia.

BOY PERISHED IN QUEST FOR XMAS TREE

Fort William Turned Out to Search for Lad Overcome by Storm in Bush.

A despatch from Fort William says:—Responding to Mayor Edmeston's appeal to the citizens of Fort William to help in finding Ernie Elvish, over 300 men and boys massed under the leadership of City Engineer Symes at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for the most thorough search of the area where the 7½-year-old boy perished in a wild snowstorm Monday night.

Penetrating the area near the power line about a mile from the Davidson & Smith's elevator at 4:10 o'clock Thursday afternoon, a party of searchers found the boy's body, half hidden by a mantle of snow.

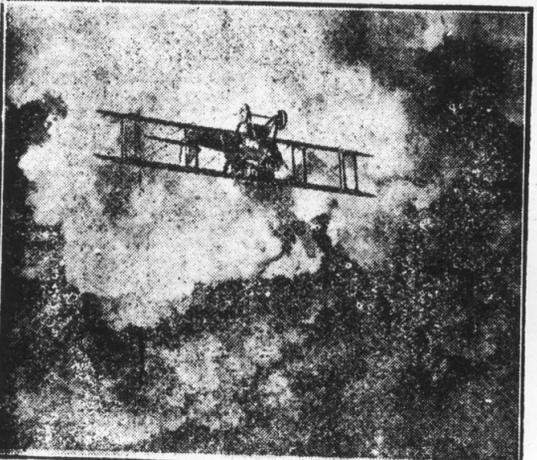
The report of the discovery was flashed to city headquarters a few minutes later, and was followed by the tolling of the bell in the dome of St. Paul's church. The flag at the masthead of the City Hall was lowered to half-mast.

The distance from the spot where the child's body was found to the place where he and Jackie Saunders separated last Monday evening is nearly a mile, indicating that the child had wandered with the wind at his back, unable to face the storm. Hunters in the search were called together by signals and returned to the city. More than 250 men and boys were engaged in the successful hunt.

The finding of the body brings to a close the hunt for a child that had been lost since Monday evening, a quest in which all Fort William participated.

Apart from the mother and father of Ernie Elvish, there is no other who feels the loss more keenly than Ernie's young pal and companion on the hunt for a Christmas tree on the fatal Monday evening.

Antelope in Alberta.
The reports of the state of the antelope herd in the antelope reserve maintained by the National Park Branch at Nemiskam, Alta., continue most satisfactory. There are now 110 of these animals in this reserve, the numbers having increased by 50 in a past year.



This U.S. army airplane, equipped with the new radio compass, flies through clouds almost out of sight of land. The new instrument enables a pilot to know his exact location while in the fog without the use of landmarks.

No German War of Revenge, Says French Prophet

A despatch from Paris says:—France's most active prophet, Prof. Raymond, predicts a Japanese-American war some time between 1942 and 1950.

His annual prognostication for the ensuing year has just been published, but it is so thin, he finds it necessary to explore the future for a generation ahead to make up for the unevenness of 1925, which he sees as more peaceful than any year since before the war.

There will be no war of revenge between Germany and France, he predicts, but rather a rapprochement between 1934 and 1938. President Coolidge will soon call an international financial conference with the participation of big American banks to put finances on a sound basis. In a few years inter-allied debts will be settled commercially in a way practically relieving the debtors of all payments.

Prof. Raymond sees Bavaria a monarchy again under the Wittelsbachs and protecting Austria. Earthquakes in Italy, Russian entrance into the League of Nations in 1926, tightening of American relations with Europe, and a railway catastrophe on a Pacific railway in the United States are among the predictions.

The United States produces 40,000 tons of borax a year.

Cossacks Desire to Establish Homes in the Dominion

Colonel Vladimir Kishinsky, of Manchuria, is a visitor in Winnipeg, his mission in Canada being to obtain sanction for the entry of 2,000 Cossack families that wish to settle on lands in the West. Colonel Kishinsky is proceeding to Ottawa, where he will present a petition from the Cossack colony residing at Harbin, Manchuria, since the revolution in Russia.

The colonel said his compatriots in China all had been land owners under the Czar's regime; that they were accustomed to this life and sought to prosper in Canada. The colony at Harbin has organized a governmental group of its own, with a president and legislative body, and from them Colonel Kishinsky carried a power of attorney to the Canadian Government.

"We were driven out to look for peaceful homes; we fear God; we will never disobey your government, and all the Cossacks have a high opinion of your national history," the colonel said.

It doesn't do to be too finicky. Be willing to try new foods. There are many good foods used and enjoyed in one section of this country that are almost unknown in other sections. Try the new things and have a variety on your table.

LOCAL NEWS

ATHENS AND VICINITY

About a score of Athens teachers who are teaching rural schools are home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Dora Mulvena, Donald Peate, Clarence Quartus and Andy Ferguson are home from the Ottawa Normal for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Frances Wilts, of Victoria University, Toronto, is spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays in her home, Isaac Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Hollingsworth were in Athens Saturday last, making preparations to take up residence in Smiths Falls, where they have secured a house.

Miss Doris Connelly is spending the holidays in Montreal with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Monghan and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and children, of Brighton, are in town for Christmas tide, guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Purcell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gordon are in Kingston for Christmas tide, in the home of their son, C. L. Gordon.

There are some 40 inmates now domiciled in the House of Industry, of which 24 are men and 16 women.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blancher went to Morrisburg Wednesday to spend Xmas-tide with their son, Dr. Kenneth Blancher and family.

Mrs. H. E. Burnham, son and daughter will take up residence in the Gilroy property, Henry Street, the beginning of the New Year.

S. C. A. Lamb, secretary of the Athens High School Alumni Association since its formation, has offered a medal for High School Competition for the best essay on "A History of the Schools of Athens".

Rev. H. E. Warren, accompanied by his brother, G. F. Warren, of Elgin, left Sunday afternoon for Stittville, near Utica, N.Y., to attend the funeral of their niece, Miss Mary Warren, daughter of Rev. Delbert Warren, a native of Elgin.

Mrs. M. Latimer, who has been absent from home for several weeks with relatives and friends at Peterboro, Toronto and other points, has returned to her Athens home.

Miss Myrtle Taber and brothers Robert and Arthur Taber, of the Toronto University, are spending the holidays in the home of their father, W. J. Taber, east of Athens.

Miss Cora Gray has closed her millinery business for the season and left Monday for her home in Brockville to remain until March.

Mr. Gerald Wilson is home from the Brockville General Hospital and convalescing nicely from his double operation which he underwent recently.

Mrs. W. H. Hause left last week for Asheville, North Carolina, accompanying her brother, G. C. Bellamy, and wife, where they purpose spending the winter.

The concert and Christmas Tree Entertainment given by the choir and Sunday School of Christ Church assisted by Miss Edith Young, violinist of Ottawa on Monday night Dec. 22nd was a splendid success and was greatly enjoyed by the large number present.

Mrs. Ina Kelly, who has been in town for several weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. Berney, has gone to Ottawa to spend the winter in the home of her son, Mr. John Kelly, an old Athens boy.

A watch Night Service is to be held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday the last day of the old year, at 11 p.m. lasting for an hour in the Church Auditorium. This is an old custom, and as it is the first Watch Night Service in some years the public of Athens is invited to rally, and make it a great success. The pastor, Rev. H. E. Warren will give a short address of Retrospect and Hope and will be assisted by the local clergy.

The High and Public Schools closed on Friday last for the holidays. In the Public School the usual entertainment, given by the pupils, took place in the afternoon with the usual treat of good things from the teachers and gifts from the pupils to the teachers. At the High School Literary, held Thursday night, the teachers in the Public School were recipients of tokens and pretty gifts from the pupils.

The following teachers are spending the holidays out of town: Mr. A. D. Campbell, at his home near London; P. J. P. has joined Mrs. Elder and family at Smiths Falls; Miss de Renzy is at her home at the bedside, and Miss Warren at home near Almonte. Miss Tennant, of the Public School, is at Caintown with her brothers, and Miss Monte at her home in Frankville.

Mrs. Arthur Mulvan and baby daughter, who have been here for several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gairdner, left last week for Barrie, where she joins her husband's parents, on her return to Manitoba. She was accompanied as far as Barrie by her mother, Mrs. Gairdner.

Mrs. V. O. Boyle left on Wednesday to spend Christmas with her mother in Chalk River and New Year with her sister Mrs. T. Reekie in North Bay.

Mr. A. E. Judson, with Hangerford Holbrook Printing House, Watertown, is home for his vacation.

Mrs. G. F. Donnelly was called to Prescott last week by the serious illness of her niece, Miss Mabel Bellamy, who has since passed away in the Brockville hospital. Her father died a little over a year ago and her mother some two months ago.

Christmas Day was fittingly observed in Christ Church by the Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. at which a goodly number were present. The Church was prettily decorated with evergreens and Christmas bells. Miss Antierne Whaley delighted the congregation with a beautiful solo, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and Miss Kathleen Taylor presided most acceptably at the organ in the absence of Mrs. Boyle.

Beautiful Calendar Free

Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal have been advised that they will receive free of charge a most beautiful calendar for 1925 with a most attractive picture in colors entitled, "The Sale of Old Dobbin." When one considers that the subscription price of this big 72 page family and farm journal is only \$2.00 per year, one is amazed by the value received, but with a beautiful picture calendar thrown in, the value is indeed superlative.

Soperton

Mr and Mrs. F. J. Pierce and son of Trenton spent Christmas with his parents, Mrs. M. Pierce, brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pierce, Soperton.

BIRTH

UPHAM—In Athens on December 25th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Upham, a daughter.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of J. E. Knapp who died Dec. 21st 1919, at Edmonton, Alta.
There comes at evening in the silence,
When the day is almost run,
And the earth is dyed in radiance
In the setting of the sun
Comes a whisper rapt and holy,
Comes a murmur, sweet and true,
From the distance 'tis a tender
Thought of you.
Inserted by Children.

The Churches

Athens Methodist Church
Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D.,
Pastor.

Sunday, December 28, 1924.
Morning Service, 10.30.
"Home's Reunions."
Afternoon—2.30.
Evening Service, 7.00.

"Life's Second Opportunities."
A WATCH NIGHT Service will be held on Wednesday night (Dec. 31st.) at 11 p.m. for an hour in the Church Auditorium, to which the Athens public are invited. A service of Retrospect and Hope for the Future Year.

The Anniversary Services will be held on Jan. 4th., 1925. Rev. Dr. R. H. Bell of Kingston, will be the preacher all day.

Parish of Lansdowne Rear
Rev. V. O. Boyle, M.A., B.D., Rector

Sunday after Christmas.
December 28th
Christ Church Athens,—
10:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class.

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion.
Trinity Church, Oak Leaf.
2.30 p.m. Evening Prayer followed by Sunday School.
St. Paul's Church, Delta.
9.30 a.m. Sunday School.
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Baptist Church
Rev. G. G. Upham, Pastor.

Plum Hollow—
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m.
Toledo,—
Service, 2:30 p.m.
Athens—
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Service, 7:00 p.m.

Let
The Reporter
Do Your printing

Anniversary Supper and Entertainment of the Athens Methodist Church will be held on Monday, Jan. 5, in the Church. A good programme of addresses and music will be given. Tea served at 6.00, admission 40c.

ADDISON.

Dec. 20.—School closed on Friday. The pupils had a Christmas tree and programme in the afternoon. They presented the teacher, Miss G. Percival with a very pretty cut glass vase.

The members of the Anglican Church are busy getting ready for the "Old Time Tea" and concert which is to be held in Ashwood Hall, Tuesday evening, December 30th. The programme will consist of old-time songs, recitations, dialogues and the play, "The Adventures of Grandpa." Those who want an evening's enjoyment should not fail to be present.

CHARLESTON.

Dec. 22.—Wood cutting is the order of the day in this section.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Halliday have gone to Toronto to spend the winter.

Mrs. Leonard Halliday is suffering from an affliction of the eye.
Mrs. Glenn, of Westport, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Heffernan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Heffernan attended the Christmas tree entertainment at McIntosh Mills on Friday evening. Mrs. Heffernan remained for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Leeder.

George Heffernan has moved into his stone house recently rebuilt.

The Christmas tree entertainment held at our school house on Saturday evening was a decided success in every way and too much praise cannot be given the teacher, Miss Margaret McAvoy, her pupils and the young people of the section in making it such a success. W. E. Eyre occupied the chair and the musical part of the program was in charge of Mrs. M. J. Kavanagh and brother, B. Slack.

FRANKVILLE

Frankville, Dec. 21.—The Anglican church bazaar was a great success. Proceeds were \$90 and Mrs. Stewart Montgomery won the prize quilt.

Mrs. W. N. Throop and son, Victor, of Kingston, was last week visitors of the former's son, Dr. W. E. Throop, and Mrs. Throop.

Mrs. W. G. Richards, who was very ill, is able to be around again, which will be good news to her many friends.

Mrs. Joseph Coad has returned home from Athens, where she was visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. Soper, for a week or more.

Miss Louise Reynolds has returned home after having visited her cousin, Mrs. Depeau, Sudbury, for a few weeks.

The Methodist choir intend holding their Christmas entertainment on December 23.

Dr. W. H. Bourns has installed a radio receiving set in his home.

Rev. G. O. Davies and family will move on January 1 to Rawdon.

MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, by Edward Taylor, Auctioneer, at the Armstrong House, in the Village of Athens, on

THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1925,

at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, the following property, viz.: All and singular those certain parcels or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being: FIRSTLY, In the Township of Elizabethtown, in the County of Leeds, and being composed of the East Half of Lot Number thirty-seven, in the Tenth Concession of the said Township of Elizabethtown, containing 100 acres more or less, excepting thereout and therefrom that parcel thereof sold by Jonathan M. Church to Benjamin F. Scott, being that part south of the highway and more particularly described in instrument dated the 14th day of January, 1911, and registered on the 20th day of January, 1921, in the Registry Office for the County of Leeds as No. 8909.

SECONDLY: In the Township of Yonge, in the County of Leeds, and being composed of the front end of Lot One in the Tenth Concession of the Township of Yonge, described as follows: Commencing at the South-east angle of said Lot at a post numbered "Commons" and No. One; thence South sixty-six degrees West nineteen chains and forty-five links to the limit between Lots one and two; thence North twenty-four degrees West nineteen chains and seventy-five links; thence North sixty-six degrees East nineteen chains and fifty-five links; then South twenty-four degrees East nineteen chains and seventy-six links to the place of beginning, containing 38 acres, two rods and 39 rods, be the same more or less.

The said property is situate on the Perth Road about two miles north of Addison, about seventy-five acres are under cultivation, the balance in pasture and bush land, including a sugar bush of about 600 trees.

There are said to be a good stone house, large frame barn with stable attached, also a horse stable and machine house.

TERMS: Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid down at time of sale, balance within 30 days without interest. The property will be sold subject to a reserve bid.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

T. R. BEALE, Athens, Ont.
Solicitor for Mortgage.

Dated at Athens, Ont., the 22nd day of December, 1924.

LANSDOWNE

Lansdowne, Dec. 17.—Robt. Shields, Saskatchewan, arrived on Monday night. His wife (nee. Murlya Mulvaugh) and children have been here for the past few months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mulvaugh.

The play "Sunbonnets", presented in the town hall on Saturday night by the Alpha class of the Methodist church was a success.

A few from here attended the sale to-day of Mrs. Robert Heaslip, Warburton.

Donald Giffin spent the week-end with Frank McDonald.

The Women's Institute met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Arthur Burns.

Mrs. Fred McDonald and Mrs. Raymond Murphy spent Wednesday in Brockville.

Miss Lottie Landon attended the funeral in Lyn on Saturday of Mrs. William Green, who passed away at her home in Elizabethtown on Thursday.

Ford Warren, of the Bank of Montreal staff at Quyon, Que., was a recent visitor of his mother, Mrs. Fred Warren.

LOST

In or near the Methodist Church, Sunday night 21st inst. lady's linen handkerchief, hem-stitched, edged with tacking a tatted medallion in one corner. Mrs. Wm G. Towriss.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society of Athens District will be held in the office of the Department of Agriculture, on Saturday, Jan. 10th 1925, at 3 p.m.

A full attendance of members is requested.
J. E. Thomas, Sec.-Treas.

Janitor Wanted

Janitor Wanted—for new High School, Athens. List of duties may be seen at the shop of W. C. Smith, Chairman of the Property Committee or at the office of the undersigned,
G. E. HOLMES,
Sec.-Treas. A.H.S. Bd.

NOTICE

Long distance accounts owing Plum Hollow and Eloida Phone Co. must be paid by Jan. 1st 1925. Calls will be refused after this date if not paid.
Plum Hollow & Eloida Phone Co.
A. W. PARISH, Collector.

Nomination Meeting

A Public Meeting of the Electors of the Village of Athens will be held on
Monday, Dec. 29, 1924

at 7.30 p.m., in the Town Hall, for nominating a Reeve, Councillors and School Trustees, for 1925, and in case a poll be required, the votes of the qualified electors will be taken from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday January 5, 1925, at the several polling subdivisions in the municipality.

E. J. Purcell, Returning Officer.
(Meeting in Auditorium)

Nomination Meeting

The public meeting for nomination of candidates for the office of Reeve and Councillors for the township of Rear Yonge and Escott, for the year 1925, will be held at the Township Town Hall, Athens on Monday the 29th day of December, 1924, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon.

R. E. Cornell, Returning Officer.

Clocks Repaired

Clocks repaired and cleaned. Especially old weight clocks that may have been laid aside, repaired and put in running order. Prices reasonable.
FRANCIS SHELDON, Mill St.

Athens Grain Warehouses and Lumber Yard

Highest prices paid for Wheat, Oats, Barley, and Buckwheat.
Also for Pine, Hemlock, Elm, Maple and Basswood Logs.

Athens Grain Warehouse, Lumber Yard and Saw Mill.

Notice of Application For Divorce

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alvin Wesley Richards of the Township of Bastard, in the County of Leeds, in the Province of Ontario, Farmer, will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the next Session thereof for a Bill of Divorce from his wife, Hazel Mary Evelyn Richards, of the Township of Lansdowne, in the County of Leeds, and the Province aforesaid, on the grounds of adultery and desertion.

Dated at Brockville, in the Province of Ontario, this Twenty-sixth day of November, A.D. 1924.

ALVIN WESLEY RICHARDS,
By his Solicitors, HUTCHESON & DRIVER.

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Sincerely,
H. H. Arnold.
Central Block, Athens.