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A Visit to Our Coast Cities in B.C.

By JOSEPH TROY.

Observing the attention given our coast cities in British Columbia by our people living in the Canadian West, the writer decided to visit those cities and see for himself. The trip to the Coast was made over the C. P. R. from Winnipeg, that enterprising railroad providing an excellent daily train service between Winnipeg and Vancouver. Arriving at Vancouver a few more days were spent looking around that hustling commercial city, the population of which is now about 60,000 and growing rapidly. Vancouver is the Canadian port for the C. P. R. steamers plying between Canada and the Orient and provides a spacious and safe harbor.

The principal industry there at present is lumber, a number of large saw mills being constantly in operation the whole year around. It is from this point that much of the best lumber, used on the Western prairies, comes from. The city itself is well laid out, containing many excellent buildings, structures that would do credit to a much older city. The wholesale section around the harbor is rapidly assuming large proportions; many of the older wholesale houses in the East being represented. The hotel accommodation is good, the "Vancouver," owned and operated by the C. P. R. being the chief hostelry under efficient management. Stanley Park, a magnificent natural park, is a great attraction for visitors. From Vancouver we took the electric car to New Westminster, some nine miles distant. New Westminster is situated on the bank of the Fraser



New Westminster, B. C., from the Fraser.

River and is a much older city than Vancouver.

Its chief industries are the fishing and canning of salmon and the lumber industry, where some large lumber mills are in operation. The location of the city is ideal, situated on the side of a hill extending back from the waters of the Fraser to a distance of about half a mile, until it reaches an altitude of some five hundred feet.

A commanding view of the Fraser may be obtained from almost any part of the city. Its winding course may be traced up through the mountains into the interior mainland. Looking in a south-westerly direction on a clear day, the course of the Fraser may be traced until its waters mingle with that of the Pacific Ocean. New Westminster has indeed many

charms, and in time will attract many people who delight in beauty of scenery, a good climate and a quiet inexpensive place to live in. It is situated high enough above the coast to escape the fogs which prevail during some periods of the fall and winter months.

After looking about Vancouver and New Westminster, and having seen the various points of interest, we decided to visit Victoria, on Vancouver Island, some eighty miles distant from the mainland, and the capital city of the Province of British Columbia. We therefore took passage from Vancouver on the "Charmer," a steamboat now doing service for the C.P.R. Company whilst the regular C.P.R. boat is undergoing repairs.

The boat trip from Vancouver to Victoria takes about four hours, the

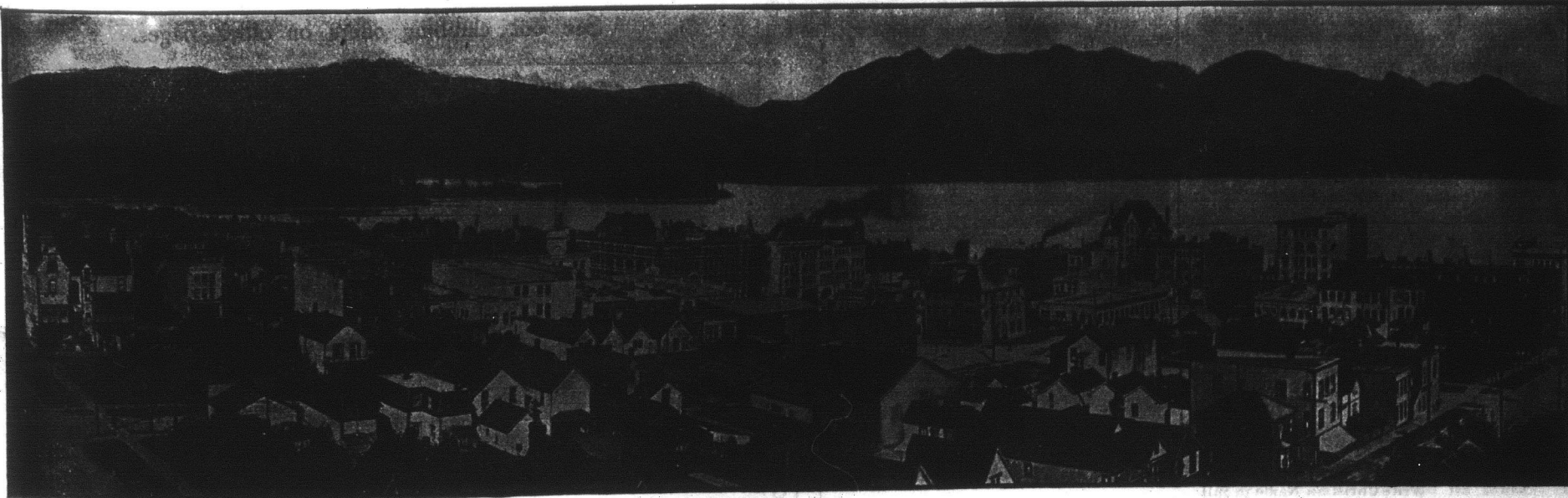
course winding in and around mountainous islands clad in rich green foliage of great beauty and grandeur.

Arriving at Victoria, the visitor is at once impressed with the natural beauty and superb location of the city. The city of Victoria is located on the most southerly end of Vancouver Island, having some fifteen miles of coast line within the city limits. If one thing more than another impresses the visitor, it is the innumerable bays with sandy and shingle beaches, the delight of the children, rocky promontories and high bluffs commanding magnificent and uninterrupted vistas of the Fuca with the sublime range of the Olympian mountains in the distance; its situation is without equal in any country.

When the writer visited Victoria it was during the extreme cold spell when the northerly portion of the American continent was being storm-swept, when king frost was playing havoc with the water pipes everywhere, when it was necessary for those living east of the Rockies to work overtime shovelling coal into their furnaces in order to keep human habitations warm enough to live in. At Victoria the reading of the thermometer during the coldest day of the winter showed sixteen degrees of frost.

According to data in possession of the meteorological office this was the lowest reading of the thermometer in a period of fourteen years. In justice to Victoria it would be unfair to single out that particular day and say that the climate was too cold even for a winter resort.

It will in this connection be interesting to the reader to glance at the absolute maximum and minimum surface temperatures of the following cities of North America for 1905 (the records of 1903 not being at hand) as reported in the United States weath-



Vancouver, Stanley Park and part of Harbor.

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er bureau summary for that year, Chart XIV:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Victoria	84	23
Winnipeg	87	-99
Toronto	92	-6
Montreal	87	-12
Quebec	90	-19
Sydney	89	-13
Boston	94	3
New York	95	0
Washington, D. C.	95	-2
Norfolk	95	12
Atlanta, Ga.	93	3
Jacksonville, Fla.	88	17
New Orleans	95	18
Oklahoma	88	-11
Phoenix, Arizona	116	25
St. Louis, Mo.	96	-18
Chicago	95	-18
Salt Lake City	97	-4
Sacramento	110	18
Portland, Ore.	99	17
Seattle	90	20

It will be noticed that all other cities mentioned have a higher temperature than Victoria, and with the exception of Phoenix, Arizona, have also a lower temperature.

The following table affords a comparison of Victoria's average rain and snow fall with that of other Canadian cities for a 20 year period:

	Rain.	Snow.
Victoria	33.2	17.6
Winnipeg	35.2	49.4
Montreal	31.1	123.4
Sydney	42.6	83.6

From the above it will be seen that the average rainfall of Victoria is similar to that of Montreal, Winnipeg's being less and Sydney's greater and that the snowfall of Victoria is one-seventh that of Montreal, one-fifth that of Sydney, and one-third of that of Winnipeg.

The following table gives the absolute



Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

lies the Strait of San Juan de Fuca (20 miles wide), with low lying lands and foothills on both sides of it. Through this gap in the mountain, the prevailing southwest, west and northwest winds, modified by the temperature of the ocean (60 degrees F. in summer and 45 degrees F. in winter), have free access to Victoria. They give a temperature comparatively cool in summer and warm in winter, and carry much of their moisture beyond the city to be precipitated on the distant mountain ranges.

The south winds from the Pacific in

blowing from the mainland in winter or spring, as they had for a week or ten days in January of this year the temperature drops several degrees below freezing, and the change is felt keenly. In summer the north wind, blowing over a heated land surface, is their warmest wind. There has been an occasional cold winter with considerable snow, notably 1893, but it is unusual and has little effect on the average temperature of a number of years.

It is suggested, therefore, that among the factors which modify the

abundant sunshine during those periods.

The ideal summer temperature is one where the mean maximum for the month of July during a long period of years is not in excess of 65 degrees Fahr.

The ideal winter temperature is one where the mean minimum for the month of January over a long period of years is as high as 35 degrees Fahr.

The ideal all the year climate is the one where both of these conditions obtain.

There is only one such spot in the world and that is in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, a few miles from Victoria, B.C.

By the mean maximum temperature of July is meant the average during the month of July of the highest temperatures obtained on each day of the month.

By the mean minimum temperature for January is meant an average of the coldest temperature attained each day in the month of January.

Victoria never suffers from extremes of heat or cold; its climate is about the most uniform on the globe.

Victoria and Vancouver Island for the past few years has been the resort and pleasure of the people of the Pacific Northwest whose object was to get real substantial enjoyment from their outing. Within the next few years it is destined to be the centre of the greatest summer tourist business in the West. Now the city has been discovered by the continental tourist and the pleasure-seeker from afar, who will carry away pleasant recollections and



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A VIEW OF THE INNER HARBOR, VICTORIA.

rain and snow fall in inches during 1905 in:

	Rain.	Snow.
Victoria	23	5
Winnipeg	16	42
Montreal	25	130
Sydney	36	125
Boston	28	45
New York	38	58
Washington, D.C.	47	41
Norfolk, Va.	31	12

With the exception of Winnipeg, the rainfall in Victoria is less than that in any other city mentioned, and Victoria's snowfall is the least of all.

To go still further into detail, the following table gives the rain and snowfall in Victoria for each month of 1905, and up to December 19th, 1906:

Month	1905		1906	
	Rain	Snow	Rain	Snow
January	2.89	4.50	2.27	2.90
February	2.27	..	1.66	..
March	1.89	..	.67	..
April	2.1	..	.46	..
May	2.51	..	1.81	..
June	1.06	..	.65	..
July	1.10	..	.16	..
August	1.21	..	.53	..
September	4.03	..	3.14	..
October	2.81	..	5.60	..
November	.91	..	6.13	..
December	2.82	..	2.40	.30
Totals	22.51	4.50	25.48	3.20

These remarkable conditions are so startling that one at once looks to the geographical features surrounding Victoria for the answer to the question: "Why is the climate different from that of any other place that we have ever seen?"

A glance at the map shows high mountain ranges at a distance of 40 to 100 miles from Victoria, with an opening to the Pacific between the Olympic mountains and the mountains of Vancouver Island. In this opening

passing over the Olympic mountains drop their moisture there in the form of rain or snow and come to Victoria as cool and dry winds.

The following table will afford comparison between the precipitation at Victoria and at stations nearer the mountain ranges upon Vancouver Island and the mainland:

Precipitation during 1905 in inches.	
Victoria, B. C.	22.51
Tatoosh, U. S. A.	63.74
Bamfield, B. C.	53.43
Nanaimo B. C.	42.80
New Westminster, B. C.	62.87

Southeast, east, northeast and north are not prevailing winds, and have comparatively little influence on the climate, but when they do have a northeast wind

climate of Victoria, giving it the mild winter, warm summer days and cool summer nights, and a minimum precipitation, are the following:

1. Its insular position.
2. The very uniform temperature of the Pacific to the west.
3. Prevailing westerly winds with free access to Victoria.
4. High mountain ranges situated at such a distance that but little of the precipitation caused by them extends to Victoria.
5. The Olympic mountains modifying the south winds, and precipitating their moisture so that these winds reach Victoria cool and dry.
6. Slight precipitation throughout a large portion of the year permitting

make known to his acquaintances and friends, on the other side of the globe perhaps, the beauties of this temperate place. The Canadian Pacific Railway and its capable far-seeing first vice-president, Mr. Wm. Whyte, is alive to the importance of Victoria as a tourist resort, and as a result of their astute observation a magnificent new C. P. R. hotel in Victoria is nearing completion and will be open to receive guests at an early date this summer.

This magnificent hotel is admirably situated, overlooking the harbor, where the C. P. R. boat from Vancouver and the coast lands, and it is also adjacent to the beautiful Parliament buildings of which Victoria's citizens are so proud. Victoria at present boasts of a population of some 30,000 inhabitants. It is a well laid out city, its business centre containing some fine substantial business blocks of brick and stone. The residential portion especially has so many charms for the visitor. The well-kept lawns and gardens, with holly, laurel, sweetbriar, roses and all shrubs, plants and flowers that are peculiar to old England are to be found in profusion around Victoria, now known as the "Evergreen city of Canada."

Victoria's greatest attraction, that all visitors should take every opportunity of seeing, is the revelation of the Almighty's conception of the beautiful as exemplified in His work in the wonderfully enchanting natural scenery which entirely surrounds the city. No great attempt has been made by man to improve or adorn this perfect work. It is almost as it came from its Maker, centuries ago; centuries upon centuries be-



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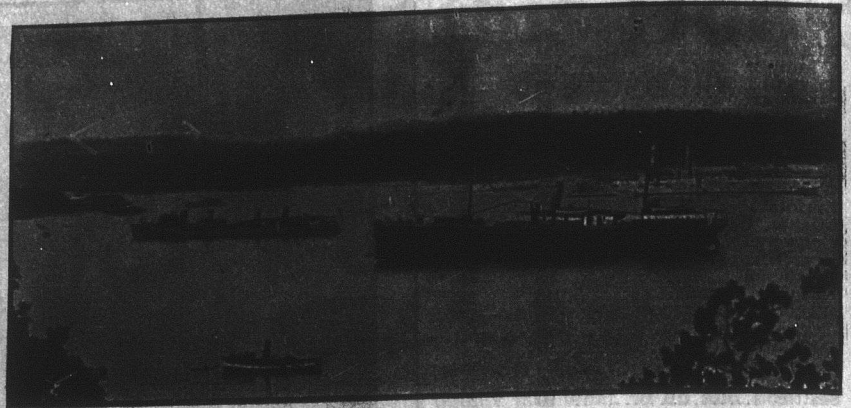
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fore it stirred the heart and admiration of the early explorers and navigators and enthralled Captain Vancouver when he first gazed upon its sublimity. Victoria is not without its places and points of interest, and visitors may find something to do in the way of sight-seeing. The Parliament buildings, beautiful pieces of architecture, are worthy of a

dock built by the Dominion Government for the accommodation of H. M. S. is now used almost entirely for commercial purposes and is the means of bringing a large amount of marine engineering and ship-building to Esquimault.

Another interesting sight for the visitor is the beautiful gorge, a na-



Waterfront and Shipping, Victoria, B.C.

visit. In these buildings the provincial government maintains three museums, agricultural, mineral and natural history. The latter one contains a collection of British Columbia fossils, India curios, specimens of natural history, of game birds of the province and of the game fish, besides many other extremely interesting features.

tural curiosity, where a huge volume of water dashes at Niagara speed through a narrow channel, alternating in the direction according to the change of tide. The Victoria Arm, a splendid stretch of water and a continuation of Victoria harbor, leads to the Gorge. Its beautiful wooded banks and promontories dotted with



Entrance to Victoria Harbor, Victoria, B.C.

Four miles from town is situated the quaint village of Esquimault, for many years Great Britain's only dockyard and naval station on the coast, through which the writer was shown by Captain Gould.

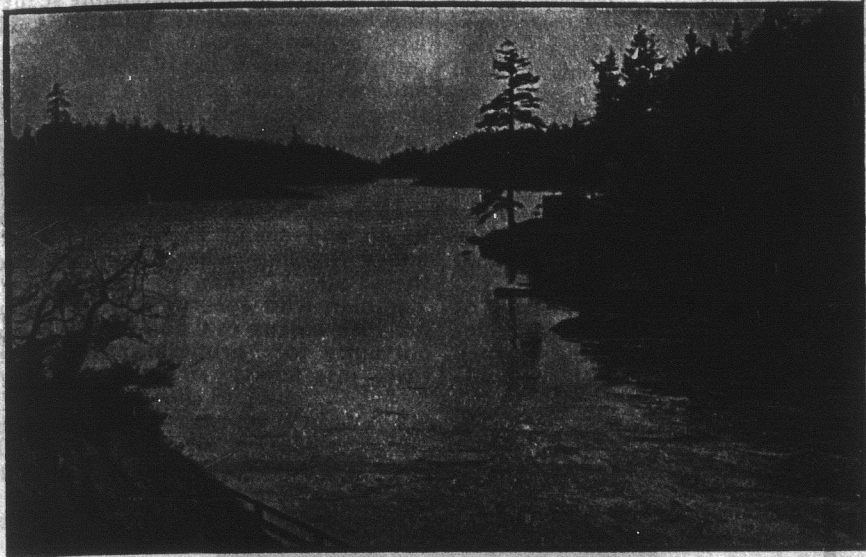
Its surroundings are extremely beautiful, the harbor being one of the best in the world. The immense dry-

charming residences, form a picture of rare beauty.

The tourist who visits Victoria is at once impressed with the beautiful driveways. There radiates from the city a number of country roads, kept in splendid condition for driving or motoring, and pass through a panorama of natural scenery, leading to



Surf Scene, Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C.



The Gorge, Victoria, B.C.

charming country resorts that afford the greatest possible pleasure to all who enjoy getting into the country. A drive along the foreshore, with the blue sparkling waters of the straits and their background of snow capped mountains on your right and the residences of Victoria's business men on your left, is a drive to be remembered for its beauty of view and scenery.

But the reader may ask, is there anything else in Victoria and on Vancouver Island but evergreens, flowers and handsome driveways.

In reply to such a query it should be remembered that Vancouver Island is rich in natural resources. It has a wealth of forest, of mineral deposits,

is there in this strawberry culture? Does it pay?

During my short stay in Victoria the acquaintance of three gentlemen was made who grow strawberries, and this is what I learned.

Here are submitted a few figures which they gave me for the season of 1906, at Victoria:

Grower A delivered from 1 1/2 acres strawberries 12,556 pounds, for which he obtained \$1,365.10, less 10 per cent. for marketing, or over \$800 per acre—this crop was harvested from one, two and three year old vines.

Grower B delivered from less than four acres of one two and three year old vines, 28,126 pounds, for which he



Autos at Shoal Bay, near Oak Bay, Victoria.

including copper, gold, silver, lead, iron and coal; of fisheries and of agriculture.

The coal mines at Nanaimo and of Ladysmith, some sixty or seventy miles distant from Victoria, are well known to those who have even a slight knowledge of coast matters.

The agriculturists on the Island confine their efforts mostly to dairying, vegetables and to the cultivation of fruit, the soil and climate being most favorable to successful and profitable fruit growing. Vancouver Island strawberries have made a name for themselves in all the coast cities of the Pacific. To the uninitiated, the vital question is, what money

obtained \$2,887, less 10 per cent. per acre for selling, or over \$700 per acre.

Grower C delivered from half an acre, 2,826 pounds, for which he received \$301, less 10 per cent. for selling, or at the rate of over \$600 per acre.

The foregoing figures may set some of our wheat growers thinking when they learn that a strawberry farmer, farming less than four acres of ground, sold in one season from it berries to the amount of \$2,887 worth.

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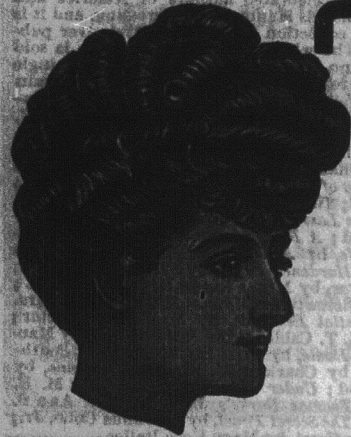
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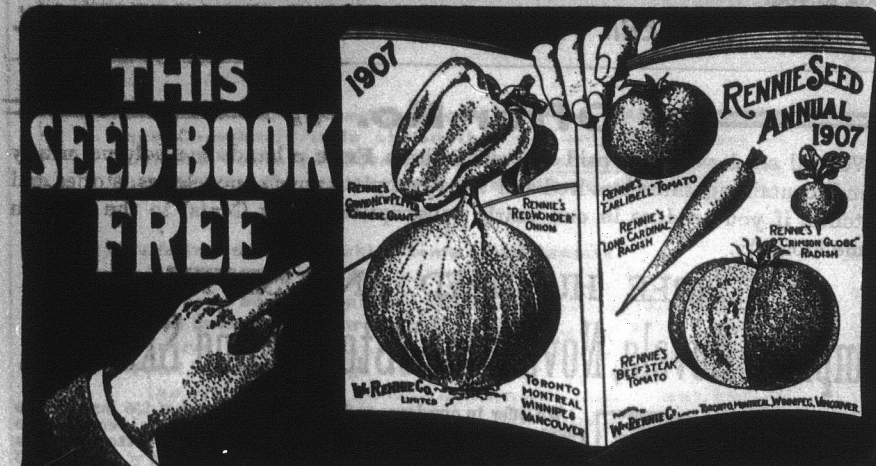
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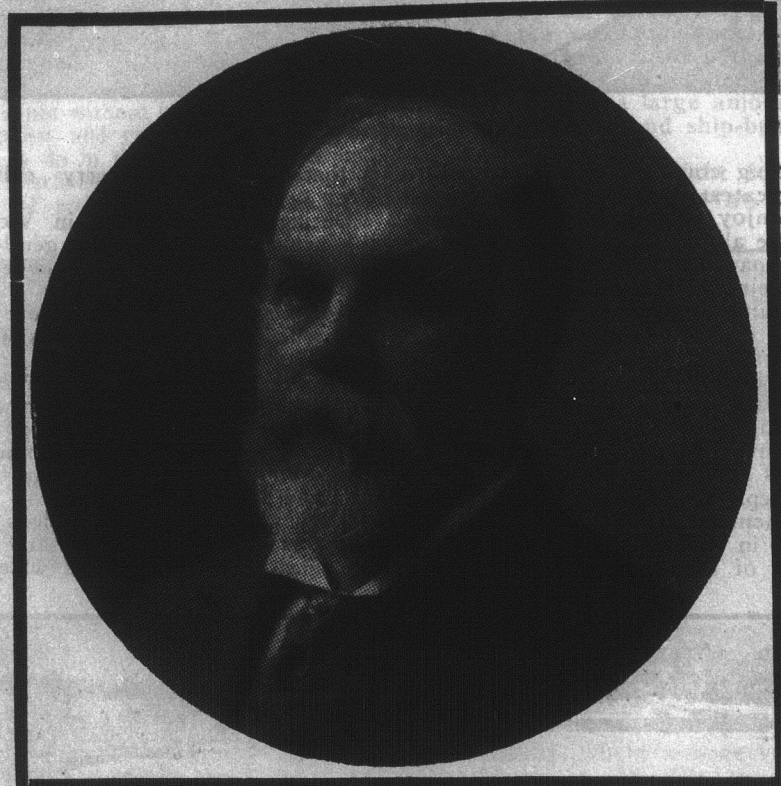
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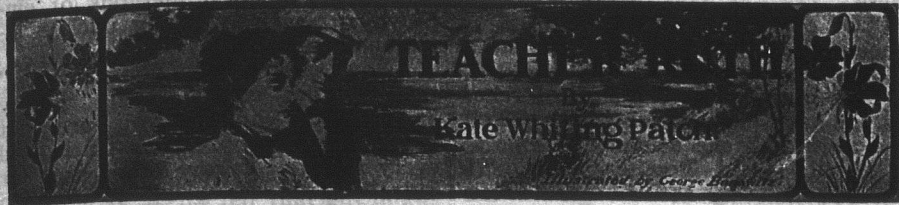
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"She'll do!" exclaimed Harold, tossing his cap into a corner.

"Oh, she's just as pretty, mamma!" added Mary eagerly.

"And we're not to call her 'Miss Ainsley' at all," put in Jack. "She wants us to say 'Teacher Ruth.'"

"Then she must be a Quakeress," observed their mother. "I am very glad you like her. It is a long time since they had a new teacher at Holly School."

That afternoon as Mrs. Marston was potting some of her garden plants she heard the front gate click, and looked up to meet the soft, gray eyes of a stranger.

"This is Miss Ainsley, I know," exclaimed the good lady, dropping her trowel and garden gloves and stepping toward her visitor with cordial, outstretched hand. "I am very glad to meet you. You see the children have told me all about 'Teacher Ruth.'"

A flush of pleasure swept over the girl's face, and she returned Mrs. Marston's hand-clasp with a grateful pressure.

"These make it very easy for me to state my errand," she began. "I felt a little timid about coming, but I heard Mary say something to one of the other scholars which led me to think thee had at times taken some of the teachers to board, and—I wondered if—if thee would take me."

Teacher Ruth looked up with such child-like questioning in her soft eyes that Mrs. Marston's motherly heart opened to her at once. She was a young woman herself, but she had been mothering things all her life, and her three irrepressible children did not so completely absorb her energies as to shut out interest in all weak or lonely things—and Teacher Ruth did look lonely.

"You poor child!" exclaimed the elder woman, putting a strong arm about the girl and drawing her toward the house. "you have been homesick, haven't you?"

"Yes," admitted the little teacher. "I—I think I have. It is not pleasant where I am stopping. I must make some change."

"If you don't mind a small room, I think I can take you," said Mrs. Marston, pushing a piazza chair toward her guest. "I have had some of the teachers here at different times—I am very glad to. You know, perhaps, that I have to depend somewhat upon my own exertions for our support. My husband died when Jack was a baby."

Teacher Ruth glanced up with mute sympathy in her eyes.

"Thee is good to let me come," she said gently; and then she followed her new friend up the low, broad stairway to look at the cosy little room destined to be hers. Before the clock in the hall had struck again it was satisfactorily arranged that Teacher Ruth should make her home at the Marstons'.

It was a very happy thing for all concerned. The young woman, with her gentle and cheerful ways, quickly found her place in the home. The children delighted in her companionship, and their mother found the evenings less long, less filled with memories endangering her fortitude, when the little teacher brought her books down into the sitting room, as she did very often when once she had assured herself of being welcome there. As the days grew shorter and the fire on the broad hearth crackled cheerily, the books were often laid aside, and the two women would fall a-talking as women will, be they young or old, especially in the presence of a wood fire.

There was only one thing about

Teacher Ruth that troubled Mrs. Marston. Full of life and energy herself, a brilliant, active woman, she had always lived intensely, and whenever she remembered the youth of her companion it was with a sense of wonder that any girl of twenty-three should be so calmly, cheerfully content with the humdrum existence of a teacher in a country village.

"It really exasperates me sometimes," Mrs. Marston admitted to herself; "it isn't natural for a young thing to be so—so calmly satisfied and peaceful. I wish I could stir her up a bit. The stirring must come sooner or later, and the longer it is put off the more painful it will be."

"Have you met any of the young people here?" she asked that evening, as Teacher Ruth at last laid aside a great pile of examination papers and turned with a little smile of satisfaction toward the glowing logs in the fire-place.

She shook her head at Mrs. Marston's question. "Nay, friend, I have no time," she replied.

"But you ought to make time,"

persisted the elder woman. "It is not right for you to be so absorbed in your work. You will grow old before your day, Ruth."

"I love my work," said the girl, quietly. "I have no wish for anything more just now. I have had my playtime, you know."

Mrs. Marston tossed aside her magazine with an impatient exclamation.

"The pity of it! To hear a child like you talking of having had her playtime. My dear, I don't believe you know what it means. Have you ever been to a dance?"

Teacher Ruth laughed. "We are

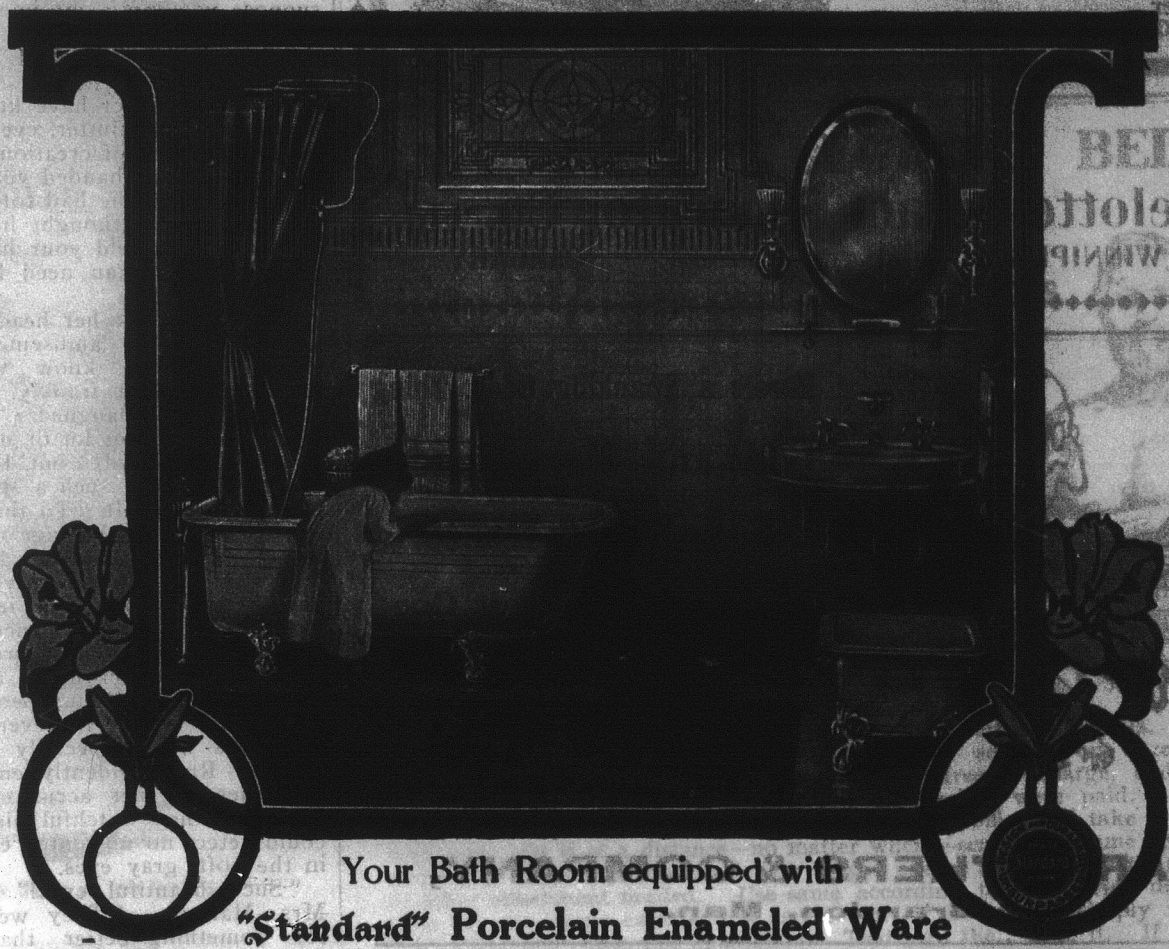
not given much to dancing in Mayville, as thee knows. We used to dance at college, though."

"I don't mean dancing with girls!" murmured Mrs. Marston contemptuously. "I mean beautiful ball gowns and dreamy orchestras hidden behind palm and evergreens; I mean the scent of flowers and the flutter of fans; the murmur of happy young voices in cool, green corners and all that. My! It makes my pulse beat more quickly to think of it now, Ruth," and she leaned forward to look into the girl's eyes. "Tell me, Ruth, did you ever have a thrill?"

A little laugh rippled from the soft



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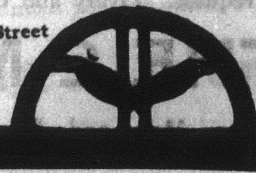
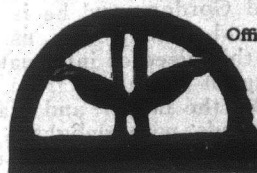
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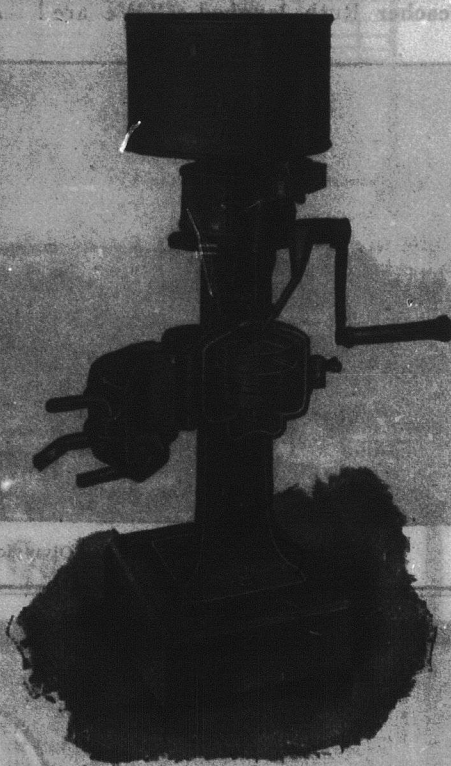
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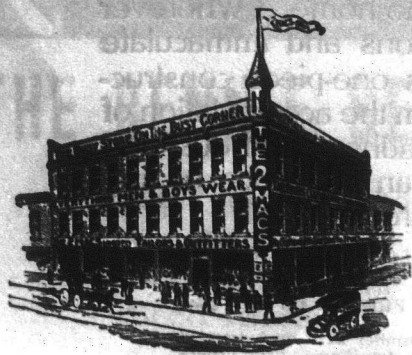
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Mrs. Marston gave a sigh of relief as she sank back in her chair. "Tell me about it," she demanded.

"Well," said Teacher Ruth, "I remember being thrilled once when I was among the mountains. We had climbed to the summit of a great hill near our hotel, and it was toward sunset. A wide circle of purple giants stretched about us, and the quiet valley lay at our feet. Suddenly I felt the sublimity of it all as I had never felt it before. I seemed fairly lifted out of myself, I—"

"But the man," interrupted Mrs. Marston, impatiently.

Teacher Ruth turned a pair of puzzled eyes toward her. "The man? There was no man. I was with Mary Hapgood and—"

Mrs. Marston burst out laughing. "Oh, Ruth, Ruth, you unsophisticated little girl! Do you suppose I was talking about such 'thrills' as that? We all know what it is to fall down and adore Nature. I was merely talking about men."

A soft blush crept into Teacher Ruth's cheeks. "I know very little about men," she said.

"And yet you have been to college?"

"A girl's college," and the young woman smiled.

"That is so," sighed Mrs. Marston, "and a girl's college in a country town is not a promising field. I suppose you saw a specimen now and then?"

"Occasionally," replied the teacher, dryly.

"And you never have known what it was to feel a flutter, even as some interesting lord of creation gazed into your eyes, or handed you a flower, or came across the hall to dance with you just as you thought he had forgotten, or—held your hand a wee minute longer than need be in saying good-bye?"

The girl shook her head with another smile of amusement. "I'm afraid I don't know what thee means," she said frankly.

Mrs. Marston laughed. "I've been talking a shocking lot of nonsense to you," she declared, "but I'm sure it can never injure such a staid young person as yourself. To think of living to the venerable age of twenty-three and never knowing a thrill!"

Mrs. Marston inwardly vowed then and there that this lack in Teacher Ruth's girlhood experiences should be made up to her. Accordingly she began to open her house again in a quiet way to the young people of the town, who were, however, neither numerous nor especially attractive. Teacher Ruth evidently enjoyed the festivities in her accustomed quiet way, but her watchful elder friend could detect no unwonted enthusiasm in the soft, gray eyes.

"Such beautiful eyes!" ejaculated Mrs. Marston. "They were made for something better than forever bending over school books. I believe—yes, I will!"

Having decided to play her leading card, the good lady hurried to her writing desk, and Harold was speedily dispatched to the post-office.

The following Saturday morning Mrs. Marston looked solemnly at Teacher Ruth as she sipped her chocolate.

"Ruth," she said gravely, "prepare yourself for a new experience. You are going to meet a man!"

Teacher Ruth looked up with an amused smile in her eyes. "Indeed!" she observed. "And what may the creature be like?"

"He is all that a man should be," replied Mrs. Marston, proudly. "Tall, strong, handsome and good; a Princeton senior and the apple of my eye. In short, he is my youngest brother—Ned Gordon—and he is coming up to spend Sunday with us."

At this piece of information a war-whoop of joy arose from the young man of the family, and Mary clapped her hands with delight. "Is Uncle Ned really coming?" she cried, while

Harold and Jack immediately fell to planning the best methods of employing their jolly young uncle's vacation hours.

"Now look here, you madcaps," their mother remonstrated, "I may as well tell you that you are not going to monopolize your Uncle Ned every minute. I have other uses for his time. He is going to sing to Teacher Ruth and me; and he is going to climb Fort Hill with us, and—lots of things!"

"We won't monopolize him," Harold replied cheerfully, "we just want him to tell us stories and show us all his tricks, and it'll be great larks to climb Fort Hill, won't it, Jack? We can take him. You and Teacher Ruth needn't bother to go if you don't want to."

"How very kind of you," laughed their mother, "but I think we can dispense with your services. Besides, it will give Teacher Ruth a good opportunity to study 'the creature'—I think that is what she calls a Princeton senior."

"I knew a Harvard senior once," remarked Teacher Ruth, dryly.

"Did you?" and Mrs. Marston looked up suspiciously.

"Yes, he taught me the words of 'Fair Harvard' and invited me to his Class Day—'spread,' I think he called it. He was my cousin, Reuben Matthews," she added after a pause.

"Oh," murmured Mrs. Marston.

"And I saw a Yale man once," went on Teacher Ruth, gazing demurely at the muffin she was buttering. "He was the brother of a college friend. I remember now that he sent me a bunch of violets by her."

"When he had seen you once? How very romantic! Who was he, Ruth?"

The little teacher ruffled her brow in anxious thought for a moment.

"Really, I cannot remember his name," she said at last.

Mrs. Marston sighed. She had hoped great things from brother Ned; he was really a "thrilling" young man; but what was to be done with a girl of twenty-three who could entirely forget the name of a man who had sent her violets!

Teacher Ruth had just started down the broad stairway in response to the dinner gong when the front door banged vigorously and a shout from the boys announced "Uncle Ned's" arrival. She paused on the landing, not knowing whether to retreat to her own room again or to boldly face the lion; and as she debated her eyes took in the scene below with amused interest. A tall, broad-shouldered young man in irremovable attire was embracing his sister with one arm and vainly struggling to keep off the onslaught of devoted nephews with the other. Mary was clinging to his knees while Jack's terrier jumped in an excited circle about the group.

"Down, you rascals! Jack, make that puppy shut up. Look out Harold, I'd just as soon you didn't step through my guitar. Yes, Mary, it's in my coat pocket. Well, Nan, where is your—"

Ned Gordon looked up and saw the slender gray figure on the landing. It was too late to retreat, and being a girl after all, as well as a demure little Quaker school-ma'am, Teacher Ruth gave one hurried glance in the oval mirror that hung on the landing before she descended to meet "the creature."

With a gigantic effort Uncle Ned extricated himself from his too demonstrative relatives and was ready with his most engaging obeisance to meet this "new girl."

Mrs. Marston felt a tremor of anxiety as she led the way to the dining-room, but her fears were groundless.

Teacher Ruth did not stand in awe of the gallant senior as a more self-conscious damsel might have done, and very soon they were discussing books and college life and the hundred and one serious subjects that young people alone can touch upon in the enthusiasm of an hour's conversation.

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The evening passed pleasantly also, and when Mrs. Marston and her brother were at last sitting alone before the fire for a little chat before going up stairs, she felt that her wishes were on a fair way to fulfillment. Teacher Ruth's eyes had certainly shown an unwonted sparkle that evening. This being the case, her anxious friend felt that she might safely turn to her own affairs for a brief while, and forthwith she began to pour into her brother's ears an account of some of the usual domestic problems.

He gazed into the fire as she talked, and at last seized the opportunity of a pause to ask with a considerable show of interest, "Where did you find her, Nan?"

"At an intelligence office in New York," replied his sister. "She was well recommended and—"

"At an intelligence office! Do you think I am referring to your cook?"

"I had been speaking of her," was the meek rejoinder.

"Well, I didn't hear you," and Ned Gordon seized the tongs and turned over a burning log with unnecessary energy.

old, yet she assures me solemnly with hand on heart that she has never known a thrill."

"A thrill?" queried the young man with another thrust at the sputtering log.

"Oh, I suppose you are totally ignorant on the subject of thrills," replied his sister with sarcasm, "but I am willing to commission you instructor to Ruth in the matter. I don't care to have you break her heart, you know, or carry away her scalp to hang over your mirror—I am too fond of her soft golden crown for that—but I want her to know something of the fun of a—well, a flirtation, perhaps. I'm glad you are a little interested in her. It will make your task more easy."

"Nan, you are growing frivolous in your old age. What do you intend to do with Mary when she arrives at woman's estate? I think you will need a guardian by that time."

"Perhaps so," returned Mrs. Marston, dryly. "Will you serve in that capacity?"

"I take it she is not very used to masculine society," went on her



Ned Gordon looked up and saw the slender gray figure on the landing.

"Did you mean the waitress?" asked Mrs. Marston with mischief twinkling in her eyes.

"Didn't see her."

"Then perhaps you referred to Ruth. Oh, I didn't find her; she found me. She was lonely in her first boarding place and I hadn't the heart to refuse her when she asked if she might come here."

"I don't wonder," was the laconic response.

"Isn't she sweet!" exclaimed Mrs. Marston, forgetting to tease in her enthusiasm.

"Sweet! She is adorable," returned the Princeton man with fervor. "Her soft 'thees' make me feel as though I were a Frenchman."

"The French only use 'thee' as a term of endearment or intimacy; very warm friends, lovers, husbands and wives—am I not right? Ruth uses it to everyone."

"I suppose so."

"Ned," Mrs. Marston leaned forward in the firelight, "that dainty little Quakeress deserves to be set down in the history of womankind as a wonder. She is twenty-three years

brother, ignoring the sarcasm, as he settled back in the chair. "She isn't forever making eyes at a fellow."

"Mary? Oh, no; she is too young. Stop!" as a sofa pillow was wafted in her direction. "You mean Ruth?"

She paused and reflected mentally. "I mustn't let him feel too sure of his powers," then murmured aloud,

"Well, I can't say. She knows the words of 'Fair Harvard,' which is more than most of the 'gentle sons' of that university can boast; and she mentioned the other day that violets were the flowers of Yale."

"But the 'thrills'?" queried the Princeton senior.

"Oh, she may have forgotten all about those. Ruth is very much absorbed in her work. Come, young man, it is time to go to bed."

The next day passed as Mrs. Marston had planned, and if Harold and Jack were a little disappointed in Uncle Ned's visit, their mother was not. After tea the guitar was pressed into service, and when the children had been delighted with "Polly dreen had been delighted with "Polly Wolly Doodle" and the peanut song

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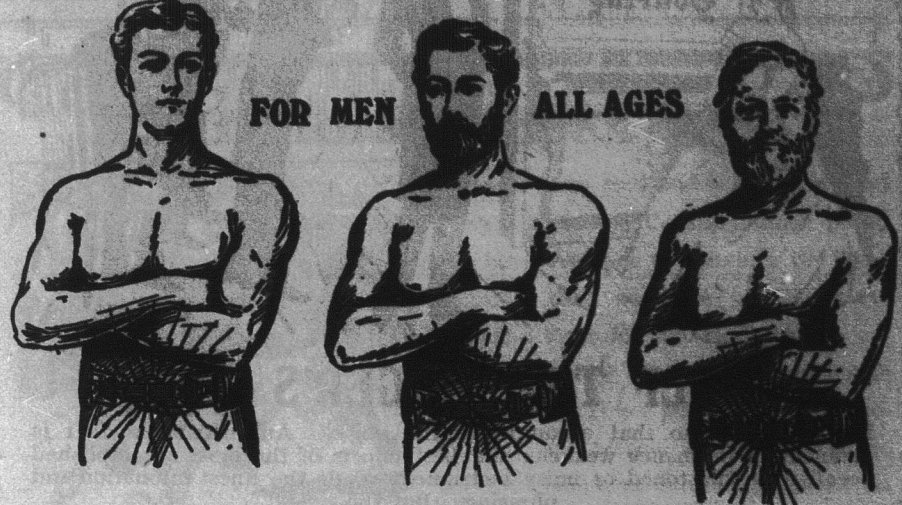
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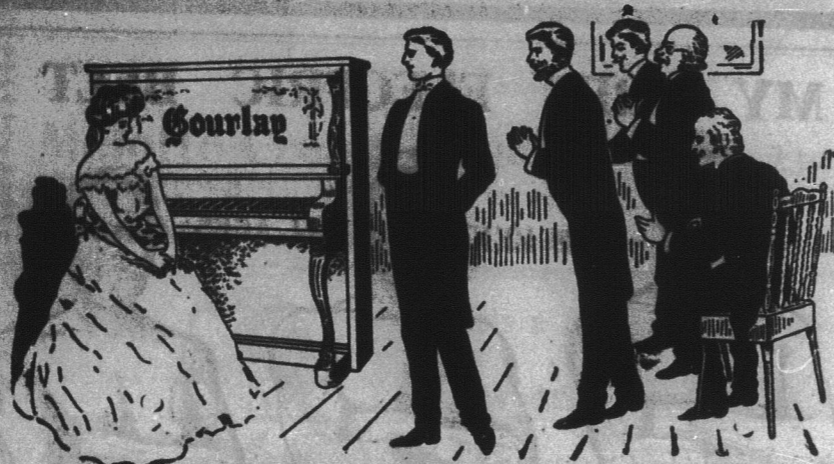
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their Uncle turned to Teacher Ruth. "Do you know our college songs?" he asked, and as Ruth shook her head, he began in his most persuasive manner:

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The violet's dark blue,
And the gentle sons of Harvard
To the crimson rose are true,

"We will own the lilies slender,
Nor honor shall they lack
While the Tiger stands defender
Of the orange and the black."

"That is all very pretty," observed his sister as he laid down the guitar, "and I am a strong supporter of old Princeton, but I must admit that I prefer wearing roses and violets to tiger lilies. What do you say, Ruth?"

"I never wear flowers," replied Ruth, discreetly.

"But you would wear my lilies, wouldn't you, Miss Ainsley?" said Ned, leaning forward to glance into the gray eyes. "Nan is talking nonsense. She keeps a great row of tigers blooming along her front fence all because of her devotion to my alma mater."

"I'm real glad that you mentioned that," replied his sister, "I have always wondered why I never had the heart to root up those tiger lilies. Now you have explained it for me. If they are only in bloom by the time you graduate, Ruth and I will decorate ourselves with their splendor in your honor."

When Ruth said good-night that evening the young man followed her out into the hall.

"I shall be gone before you are down in the morning," he said, looking up into her eyes as she turned on the stairway. "I've had an uncommonly jolly visit. Will you try and get reconciled to the tiger lilies before I come again?"

"I always rather liked old-fashioned flowers," returned the little schoolma'am, smiling. "I love all flowers."

"But I want you to love mine best," was the fervent answer. "Good-bye, Teacher Ruth—may I call you that?" and he held out his hand.

"Good-bye, my friend," she replied simply, and as he at length loosened his farewell clasp of the rosy fingers, Teacher Ruth ran up to her own room with a strange little flutter about her heart. She glanced in the mirror at her scarlet cheeks and then hastily put out the light. "I wonder—I wonder if that was a 'thrill,' she whispered to herself.

Ned Gordon's devotion to his sister and her children grew apace with the winter. He found it convenient to run up quite frequently for a Sunday, and as Easter approached Mrs. Marston was not surprised to be notified that her brother would be glad to spend several days of his vacation with her if she would have him.

"Uncle Ned seems to be getting real fond of us," observed Jack complacently when he heard the news; but Harold mumbled gloomily that Uncle Ned "wasn't near as much fun as he used to be."

"I really think he is growing serious," reflected Mrs. Marston to herself. "I thought at first it was just because she was a new type of girl to him, but his devotion to a pretty face never lasted so long before. Ruth is such a close little body I can't tell whether she cares or not, but she doesn't dislike him. I'll find out the state of my young man's feelings very speedily, though, for I'm not going to tell him that Ruth will be away."

Accordingly, when Edward Gordon arrived with dress-suit case and golf clubs, his guitar and various packages for the small fry, his eyes wandered vainly about the hall in search of another greeting in addition to the cordial ones already bestowed upon him.

"Where is Teacher Ruth?" he asked at length, as they sat down at the supper table.

"Gone home," replied Harold promptly.

"Really?" asked Ned, with a glance at his sister.

"Why, yes; it is her vacation time, too, and her parents had a natural desire to see her," was the reply.

"Um—you didn't happen to mention it when you wrote."

"You didn't happen to ask any questions on the subject," was the quick rejoinder.

At this moment Jack returned from an excursion to the hall.

"Look here, Uncle Ned," he exclaimed, holding up a small package. "Here's something you forgot to give us. It's a book, I guess by the feeling. I found it in your coat pocket."

Uncle Ned's face turned crimson, and he made a dive for his young nephew.

"You monkey, give me that!" he demanded, possessing himself of the parcel.

"Whom is it for?" asked Harold, eagerly.

"It's not for you, young man," replied the irate uncle, slipping the package in his pocket; "and if you don't stop prying into my overcoat I won't let you be my caddy boys to-morrow when I initiate your mother into the mysteries of golf."

The boys had a glorious time next day, and Harold declared frankly that Uncle Ned was much nicer in vacation.

"You've been just as jolly as in old times," he added, with the contented sigh of his years.

"When Uncle Ned comes just for a Sunday he is too weighted with the care of college to be a boy with you," said his mother, mischievously.

"Look out, Nan," began her brother, reproachfully; "you'll be sorry by and by for your abuse of me. There's a box in the hall which just came up from the station, and it contains my birthday offering. Had you forgotten that this is your natal day?"

Mrs. Marston's eyes filled with sudden tears, and she slipped her arm in his and dropped a kiss on his cheek.

"You dear Ned, you never forget," she said, fervently. "Come, let us open that box."

When the contents were at last revealed, Mrs. Marston gave a cry of delight.

"Oh, the 'Winged Victory' I have been sighing for so long!"

"Yes, and it is a good cast," said her brother, proceeding to place the beautiful statue on a small mahogany table and adjust the wings. "Isn't she a beauty, though?"

"Where's her head?" exclaimed Harold. "Does that screw on, like the wings. Praps it's in the packing."

His mother and uncle burst into a laugh.

"What's the joke?" asked the injured youth. "I don't see why they sent her all in little pieces. Look in the box for her arms, Jacky."

Uncle Ned sat down on the stairs in his hilarity.

"You needn't turn over that packing any more, young men," he remarked at last. "The lady left her head and arms in Greece a great many years ago; and it is well she did," he added, with sudden impressiveness. "If she still possessed them and they were as beautiful as the rest of her, your Uncle Edward would lie prone at her sandaled feet until, like Galatea, she consented to come to life and make him happy. Nan, if I ever find a woman with a figure like that I shall give her my heart for ever."

"Indeed!" said his sister, dryly. Before her inward eye moved the vision of a slender little girl in gray. Teacher Ruth was not at all like this glorious Victory.

"I shall make her the queen of my heart," he went on, ardently. "There she shall reign—"

"Until she spreads her wondrous wings and soars away to mate with one of the gods," interrupted Mrs. Marston. "Such creatures were not made to sway the hearts of mortal men, my dear."

"Well, I think I should clip her wings," replied her brother, medita-

tively; "they might be inconvenient at times, anyway."
They laughed and went into the sitting-room, while the two boys settled down for a game of dominoes. Only one member of the group thought again of the bantering words, and this was little Mary, who sat sorrowfully down upon the bottom stair and looked with troubled eyes at the glorious statue.
For many months Mary had been building a radiant castle, and now it was crumbling before her. Her beautiful Teacher Ruth was slighted, thrust aside for an armless, headless creature, with clinging draperies far removed from simple gowns of Quaker gray. Yes, had not Uncle Ned firmly declared his allegiance to this plaster figure? And suppose it should come to life? Mary shuddered at the thought, and rolled herself up in a mournful little bundle to cry about it.

Vacation ended, Uncle Ned departed as Teacher Ruth returned, and Mary did not know that Miss Ainsley found a volume of poems and a three-cornered note on her dressing-table.

The child went about cherishing her little trouble and moping so hopelessly that her mother grew anxious, and the neighbors recommended a "spring tonic."

Uncle Ned was very busy during these past few months at college, and his visits grew more rare. This fact Mary noted sadly, and it was a new grief to her that Teacher Ruth so persistently admired the beautiful Victory. Mary could only look upon it with aversion. Uncle Ned did not talk to Teacher Ruth nearly as much now, nor look at her nearly so often.

Ah, poor little Mary, not enough of the woman yet to rightly read these signs of the times! She did not know that it was safer for Uncle Ned to keep his glances and his words for quiet moments in the shady garden or sheltered window-seat, safer for Teacher Ruth to gaze demurely at her plate, or to be occupied with books or sewing. She could not read the mystery in the lovely gray eyes either, nor did she guess why the young woman so often drew the child into her arms in a moment of joyous ecstasy.

It was very sweet to Mary, but she did not understand.

The spring wore away, and June came with its roses and lilies; school and college were nearly over, and one morning Mrs. Marston announced that her brother was coming to spend with them the last Sunday before his graduation.

Mary heard the news, and a bold resolution suddenly possessed her. A crisis was at hand. Uncle Ned was coming. Before he could come again Teacher Ruth would leave them for the long summer time. Something must be done, and like an inspiration came the thought to Mary that the winged Victory must be disposed of. If only this antique beauty were removed from his vision, surely Uncle Ned would see Teacher Ruth again—Teacher Ruth who was possessed of soft, warm arms, and a beautiful, beautiful head.

But how was the abduction to be accomplished? She would have to take the boys into her confidence. The Victory must not be injured because mamma cared so much for her; and then it would never do to treat a Greek goddess—Mary supposed she must be a goddess—with disrespect. Besides, the little girl was still haunted with the vague possibility that the statue might become alive and suddenly loom up before them in all the majesty of divinity. She must be propitiated in some manner. It never occurred to Mary that a goddess might look slightly upon Uncle Ned.

After dinner she summoned her brothers to a favorite retreat in a corner of the orchard, and after pledging them to secrecy with all the oaths dear to childhood, Mary solemnly told her story and revealed her plans.

"What! You mean to say he is gone on Teacher Ruth and the statue, too?" gasped Harold. "Why, I never thought of it."

"Hush!" whispered Mary. "Oh, don't speak so loud, Harold. But don't you see how it is? We must keep him from liking the Victory—it would be so lovely to have Teacher Ruth for our auntie!"

"Why, how could Teacher Ruth ever be our auntie?" asked Jack, to whom these revelations were a huge mystery.

"Well, she will be, I know it," replied Mary, "if only we can make Uncle Ned stop waiting for the statue to come alive. Will you help me, boys?"

"Course we will," said Harold, always ready and eager for a new adventure. "But what can we do with it, Mary?"

"I've thought it all out," replied his sister, the color deepening in her cheeks with earnestness. "We'll carry her to your cave. A cave is a good place for a goddess to live in—only you must promise not to forget and take Uncle Ned there."

"All right, come along!" responded Harold, eager for action, and Jack arose to follow him, Awe writ large upon his face.

"What will mamma say?" he murmured, anxiously.

"Oh, dear," said Mary, wringing her hands, "that's the worst part of it. Poor mamma will feel so bad; but she would be glad if she only knew; and, of course, we'll put the Victory back again after Uncle Ned is gone. We'll just have to take her. There's no other way."

Forthwith the little band of conspirators stole into the house through the side doorway. Their mother was away for the afternoon. Teacher Ruth had not yet returned from school, and the servants were both in the kitchen. Therefore, no one saw the beautiful Victory lifted from her pedestal and borne through the shady garden to a seldom visited corner, where the two boys had constructed what they chose to call a cave. Here the Grecian maiden was carefully set down, and the three breathless little thieves gazed upon her in silence.

"Do you suppose she's mad with us?" Harold asked at length, half laughing.

"I don't know, but I think we'd better offer a sacrifice," replied Mary, soberly. "Don't you remember what Teacher Ruth told us about people sacrificing to the gods to keep them from being angry?"

"Well, what shall we sacrifice?" asked Harold, cheerfully. "I'll build a fire in front of the cave. Here, Jack, you run and pick up some sticks. We ought to have a calf or a dove to kill."

"Oh, Harold, how can you?" cried Mary. "She wouldn't like that. See, I brought a sponge-cake!"

"A sponge-cake!" cried Harold, contemptuously. "Well, I suppose it will have to do as we haven't anything else."

"How can she eat it?" queried Jack. "She hasn't any mouth."

"Goddesses don't eat," explained Mary, with a touch of superiority. "They just smell the food while it's burning."

"Well, she hasn't any nose, either," rejoined Jack.

Mary was silent for a moment.

"I hadn't thought of that," she said dubiously.

Harold paused in his sacrificial preparations.

"Look here, Mary," he began, casting covetous eyes on the sponge-cake meanwhile, "I don't believe there's any need of giving her a burnt offering. As long as she can't enjoy it, s'pose we eat the cake ourselves? Besides, I don't believe ma would like to have us build a fire out here."

"All right," said Mary, who had her own misgivings on this point. "We can lay some flowers at her feet instead," and the matter being thus amicably settled, the self-ordained priests of the Victory sat down to partake of the sacrificial cake.

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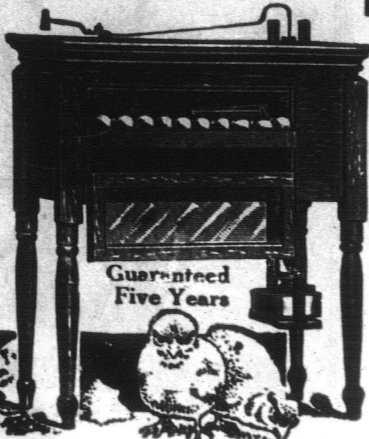
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Ned arrived on an earlier train than usual there was no one at the house to greet him except Teacher Ruth, who had just come in. She started up the stairs when a quick step on the piazza caused her to turn, and the next minute her hand was in Ned Gordon's.

"I did not know thee was coming so soon," she faltered. "Thy sister is away, and the children—where are they, I wonder?"

"How very nice!" replied the young man, with a happy laugh. "Isn't it warm? And I have been walking like a steam engine to get here as soon as possible. Come into the parlor where it is shady and cool. It is long ages since I saw you last."

"Shall I not get thee something cool to drink?" asked the girl as she surrendered her pile of books to him.

"No. 'Drink to me only with thine eyes, and I'll not ask for—anything. See what I found looking through the pickets of the fence as I came along—the first tiger of the season," and he placed the gorgeous lily in her hand.

"It will look well in that vase on the mantel there," said Teacher Ruth, moving toward it; but Ned laid his hand upon her arm.

"I gave it to you," he said. "Won't you make it happy by wearing it in your gown?"

She hesitated a moment, her eyes bent upon the lily.

"Thee knows I do not wear flowers," she said at last.

"I plucked it for thee," Ned persisted—he had begun to use "thee" quite daringly of late. "I give it to thee, and thou wilt wear it—ma chère amie."

Would she? At that moment a shadow darkened the doorway, and Mrs. Marston, with an exclamation of surprise, hurried in to welcome her brother. Teacher Ruth disappeared, and although she did not wear the lily that evening, it was not in the slender vase on the mantel-shelf.

Supper was partaken in an atmosphere of unusual quiet, the three youngest members of the family being greatly subdued by the knowledge of the earthquake that threatened. Very early they stole off to bed, and very loath they were to come down in the morning.

Strangely enough, however, the Victory was not missed until early in the evening, and then, as Mary had foretold, it was Uncle Ned who made the discovery.

"Hallo, Nan," he exclaimed, as he rambled, in a fit of restlessness, out into the hall, "what have you done with the Victory? I thought you had decided to keep her here."

"The Victory!" exclaimed Mrs. Marston, following him. "Why!" And then there was a dead silence, during which Jack grew big-eyed and dumb with terror in his corner, and Mary turned red and white by turns, while Harold, gifted with a greater presence of mind, made good his escape through a window.

Mrs. Marston stepped hastily back to the sitting-room, and the tell-tale faces of the two children declared their guilt to her.

"Where is my Victory?" she asked; but neither responded; only Mary burst into tears.

"Is it broken?" asked her mother. But the child shook her head.

"Where is it?" Mrs. Marston re-

peated; but silence was the only response.

"Where is Harold?" was her next question. And in answer to this, Uncle Ned suddenly disappeared into the garden, and speedily returned with a struggling, weeping boy under his arm.

"I don't care; it's all your fault," blubbered Harold. "Mary said you were so gone over that old statue you didn't care anything more about Teacher Ruth, and—and she wanted me to help her take it away till—till you forgot it. But I won't again—so there; and you can marry all the girls you want to without any heads or arms or—anything 'cept wings."

Harold ended with a long wail, and his uncle dropped him hastily on the sofa beside his brother.

Teacher Ruth had suddenly vanished, and all the children were crying aloud.

"Oh, Harold, don't!" Mary was gasping; and then, with scarlet cheeks and trembling voice, the shamefaced child faltered her confession.

"It isn't hurt at all, mamma," she cried. "I put my big doll's shawl around it last night, and I'm so sorry!"

Mrs. Marston sat speechless before her erring offspring, but Uncle Ned leaned over Mary and kissed the hot little cheek.

"You dear little goose!" he whispered. "Bless you! Bless you!"

Then he likewise disappeared, and a blind instinct turned his step toward that shadowy walk in the garden which led to the boy's cave. There, in the gathering twilight, the winged Victory gleamed amid the leafy bower, chaste and cool and beautiful.

In the shadow of a drooping shrub someone else was gazing at the Grecian maiden, and Ned moved nearer and possessed himself of a warm living hand.

"Dear little goose! And she thought that cold, beautiful creature was winning my heart from thee—Ruth! Ruth! Thee refused to wear my lily, my colors. Does that mean that thee refuses me? Dear, for Mary's sake—for Mary's sake—"

Some half-hour later a breathless young man rushed into the parlor, where Mrs. Marston was still talking to the three sorry little folks who sat in a row before her.

"Don't scold them any longer, Nan!" Uncle Ned exclaimed, as he snatched up his dress-suit case and turned toward the door. "My train leaves in ten minutes. I just looked in to tell Mary that the Victory is defeated for ever! Good-bye," and he was gone.

Mrs. Marston hurried out on the piazza, but only in time to see a tall black figure striding down the road. Against the gate leaned Teacher Ruth.

Ned's sister paused a moment to dash a sudden moisture from her eyes; then she went quickly down the path and slipped her arm about the girl.

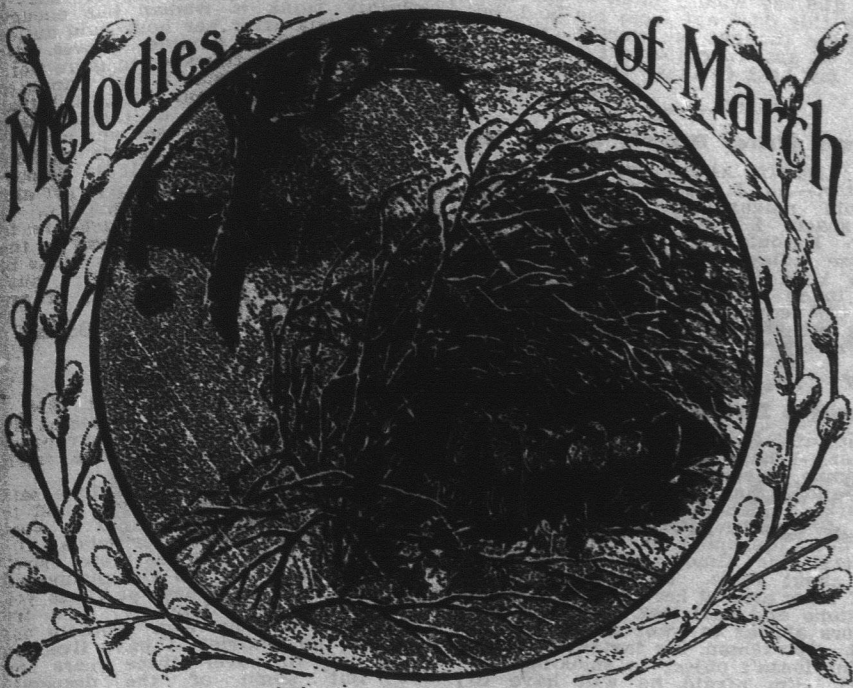
"Teache: Ruth," she whispered playfully, "tell me, have you ever had a 'thrill'?"

Ruth turned and looked up at her with shy, glowing eyes. Against her soft muslin kerchief, rising and falling with every breath, lay a glorious tiger lily.



Roping the Colt.

March, 1907.



WHEN THE WOODS TURN GREEN AGAIN.

Tuzan's a warm wind comes from the south
With a promise and a song—
A song that wells from a rose-lipped mouth
In cadence full and strong
It whispers, whispers through the day
To the hearts of longing men,
That the time is coming on the way
When the woods turn green again.

THE COMING OF THE CROCUS.

In her cozy house of mold, sheltered from the sleet
and cold,
And the winds of March that whistled overhead,
A little crocus flower waited, eager for the hour
When she might dress up and leave her wintry
bed.
Said Wild Rose and Buttercup: "It is foolish to get
up
Till we hear the pattering drops of April showers,
Till the south winds drift and fleet and the bluebird's
silvery note
Wakes all our family of sleepy flowers."
Dandelion called: "O wait, Crocus dear, it is not
late."
Violet and Daisy echoed the advice.
But sweet crocus quickly dressed in gold and
rough green vest,
And crept up the cold, dark stairway in a trice.
It was dappled, bleak and bare till a sunbeam kind
and fair
Saw the little blossom trembling in the snow:
Then she shone with all her might, called a million
sunbeams bright,
Bluebird sang, and warm south winds began
blow.
—Olive A. Smith.

A SONG OF THE SUMMERTIME.

Let's sing a song o' Summertime—no matter if the
blast
Of twenty blended blizzards freeze the single lines
at last!
Let's sing o' hills an' dells—
Where music heavenward swells—
The silver tenor o' the thrush—the tinklin' cattle-
bells.
Let's sing a song o' Summertime: The Winter stayed
so long
We're weary for a Summer sun to shimmer in a song!
To wander where the breeze
Shakes the tresses o' the trees
And the Lily's heart is honey to the golden, thievish
bees!
Let's sing a song o' Summertime—Let's sing, an'
ring it sweet
As the music o' the waterfalls—the wind that waves
the wheat!
While Love, in meadows green,
Earsraptured views the scene,
The roses for Love's recompense, and Summer sweet,
his Queen.
—Frank L. Stanton.

PUSSY WILLOW

LITTLE pussy willow,
Robbed in Quaker gray,
Open all your blossoms
By the winding way.
Swaying in the breeze,
Gently up and down,
Graceful as a maiden,
Charming all the town.
Coming in your beauty,
Ere the wild birds sing
All the children love you,
Harbinger of spring.
Dainty pussy willow,
Robbed in Quaker gray,
Open all your blossoms,
By the winding way.

LOOKIN' FORWARD.

SING a song of sunshine,
Spring is on th' way,
Blossom time is nearin'
Every blessed day.
Days are gettin' longer,
Winter's almost done,
Soon th' ice-blocked rivers
Will begin to run.
When th' little crocus
Tells you it is spring,
Then th' merry robins
Will begin to sing.
Violets are waitin'
Underneath th' snow,
Sayin' to th' winter:
"Hurry up an' go."
Sing a song of sunshine,
Sun is climbin' high,
Good old tired feelin'
Gets you by an' by.



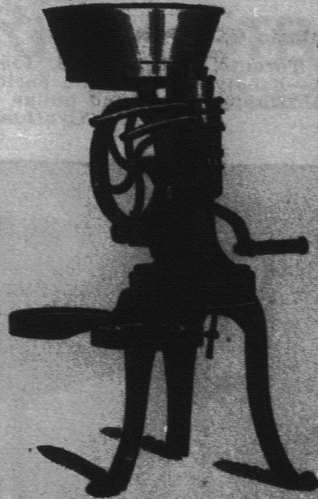
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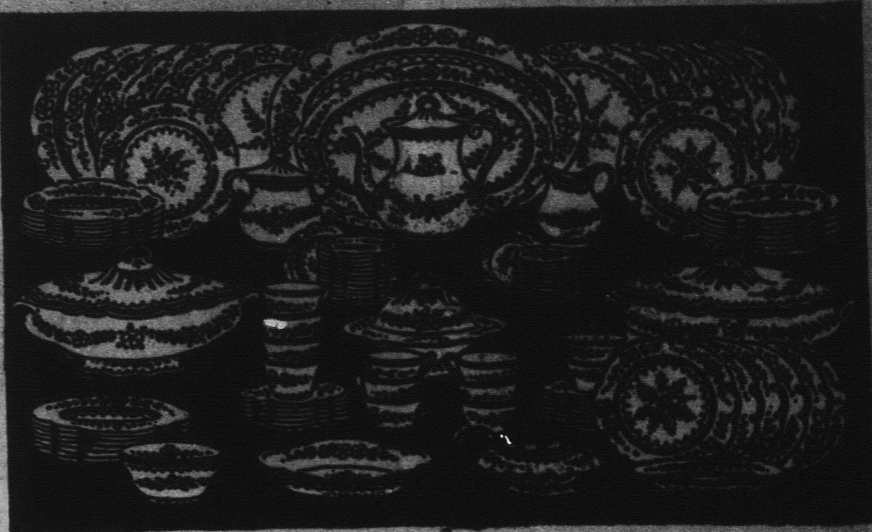
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Contributors to our columns need not feel hurt if their letters are not published at once. We will give you your turn and will print your letter in the order in which it is received by us. All letters must be signed by the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

We'll protect every one of you, and will practice the greatest secrecy in forwarding your letters. If you wish to have us forward a letter for you to any writer in our columns, enclose it to us in a blank envelope with two cent stamp affixed and we will do the rest.

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Send us your letter and we will forward it on to the person whom you intend it for.

She's the Goods Abight.

London, Ont., Jan. 18, 1907. Editor.—I have been taking much interest in your correspondence columns lately and I think it very good of you to go to so much trouble for the poor bachelors. I was rather pleased with a few letters, such as "A Bachelor from Moose Jaw," "The Real Wheat," and "The Jolly Bachelor." I would like to correspond with one or other of these young men if they have not already secured correspondents. I am not afraid of work and I am also a good cook, and can make good bread.

Perhaps I had better give you some idea of my personal appearance. I have dark brown hair and brown eyes, and am five feet, four and a half inches in height.

I am very fond of singing and music. Wishing you every success to your magazine.

"Young English Girl."

Who wants to be a Farmer's Wife?

Tisdale, Sask., Dec. 1906. Editor.—You might observe that I am a subscriber of your valuable paper. I have read lately with great interest the many letters from young ladies. Being a bachelor, I would like to make the acquaintance of a respectable young lady of fair means and ability for a farmer's wife.

You will kindly direct the letter I enclose you to "Farmer's Daughter No. 8."

"Tisdale Bachelor."

We'll Forward Letter O. K.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 19, 1907. Dear Sir.—Kindly address and forward the enclosed letter to the C. P. R. operator, "Billy No. 4," whose letter was published in the October number. You are not to publish my name. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

"Susie B."

The Boy Got Your Message.

Deloraine, Man., Jan. 13, 1907. Editor.—I am enclosing you a stamped letter. Please forward it to "Alberta Boy."

"Birdie P."

"Bachelor O. K." Heard from You.

Boniell, Alta., Jan. 15, 1907. Editor.—Will you kindly forward enclosed letter to the gentleman at Spring Lake, Alta., signed "Bachelor O. K." "Home Sweet Home."

Advices Girls to Go Slow.

Alix, Alta., Jan. 15, 1907. Editor.—I have been reading your paper for some time and am quite interested in your correspondence columns. I am a young bachelor, I am not what you call a farmer. I have some land and a complete farming outfit, but have a man to work it for me. I am interested in business in town. I am acquainted with all the bachelor farmers around here and am glad to say that the majority of them are very good fellows and I think the young lady who would be satisfied with farm life would find some of them very good partners for life's journey.

Then, there is another class which is a disgrace to any locality. All they enjoy is running their poor horses to death to get to some bar-room where they stay as long as their money lasts. But we find that class mixed with people of all professions.

I think we ought to go slow and get acquainted and find out if we were suited for one another. Much depends on both parties. Go slow, "girls," and be sure you pick out the good ones from the bunch. Please forward the enclosed letter to "Brown Eyes," Portage la Prairie.

"Interested."

Another for Billy No. 4.

Griswold, Man., Jan. 20, 1907. Editor.—Kindly forward enclosed letter to C. P. R. operator, "Billy No. 4," and oblige.

"Pretty Nice."

We Killed the Three of Them.

Heward, Sask., Jan. 10, 1907. Editor.—Enclosed you will find three letters stamped with blank envelopes. Will you kindly address them to enclosed names of writers in your magazine?

"Jess."

Handsome Widow Throws out Line.

Winnipeg, Jan. 20, 1907. Editor.—Forward enclosed letter to one signing himself "Old Subscriber," Perley, Sask., and oblige.

"Handsome Widow."

Sal in Demand.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 22, 1907. Editor.—I would be pleased if you will forward the enclosed letter to "Sour Sal," and oblige.

"Freddy."

Ontario Gal's Getting Busy.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24, 1907. Editor.—Kindly forward the enclosed letter to "Happy Jake" and oblige.

"Cynthia."

one to sulk, although I am quick-tempered and say what I think at the time. I hope this does not seem too bold, but if anyone thought me worthy of the honor of assisting them, I should try to do my best to make them happy.

"Scotch Girl."

Widower Writes Himself Testimonial.

Bawlf, Alta., Oct. 29th 1906. Editor.—As I am a reader of your valuable magazine, I would like a little space. I am a widower and very lonely. I would like to hear from some of those ladies who want a good home and a kind husband. I don't require them to do any outside work such as milk the cows, feed calves or chop wood, but simply to keep house and dress nicely.

"Widower No. 2."

Starlight Invites Correspondence.

Sintaluta, Sask., Nov. 14th, 1906. Editor.—I have been a constant reader of your splendid magazine for some time and think the correspondence column a splendid idea to help out some of the bachelors and maids. I will not presume to criticize the bachelors this time as I know very little about them. There are one or two of them around here and they seem quite tame and harmless. Some of the bachelors appear to want a special sort of girl. Sportsman, for instance, wants one who doesn't object to smoking and whiskey. I'm afraid he will have to

to. The man I marry I wish to be a helpmate and a companion to me. I certainly think a woman has enough to do to look after her household duties without having outside chores. Of course, there are times when more work has to be done. Then, it's all hands to the pump and do your best, and that cheerfully. And this I do think, that a man and girl ought to see one another in their everyday life before rushing into matrimony because it is impossible to know the real character of any person simply by correspondence. If Sportsman or Semper Paratus care to correspond with me, I might be the means of getting them introductions to some nice girls, but first of all I must find out if they mean anything or are only doing this for a joke.

"Colleen Bawn."

Myra Offers Advice.

River View, Sask., Dec. 1st, 1906. Editor.—I am greatly interested in the matrimonial columns of your paper and trust you can spare me a small space for this letter.

It touched me when Milestone said we should hold out a sisterly hand to a faltering brother. Yes, that is what they need, not harsh criticism. Oh, girls, if you could but see these "boys" alone in their shack on the plains and feel their utter loneliness at times you would judge more tenderly. Just try to fancy them your own brothers out there on the prairie! I have lived on the plains for over three years and have felt some of the desperate loneliness of it myself. We meet splendid people out here. They are industrious, intelligent, neighborly and polite and we long for congenial company and someone in whom we can confide. This is my experience.

I think it has taught me one great lesson anyway, and that is "sympathy with all mankind."

Yes, let us hold out the sisterly hand that we can be the means of saving more than one of the boys who struggle so hard for a home. It is a worthy object and should not be made light of, but you certainly run an awful risk if you think it is sufficient to become acquainted through these correspondence columns. No, no, be sure to get a personal acquaintance first, my friends. This life is too short for lottery.

I say to the fathers and mothers who are building their homes on the Western prairie, open wide your doors for your bachelor neighbors, treat them as you would have your own boys treated and you will help them to be men. Have a friendly welcome for the stranger at your gate. It is some mother's boy. I respect those of you who write about the true woman. May you find her! True happiness can be found only where true hearts meet and beat as one. I believe, too, that a woman should go with the man of her choice to build the home and she will appreciate it all the more. If any word of mine could help to make the winter seem shorter, I would be glad to exchange thoughts with some of you, putting matrimony entirely out of the question.

"Myra."

Go Way Back and Sit Down.

Ninga, Alta., Nov. 24th, 1906. Editor.—I was reading the correspondence page in your valuable paper, and have resolved to try my luck in getting a wife also. I am a bachelor 25 years of age, rather stout and 5 feet 9 inches in height. My looks would be considered rather good in Darkest Africa—at any rate I could send a shadow of myself to any who correspond with me. I have a homestead and a team of horses. I would like you to put me in correspondence with Jane Eyre.

Woman's Place in the Home.

Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 17th, 1906. Editor.—I have read with interest the correspondence columns of your excellent magazine. I have only been in Edmonton a few months having come here from the East. I am very lonely, having no friends or relatives would put me in correspondence with Nimrod. I am 5 feet 5 inches in height with blue eyes and dark hair.

Let me inform you, boys, that a woman's sphere of work is in the house. A great many letters seem to leave the impression that woman should do her own and half the man's work while it should really be the reverse.

"Annie Laurie."

Very Solicitous About Her Girl Friends.

Regina, Sask., Nov. 17th, 1906. Editor.—Recently and quite accidentally I came across one of your papers, The Western Home Monthly, and was much pleased and interested in its contents. I think it a splendid paper for the home.

I was much interested and perhaps a little amused reading some of the letters in the correspondence columns addressed to "A Bachelor from Moose Jaw," "Arthur Breckenridge" and also as I have some girl friends whom I think would correspond with them.

Wants Well-to-Do Kind.

Regina, Sask., Nov. 14th, 1906. Editor.—I have just been glancing through the current issue of your paper and am very much struck by the correspondence columns I would like to correspond with the gentleman from



Female Help Wanted.

Thinks W. E. M. All Right.

Okotoks, Alta., Jan. 24, 1907. Editor.—May I trouble you to address the enclosed letter to "Sportsman" of Maple Creek, Sask., whose letter of Aug. 16th appeared in your magazine of October last? I may say in passing that your excellent magazine is improving from month to month. There is a great change in it since the time it first appeared. The correspondence columns are amusing and entertaining (some-times) and I can assure you it is read by scores I know who never think of writing to it.

"M. C."

Address Him Through Us, Grace Dear.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1907. Editor.—I should like to open correspondence with "Milestone," dated Sept. 7th, 1906. Please give me his name and address.

"Grace."

Quick-Tempered and Protestant.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 3, 1907. Editor.—Having read the correspondence page in your magazine, I would like to join the circle. I notice there are a few farmers in want of a helpmate to assist them on their homesteads. I am a Protestant and was brought up on a farm, so I am accustomed to farm work. I can do plain cooking, wash and iron. I am very fond of dairy work and poultry. I am also a knitter and can do plain sewing. I like to be kind to anyone who is good to me. I am not

hunt for a long time before he finds one like that.

In anyone in Alberta cares to correspond with me, I shall be pleased to answer their letters.

"Starlight."

Nothing Too Good for the Irish.

Abbey Lun, B. C., Dec. 1st, 1906. Editor.—I am one of your subscribers so if you can spare me a little space in your valuable magazine I shall be very much obliged. I like Sportsman's letter. He rings true and I should like to meet him. Now, I really don't see why a girl should object to a man because he smokes or takes a glass of whiskey. What harm is there in either? But some people would say that he was going to perdition fast. Well, I am glad that I was brought up on the broad-minded plan, but there, I am a jolly Irish girl and like fun, dancing and a theatre whenever one comes my way. But on the other hand, I am perfectly happy and contented without these amusements than I do in sitting at home reading a novel. Yes, I know people will say I am flighty but I can assure you I have my serious side. Another letter I liked was that of Semper Paratus. I wish he and a few of his friends were nearer here, because I know several nice girls, good family, refined, well educated and sensible who can turn their out here to earn their own living. But there is not one of us who would marry a man who simply wants a chore-boy and not a wife as some of them seem

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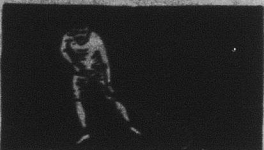


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the States who calls himself a middle-aged farmer's son and shall be pleased to know the addresses of any well-to-do men of good habits and of between 25 and 40 years of age. He must be a Protestant. I would do all in my power to make a happy home should such a man present himself. Trusting that you will see fit to insert this letter and that it may attract the attention of some worthy man.

"Gobbles."

Feggy Gets Busy.

Reston, Man., Nov. 14th, 1906. Editor.—Please forward enclosed letter to "Tom Thumb". Will you kindly send me the address of some other good steady marriageable gentleman.

"Feggy."

Your Wish our Pleasure.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 21, 1907. Editor.—Please address the enclosed letter to "Bachelor O. K.," Spring Lake, Alta., whose letter appeared in October issue. Your W. H. M. is an interesting magazine and is much appreciated by our family.

"Edie."

We Sent Him Your Letter.

Denton, Man., Jan. 1907. Editor.—A bachelor from Moose Jaw, writing in your October number wants a fine Protestant young lady. Kindly forward him the enclosed letter and oblige.

"Jennie."

We Cannot Comply with Your Request.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 17, 1907. Editor.—I kindly send me the name and address of "Canadian Bachelor," "Bachelor No. 5" from Oxbow, who is desirous of corresponding with a few good ladies.

"A Northern Rose."

Address the Young Ladies through Us.

Didsbury, Sask., Jan. 14, 1907. Editor.—Please send me the names of "Brown Eyes" and "Western Girl No. 7," whose letters appeared in your September number.

"Cactus Ike."

Letter Forwarded, Jim.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 16, 1907. Editor.—Please mail the enclosed letter to one signed "Milestone, Sask."

"Big Jim."

He's Got Your Letter, Kitty.

Reston, Man., Jan. 12, 1907. Editor.—Please forward my letter to "Bachelor O. K.," Spring Lake, Alta., and oblige.

"Kate Claxton."

Letter Sent On.

Ponoka, Alta., Jan. 20, 1907. Editor.—Please forward enclosed letter to "The Real Wheat," Radisson, Sask., and oblige.

"Ponoka Belle."

"Right in Line" Got your Missive.

White Brush, Jan. 15, 1907. Editor.—Enclosed find stamped letter. Please send it to the correspondent signing herself "Right in Line," and oblige.

"Big Alex."

Cannot Have too much Love in the Home.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 12, 1907. Editor.—I have enjoyed for some time your excellent magazine, and read with pleasure some of the sensible and interesting letters in your correspondence columns. But they have been so silly and empty that if they portray the character of the writer they had better remain single all their days for the good of humanity.

Marriage is too sacred a thing to trifle with. Men, as a rule, care too little for their wives and wives care too little for their husbands. The wife is looked upon as something to keep things right in the home but must look for no returns in the way of kind words and helpfulness from her lord and master. He comes home expecting to be served dinner. And sometimes, poor woman, all she gets in return for her labor of love is a scowl and harsh words. Who could meet a man like that with a smile? Not an angel from heaven. I, for my part, would prefer the company of beasts in the field. Double harness isn't the easiest thing to get along in. Little misunderstandings will come up and loving forbearance on both sides is needed to make things run smoothly. We cannot have too much love in the home life; I mean love expressed in words and deeds. The husband's place and duty is to help in all the ways he can to make life and home pleasant and to ever fill it with his sympathetic presence. Let a man be sure the woman of his choice is loving and gentle and a home-lover. Never waste your time with the girl that is insolent and selfish with her own. She will be the same with you when she gets you. No matter how gentle and sweet she may appear beforehand. Be in no hurry to decide, but when you do decide, remember you two are one and give to your wife all you expect, yes, demand of her purity

gentleness and faithfulness. Love will never go begging from such a home. Wishing every success to your excellent magazine.

"Blue Bell No. 5."

Widows with 14 Children Need not Apply.

Condie, Sask., Jan. 11, 1907. Editor.—While reading the pages of your valuable paper I chanced to see that a great many of your readers take great pleasure in your correspondence columns. In most of the letters our poor bachelors are the leading subject of discussion. I would like to say a word about the bachelors of this district. They are not the coarse, rough bunch of drunkards that some of the fair sex call some of us. They should not judge all alike if they find one who is fond of the jug-guise. They should not condemn us all. I think in the course of a few years there will be no unmarried man in this Great West. I think if the Dominion Government would (for an additional \$10) give a wife with every homestead it would not be long before every vacant homestead would be taken. This awful batching difficulty might be overcome if some of those blue-eyed maids like "Jane Eyre" and "Manitoba Daughter," would get busy and answer some of those broken-hearted bachelors' letters. If any care to waste a two cent stamp on me, I'll be on deck with the goods. Widows with over fourteen children need not waste postage stamps on this chick. Wishing this column every success.

"Handy Andy."

Seems a Good Sort.

Didsbury, Alta., Jan. 18, 1907. Editor.—Though not a subscriber of your valuable paper, I am a constant reader. My pal "Batch" on the adjoining quarter gives me the reading of his W. H. M. as we exchange many in that way. Have read with interest letters from subscribers and friends in your correspondence columns and though did not at first think much of it, have changed my mind, so have taken it upon myself with the hope that I may become acquainted with some one who would be willing to take me as a partner for better or worse in life. I am a Nova Scotian, ex-sailor, volunteer soldier (am yet a volunteer), in fact have had a trial at most everything, but have concluded to settle here. Am 27 years of age, 6 feet high, 170 pounds, not bad looking and have a good homestead for a start. Do not drink, smoke some, am honest and want a change from this batching. Would like to correspond with "Only a Western Girl," "Practical Girl," "Prairie Girl." If they will write and give me their addresses, or if their addresses are sent me, I will write them. Do not want a slave; want a wife as a helpmate, that between us might make a happy and comfortable home. Thanking you in advance for whatever you could do for me and hoping you will be able to publish this, I will close.

"An Alberta Bachelor."

A Lassie Wants Home of Her Own.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 2, 1907. Editor.—I am anxious to correspond with some good honest young man with the intentions of settling down for life in a home of my own. I am 19 years of age, am 5 feet, 1 inches tall and weigh 132 pounds. My hair is dark, my eyes are blue and I am said to be fairly good looking. I have had a good education and hold a teacher's certificate. I am a good cook and fond of housework. I can play the organ and piano and am very fond of singing. I like farm life very much and am fond of horses and stock. I have not had much experience milking cows but am willing to learn. I would like to correspond with some honest energetic young man. If the right kind of a man comes along, I am in the market and mean business.

"Prince Albert Lassie."

A Long-Winded Gent.

Innisfail, Alta., Jan. 16, 1907. Editor.—I read and enjoy your magazine very much and am especially interested in the correspondence columns. I am a young man yet well under 30 and though not yet in such dire necessity of a wife as some of the correspondents appear to be it would be more pleasure than toil to correspond with some young lady for pastime and perhaps something more. In appearance I am tall, of light or blond complexion, with grey eyes and dark hair, of a philosophical turn of mind, so palmists say, good natured, but have a temper away back some place if one goes far enough to find it. I do not at present use tobacco or liquor of any kind, but intend starting to smoke for company. If a man can't please himself when he is batching, when can he? Not when he is married, I'm sure. The married couple never existed that each one pleased themselves in everything. One thing I do draw the line at, is using profane language, and it disgusts me to hear another use it, especially a boy who is trying to be important. Of course, there is reason at times, as I don't think the man lives who could work with lazy horses and stubborn cattle year in and year out and not bless them at times. The thing is to try and always keep your expressions fit for the ear of a woman. How often have I heard a vulgar expression slip out in the presence of a woman when the person forgot himself, when it would have

been impossible to have to keep the slips a copy have any or the wife make the and so on. I say of the other harvest the lazy c on the oth first, has dishes, kn last and n think "a getting u and often taking a toast up rises later novels th sir; a fel that is a parties do it might n life. And sun twos. On team, nor of one st terest out endeth the Should forward wishing to will find you every

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been impossible if he never used the same language outside. Sorry to say we are not the only sufferers in this way. It is regrettable weakness, is as hard or harder to get rid of than drinking or smoking.

You see, batching away, with no woman to talk to and no pastime but the fiddle, a paper or a book, gives one a good opportunity to thresh out the problems of life. Now, for instance, I have to come to the conclusion that marriage and love is about all that keeps the world running. Of course, it slips a cog now and then, but not often. That is just when the husband fails to have any wood cut to cook dinner with, or the wife in her hurry, forgets to make the bed and the man retires first and so on.

I say each one has a right to help the other. If the man works late in the harvest time, the woman ought to milk the lazy cows, feed the pigs, etc. But on the other hand, the man, if through first, has a right to help wash the dishes, knead a batch of bread or sit up last and finish baking it. But I do not think "a good husband" constitutes getting up and doing all the chores, and often getting his own breakfast, taking a cup of coffee and a plate of toast up to an able-bodied woman, who rises later to smoke cigarettes and read novels through most of the day. No, sir; a fellow might better batch; and that is a true instance. Batching has a great many advantages but if both parties do what is right by the other, it ought not to hold a candle to married life.

And sure it is, the world goes by twos. One horse does not make a team, nor a stick a fire. The fire made of one stick will go out, like the interest out of a bachelor's life. Here endeth the first lesson.

Should you see fit to publish this, and forward any correspondence, anyone wishing to exchange words with me will find me quite willing. Wishing you every success.

"Only One of the Many."

A Defense of the Farmer.

Carroll, Jan. 26, 1907.

Editor.—I am a reader of your excellent magazine and have become somewhat interested in the correspondence. To see so many letters from the fair sex would lead one to believe that marriageable women were plentiful in this Western country and what surprises me is that there are so many bachelor farmers. The chief reason is that many girls in this country prefer working in the towns and choosing husbands from the town counter-jumpers and sports rather than staying on the farm. One of your writers in the July number, "Youthful Manitoban," by name, expresses to a certain extent the feeling of a good many girls. They seem to think that farmers are too common and slow for them, but I would like to remind the girls that the farmers are the backbone of this country and the bachelors are the shining lights amongst the farmers. They are the best there is, for a man requires an inexhaustible amount of patience and perseverance to work a farm and to do housework at the same time. The town-folks are simply working for the farmers and most of them are no good on a farm. I think if Y. M. was to go out amongst some of these wild, rough, poky, old bachelors she speaks about and sing and play the piano to them, she might work wonders to soothe the savage beast, but I will venture to say that before she went far she would find out that larger and warmer hearts beat in the farmers' tattered cot and scaly skin than can be found under the broadcloth and polish of the rich bankers and merchants and other city-bon tons, and would be anxious to join hands with one of them and share his joys and sorrows for life. Now, girls, get wise when you see a young farmer industrious and trying to make a comfortable home, get a string on him and if you are fortunate to become his wife you will have a happier life on the farm breathing fresh air and getting exercise doing honorable work than being crowded up in a town or city with nothing to do but put on airs and style. I am a farmer and not ashamed of it if I do keep bachelors' hall but am not too old to get married, out would not like to marry by corresponding only. It would not be fair to either party, but might do for a start, so if any of the young ladies wish to write to me I would be very much pleased to hear from them.

"An Observer."

"Square Deal" After the Girls.

Lacombe, Jan. 2nd, 1907.

Editor.—Your paper is of special interest to the public because of its matrimonial chat and I should like to add a word. I see letters from married young women and some of them seem to be of the right stamp. Like all other young men I have an ideal which I should like to find in a young lady before contemplating marriage. In the first place I want a wife whom I can love above all other women and who can love me more than she can love any other man, for when love fills the heart of man and wife many an obstacle can be overcome which might cause conflict under other circumstances. I appreciate neatness of dress, care of toilet, witicism, cheerfulness, love for the home, ability to sew, cook, play the piano and converse on ordinary topics of the day, and I should take pride in one that can milk a cow if needful and handle a horse. And more than

this, I regard as most important of all a love for God and humanity. I should esteem unusually high the young lady whose words know no sting and who would rather crucify her own feelings than say something unkind to hurt another. I do not honor the dancing kind who are charmed with such cheap performances, but I'd like one who loves pastimes and leisure hours, who can throw her work to one side and say, "Let us have a little recreation today." "Work while you work and play while you play" is a good motto to follow. I should like to correspond with a young lady who is in touch with real life, who knows how to be happy and how to make others happy. I somehow like the enthusiasm of the young lady from Strathcona who signs "A Strathcona Canuck," and the good sense of "Practical Girl," Lytton, B. C. If they are noble and womanly in spirit I should like to make their acquaintance.

Husband Should Trust Wife.

Alberta, Jan. 12, 1907.

Editor.—I find in your correspondence page this month several interesting letters. I like the one signed "Another Disgusted One." They certainly cannot be sure of what they are getting and it seems too much like a lottery to me. A wife certainly should do all she can to help her husband, but if she is looked upon as a piece of machinery she will eventually wear out as machinery does. I am sure I would do without an apron all the remainder of my days rather than coax, even ask my husband for so slight a sum. I think that if a man cannot trust his wife he had better not marry her. "Milestone" seems to think that by drinking and gambling he can drown his loneliness, when, if he only knew it, he is making it a lot harder for himself. No one of any consequence can respect a drinking, gambling man. I have not much faith in the bachelors that say they neither smoke, chew, drink or use profane language. Indeed, if it is true, they are nearly ideal young men. But if they are ideal young men will they stand on the street corners and shout it out to the passers-by? I rather like the run of "Sportsman's" letter. He speaks of



Fat—"Woman's Exchange is it? An' a foine oidee it is. O'll jist be steppin' in. Its meself that ud be exchangin' me ould woman for a foine young wan."

"smoking and whisky that is indulged in to moderation." Perhaps he can indulge in such things moderately, but look at the many weaker brothers that he is leading on who may take a drink because he does and have no will power to quit it and at last end his existence in a drunkard's grave. I do not draw a line as to smoking, still I think the very safest place is to let the whisky entirely alone. He certainly intends to have a jolly life and I hope that he will not be disappointed. "Happy Joke" may have to wait a long time if he gets the one to his liking. Still there are more such girls as he desires in this world than he suspects. He is right in not admiring the "fickle, brainless lot," for they certainly are very tiresome. But perhaps he is not the only one taking the risk, I certainly hate a gossip, too, but I have seen gossiping men as well as women and they are most despicable to me. It is my opinion that if the girls of the West had higher standards of mankind and treated their boy friends more as brothers than beaux, this would be a happier, more sincere country.

"Alberta."

Cottonwood Heard From.

Cottonwood, Sask., Feb. 2, 1907.

Editor.—I read a letter in an old number of your magazine written by a lady who signs herself "Would marry but not anxious." She seems to be a good sort of girl and I would like to know her. "Jolly Girl," another correspondent, is another nice sort of writer. Could you give me her address? I enclose you my subscription for your excellent magazine.

"Cottonwood."

Oyster Writes.

Stratton Station, Jan. 28, 1907.

Editor.—Please forward letter enclosed to "No Cissy for her," in your September number.

"Oyster."

One from a Knight of the Cleaver.

Rocanville, Sask., Jan. 29, 1907.

Editor.—Please be good enough to forward enclosed letter to "Brown Eyes," "Butcher Boy."

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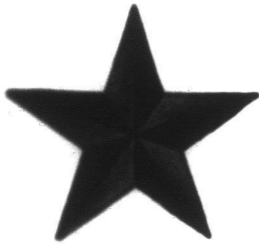
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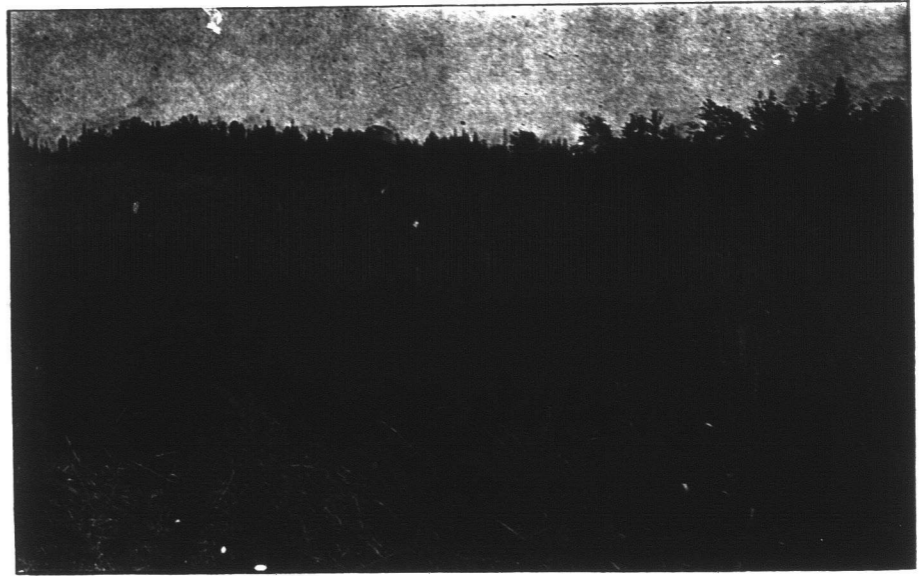
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How English Workmen Accept Marriage.

By IAN MACLAREN.

As it seemed my happy fortune to be much engaged in marrying, especially at the holiday season of the working people, the registrar of the district felt it was his duty to give me a word in season. Recognizing me as a general practitioner with an increasing circle, he warned me of a certain danger into which I might fall together with my patients, and the consequences of which were serious. He informed me that among a certain class of working people bigamy was by no means uncommon, and that sometimes both men and women, but especially the men, put a broad and generous interpretation on the marriage contract, and he even hinted that within a time little exceeding a year the same man would get married twice. It was suggested that a minister had better keep a watchful eye, and in the event of a bridegroom appearing twice before him within a short period inquire into the circumstances. And the registrar reinforced my conscience by reminding me that the penalty for a minister lending himself to the violation of law was transportation or something equivalent to that ancient punishment. Greatly quickened, partly by my zeal for morality, partly by reasonable

air of good humor, his general suggestion of gay recklessness corresponded with some photograph of the past that I was carrying in my memory. Could it be that this was one of those Don Juans in humble life against whom I had been warned? "James McKittrick," I said slowly, "do you know," and I leaned back in my chair and looked steadily at him, "that I have a notion that we have met before? More than that, McKittrick, unless I am much mistaken, you were in this room not more than a year ago—in this room, and with a marriage party." "It's a fact," he blurted out, and then a roguish expression came over his face. His figure filled again, and he thrust forward his head, and was himself once more. "In this room, as ye said," repeating my words with humorous intonation, "but as sure as death, the last time I was here, just eleven months ago, I was the best man." "Quite so, McKittrick," and I covered my retreat with what dignity I could. "I was certain we had met before. Yours is not a face one can forget." It was evident that the best thing to do was to hurry on with the ser-



A field of wheat on C. S. Akey's farm, north-west of Lacombe, Alta.

fear of consequences, I determined to watch with the eye of a detective every couple that came into my room bent on marriage, and to deal firmly with any miscreant I should discover. For some time no suspicious character appeared, and then, carried away by honest zeal, I narrowly escaped one of the most dangerous encounters of my life. They came into the room with emphasis—four people, as usual, the two lovers and the two witnesses, and the manner of the men and their strength suggested workers in iron. After a salutation, guarded on my part, for that registrar had saturated my mind with suspicion, and aggressive on their part, which was a shield wherewith to protect an unusual situation, they sat down in a row near the door, while I sat down at the table, with the light behind me and falling on their faces. Which is the proper arrangement in a study where you have to size people up and come to conclusions suddenly. "nose are your papers? Well, let me see that they are all right. You are James McKittrick?" The bridegroom indicated that he was, with some spirit and with the air of one who was entering a comedy. While already it appeared that he was regarded as a facetious, as well as a determined, person by the group. For some time I had been haunted with the idea that I had seen the bridegroom before, for his face was one you did not forget readily, and with every minute this idea was deepening into conviction. His broad chest, his strong legs and arms, his bell looks, his forward manner, his

vice, and I directed the four to stand up and take their places, a movement which Mr. McKittrick, who was now in great spirit, did his best to turn into a comedy, desiring to stand with the bride on one hand and the bride-maid on the other, and declaring his willingness to marry them both, which he said was the habit of Mohammedans. It was with great difficulty that I could get the company reduced to a fitting state of mind, and even after they were in their places, Mr. McKittrick was offering genial invitations to the bridesmaid to seize the opportunity, which caused both ladies much amusement. When it came to the vows, Mr. McKittrick acquitted himself with dignity, affirming everything with a voice that might have been heard in the street, and adding the gratuitous promise that he would keep his bride in order. Then, having done his own duty, he felt himself at liberty to assist me in mine when I put the question to Euphemia. "Obey, Phemie, ye hear that, and mind ye keep it. It's a wiselike promise," and he demanded to know whether it had been used in the garden of Eden, and without waiting for an answer, which he was not likely to get, he explained to his friend that if the woman had minded that word "obey" they might have been in the garden of Eden yet. Which showed that Mr. McKittrick had some knowledge of his bible, and also was a gentleman of considerable common sense, though too much carried away by light moods. During the signing of the papers the bridegroom wandered around the room examining the books

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and pictures with much interest, and various jocose commentaries, till he was brought to the table to sign his name. This sobered him, and he asked to be allowed to take off his coat, explaining that it was only in such easy undress he had any liberty with the pen. He also guided the pen not only with his hand, but with his tongue, and wrestled greatly with his surname, hesitating between two t's and one, and being in some doubt as to whether it looked better to write Mac or Mc—a fine point on which he consulted the company. Once he had accomplished McKittrick, the load lifted from his spirits and he had an easy mind.

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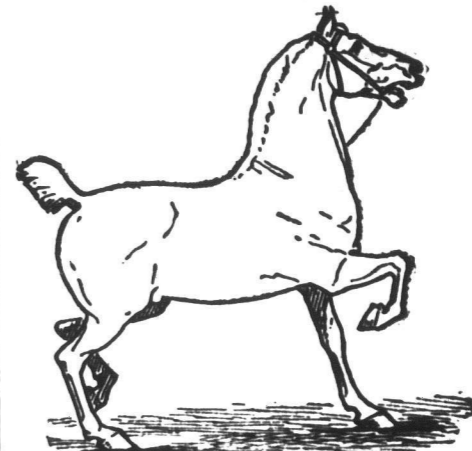
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From the backyard and wood pile of a young Winnipeg medical practitioner, in the year 1887, to the boards of the newly erected and modern Walker theatre is a far call, yet such is the step taken by Walter Brownlow, who takes the part of the American consul in the Savage Grand Opera Company production.

In 1883 a young Englishman arrived in this city in search of fortune and adventure. The boy had just broken and while there was lots of adventure, those who had acquired any fortune had departed in search of fresh pastures. With the bull dog perseverance of his race, the young man held on and went through all the trying times of the younger son who came to the country to find that there was no room for him, and he must get busy and do anything to keep alive. Taking a job with the Winnipeg Consolidated Mining Co. which was working a property at the Lake of the Woods, he worked there for months and when he thought that he had enough to enable him to seek a better position, he came to Winnipeg, only to find that his cheque was not negotiable. In the back yard of Dr. Sutherland he took a job cutting cord wood, and he did it well.

That young man was Walter Brownlow, the sweet-voiced singer who was discovered by the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, author and composer. After seeing life in the west, Mr. Brownlow went back to England with many stories of hardship and mining toil, and with the idea that this country was not the place for one of his temperament and education. Had any one told him that he would return with a first-class opera troupe he would have laughed, because at that time he was not aware that the qualities which made him a favorite singer among the nightingales and the powers of the west, would win the ear of so eminent a man as Sir Arthur Sullivan, and lead to his acquaintance with ultimate development as a vocal artist.

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Mrs. Higginson, who presided at the regular meeting of the Women's Musical Society, read a reply from Major Hanbury Williams to the message of condolence sent to their excellencies the Duke and Countess Grey upon their recent bereavement. Mrs. Higginson also gave a brief description of Saint Saens' "Danse Macabre" or "Dance of Death," played as a piano duet by Mrs. Grant and herself. The programme consisted of selections from French composers, and was as follows:

- Piano Duet—Danse Macabre... Saint Saens Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Higginson. Songs—(a) Obstinat... Fontenailles (b) Eleste... Massenet Mrs. Lyster, Sterling. (Violin obligato by Miss Simpson.) Piano—Les Sylphides... Chaminade Miss Louise Robertson. Violin Duos—(a) Pastorale... Godard (b) Forsaken... Godard (c) Serenade... Mrs. Sterling and Mrs. Riley. Songs—(a) Madrigal... Chaminade Miss Chevrier. (b) Ses Yeux... Chaminade Miss Boyd. Piano—Automne... Chaminade Miss Boyd. Song—L'Amour... Teresa del Riego Miss Winona Lightcap. Piano—Le reveil des fees (Etude) E. Prudent Mme. Beauchemin

Among those present were Mrs. Mathers, Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. Verhoeven, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. John Stovel, Miss Caldwell, Miss Robertson, Mrs. W. S. Grant, Mrs. Higginson, Mrs. Affleck, Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. A. D. Macdonald, Mrs. Dimbleby, Miss Young, Mrs. J. S. Mackenzie, Miss Briggs, Mrs. Stidson, Mrs. D. M. Walker, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Geo. Ryan, Miss Shurtloff, Mrs. Nares, Miss Landers, Miss Kilbourne, Miss Hargraff, Mrs. C. E. Dreyer, the Misses Fortune, Mrs. T. Kelly, Mrs. Wakeman, Mrs. E. S. Miller, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Robert Gallagher, Miss Weiss, Mrs. H. S. Patterson, Miss Holiday, Miss MacDowell, Mrs. Norman Lindsay, Mrs. F. W. Ellis, Mrs. Steven, Mrs. James Patterson, Miss Patterson, Miss Chown and many others.

Ellen Terry is still the delightful de-bonair creature of former days, the embodiment of mirthful spirit, and the realization of ideal grace in action. If time has dimmed her shining locks a little with a touch of sober gray, her smile has lost none of its brilliancy or witchery, her voice is as soft, clear, and musical, her form as lithe, and her step as light as ever. Her art, of course, is at its ripest. It was a constant gratification to watch the unstudied ease of her repose or the spontaneous aptness of her gesture, and to listen to each significant inflection of her flexible voice. The play itself, in which she was chosen to appear, made no demand upon her and offered but small opportunity for her finest powers, but the authority and skill with which she gave vitality and substance to a fanciful and impossible character denoted the great actress consummate artist.

Struss's "Salome" is recognized by the consensus of the most prominent critics of modern music as a monumental work, probably the greatest musical genius has produced in this generation. It has been performed in more than twenty European cities, and by many of the foremost concert organizations in which a strict standard of performance prevails. It is a composition to state that the flag of all operas is a subordinate to the text, and that what people go to hear is not the text but the music. A few of the operas of the classical school are based upon plots and legends of antiquity which would be as familiar to the masses if they were not as remote as the past. In the same way, Struss's "Salome" is a masterpiece of modern music, and it is a pleasure to hear it sung here in a form

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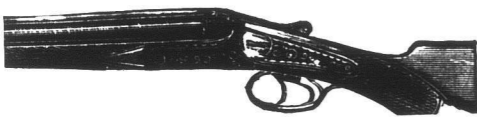
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By M. A. LANE.

Public sympathy and common humanity are periodically shocked by proposals of certain persons to chloroform or otherwise kill the inefficient members of society. Every now and then some fatuous and perfectly insane individual makes an address in which is advocated the deliberate murder of the diseased young, the diseased old, or the presumably vicious or incurably insane. The phenomenon sometimes takes the form of a proposal to pass a law refusing marriage licenses to all persons who cannot "pass a medical examination."

It is deemed a virtue among the Eskimos to slaughter the incompetent aged; and the Chinese, when their children are insupportably numerous, drown them. Deliberate murder is practised in the first case because of the scarcity of food, and in the second because of overpopulation — which amounts to the same thing. Among ourselves there is no such strong economic pressure, and therefore some of our reformers limit their advocacy of murder to the criminal and diseased.

Within the last few years numerous proposals of this kind have been made in America. A prominent educator a few years ago said that—all diseased children should be "put out of the way." More recently a clubwoman censured President Roosevelt for "encouraging large families among the poor"—as if the size of poor families could be influenced by President Roosevelt or by anybody else! But the most painful proposition was that of a "lady sociologist" who thought it would be a good thing to "kill the children of the slums."

All proposals of this kind are perfectly impossible. They are about as practicable. Where, in fact, are we to find the men who will do the killing? It is all very well to hold that it would be a good thing were thousands of babies, helplessly sick, and insane persons killed every day, but where will we find volunteers for the work of death? Who is to designate the individual to be "put out of the way"? Whose verdict will be final as to the incurability of the insane, the hopelessly vicious, and the hopelessly diseased child? Who could frame a law answering these questions to the satisfaction of the people, and what public official would be willing to earn his bread by killing his fellow men as animals are killed in great shambles?

Reformers who urge such crude methods of social purification, I often think, are themselves "degenerates." They are to be classified with the very persons whom they would remove. They may be well intentioned or may think they are, but to the vast majority of normally sympathetic persons they are frightful monstrosities.

Another type of reformer we hear much from is the person who advocates "medical examination" before permission to marry is granted. This kind of philosophy is so mildly insane as to be harmless. Those who advocate it, like the child killers, imagine that a law of that kind could be enforced by some mysterious power. They say that that "ought" to be done and that that "ought" to be done, but they never point out who is to do it. What legislature, for example, would pass a law forbidding marriage except after medical examination, and who will appoint the physicians who are to make the examinations? Who shall pass upon the qualifications of the doctors in question, and what shall be the last court of appeal—for doctors are notably given to disagreement in matters of fine diagnoses? The difficulties of good diagnoses are better known to physicians than to anybody else. Finally, how is the law to be enforced? The purpose of the law would be to prevent not legal or formal marriage, but actual marriage, and no law under the sun could prevent that.

Alas, no! The cure for the propagation of diseased and criminal human beings lies far afield from mere murder and empty statutes. It lies in a state of society from which poverty shall have been banished, in which there shall be no slums; in which children

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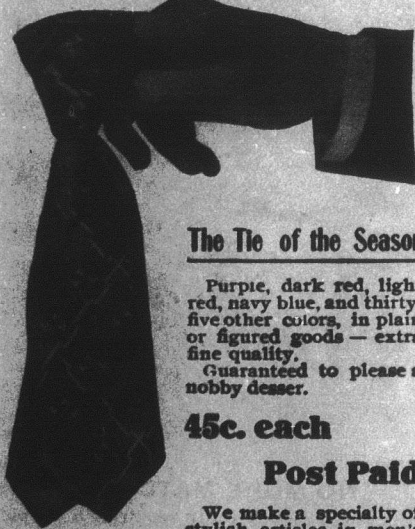
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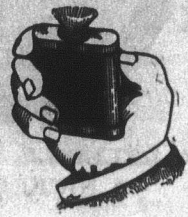
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By HELEN OLDFIELD.

Since men object to women who openly show them preference, and at the same time dislike those who snub them, pray what is a girl to do? "Avoid extremes. There is a medium in all things." "It is well to keep to the middle of the road, if one can." It is a far cry from running after a man to fleeing from him in aversion. But of the two extremes the dislike is for the woman who shows her own dislike; while few men care to be pursued, fewer still fail in at least contemptuous pity for the women who manifest their willingness to marry them before they are asked to do so. Moreover, men as well as women like to be well thought of; and no man but that thinks that she who admires him shows good taste and discretion in so doing. Indeed, in spite of the theory that man is the pursuer and the woman the pursued, the woman "who gets there" almost invariably is the one who understands how to hand out unlimited supplies of sympathy under the name of friendship and to show becoming surprise when the man to whom she burns incense invites her to a seat in the

The woman who every day meets a temple of his heart and home. As the saying goes, "it is all in knowing how."

man on common ground in business or in sport is not regarded by him with the "distant reverence" which old romances teach us that the devout lover of former days cherished for the lady of his heart. Perhaps, as we are but human beings, it is quite as well that we are more natural and more practical in our lovemaking nowadays. Women are no longer brought up to believe it scarcely short of a disgrace not to get married, neither are they instructed that it is a still greater disgrace to show the least sign of willingness to fulfil their destiny. A hundred years ago the woman who said "yes" to a suitor the first time of asking was held guilty of unmaidenly anxiety to be wed. Now, the man who asks a woman twice is rather the exception than the rule.

Every normally minded woman who is honest with herself must confess to her own heart, if to none other, that marriage, rightly understood, is the life for which she was intended and the one in which she would find the greatest and sweetest happiness for herself, even though a "career" might afford her a wider, perhaps a higher sphere. If, however, the right man fails to appear she is by no means unhappy. It does not occur to her to regard every marriageable man of her acquaintance as a probable lover, a possible husband; neither does she imagine that all men who seem interested in her conversation or who show a liking for her company are meditating a proposal of marriage which a ten minute tete-a-tete will bring forth surely.

Encouragement does not imply pursuit, and the woman who knows how can encourage a man without manifesting the least disposition to run after him. The woman who has tact can put herself in a man's way without seeming to do so, either to the man or, what is still more important, to others. One great fact which it behooves women to remember is this: "Words are witnesses." No one may help thoughts, but until the spoken word expresses them they are a secret between oneself and one's maker. The true feminine attitude is that of receptivity, which may or may not be passive, as circumstances first and inclination afterwards determine.

Some men, many of them the best, require all the encouragement one is capable of giving them. And when a man shows a disposition to make love to a woman, and she likes it, she may encourage him to do so, yet in no whit fail in maidenly modesty by so doing. The trouble is that men so often make love without serious intentions, and when they have cause to repent, like Adam are always ready

to blame the woman as the tempter. With most men an ample excuse for any amount of dalliance along the "primrose path" is that of the urchin in "The Kiss at School," "I kinder thought she wished me to." None can deny that the game of lovemaking is at best a delicate and dangerous game. When both players understand the rules and observe them, usually no harm is done, but too often one is in earnest while the other is not, and so somebody is forever getting hurt. Sometimes it is the man who mistakes a pleasant manner, a charming way, for the indications of a deeper feeling, but in most cases it is the woman. If she has "proper self-respect" she hides her hurt and never makes any fuss about it; nevertheless she suffers more or less, according to her calibre.

Men have a high respect for women who are able to take care of themselves in love affairs, and equally only contemptuous pity for those who cannot.

There is much in a name. A woman must not love a man until he loves her and tells her so. But she may admire him, flatter him, and show her liking for him in various ways so long as she does nothing to indicate that she is on matrimony bent. It is unmaidenly, indecorous, and unwomanly to set forth frankly and openly upon a husband hunt; nevertheless, it is not in the least unbecoming in the most modest of women to set snares, weave cages, and stroll into the woods with concealed weapons. Still-hunting, in short, is proper, and only unduly suspicious persons will conclude that the girl who takes a quiet walk in the park has designs upon the birds and beasts therein.

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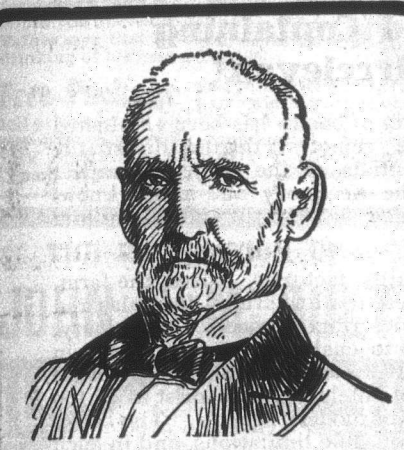
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She followed grandpa into the orchard, across the field, and down to the vegetable garden, questioning every step of the way.

"What do you grow all those things away for?" she asked one morning as grandpa was scattering something over the ground.

"Grandpa's planting seed," he said, "so that lots of good things will grow for you to eat."

"What kind of things?" asked Dorothy.

"Oh, peas and beans and melons," said grandpa.

On the dinner-table that noon there was a plate of seed-cookies; and, as Dorothy was eating one, she asked:

"What I bite my tooth on in this cooky, grandpa?"

Grandma laughed. "Maybe it's a caraway seed," she said.

"Is that what makes 'em grow?" asked Dorothy.

"I guess so," said grandma. Her little grand-daughter asked so many questions that she often answered at random.

Dorothy ate five cookies, and no one noticed that she picked out the seeds and laid them beside her plate.

An hour later she came into the house with a silver fork in one hand and grandpa's fritter turner in the other.

"Oh, grandma!" she cried. "I've planted 'em just like grandpa did. How soon will they grow?"

"Planted what, child?" grandma asked, looking at the little girl's white frock, which was badly soiled.

"Cooky seeds," said Dorothy, gleefully.

When grandpa heard of it he said: "It's too bad for the child to be disappointed. Have you any more cakes in the house, mother?"

Mrs. Crosby said that she gave the last one to Dorothy that morning.

In the afternoon the baker's cart stopped at Grandpa Crosby's door, and shortly after Dorothy ran excitedly into the house. "Oh, grandma!" she cried, greatly excited, "come out quick and see my cookies; they've growed up beautifully!"

Sure enough, there were six scalloped seed-cakes half way out of the ground in Dorothy's garden.

"But they didn't grow like your cookies, grandma," said Dorothy. "These have all got holes in 'em. Isn't it strange?"

And grandma thought it was very strange. "I think so, too, don't you?"

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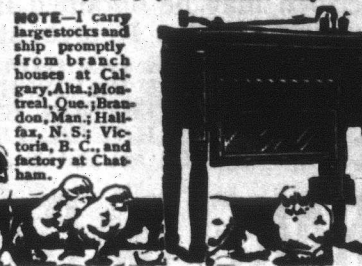
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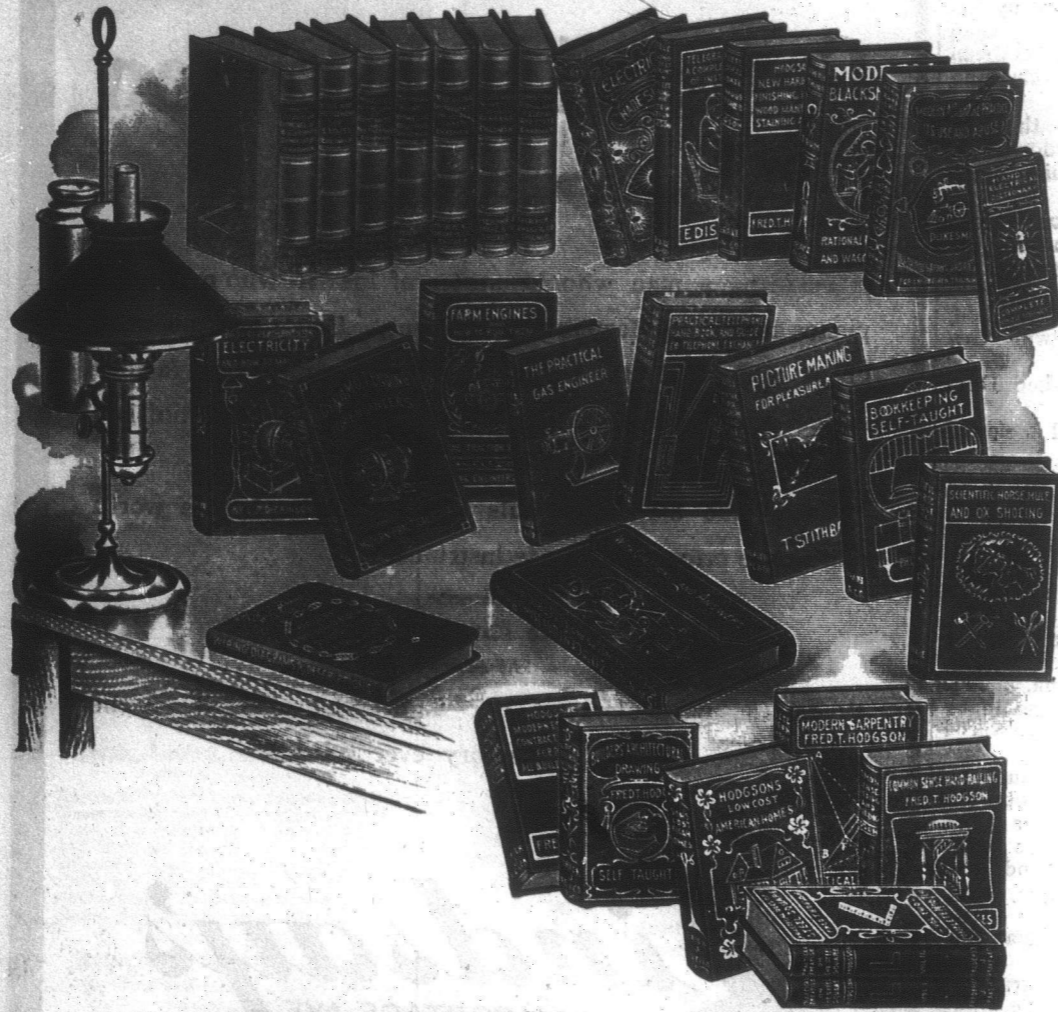
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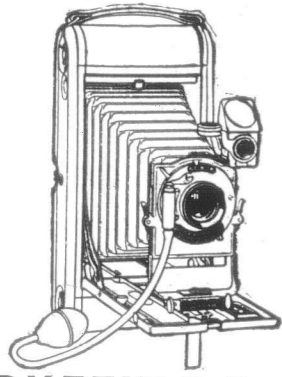
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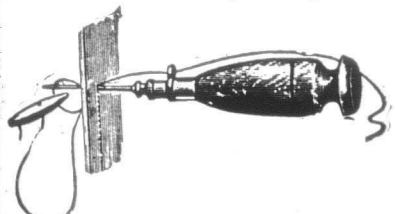
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Prof. Bobgiffson: The man who objected to having his school tax raised fifty cents in order to give the youth of the land better mental nourishment was a narrow-visioned, unworthy citizen of this country.

Ambassador Bryce: The present House of Lords is a superannuated relic from the feudal constitution of the middle ages; one might call it a grotesque anomaly in an otherwise popular Government.

Prof. Klipatriek: One part of the Hon. Frank Oliver's plea for Mormonism is that without Mormons southern Alberta would have remained for an interminable period an arid waste. Sir, I cannot believe so meanly of Canadians as this.

John Oliver Hobbes: Time answers questions by deadening all our faculties and sensations. I have been watching elderly men and women; they try to believe that they have gained wisdom. They have only lost the power of wondering.

Edward Brown, M. P.: I am a new man in politics—the elected head of a reorganized political party, and yet I stand here to assert that I do not regard myself as a politician. I conceive that every Canadian has duties that he owes his municipality, his province, his Dominion. I have been chosen by the people of my town to serve them as their chief executive.

Hon. E. P. Roblin: The Ottawa authorities have violated all fundamental rules and principles regarding the application of Manitoba, for enlargement, and I impeach them before the bar of public opinion. I charge them with despoiling Manitoba of that to which it is entitled, barring the way to its further growth and development, with despotism and deceit.

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Thomas A. Edison: For forty-five years I have been making experiments with electricity. But all those years I have been turning these experiments over to commercial value so fast that I have not had a chance to play with electricity for the fun of the thing, just to see how much I can find out about it. But from tomorrow on, I am going to give up the commercial end of it and work in my laboratory purely as a scientist. That will be the pleasure I have long been promising myself.

Henry O. Marcy, M. D.: Dr. Ennis, of the University of Heidelberg, has declared that over fifty per cent. of all accidents occurring on the German railroads are due to the bewilderment of the operatives who have used stimulants, and that, if total abstinence only were employed, the expense of managing the road would be reduced very greatly. Such action is fundamental and far-reaching, since, for generations, the German has conscientiously believed that his beer was advantageous in the development and strengthening of both his mental and physical powers.

Sir Daniel McMillan: Mr. Walker's achievement. This theatre as it stands complete to-night far surpasses the greatest expectations of Mr. Walker's greatest admirers. In the past Mr. Walker has brought to this city a high-class dramatic entertainments, but he has now presented us with a theatre which is splendid in its proportions, almost making one dizzy to look at the top of the gallery. It is beautiful in its decoration, magnificent in its appointments and contributing in every way to the comfort of the people.

President Woodrow Wilson: Patriotism, properly considered, is not a mere sentiment; it is a principle of action, or rather, it is a fine energy of character and of conscience operating beyond the narrow circle of self-interest. Every man should be careful to

have an available surplus of energy over and above what he spends upon himself and his own interests, to spend for the advancement of his neighbors, and of his people, of his nation.

Andrew Carnegie: I believe with Mr. Gladstone, who said that the income tax made a nation of liars. There is no tax so pernicious, not only from an economic but from a moral point of view, as a tax that requires the struggling young business man, fearful whether the bank directors will pass his note for one thousand dollars tomorrow, to be compelled to explain all his private business to some man in the community who may himself be a bank director or who is connected with the banks.

Hon. Robt. Bagers: Therefore I appeal for your verdict in all confidence, and I am satisfied, I am sure that no patriotic citizen of this country who has at heart the true interest of the province will by his vote in the coming election sign away for ever, forever destroy the last chance, the last vestige of hope of our obtaining from the reluctant hands of the federal authorities that measure of justice which is rightfully ours.

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S. E. Crockett: I had a conversation not long ago in connection with my literary labors with an old goodwife among the hills. "As far as you have gotten?" "I informed my questioner that up to the present time of asking I like it fairly well. "An dae ye leave on bullocks?" "I intimated that so far I had not taken advantage of the Bankruptcy Acts. "Aweel, aweel," said Mary. "There's mony a shift in this warl."

Hall Caine: Love is the one lovely thing in life. It is beauty, it is poetry. Call it passion if you will—what would the world be like without it? A place where every human heart would be an island standing alone; a place without children, without joy, without merriment, without laughter. No, no. Heaven has given us love, and we are wrong when we try to put it away. We cannot put it away; and when we make an attempt we are punished for our pride and arrogance.

Mark Twain: Mrs. Eddy's known and undisputed writings are very limited in bulk; they exhibit no depth, no analytical quality, no thought above school-composition size, and but juvenile ability in handling thoughts of even that modest magnitude. She has a fine commercial ability, and could govern a vast railway system in great style; she could draft a set of rules that Satan himself would say could not be improved upon for devilish effectiveness—by his staff; but we know, by our excursions among the Mother-Church's by-laws, that their English, would direct the deputy baggage-smasher. I am quite sure that Mrs. Eddy can not write well upon any subject, even a commercial one.

Prof. Wm. Lyon Phelps: The ignorance of college students of Biblical literature is universal, profound and complete. The students at Harvard and Yale, different as they are in many respects from their brothers in small colleges, resemble them closely here. If all the under-graduates in America could be placed in one room, and tested by a common examination on the supposedly familiar stories of the Old Testament, I mean on such instances as Adam, Eve, and the Garden of Eden, Noah, Samson, David and Goliath, Moses and Pharaoh, the results would be a magnificent contribution to American humor.

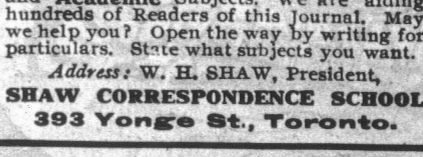
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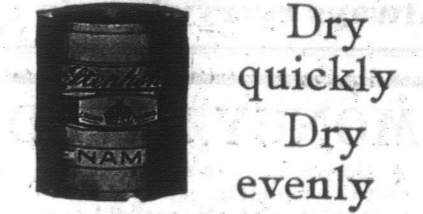
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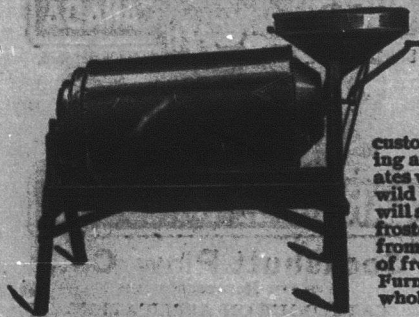
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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

WHO IS KING TO-DAY? During the French Revolution when every day brought forth something new and no one could predict just what would be the next turn in the wheel of fortune, Greuse, the painter, as he took his seat at the breakfast table, would address his daughter with a pleasant "Good morning," and then add "And who is King to-day?" Among all the changing circumstances of life it is well to know what are the crowned certainties of life. Love, Truth, Purity, Character,—these are throne-words. They reveal the fundamentals. Kings die and thrones crumble, but main.

RECREATION WITHOUT TEMPTATION. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." So runs the rhyme, and there is much truth in the adage. Pleasure has its place and there are amusements which are legitimate. But pleasure is not the business of life and amusement must be regulated to the spare moments in order to be most beneficial. Dr. Thomas Arnold, of Rugby, one of the truest friends of youth and education which England ever produced, on one occasion laid down this law to the boys in his class: "If your pleasures are such that they seriously prejudice your next day's duties, if your pleasures are such that the main business and interest of your life should suffer in consequence, they have ceased to be pleasures, and they have become revellings."

PLUNGE IN. One of the fine arts of life is the art of making a beginning. When the atmosphere is warm and the water looks cold, the swimmer hesitates for a moment. The more he thinks about the temperature the less likely is he to venture. Poised on a rock and stripped for the water, his success depends on one thing, namely—a plunge! You will shiver on the rock, if you remain there long enough. Plunge in! The water is not so cold as it looks. Make a beginning. Those letters must be written—write them! That speech must be prepared—get your books down! Your friend must be called upon—get your coat on! Make a beginning. Look you difficulties straight in the face. Do the unpleasant duty first. As Emerson has said, "Do the thing which you are afraid to do." Better look for the difficulty than allow the difficulty to look for you. Look your troubles in the face and many a difficulty will turn on its heel and leave you. Fear is the only thing to be afraid of. Turn your face toward the enemy and he will, nine times out of ten, turn his back to your face. Be brave! Plunge in!

MISSING THE MARK. When the young theological student entered the private study of Charles H. Spurgeon and complained of poor success in his attempts to evangelize the world, Mr. Spurgeon looked up and remarked: "Why you don't expect to have conversions every time you preach, do you?" "Of course not," said the young theological student. "Ah," said the great preacher, "There is the cause of your failure." Men usually get what they aim for and persistently expect. The preacher who aims for conversions and expects conversions will get what he aims for. "Some men aim at nothing—and hit it," as one philosopher has said. "Want of aim was the great mistake in my life," said Robert Burns. It is said that in the average military conflict it takes one hundred pounds of lead to kill one man, because ninety-nine pounds and fifteen ounces of it is wasted in wild firing. We are living in a day when the world demands science in all things. The time for mob-ology and wild firing has gone by. Learn to take aim. Discover how to "hit the mark," if you waste a barrel of bullets in the effort. The sharpshooter wastes no ammunition in futile attempts. He picks his man and makes every bullet tell. Give us the saint who prays and looks for an answer, the preacher who preaches and expects results, and the business man who brings things to pass.

BE PRACTICAL. Theory should be tested on the anvil of fact. The vital question concerning any new plan or scheme is, "How does it work?" Visionary people may make first class poets, but they make exceedingly poor business men. The

stars are beautiful and the study of astronomy is said to be beneficial, but business transactions usually take place where your feet touch the earth. A friend who resides in Washington informs me that the Patent Office is frequently visited by men who have a new plan or scheme, an invention for the solution of the mystery of "perpetual motion." They never argue with such a man. They simply say to him "you must bring a working model." Working model—that's what the world asks for.

CLEAN CONVERSATION. An unclean story is unclean and therefore unhealthy; unclean and therefore unmanly, unchristian—unchristian, unkind, uncalled for and absolutely beneath the dignity of any man who claims to be either a christian or a gentleman. For solid companionship give me the man of sober thought, sweet breath and clean lips. Away with the man who offers to tell you "the best story he has ever heard," which usually turns out to be the worst story you ever heard. Oh, for men of clean lips! A daily companion of Walt Whitman, who knew the poet when he lived in the city of Washington, asserts that he never heard him utter a word which could not have been used to his mother. Curtis Guild, the Governor of Massachusetts, says concerning Theodore Roosevelt, that for years he was the constant companion of young Roosevelt and that he could truly say that he never heard him use an unclean word or suggest an impure thought. "Are there any ladies present?" was the question addressed to a famous American general by a thoughtless gossip who was ready to launch an unclean incident. The answer was suggestive and conclusive: "No, sir. But there are gentlemen present."

HOW TO STAND CRITICISM. No man can avoid criticism. If you succeed you will be criticised. If you fail you will be criticised. No matter how well you do your work, some neighbors will grow eloquent informing the world how you might have easily surpassed yourself. Criticism is the cloud-dust thrown up by the chariot wheels of success. If you cannot stand being "talked about," you had better remain cosy and comfortable in your nest. The world insists and persists in talking about the man who is strong enough to assert himself. Listen to the noble words of General U. S. Grant: "It was just that way in war time. I didn't do as well as might have been done. A great many times I didn't do as well as I was trying to do. Often I didn't do as well as I expected to do. But I had my plans and was trying to carry them out. They called me "Fool" and "Butcher;" they said I didn't know anything and hadn't any plans. But I kept on, and they kept on, and by and by Richmond was taken, and I was at Appomattox Court House, and then they couldn't find words enough to praise me."

"Then he returned to present days, in his quiet soliloquy: "I suppose it will be so now. In spite of mistakes and failures I shall keep at it. By and by we'll have specie payments resumed, reconstruction will be complete, good feeling will be restored between the North and the South; we shall be at Appomattox again,—and then I suppose they'll praise me."

GOOD LOOKS NOT ESSENTIAL. Samuel Johnson, the old philosopher, was exceedingly homely. Oliver Goldsmith had a face which was pit-marked. The face of Abraham Lincoln was gaunt and his form awkward. George Whitefield, the greatest pulpit orator of modern times had a cast in one eye. Talmage possessed a mouth so broad in its smile and so marvelous in its evolution that no ordinary mortal could sleep while the great Brooklyn divine was manipulating his jaws. Ben. Butler was the happy owner of a head, the phrenological organs of which would have afforded any student of phrenology ten years of fruitful study and a face which was a surprise and contradiction. Mirabeau, the French statesman, had a face which was clothed in deformity but Dr. John Lord, the historian, affirms that no woman could

resist his powers of fascination. Let the awkward and homely boy cheer up. He may grow to be both handsome and beautiful, or if such good fortune is not laid up in store for him by the hand of destiny, he may develop such superior powers of mind and such tremendous force of will and strength of character that a cast in the eye, a mole on the face, or a twist in the anatomy will make little or no difference.

THE SIMPLICITY OF GREAT MEN. The truly great man is always unassuming in his personality. He is not anxious that you should recognize the fact that he is "great." The real truth is that he is not, as a rule, conscious of his own pre-eminence among the children of men. The fact that he has achieved fame or risen above his fellow mortals is not discoverable either by the garments worn or the style assumed. He poses for what he is and not for what he is worth. Daniel Drew on an East River boat looked so much like one of the deck hands that when somebody asked the millionaire "Do you belong to this boat?" he modestly replied, "No, sir! But this boat belongs to me." Wm. Carey, when dining with the Governor General of India, heard somebody remark to the Governor: "Carey was a shoemaker at one time, was he not?" "No, sir," interjected Carey with a smile, "not a shoemaker, only a cobbler." A mechanic who was working on the Cooper Institute building in New York City, finding it necessary to use an unsteady ladder, turned to a modest old gentleman standing near by and exclaimed: "Here, old fellow, hold this ladder for me." The "old fellow" did what he was requested to do. The mechanic, in the meantime, being all the while conscious of the fact that the "old fellow" was none other than Peter Cooper himself. Darwin, the scientist, said that when Wm. E. Gladstone visited his home "he sat yonder in that chair, and talked just like you or me." Exactly, "just like you or me"—there's the badge of true greatness. The great man is not always recognized. His wearing apparel is not striking or conspicuous. He is robed in the garments of simplicity.

READING AN HOUR A DAY. This is a busy age. Books abound but business is pressing. The pressure of commercial cares crowd out the day and duties of a social sort steal away our evening hours and the years roll on, leaving us to report small progress in the matter of mental improvement. How shall we solve the difficulty? When shall we read and study and think. The daily newspaper very often becomes a snare. Its headlines are striking, its advertisements alluring and its news items rich and spicy; but no sane man regards the newspaper as a fair substitute for solid reading. There is nothing like a solid book for brain fertilization,—a solid book and an hour a day, is a good blend and a first class combination. Frederick W. Robertson, the great Brighton preacher, declared in one of his letters that "one hour a day of really hard reading, pursued for a definite purpose, is far more valuable than two or three hours of desultory reading, in which no distinct and deliberate aim is implied." Henry Ward Beecher affirmed that a proper use of his spare moments, properly applied, had given him a fair grasp of the grand characters and great events of history. Let your motto be "An Hour a Day for Solid Reading."

FRIENDSHIP. Friendship is one of the finest words in any language. It is the master relationship. In its purity and in its highest forms it is neither tainted by passion or cursed by sensualism. It stands for religion in its highest manifestation for Abraham Lincoln was spoken of as "a friend of God." It reveals Christianity in its personal aspect for the author of Christianity once said "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." It is the foundation of all true happiness in the realm of love, home and marriage. Tennyson, in writing to his wife always addressed her as "my dear friend." Think of the splendid friendships of history: David and Jonathan, St. Augustine and his mother Monica, Charles Dickens and his daughter, Lord Byron and his sister, (Ada, my sister, my child," were his last words.) Whitefield and the Countess of Huntingdon, Luther and Melancthon, and Francis Willard and Lady Henry W. Somerset. "The Friendships of History"—what a suggestive title for a volume. Civilization rests on the state. The state rests on the individual. The individual is the product of the home. The home is built on the foundation of character. Character is molded by our friendships, companionships and associations.



What the World is Saying

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The Boundary Question.

Far transcending and overshadowing, however, all other issues and questions for your consideration, is that of the enlargement of the present cramped and inadequate area of Manitoba. It strikes at the very heart and vitality of the province, and a verdict of the people will, undoubtedly, irrevocably determine whether Manitoba is to become a great and important part of the confederation of Canada, or remain a mere speck on the map of the northwest. The question is one above party considerations and ambitions, and calls for immediate and patriotic action. The request for enlargement has been incessant for many years; has been admitted to be a reasonable one, and yet is unheeded, and obstacles are placed in the way of its consummation by the Ottawa authorities, and devices and trickery are employed to that end. Other provinces are invited to lay claim to the territory to which Manitoba is entitled. The province of Saskatchewan has even been promised all the Keewatin territory north of the Nelson river. Ontario claims the inclusion of a large tract of territory on the other side, and the intention appears to be to toss to Manitoba the remaining fragments, if any, and to shut it out from a port on Hudson's Bay.—Hon. R. P. Roblin.

The Use of Learning.

Learning for learning sake—it is the key to a career. I do not mean that every person who has learning simply gains success, but I do say that, other things being equal, the man who is penetrated with the spirit of the scholar has a far better chance in the race of life than the man not so penetrated. And, further, no man can be penetrated with the true spirit of the scholar who has not sought learning for learning's sake. In this country the development of higher education is becoming very marked. New universities have arisen, and there has been a considerable development in university colleges. On all hands opportunities for higher education are increasing. Speaking as a public servant, assisted by that organization of public servants, I tell you that the key to excellence—and I measure excellence by the help I receive—is the higher learning of those with whom I come in contact. I do not mean that they are mathematicians, or logicians, or men of science during the time in which I dealt with them, but they have been mathematicians and men of science in the past.—Right Hon. Robt. Haldane.

Professional Degeneracy.

It is not the pulpit, but it is other professions which have lost prestige in recent years. The law has been all but prostituted by the ablest men of the bar selling their talents and influence to corporations and to causes which are inimical to public well-being. There have been comparatively few lawyers of the large calibre whose services have not been at the command of

men whose purpose it has been to exploit the public, and sometimes to exploit the government. The fact that these lawyers have been honored by election to judicial positions and thus become quasi-public servants for life does not deter them from accepting retainers from "interests" that are quasi-criminal in their depredations in commerce and politics. Indeed, lawyers who are still in public office, notably in the United States Senate, see no impropriety in acting as the advocates of "interests" which the executive arm of the government is constantly trying to bring to justice. Present-day editors do not lack literary ability so much as they lack a deep moral purpose. They fritter away their talents on topics of trivial interest, or, if they rise to the heights of a moral crusade, their weapon of offense is less likely to be the pen than the muck-rake. Or, if the pen, they use it in a manner to arouse the suspicion that the purpose behind the pen is not moral reform, but business advantage, or, to speak in terms of the trade—a circulation boom.—Home Herald.

Public Institutions.

Public institutions are very righteous things upon the assumption always, that they are really public. The trouble with most of these things in the modern world is that they are not in the proper sense public; they do not represent the whole or the great preponderance of the community. There is only one public institution which is in its atmosphere really democratic; only one public institution that is in its appeal really public; and that is the public house. There is no single instance of our other public institutes, from the hospitals at the one end to the Royal Academy at the other, of which you can say that they bear the stamp of the actual mind of the majority of the English people.—G. K. Chesterton.

Lord Strathcona, the Energetic.

What a wonderful old man is Lord Strathcona. In 1885, twenty-two years ago, when he drove that golden spike, he was as white as he is now, and looked well nigh as old. On his last visit to Montreal, that of a few days ago, there was still spring in his step; energy in every movement. He hopped in and out of a sleigh like a man of thirty-five. During his short visit to Montreal, a stay of a few days only, he saw more people, went to more functions of a public or semi-public character, than the average man does in six months; and besides he had time to attend to his own business; be interviewed by a half dozen newspaper men, and shake the hands of hundreds of his old friends. To a newspaper writer there never was a man more easy of access than Lord Strathcona, and at the same time he is a most difficult man to interview, inasmuch as he always allows the interviewer to do the talking. First thing one knows His Lordship is asking the questions and the interviewer is doing his best to answer. How the weather has been? What are the reports from the last storm in the West? Is Mr. So-and-so still about? He runs on until finally you think there is an opening, and the question is launched thus: "My Lord, are the people of England really in earnest respecting the abrogation of the powers of the House of Lords?" or any of a half dozen other equally interesting questions of the day. The old man has apparently not heard, for he says in a fatherly sort of way: "Fond of flowers? come into the conservatory and see mine. Fine roses, those, beautiful, look at the coloring; and how sweet they are." Try it again with no better result, and finally you come away, with little "copy," but an ever increasing respect for the sagacity of Lord Strathcona.—Saturday Night.

Prof. Kilpatrick on Mormonism.

With regard to the Mormon system, I believe it is worthy of condemnation for two reasons; first, it maintains as a religious belief a principle—polygamy—which is held to be immoral by the overwhelming majority of the people of the United States of America and of the Dominion of

Canada, the application of which would be held as a crime under Canadian law. This religious belief, together with the duty of carrying it out, when conditions make this possible, is taught in the Mormon text books and is preached in the Mormon congregations. Mr. Oliver wisely states that the government must not impose religious tests. But a religious system which propagates an opinion whose logical and practical issue is crime, is a proper subject for government inspection. The pity is that any Canadian government should have given a welcome to any such system.

The Broom Must Go.

The broom threatens soon to be as obsolete as the old copper warming-pan, judging from the number of vacuum dust-removers which are being placed upon the market. The change is one which must meet with the unqualified approval of all who know what a breeding-ground of disease is the common dust of our houses. Every housewife who is possessed of cleanly instincts should welcome an apparatus which removes dust instead of scattering it in all directions, lost to the senses, so to speak, for a time by its attenuation in air, only sooner or later to settle again on the shelves, pictures, curtains, and carpets in a thin film. Moreover, the removal of dust and its collection in a receptacle by means of the vacuum cleaner permit of its absolute destruction by fire. Bacteriological science can easily demonstrate the existence of disease germs in common household dust, and there is evidence of an eminently practical character that dust is otherwise a source of disease; there could hardly be a more effectual means of spreading the infective and irritating particles than the old-fashioned broom. The method is not only insanitary but absurd.—The Lancet.

The Evils of Child-Labor.

As I speak to you, thousands of children are at work in cotton-mills, glass-factories, sweatshops, and on the breakers of mines. Their bones are not yet hardened; their brains are yet the brains of infants—they are still in what should be the very first period of their growth—and yet the materials for the foundation of their life's development are being utterly shattered; their normal growth is being stopped; their bones made crooked; their backs forever bent with the stoop of an eternal old age; their minds stunted; their characters perverted and malformed. Hollow-cheeked, sunken-eyed, weak-nerved, puny, and vicious-souled, hundreds of thousands of miserable little creatures are being still further degenerated by a system of greed as foolish as it is wicked.—Senator Beveridge.

Brain Work and Late Hours.

The true secret of long-continued, valuable brain-work is to cut the night in two. The scholar, the inventor, the financier, the literary creator, should be asleep every night by ten o'clock, to wake again at, say, two in the morning. Three hours' work, from two to five, in the absolute tranquility of the silent hours, should mean the revealing of new powers, new possibilities, a wealth of ideas undreamed of under the prevailing system. From five to eight or eight-thirty sleep again. Take up again the day's work; the brain will still be saturated with the mental fruits of the night-vigil; there will be no effort in putting into practice or carrying further what was planned or begun those few hours before. The habit may be hard to acquire, but mechanical means of waking, at first, will induce the predisposition. Loti has long had the habit of so working, and declares his best thoughts, his clearest intellectual vision, his choicest phrases, come to him when he works fresh from sleep, with all the world still in dreamland about him.—Prof. Victor Hallopeau.

The Cost of the I. C. Ry.

The Hon. H. R. Emmerson, in a talk on railway matters before the Canadian Club in Toronto on Monday, told his hearers something that was not generally known. He said the Intercolonial Railway freight rates were lower than those of any other railway. Instead of putting the surplus into the Government Treasury, it went into the pockets of the farmer and manufacturer who shipped their surplus products over the road. "If the freight rates of the I. C. R. were equal to the average rate, the road's earnings would be increased 50 per cent," said the Minister. "Instead of a surplus of \$100,000 the surplus would have been \$2,300,000, sufficient to pay interest on the capital expenditure in its construction and its betterment and leave \$100,000 in the way of dividends." Mr. Emmerson repudiated the attacks of politicians and the press with regard to the Intercolonial. It cost only \$80,000,000, and a railway company buying it for \$100,000,000 would consider it cheap. The total tolls of our railways last year were \$125,000,000, of which but \$7,500,000 had been collected by the Government railway.—Saturday Night.



The matter of compulsory education is becoming paramount in many circles of influence. The efforts of Magistrate Daly, of Winnipeg, in this particular are beyond praise. Mr. Daly from his wide knowledge of juvenile criminality, its causes and effects, **MAGISTRATE DALY IS PERHAPS BETTER FITTED AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION.**

Trades and Labor Council of Winnipeg on his favorite topic, and as a result that important body declared in favor of compulsory and free education in the province of Manitoba. Mr. Daly's address was a logical analysis of the conditions which are responsible for youthful crime. "One of the main causes is truancy. Truancy begets idleness and idleness invariably begets crime. Some of the boys and girls who come under these baneful influences are those who are the very brightest and cleverest." Mr. Daly also believes in providing recreation for the children of a healthy nature. Winnipeg is lamentably weak in this regard. He suggested that at least in every ward in the city recreation halls be provided in at least one school most central to the ward. Such halls would necessarily contain sufficient but not elaborate equipment for the physical culture of both boys and girls. The privileges might be extended not only to the public school pupils themselves, but all those who had ever been in attendance.

From time immemorial the ubiquitous bachelor has been the butt for many a rude joke. He has been the victim of suggestions and advice galore. Some have said he should be taxed, others he should be compelled to marry, but none have ever gone so far as the unmarried women of the town of Wakefield. **CHLOROFORM THE BACHELOR.**

The following resolution was recently passed by them anent the bachelor and sent to the Massachusetts legislature. "We, the unmarried women of the town of Wakefield, petition your honorable body for a law levying a tax on bachelors, said tax to be graduated as follows: From 20 to 25 years, \$5; from 25 to 30, \$10; from 30 to 35, \$15; from 35 to 40, \$20; over 40 years, chloroform in large doses. And your petitioners further represent that bachelors are a barnacle growth to the ship of society, impeding its progress and of no earthly use except as pallbearers. We are not advocating this law because we are single; that concerns us the least. If you do not believe us, ask us and see." It has not been decided to which committee the petition should be referred. These girls should come West, where bachelors are more apt to die because they cannot secure a wife. The demand is in excess of the supply.

Lillian Russell, the celebrated actress, has been giving the public some philosophy mixed with her large and varied experiences. From them we gather that the lot of a successful actress is not strewn with roses. But it is refreshing to hear that one so accustomed to the bright side of life as Miss Russell has such sane and right-
LILLIAN RUSSELL OFF THE STAGE.

eous views of life, after her long career before the glare of the footlights. Of the ideal life she says: "Indeed, is not that the ideal life?" To have a good, true husband, and a beautiful home in the country and one in the city, and a family of eight children, with enough money to educate and bring them up well—I cannot conceive of a happier life. Yes, indeed, I believe in large families. A child who is brought up alone or with only one or two others is liable to grow up selfish and indolent. To be one of a large family is a training for citizenship. I think eight is a good-sized family. I should like to see that the average number of children in every family that is able to take care of them. My parents had eight children."

She has learned, too, some things about marriage.

"Marriage is not an ideal institution as it is," she said gravely. "I don't want to give the impression that I am a free-thinker. I would not have marriage abolished, but the system as it is now faulty. I could marry and leave the State tomorrow if I choose, but I won't. I would be miserable. To have to ask for cheques when I have been used to writing my own when and

how I wished, would make marriage a failure to me. And the idea that as soon as a man marries he should assume the airs of a proprietor and tell a woman where she should go, and with whom, and when, and how, and why, especially if she happens to be the breadwinner, is irksome. Marriage has no charm of mystery, and when that departs a great charm is gone. The more mysterious a person is, I fancy, the more one cares for him or her. If a man would only remain as a husband, polite, considerate, and to some degree self-forgetful, marriage might be a permanency, instead of so often a jibe and mockery. The system of marriage is wrong."

From the pen of R. B. Heron, of the Regina Industrial School, comes a suggestion which will bear investigation. We publish the letter in the hope that some sufferer may be helped by its perusal: "Dear Editor—As the fuel problem is becoming serious through the West, I would like to tell the farmers how to use straw for fuel. Have the tinsmith make a sheet-iron straw-box about the size and shape of an ordinary wash boiler; it may be made deeper. Tramp this full of dry straw. Remove the row of lids and centre piece over the fire-box of the cook stove and put on the straw-box bottom side up. The straw will hang down into the fire box. Light it; as it burns away it will feed down from the box. Cooking can be done on the next row of holes behind the box. The oven will bake fairly well in most stoves. It is a good plan to have two straw-boxes, so that one can be filled and ready to put on as soon as the empty one is taken off. These boxes should be made to fit the stove; that is, they should rest on the lips on which the lids usually rest. The most serious objection to this kind of fuel is the extra attention the fire takes and the litter the loose straw makes about the house. But the boxes may be filled in the woodshed or outside. This method of using straw for fuel has been tested and as it is a case of "any port in a storm" with many it will be found better than freezing."

The extremities to which Western people have been put this winter has at least had one good effect to bring the whole matter of fuel supply under severe criticism. It was time the subject was looked into. If the dealers and railroads cannot supply the few people who now live west of the Great Lakes, what will they be able to do when millions are come. The fuel problem is of the utmost importance at the present time.

For many years the question of an all-British fast mail service has been discussed. But it is only lately that it has crystallized into anything like a definite idea. It has now become a possibility. Lord Strathcona, who has so splendidly represented Canada,

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has taken hold of the idea. He wants the Canadian people to have a mail service that will successfully compete and even surpass the service now existing between Great Britain and the United States. And why should the plan not be carried out? Canada occupies one-half of the North American continent. Our country is becoming better known. Our great agricultural, mineral and forest wealth within the last few years has surprised the world. Canada requires a four-day service with steamers of 25-knot speed. New York has a 20-knot speed between that port and Liverpool. A line from Liverpool to Halifax of fast steamers would cut down expenses about one half the cost of the service between New York and Liverpool. Such a Canadian route would soon become the most popular one between Europe and Asia. Lord Strathcona deserves the credit of all classes for his far-sightedness and his energy in furthering the scheme.

"The failure of the railroads to meet the demands of our rapidly growing domestic commerce is due to the fact that the railroad system has been used for making a set of individuals enormously rich at the expense of the country's prosperity."

THE RAILROAD RUN FOR THE OFFICIAL. These scorching words have recently been made by Albert Show, editor of the American Review of Reviews. He

claims that these individuals have juggled with securities, have played with the stock-market, played tricks with dividend policies, have falsified bookkeeping to conceal surpluses, and finally got control of the American railroad system. The indictment is a fierce one. We are not prepared to say how much of it is true. But the painful fact remains that the present system of railway accommodation is not adequate to the growing demands of the country. The Canadian Railway Commission has taken the matter up, and in Canada, at all events, we may hope to check many of the evils which prevail in the United States. Dr. Show says of these roads: "We have a small and select population of plutocrats who control our railroads and have somehow managed to put into their private pockets some hundreds or thousands of millions of dollars through their ability to skim the cream of the country's prosperity, while at least a hundred thousand miles of our railroad system has become unfit for the ordinary needs of current traffic."

The re-assembling of the English Parliament is arousing intense interest throughout the whole of the Empire, as the Government intends immediately to inaugurate measures to check the powers of the House of Lords and to make it subordinate to the will of the people as represented by the House of Commons. This is nothing less than a revolution in the present constitutional methods, and foreshadows a bitter contest between the two Houses, with the Government already prepared for dissolution and an appeal to the people upon the necessity of curtailing the power representing the aristocracy in the interests of democracy. The action of the Government is expected to begin with a resolution laying down the alienable rights of the House of Commons. A similar resolution was adopted in the seventeenth century on the control of money matters. The determination to make the fight now is due to the defeat of the education bill and the prospective defeat of other features of the present ministerial programme. It is expected that the speech from the throne will make an allusion to the constitutional deadlock now existing between the Commons and Lords, though if reference is made, it will probably be couched in moderate language. The resolution can have but little effect in itself, but it will be followed with a number of popular land measures, including a drastic bill affecting the estate of peers and other members of the aristocracy. These are sure to be rejected by the House of Lords and the struggle will go on.

THE FIGHT WITH THE LORDS.

The most daring men are sometimes the most cautious. Nelson never felt better than when breathing the atmosphere of danger, and yet he assumed no unnecessary risks. When Nelson prepared his battleship, the "Victory," for the last conflict in which he ever engaged he ordered six flags put up on different parts of the ship in order that if one or more of the signals should be torn down by the shot and shell of the enemy, the British colors would still be seen shining somewhere on the vessel. He was looking for a fierce engagement and wished to be thoroughly prepared. It is well for a man to fly his colors to the breeze. Let the flag of your loyalty be seen in many places. So far as you can identify yourself, in some slight manner, with every good movement in your community. Of Edmund Burke it was said that he had a hand in every great and good agitation which belonged to his own day and generation. You cannot belong to everything nor be identified with every worthy institution but you can give a little, encourage a little, say a kind word, and lend a hand. And all this will make it easier for you to be true and noble.

REDUCING THE RISK.

The difference between the man of mere talent and the man of genius exists in the fact that the man of genius always makes a bee line for the main point. He is known by his directness. If there are there different things which may be done in an emergency the man of genius informs you in a flash which is the main point. Lincoln said to his private secretary, "Never mind the details, give me the main point." Historians affirm that the difference between Martin Luther and his co-laborers was seen in the striking fact that while those associated with him knew that something ought to be done at any given moment of crisis, Luther knew just what to do and when to do it. This is the sign and seal of true leadership. Admiral Nelson possessed this trait in a remarkable degree. In the confusion and heat of conflict he frequently exclaimed: "Never mind manoeuvres; always go at them." The ability to see the main point and the disposition to turn at once toward it—this belongs to genius.

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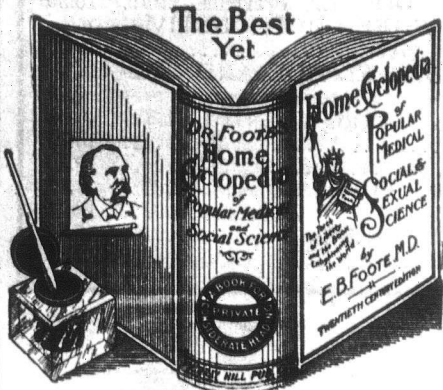
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Release of I am sure there are Allan Danvers. thousands of men and women all over the west who had never before heard of Dr. Devine, who rejoiced heartily when his play and his company of amateurs carried off the Governor General's trophy at Ottawa. There was the feeling that the west was coming to her own and that here was another proof that she was capable of producing something beside hard wheat and prize steers.

The achievement is a milestone, for it was the first time a drama written by Canadians, carrying a Canadian copyright and played by an entirely Canadian company, had ever been presented. Not only did the company from the west win the prize but they won it in the face of great odds. Not until they reached Ottawa was it learned that all the companies competing had already tested their prowess against other companies, in their home cities, and therefore they were picked amateurs. However, there is always sublime audacity about the west and this coupled with plenty of hard work and real talent carried the day, and the trophy comes west to stay.

But it is of the play, rather than the winning of the trophy that I want to speak. It is unique in many ways. There is an unwritten law that though opera may end with a tragedy, drama must have a happy ending. The release of Allan Danvers sets this unwritten law at naught, and the curtain goes down in the last act, with the hero dead upon the stage.

It is rarely that disease is introduced upon the stage, yet in this play the hero is dying by inches of that dread disease Locomotor Ataxia, which is nearly always the result of a man's own sin or the sins of his father. Allan Danvers is suffering for the sin of his father. There is a constant desire in these days to banish those two stern doctrines "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" and "the sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children even unto the third and fourth generation." It is this latter doctrine that gives the keynote to the play. The Rev. Lewis Drummond, S. J., (more familiar to the west as Father Drummond) once said, in reply to a question, "fear of consequences is a great deterrent. It is not the highest but it is one of the strongest restraining forces from the committing of sin." I am sure Father Drummond spoke out of the fulness of a wide experience, and though to do right because it is right is the highest and best way, it is infinitely better to do right because we are afraid that either ourselves or our children will be whipped if we do wrong, than to do evil continually.

It would not be possible for either man or woman to listen to this play and hear the unfortunate hero's wail "doomed, doomed, the sins of the father are visited upon the children," and ever rid themselves of the awful responsibility in connection with wrongdoing. This is, without doubt, the moral of the play, but there are other lessons, not so powerful, but of moment. The hero, when he finds himself passionately in love with a good and pure woman, who is not only willing but anxious to marry him in spite of his disease, is sorely tempted to commit suicide. He cannot in honor marry, the future holds out no hope, why not end it all? And then he thrusts the temptation from him with the reflection that it is only the coward who seeks his own release and leaves this added burden to the woman he loves.

The last scene of the play is very strong. The heroine has come to the hero late at night in such a way that he must marry her or her good name is compromised, she has chosen to do

this because of her determination to help and comfort him against his will. He yields, and in that hour gives free expression to the passionate love for her that he has never before dared to confess. He declares they will be married and go away together. In this moment of supreme temptation, death comes to him, and he exclaims "Allan Danvers release," suggesting that old scripture "for those that are tempted there is provided a way of escape" though that way be through the gates of death itself.

The play has haunted me ever since I saw its presentation. It seems to me that it is destined to be a great moral force, and I sincerely hope that our beautiful Canadian actress, Margaret Anglin, will purchase the right to play it, and that many thousands throughout the west and indeed throughout all America, will have the opportunity of profiting by witnessing it. The part of the heroine is strong, and it was splendidly played by Miss Crawley, but the play turns on the hero, and its lessons, Ernest Beaufort, who played the part in the competition, was a joint author with Dr. Devine and Wilson Blue, and it would be impossible for the part to have a finer interpretation.

When the drama teaches morals and religion, instead of being a mere amusement, it will have come to its own among the worlds great educative forces.

Frances Willard. It was nine years on Feby. the 17th since Frances Willard went home. All around the world, wherever "the ribbon white is twined," memorial services were held, and the inspiration of her life is as fresh to-day as when she crossed "the great divide."

The work of the W. C. T. U. has taken different forms. It is perhaps not as aggressive along some of the old lines as it used to be, but the little white token stands for more to-day than it ever did before. The bust of Frances Willard in the capitol at Washington was a fitting tribute, but as a monument it is a fleeting thing, beside the great organization of women the world over which she was so largely instrumental in building up.

Horticultural Society. February is a month given over to conventions

of all kinds and among the many held in Winnipeg I attended two that to me were of special interest—the horticultural society and the dairy association. Among papers read at the first named was one on perennial flowers by Dr. Speechly, of Pilot Mound. That was certainly a revelation to all lovers of the beautiful. A sight of Dr. Speechly's backyard in the summer time would be an even stronger inspiration to go and do likewise. Come to think of it, it is quite as shoddy to have a dirty and untidy backyard as it is to keep the silver forks for company and bring the children up to eat with three tined steel forks in the kitchen.

Longfellow says so aptly:—
In the elder days of art
Builders wrought with greatest care,
Each minute and unseen part
For the gods see everywhere.
Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen
Make the place where gods may dwell
Beautiful, entire and clean.

Children brought up in a home where all the beauty and cleanliness is in the front of the house and the backyard is left to heaps of dirt and old tin cans, will be likely to believe more in display than thoroughness and govern their lives accordingly.

Perennial flowers are so easy to cultivate and there are so many that are perfectly hardy in the west, that it seems almost a crime that any home should be without them.

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Society. Prof. Broderick, of the Agricultural College, Winnipeg, is prepared to furnish lists of hardy perennials to anyone who desires to attempt their cultivation, and indeed for that matter he will supply the lists of hardy plants of all sorts.

The deliberations of the dairy association were very interesting but from one point of view very disappointing. Out of 90 pupils in attendance at the Agricultural college there are only two women taking the dairy course. It seems too bad, with the splendid openings there are for dairy women, so few are availing themselves of this opportunity for training.

Speaking of dairying, reminds me that I see that Miss Laura Rose, the dairy expert at the Guelph college, has undertaken to edit the woman's page of the Farming World of Ontario. I am sure that readers of that paper are to be congratulated. Miss Rose is one of the sanest women I have had the pleasure of meeting for many a long day. She is a success in her chosen calling, and she looks out on life with quietly observant eyes that are kindly, and yet have a merry twinkle in their grey depths.

The Land of Used To Be.

The longer I live the more I enjoy James Whitcomb Riley, and I am sure The Land of Used to Be is familiar ground to us all. Beyond the purple, hazy trees, Of summer's utmost boundaries, Beyond the sand, beyond the seas Beyond the range of eyes like these And only in the reach of the Enraptured gaze of memory, There lies the land long lost to me The land of Used to Be.

A land enchanted, such as swung In goldens seas when sirens clung Along their dripping brinks and sung To Jason in that mystic tongue That dazed men with its melody; Oh such a land with such a sea, Kissing its shore eternally, Is the Fair Used to Be.

A land where music ever girds The air with bells of singing birds, And sows all sounds with such sweet words That even in the lowing herds A meaning lives so sweet to me Lost laughter ripples limply From lips brimmed o'er with all the glee Of Rare Old Used to Be.

O land of love and dreamy thoughts And shining fields and shady spots, Of coolest, greenest, grassy plots Embossed with gold forget-me-nots, And all the bloom that cunningly Lift their faces up to me Out of the past; I kiss in thee The lips of Used to Be.

I love ye all, and with wet eyes Turned glimmeringly to the skies, My blessings like your perfumes rise Till o'er my soul a silence lies Sweeter than any song to me, Sweeter than any melody, Or its sweet echo, yea, all three, My dreams of Used to Be. —James Whitcomb Riley.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Two pleasant letters have come to my column this month. L. S. makes a suggestion which I am giving to the readers of the column and shall ask for opinions pro. and con. before attempting it. It would mean a great deal of work for the editor, but it is not impossible if many would like it.

I may say with reference to the initials, they are those of my own name, but as I see that some man is writing under the same initials a series of papers on horse breeding, I may have to change. I don't think "Charity" would suit me, however. Thanks for the little prod all the same, dear L. S.

Providence Farm.

Dear E. C. H.:

Seeing in your January number your invitation to write you, if only to find fault, I am writing you and wondering if it is feminine or masculine gender. E. C. H. In various papers we have

writers, who are called Faith and Hope. Why not sign yourself Charity. To me it seems so vague writing to one who merely signs their initial. I think it hardly likely to encourage correspondence. Could you not form a letter guild in your paper. There are surely some of your many readers to whom a letter from another reader would be a real pleasure (not matrimonially). I mean some people who perhaps are sick, or kept indoors by their many duties. These letters would be sent direct to the one who wanted a letter. Say a notice was inserted in your paper. I would like to hear from one of your readers then any one might answer her. Do you think this practicable? I think it would be nice for a membership to be formed, each member promising to answer these requests. It would be like one large friendly circle to aid, in it may be ever so small a degree, those less fortunate than ourselves. Then we could exchange ideas. One may know some good recipe, a pretty crochet pattern. Members could send these to you, for the benefit of all. I may say I greatly enjoyed your paper, but have only quite recently joined your ranks.

Didsbury, Alberta.

Dear E. C. H.:

By this time your request for writers to your columns will have received so many replies that mine will be superfluous, but in case I am among the first, I will "risk it."

I remember how at one time I started a restaurant as a business venture and waited vainly for customers, how I would have welcomed any sort of attempt to patronize me. So you will pardon if mine is not just the sort of contribution desired from your correspondents.

When Mrs. Sangster began to fill "Ruth Ashmore's" place in the Ladies' Home Journal's "Side Talks with Girls", there were quite a few issues before she began to answer straight questions. She would discuss many topics. I often wondered how she could think of so many so interesting and instructive, but I suppose it is on the same principle that a good conversationalist thinks of subjects while with others such embarrassing pauses occur.

I cannot agree or disagree with your criticism of "The Doctor" as I am just reading it as it appears serially in The Family Herald.

Can you tell me if I can procure "Prisoners" in book form? It is written by Mary Cholmondeley and was published in The American Magazine. I read just enough of it to become interested.

This is the fourth winter I have spent in Alberta, (having come immediately from St. Paul, Minn., and originally from Ontario) and it is the coldest and most stormy one.

Dear O. E.: Your letter did me good and I fully appreciate your little story of the restaurant. "The Prisoners" came out in book form just about Christmas. It costs \$1.50 and in cloth only. You can get it by writing either Russell, Lang & Co., or the J. A. Hart Coy., Winnipeg. Write again I shall be glad to hear from you.



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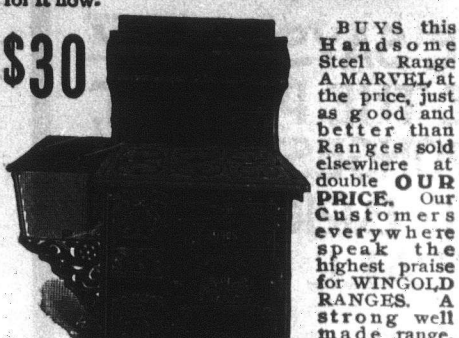


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trade and is merely an opportunity for women to buy genuine hand-embroidered linens at reasonable prices.

The work is done by peasant women in Donegal, that inhospitable part of the Emerald Isle where not many years ago the peasants were actually starving for lack of anything whereby they might earn a living.

It was here that the first attempt was made at the handmade rugs similar to the oriental rugs and quite as good and even handsomer in design. Lacemaking was revived and many other handicrafts. Among them hand-embroidered and hand-drawn linens. These linens, after weaving, are sent from near Belfast to an agent in Donegal who distributes them to the women, inspects and pays for the work when it is done and returns it to headquarters for distribution all over the world.

The winter evenings are long and dark in Donegal, lights being necessary often at 9.30 and as it is impossible to work outside it is a godsend to these women to get inside work. The pay is very fair, but at the same time it is possible to have a good margin of profit and at the same time offer these goods at prices within the reach of the most moderate purse. For example, I saw beautiful linen bedspreads large enough for a big double bed, with hemstitched border two inches deep and a pattern of embroidery all round and this sold for \$10.00. The designs are lovely, particularly those of the Shamrocks or Shamrock, Rose and Thistle combined.

I believe that by writing to Mr. McDade it will be possible for women in the country to see samples of these goods before buying.

In addition to the house linens made up, they are also showing a line of beautiful dress linens of splendid weave and quality. These are ordered by sample.

Millinery. It is a little early to be talking of spring hats but the wholesale journals are out with new designs and I have had reproduced two hats from the well-known Toronto

louse of D. McCall & Co. and one from a leading New York house, that will give an idea of what is to come. The present indications are that shapes will be moderate in size and the small mushroom will be a leader. Milans, crinoline bradds and Leghorns, say the importers, are the thing. I know many will rejoice to see the smart oldtime sailor depicted in one of the cuts. No other hat has really taken its place with the majority of women. Fine milan straws will be the lead and many of the sailors will be trimmed like the illustrations with merely a band of black velvet studded with gold buttons and a black quill. Lingerie hats will be very popular with summer gowns, so the girl who is good at eyelet embroidery should get busy. By the way, shadow embroidery will be worn in these hats this summer. Oddly enough fashion has decreed that feathers rather than flowers shall be worn on these hats. I think it is a mistake but give the idea for what it is worth.

Tailored Hats. Hats and spats to match the tailored gown will have quite a vogue this spring. Walking skirts are short, for which thanks be, and spats over the boots, to match the gown, will be quite the proper caper.

Any girl who is at all clever with her needle can make the spats if she rips up the old ones that she has and uses them for a pattern. It the cloth of the gown is soft or stretchy do not attempt to make spats of it because they will wrinkle. I am speaking from bitter experience. Try and match the gown as nearly as possible in a cloth that is firm and close in weave. Quite apart from looking smart, spats are the most comfortable thing possible for spring wear as they keep the ankles warm and dry.

The tailored hats are made on small turban shapes or Peter Pans and are as plain as possible. The usual plan is to cover the shape smoothly with the cloth of the gown and add a small decoration of velvet and a quill or two. Although the tailored hats shown by the milliners are nearly all made of the goods on the straight the home



milliner will find it much easier to fit the shape by cutting bands, etc. on the bias and they look quite as well, better in fact where goods are striped or checked.

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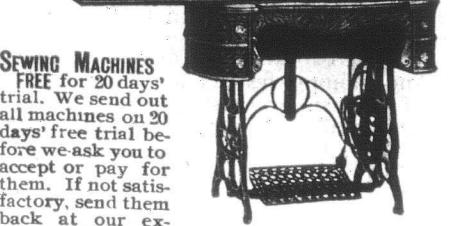
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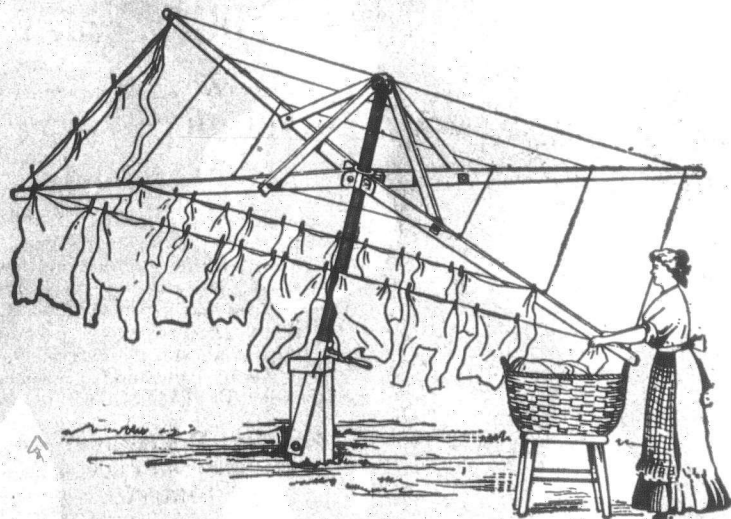
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though there is little blousing and an unusually chic air pervades it. The front closes in double-breasted style and the neck is collarless. The choice of two sleeves is allowed, a long one and that in three-quarter length. The pelum which finishes the bottom and ends with the trimming straps in front is most youthful in appearance and is at its best in just such garments. The neck may be trimmed with velvet and the buttons covered with it, while the coat is suitable to any of the new suitings. For the medium size 1 1/2 yards of 54-inch goods are needed.

4117—sizes, 14, 15, 16 and 17 years. Price 15c.

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4084—A Small Play Apron.

The apron needs no advocates so efficient has its service been in the protection of small frocks. One specially suited for wear during the play hour or when the owner assists her mother in little tasks about the home is shown. It has a fanciful shaped yoke with neck in high or V outline and long sleeves, sufficiently full to slip on easily over any dress. A pocket is quite invaluable and



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culty, and the woman who must be a bit economical appreciates so practical a style. A suit of simple style and excellent lines is shown developed in mohair and adorned only with buttons. Mohair is proving itself indispensable to women of affairs and will be worn a great deal during the coming months. The shirt waist shown has three box pleats, giving excellent lines to the back, while the fanciful shoulder yoke stays the fullness of the front. The skirt is seven-gored, one fitting the hips smoothly and flaring widely at the hem. It may be trimmed with folds of the material or left plain. A silk, tub fabric or cloth may be used to develop the dress of which 7 1/4 yards 44 inches wide are needed.

Two patterns: 6807—6 sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure. 6808—7 sizes, 20 to 32 inches waist measure.

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4117—A Natty Little Blouse Jacket

Some of the little jackets to be seen this year would lead one to think that Mistress Fashion is putting forth special effort on behalf of the young girls, for certainly such garments as the one sketched would make any girl attractive. The coat is called a blouse jacket



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two may be used if desired. Any of the gingham, percales or other apron fabrics may serve, of which 2 3/4 yards of 36 inches wide are needed.

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4097-4098—A Pretty Shirt Waist Dress.

A very attractive little gown built on shirt waist lines is shown. There is a simple grace about the dress which appeals to the artistic as well as to the practical minded, and its realization is even more fetching on girlish figures than the sketch would suggest. The blouse closes in back between rows of narrow tucks, while similar tucks appear in front at the shoulder. The tucker which introduces a becoming bit of lace or embroidery next the face may be omitted if a plainer frock be desired. The sleeves might be completed at the elbow, but for practical use are better long. The skirt needs no words of commendation with its tucks in groups of three. Those around the bottom assist the flare of the skirt and prove a nice finish. A cloth, pongee, silk or washing fabric may serve for the dress, of which 5 1/2 yards 44 inches wide are needed in the medium size.

Two patterns: 4097—sizes, 13 to 17 years. 4098—sizes, same.

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4078—A Becoming Blouse for the Boy.

Blouses for boys must have a certain style and "go" to them such as boys like, and a type of one is sketched here. The broad sailor collar lends a youthful "swing" to these waists and this one may be in either of two outlines. The blouse may be closed in front or slipped over the head while the shield and cuffs may be omitted if desired. These blouses are suitable for all kinds of wear and may be made of a great variety of materials from linen and cham-



bray to flannel and serge, all being washable. A braid and embroidered emblem may serve as adornment. For the medium size the waist requires 1 1/2 yards of 44-inch material.

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6728-6729—Some Smart Lingerie....

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The patterns: 6728—sizes, 32-36-40-44 (necks bust measure. 6729—sizes, 20 to 32 inches waist.



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6793—A Pretty Blouse in Mohair.

The girl or woman who is looking for a waist which she may fashion for herself and which is eminently suited for everyday wear will be pleased with the accompanying sketch. The waist is developed in a checked mohair which is serviceable for cold weather and retains its good looks as long as it lasts. The blouse has two pleats at each side of the front which end at yoke depth and provide a modish fullness. The closing is effected at one side of the front in true military manner and may be fastened with buttons or frogs. A collar of the same



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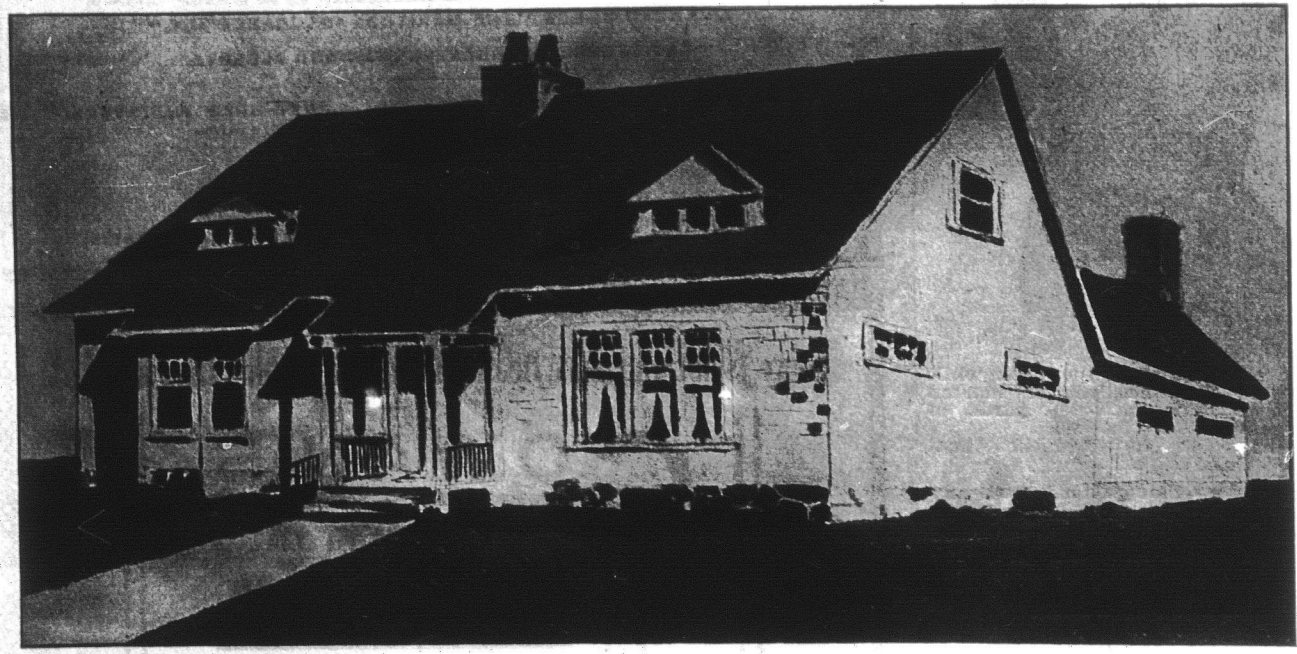
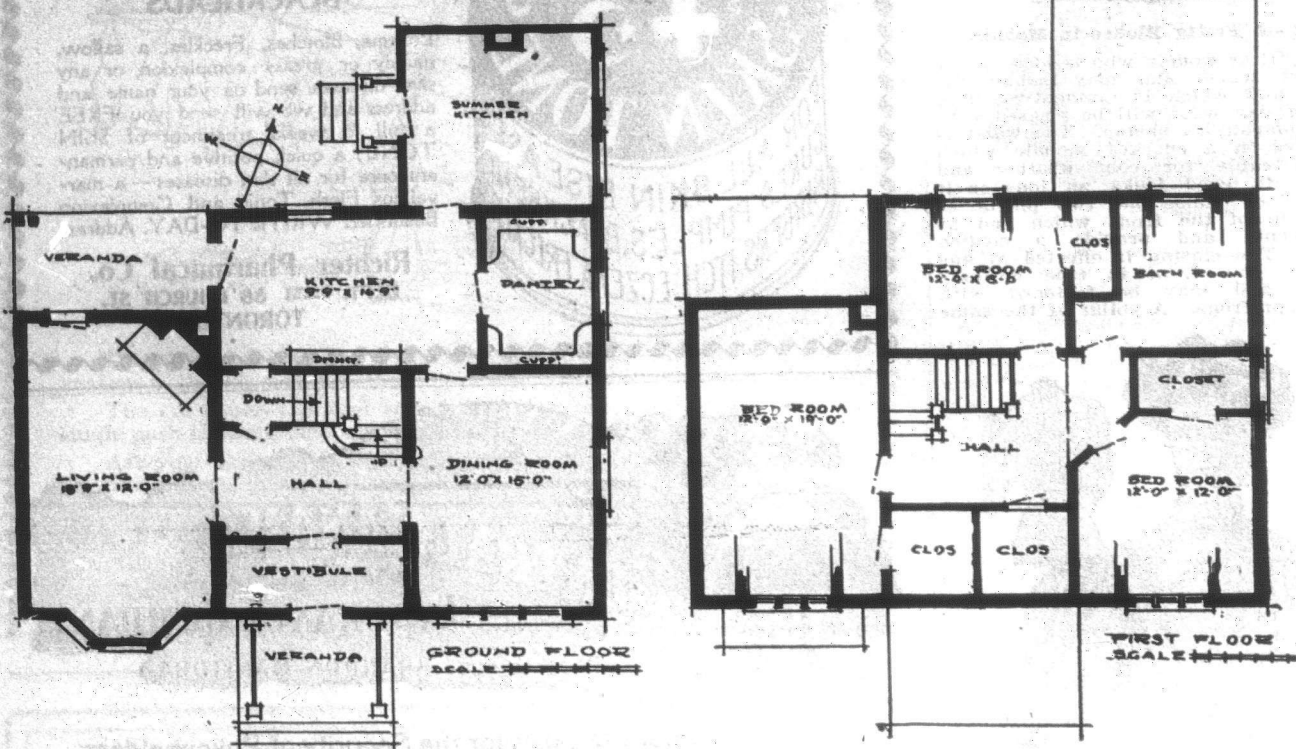
This cottage would make a suitable farm residence for a small family. The essentials are a home-like plan—convenient for the housewife. It is a building that any ordinary mechanic could build. The outside is very simple. The roof with its unbroken extent and a few dormers. The bay would be the most difficult portion to construct, but when building this be sure and make a full size plan of it on the ground, and keep all the corners well lapped with paper. There is nothing so cold in this country as a bay window and when one is built the first consideration should be to make it perfectly weather tight. Do not have box windows in a bay. Use the springs, which do away with the open space in the frame. The porch is very simple and yet effective, utilizing the old Doric builders' method showing the construction, and yet making a decorative feature of it. The rear verandah is covered by the main roof which goes over it, and could be easily made into a bedroom, working pantry or living room, by enclosing with walls. It should face the west to get the benefit of the evening sun. I have made the

house one story, keeping the bedrooms under roof, using insulation of paper with an air tight space. The winds which sweep over the prairies have practically no effect on a house of this character. The interior should be made as unobtrusive as possible. There is an idea that woodwork should be smoothed and polished throughout a house, but in a dwelling of this description it is not at all necessary. The floor beams might be exposed with good effect leaving them in the rough and staining a dark stain. The door and window trim to be 5" x 1/4" without any moulding. The base 6" with a quarter round on the floor. Trim of this kind does not collect dust. The floors to be of good edge grain fir, oiled two coats. Sometimes they are stained to get a richer color, but this necessitates re-oiling and varnishing to keep the stain intact. The kitchen and pantries to be sheathed five feet high with pine or cedar, and not painted, only oiled and varnished. The pantry to have cupboards and drawer, etc. The kitchen might have a dresser with cupboards above and drawers and bins below; also broom

and pots and pans closet. The summer kitchen is shown. A basement might be under the entire house and the heater to be hot air. The fire places, of native brick with fire brick lining and hearth. The living room is suggested by the sketch shown. All the curtains should be very simple. In the kitchen and pantry spring blinds only, no draperies to be used. Hang curtains elsewhere on rods as they are easily taken down and cleaned. On floors small rugs are to be used as they can be thrown outside and cleaned at a moment's notice. One has only to be where disease is to appreciate the benefits of this. The house could be built inexpensively and yet be a home for anyone.

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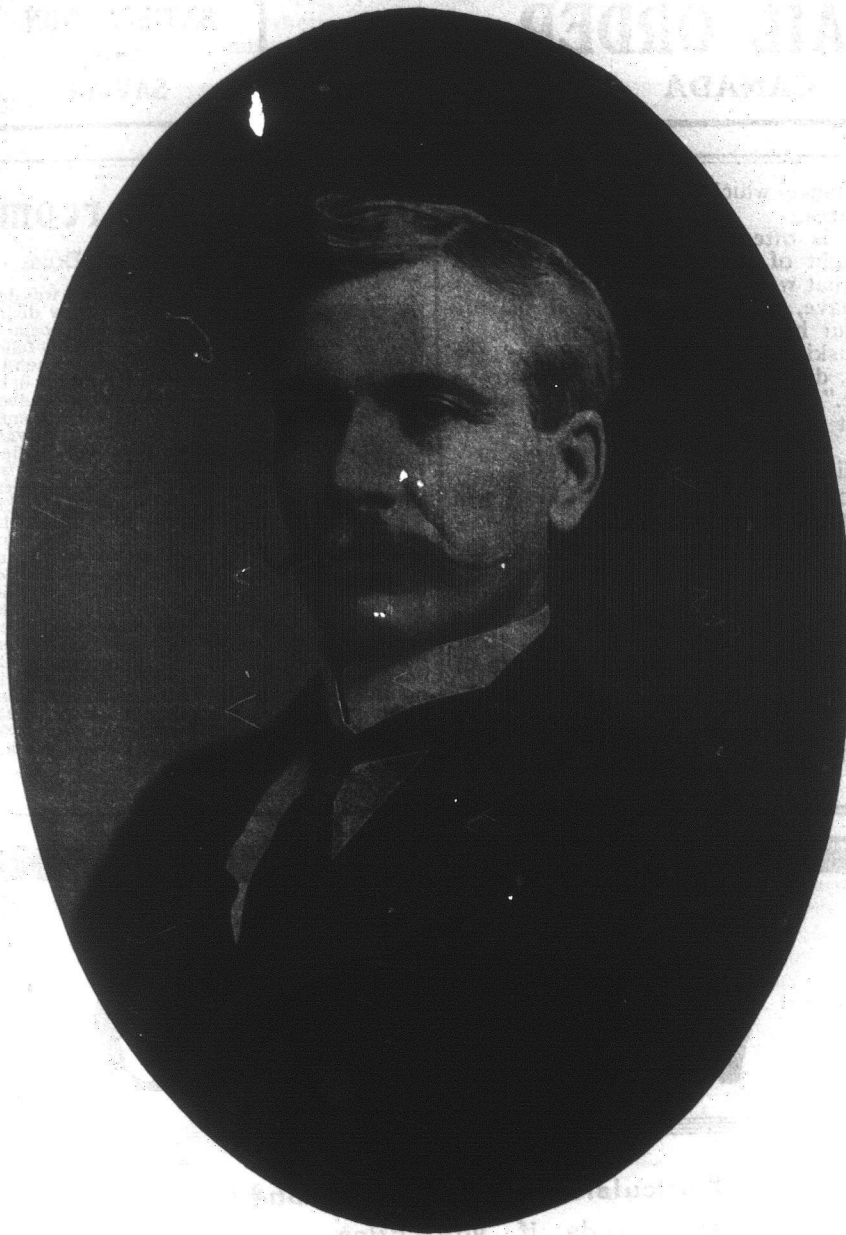
The selection of Mr. George P. Graham and his elevation to the leadership of the opposition in the Ontario legislature is a glowing tribute to his ability as a leader of men. The aggressive work performed by him, his mastery of detail in his manifold duties, coupled with his wide knowledge and experience in public matters in connection with his province, justly entitled him to the elevated position in the councils of his party which he enjoys to-day.

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He then sold his paper and accepted a position as assistant editor of the "Ottawa Free Press," a position which he filled most acceptably.

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remarks on any subject on which he chooses to speak are always listened to with close attention by his audience. His oratorical efforts are well-known and his services have for many years been in wide demand throughout the province.

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Mr. Graham had the advantage of a good education in his youth, and, like his predecessor in the leadership, the Hon. G. W. Ross, he began life as a school teacher. Pedagogy was not to his liking so he took to a commercial life for a time. In 1881, at the age of 22, he purchased the "Morrisburg Herald," a weekly paper, and entered into journalism. During the period that he conducted his paper at Morrisburg he was elected Reeve and served for several terms as a member of the County Council. In 1891 he was an unsuccessful candidate in Dundas County against Mr. J. P. Whitney, now Premier of the Province of Ontario.

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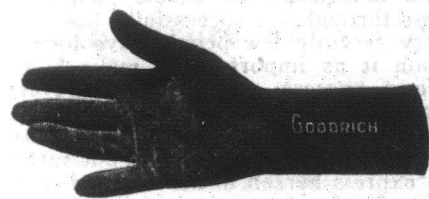
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I feel that I can hear our western farmers' wives exclaim "Thank goodness!" as they see the bright warm sunshine melting with its burning rays the great mantle of snow that lies now on the ground in its half-melted condition like shining crystals. "Thank goodness! winter is over!" they joyfully exclaim, and the thought puts new life into them. They can now shut their eyes and close their ears to the misery and hardships and privations and trials that have been brought by circumstances into their homes. Why? because for another year chilly winter is over. And with what joy they look forward to the coming summer, for a successful year can alter many things. We all know that there are many farmers' wives lately arrived must have found this winter very severe and most trying, especially if not in good circumstances, and as a rule men who come West to take up farming usually come with empty pockets but a brave heart.

They don't usually bring money with them, they come here to make it, and most of them succeed.

And so, following the sunshine, comes the advent of spring. That glorious time when the soft warm south wind will be tossing the odorous plumes of the lilac, and filling the air with their fragrant scent; and the birds warble out their sweet songs as they fly from bough to bough; when the daisy and primrose bespangle the fresh green meadows with the gentle beauty of their tender blossoms, and when the lark rains down his shower of song from the bright blue of the sunlit sky—all these being the magical charms of the country. But there are other things follow in the train of spring, one of the first being a general upsetting of the house and furniture—a great time for the proud housewife—commonly called "spring cleaning." Many of you doubtless are now thinking of brightening your parlor, or living room, or bedrooms with a new paper or kalsomining it a new color. So it is upon this subject that I am now going to give you a few seasonable hints.

It is quite recognised by the profession that the effect or power of color on the human system, either for good or evil, is very great. Perhaps you are going to have a bedroom papered. If you are you will find the following hints will be apropos: Purple and scarlet are the most dangerous colors you could choose. It is said that the

effect upon the brain, through the nerves of the eye, leads certainly to mania, the purple bringing on suicidal madness after terrible depression, the scarlet, homicidal. Blue color in bedroom and parlor may stimulate the brain, but it will hurt the nervous system if there be too much of it. Yellow is a good color for the bedroom only and the frieze may be a darker color. It is cheerful but it should not be used in a sitting-room you are in all day. Greens and fawns are the most suitable generally, as green is most restful to the eye, and lawn color does not show dust soon. Green is also cooling. Pink, with a white frieze, is nice for a drawing-room, or green with white-painted woodwork always looks dainty and refreshing; besides it makes a charming background for furniture, pictures, or draperies. Always remember, the plainer the paper the more artistic if dado or frieze be a good match. A striped paper for a parlor or drawing-room is good style and most effective. Never have flowered wall-paper in a bedroom for we are all subject to attacks of illness now and then, which confine us to bed, and flowers form themselves into faces or figures and keep the mind disagreeably active. Besides very-much-flowered wall-paper is now a thing of the past. So the plainer the paper the prettier and more effective your rooms will look.

Continuing on the subject, we hear a great deal in these days concerning the necessity of art culture and scientific knowledge to enable people to pass through life successfully, but until very recently few people have looked upon it as important to make home life a success. Now, almost every Canadian woman devotes more or less time to the study of household economies, and is learning slowly but surely to express herself in her own individuality in the decoration of her house, for the furnishing of a modern house has become a matter for careful consideration and study, and a due observance of art in its national characteristics.

There has been a strong movement of late against ornate decoration and all the multitudinous detail and senseless massing of ornaments and pictures, so truly vexing and unrestful to the eye, and so confusing to the beholder's deas of value.

A beautiful object loses half its significance when surrounded by others of inferior quality to which it bears neither relation or harmony. Isolate it and immediately the eye is attracted to it and rests with pleasure upon those charms of color, form, or

substance which are its distinguishing features.

It is often too apparent that the thought of what our neighbors have, or what we think they would expect us to have, is evident in the furnishing of our homes.

Ruskin says: "Don't please the mob, do it as you think it ought to be done." That is where the whole point lies. Until now women would not exercise their individuality regarding home decoration consequently if you went into one home you had practically been into the whole lot of them with few exceptions. But the key-note to-day of modern house decoration is simplicity. Women are beginning at last to understand the great value of back-ground and their rooms no longer resemble a specie of patchwork quilt.

Speaking personally, I never could see the slightest touch of art in those patchwork and crazy quilts and cushions of which our mothers and

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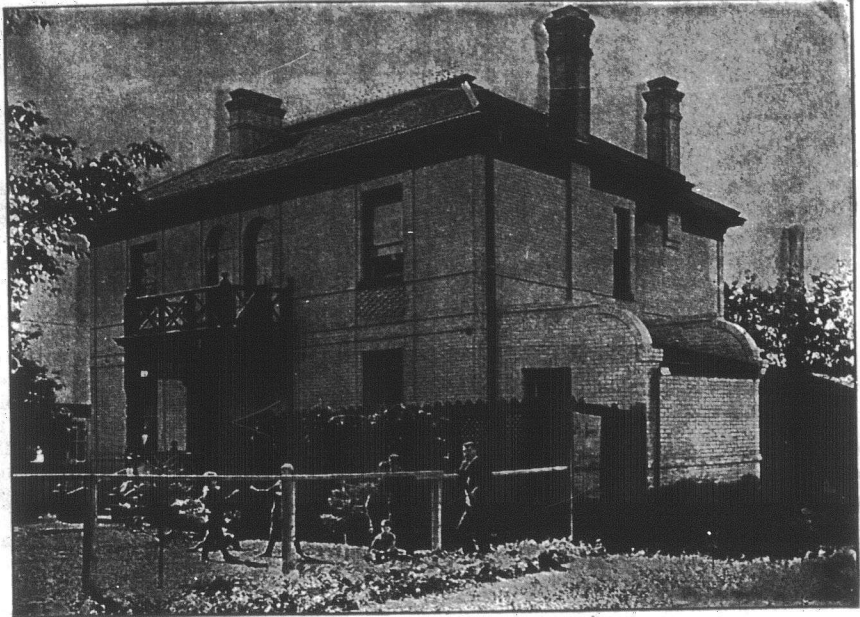
Then again, owing to the difficulty of securing properly trained domestics, the Canadian woman has solved the everlasting problem for herself by adopting this simple form of decoration. As she herself is often called upon to do her own housework, therefore she has dispensed with all useless bric-a-brac, banished elaborate draperies, which not long ago surrounded her windows, and were they were most successful in collecting dust and excluding light and air, and her furniture is now of the simplest design.

Somebody has said "All good and great things in the world are brought to pass by care and order, and that the end of all wisdom is happiness." How to be happy in daily life is one of the most important questions and yet one that very few people pause to consider in the hurry and press of their occupations. Culture, high-thinking, blended by kindness, sympathy, consideration for others, these things go far towards making a home

what it ought to be, a place of enchantment, and to those who have lost it, a sacred and beautiful memory. Courtesy and amiability are important stones in the foundation of harmonious domestic life. Nice manners are more a matter of habit than most people think, and rudeness and lack of sympathy alienate and lower the standard of home life.

Miss Florence Easton, the Canadian songstress who appeared on Feb. 18th at the opening of the new Walker Theatre, Winnipeg, as "Madam Butterfly," is the charming little wife of Francis McLennan, of Toronto. They have been married three years and have one little baby daughter. Miss Easton is a fair haired and pretty young actress, and inherits her talent from her parents who were both musical.

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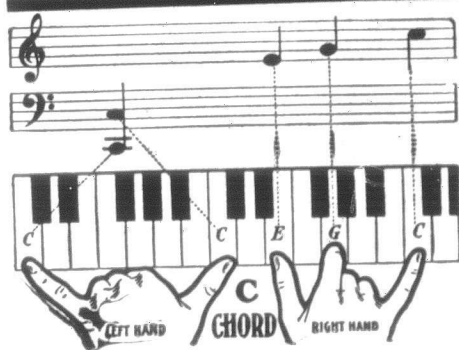
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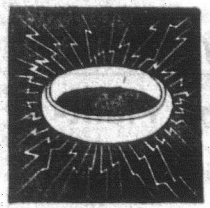
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Till she cast them out to the street.
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When Mother Reads Aloud.

When mother reads aloud, the past
Seems real as every day;
I hear the tramp of armies vast,
I see the spears and lances cast,
I join the thrilling fray;
Brave knights and ladies fair and proud
I meet when mother reads aloud.
When mother reads aloud, far lands
Seem very near and true;
I cross the desert's gleaming sands,
Or hunt the jungle's prowling bands,
Or sail the ocean blue;
Far heights, whose peaks the cold mists
shroud,
I scale when mother reads aloud.
When mother reads aloud, I long
For noble deeds to do—
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It seems so easy to be strong,
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Oh, thick and fast the visions crowd
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Just for a Change.

I'm sort of tired of things that is;
They're lackin' somewhat as to fizz.
There ain't no ginger in life's jar
With things a-goin' as they are.
The fault may be with me, and then,
It may be otherwise again.
I ain't a-tryin' to fix no blame
Because all tastes about the same.

How'er it is, I wish it might
Have things turned round a bit some
night,
So that instead of as they be,
They'd work towards the contrary.
I'd like to see some mountain rill
Have spunk enough to flow up hill,
So that old Nature might be shown
It had opinions of its own.

I'd like to see the settin' sun
Out in the east when the day is done,
Just as a hint, when goin' to bed,
To prove it wasn't bigoted.
I'd like to see a bullfrog sing
Like nightingales upon the wing,
Instead of that eternal "dunk"
With which he seeks his swampy bunk.

A cat that barks, a dog that meows,
And when it comes to milkin' cows,
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Of lemonade or ginger ale;
And if the bucket in the well
Would give up water for a spell
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'Tain't discontent that's vexin' me
With life so everlastin'ly,
But just a sort of parchin' thirst
To get a peek at things reversed.
They've been the same so very long
A change would strike me prett'
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And, though I'm makin' no complaint,
For once I'd like 'em as they ain't.

—John Kendrick Bangs, in Century

Song of the Sun of All.

I have loved many, the more and the few—
I have loved many, that I might love you.

All of my life was but loving and proving—
The near and the far, the constant, the roving.

The sad and the joyous, the shadow, the part,
With signs of their lacking marked down in my heart.

(For never the goal and the whole were for me.)
They were handle and hint, they were crutch, they were key.

They were bramble and bud, but never the flower;
They were dawn, they were dark, nor ever noon hour;

They were soil-of-life, spoil-of-life, symbol and clew,
But the soul-of-life, whole-of-life waited for you.

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Saw what appeared to be a miracle,
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Furious, the lion took a sudden leap,
And o'er him closed the placid water deep.

Thou who dost blame injustice in mankind
'Tis but the image of thine own dark mind;

In them reflected clear thy nature is
With all its angles and obliquities;
Around thyself, thyself the noose has thrown

Like that mad beast precipitate and prone;
Face answereth to face and heart to heart,

As in the well that lion's counterpart,
"Back to each other we reflections throw,"

So said Arabia's prophet long ago,
And he who views men through a murky glass,
Proclaims himself no lion, but an ass.

The Simple Life.

James B. Kenyon.

O God, I ask no other boon but this:
To live, and let the quiet days go by,
Feeling upon mine eyes the morning's kiss,

Or breathing peace beneath an evening sky.

While through the hours between, e'en love's least task

Finds sweet fulfilment; nothing more I ask.

For me it is enough to see the grass,
And feel beneath my feet the springing sod.

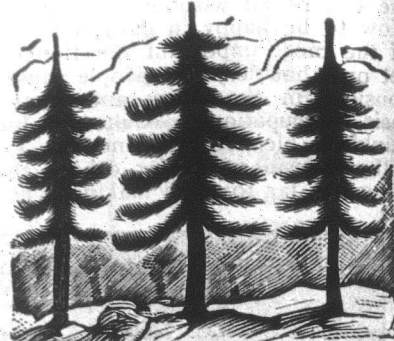
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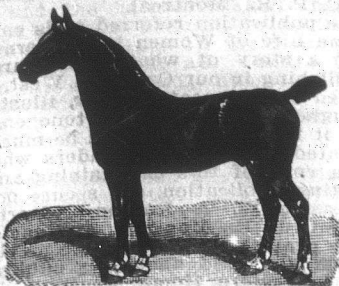
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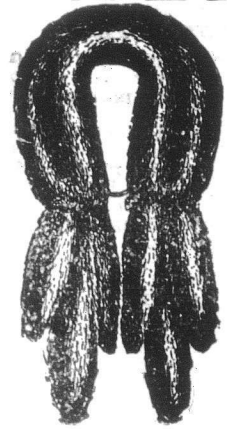
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Hints on Etiquette.

Any and all gifts should be acknowledged by a note of thanks.

The calling card should be sent with a wedding gift.

Soup or any liquid should be eaten or drunk from the side of the spoon.

The hostess shakes hands both on greeting and taking leave of a guest.

A note of sympathy should be sent a friend who has suffered a bereavement.

When meeting or leaving a lady on the street a gentleman always raises his hat.

In the elevator of a hotel or apartment house a gentleman removes his hat.

When calling upon a visiting friend your card must be also left for her hostess.

When entering a door or any place an older woman always precedes the younger one.

A gentleman precedes a lady when ascending stairs and follows her when descending them.

A gentleman must always wait for the lady to recognize him before he has the privilege of bowing.

A bride gives a gift to each of her attendants, the gifts should be all alike or at least of equal value.

Courtesy and consideration for others is the very beginning and foundation stone of good manners.

A widow retains her deceased husband's name on her calling cards as: "Mrs. James Brown Young."

If the eldest of several daughters the calling cards should read "Miss Douglass" without the Christian name.

When it is necessary to reply to a wedding invitation the answer should be addressed to the bride's parents or to the one issuing the invitation.

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The lady's permission must always be asked and granted before a gentleman may expect to begin a correspondence.

When a man meets a friend accompanied by a lady, even though she is not known to him, he always raises his hat.

Always answer an invitation to a dinner as soon as possible after it is received, never later than the day after it is received.

A bride selects her bridesmaids from among her most intimate friends, if the bridegroom has a sister she is usually asked to be maid of honor.

When giving a house-party the period of the visit should be definitely stated in the invitation, this will prevent any confusion or misunderstanding.

If a wedding is a small affair and the invitations limited, marriage announcements are sent to all friends and acquaintances not invited to the ceremony.

After an introduction and on a subsequent meeting a gentleman must wait for the lady to recognize him before he can bow or claim further acquaintance.

A casual or business introduction does not carry the obligation of a further acquaintance, in such cases on a subsequent meeting it is not even necessary for the lady to bow.

When visiting in a city you may inform your friends of your presence by short informal notes, mentioning where you are stopping and saying you would be glad to have them call.

After a visit of several days or even for over night a courteous note should be sent to the hostess, thanking her for her hospitality and expressing your pleasure in the visit.

An answer to an invitation issued in the name of the host and hostess is addressed to the hostess, she has charge of the invitations and it is not necessary to address both host and hostess.

A letter of introduction may be mailed with the calling card enclosed or left in person with one's card; but without calling for the person to whom it is addressed.

The letters R.S.V.P. stand for the French words: "Repondez, S'il Vous Plait," literally "Answer, if you please." When on an invitation a written answer is required.

Notes between acquaintances may begin: "My dear Miss Gordon," or "Dear Miss Gordon," and in closing "Sincerely yours," "Yours sincerely," or "Yours cordially" may be used.

An informal note written in the first person should be answered in that person; be careful to avoid changing from the first to the third person as is often done through carelessness.

Never send a calling card with "regrets or accepts" written across it in reply to a written invitation; as has been stated before a written invitation requires a written answer.

In giving an afternoon tea in order that your friends may meet a friend visiting you the calling card may be used with the hour written upon it and across the top "To meet Miss Barker."

Persons in mourning do not accept invitations; but wedding invitations, marriage announcements and invitations of a general nature are sent to them. Their cards are sent in acknowledgement for such invitations.

On receiving an invitation to a dinner, luncheon, card or theatre party, it should be answered immediately. This is imperative as it is always necessary for the hostess to know for how many she must provide.

In laying the table at each plate the forks are placed on the left and the knives and spoons on the right, the edge of the knives toward the plate and the forks and spoons with the right sides up. A well set table is one of the first requisites of a successful dinner.

After a bereavement in the home of a friend or acquaintance a call is made either before or after the funeral. Unless a very intimate friend do not ask for any member of the family; but the calling card may be left "With sympathy" written upon it.

At a large formal dinner it is well to have at each place a place card with the guest's name written upon it. This will avoid any confusion and relieve the hostess of the necessity of designating the places. She may direct in a general way, saying: "Mrs. Blank, I believe you will find your seat on this side," etc.

When calling a woman leaves her own cards for only the ladies of the household; as the card represents the person and ladies do not call upon men, the card is never left for the men of the household; if the caller is a married woman she may leave two of her husband's cards, one for the mistress and one for the master of the house.

It is exceedingly bad form to use any prefix when signing the name to a note or letter. Mrs. Brown signs her name "Mary Brown," never with the prefix "Mrs." If an answer is required and the person addressed does not know the husband's name she may add in brackets, Mrs. William G. Brown, with the address beneath.

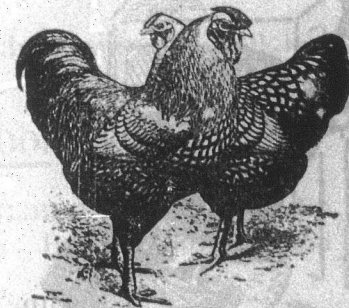
When an engagement is announced if the parents of the groom elect live in a distant city, they should immediately write a cordial letter to the bride elect, even if they do not know her, expressing their pleasure and gratification at the news and usually extending an invitation to her to visit them, in order to meet her and show her all possible kindness and courtesy.

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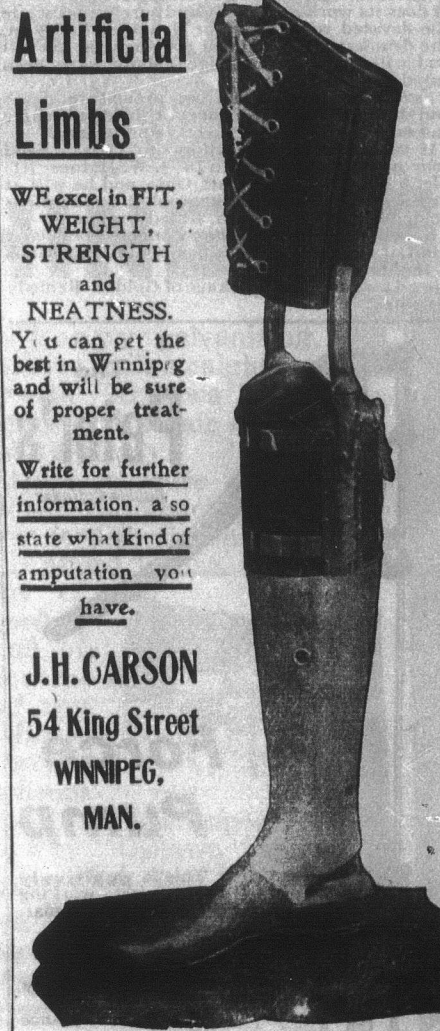
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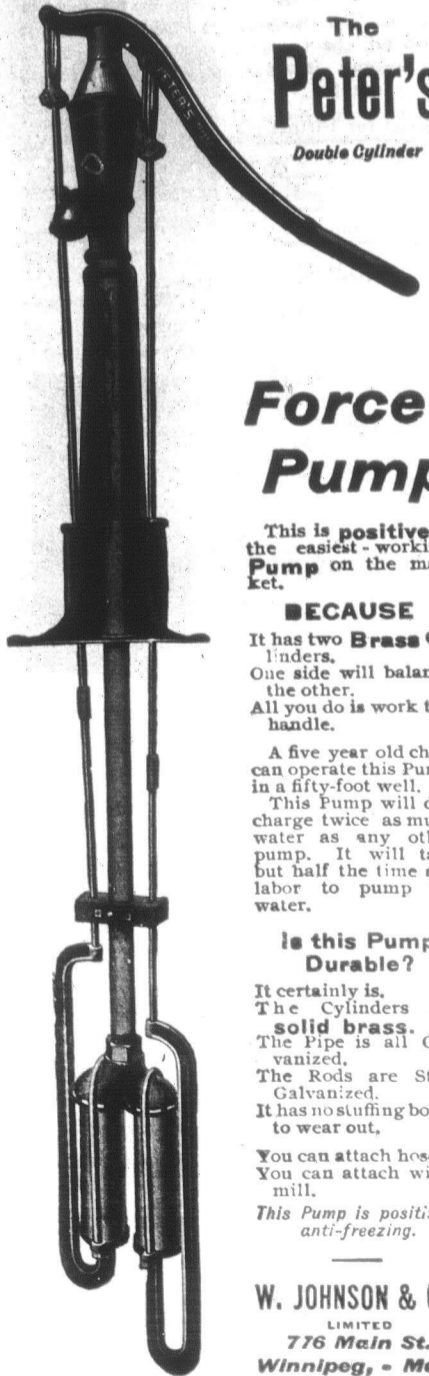
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IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

THE EMPIRE LOAN CO.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Empire Loan Company was held at the office of the company, Bank of Hamilton chambers, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, Feb. 12. In the absence of the president, Acting President Dr. Clark took the chair. After the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, the manager presented the directors' report, as follows:

We take much pleasure in submitting for your consideration the statement of accounts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1906, duly certified by the auditor. Our business has increased, and we have now the sum of \$100,005.04 invested in that premier of all securities, first mortgages on improved real estate. The company's securities are in splendid shape, and payments are promptly met. The usual dividends have been paid, including a bonus of 2 per cent. to permanent stock, and the sum of \$1,164.59 carried to the reserve fund. As soon as speculation eases up, we anticipate a keen demand for our shares, and with money obtained at a lower rate by the sale of debentures we may look forward to the future with confidence.

In moving the adoption, Dr. Clark said he did so with great pride, as he felt that the shareholders could not help but be satisfied with the statement, and that the company has now obtained a position which even better results could be looked forward to. Mr. Thos. Waddell, in seconding the report, stated that as a shareholder he did so with much pleasure and was pleased to note the steady progress made by the company and the careful manner in which affairs were looked after by the directors, Messrs. A. N. McPherson and Charles M. Simpson also addressed the meeting at some length. The report was unanimously adopted.

The election of directors was then proceeded with, when the scrutineers reported all the members of the former board re-elected, as follows: Messrs. R. H. Agur, Henry Byrnes, H. H. Beck, Wm. Brydon, C. W. Clarke, A. N. McPherson, and C. M. Simpson. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. Byrnes was elected president, Dr. C. W. Clark vice-president and C. M. Simpson manager.

LIFE INSURANCE IN THE WEST.

In another column appears a synopsis of the report for 1906 just issued by The Great-West Life Assurance company.

Year by year the reports issued by this company tell of consistent progress and great prosperity, and in the report for 1906 it is seen that the same satisfactory conditions prevail. It is shown that the Great-West Life reached second place amongst the Canadian companies in business placed during the year, and now carries insurance in force of just under 28,000,000. In the important feature of a steadily increasing surplus to policy-holders, the report shows a remarkably satisfactory state of affairs. This must be particularly gratifying to everyone interested in Western progress, since the company is a purely Western institution, directed by those who have intimate knowledge of the company's Western affairs. It is seen that practically all the company's investments are in Western securities and earn an average of over 7 per cent. interest—a fact that obviously means a great deal to those holding insurance in the Great-West Life.

We congratulate the company on this report.

WESTERN SEED CATALOG.

The Steele Briggs Seed Co., Winnipeg, have eclipsed all former efforts in their beautiful catalog for 1907.

Its perusal is very interesting and much valuable information is given as to the best varieties for the West and cultural directions.

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LATEST CANADIAN PATENTS.

The following up-to-date list of Canadian patents is reported to us by Egerton R. Case, Solicitor of Patents, and Expert in Patent Causes, Temple Bldg., Toronto:

Geo. G. Floyd, et al., Granite, Ill.—Side Frames for railway car trucks. Jno. Wm. Bacon, Enderby, B. C.—Baking Fans. Lawrence G. McKam, New Westminster, B. C.—Saw Teeth. Wm. Harvey, Toronto, Ont.—Car Fenders. Ludwig A. Tric, et al., Montreal, Que.—Compositions of matter for coating floors and other surfaces. Andrew Johnson, et al., Toronto, Ont.—Manure spreaders. Ed. Slade, et al., Black Lake, Ont.—Methods of grading fibrous material and separating dust therefrom. Alex. Brown, Ottawa, Ont.—Copy Holders. Victor Filteau, Montreal, Que.—Carriers. David Wm. Lockerby, et al., Montreal, Que.—Apparatus for impregnating with preserving fluid. Emille A. Manny, Beauharnois, Que.—Cattle guards for railways. Andrew Murdoch, Ottawa, Ont.—Stock Cars. David Mulligan, Millbrook, Ont.—Anvil Clamps. Lars Rod, Montreal, Que.—Bag closing devices. Henry Rustad, Lindsay, Ont.—Hand moistening devices.

A MONTREAL ENGINEER WINS THE GZOWSKI MEDAL FOR 1906.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers recently held in Montreal, the Gzowski Gold Medal for 1906 was awarded to Mr. Francis C. E. (Tor. Univ.) M. Can. Soc. C. E., M. Am. Soc. E., of the Dominion Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, of Montreal.

The Gzowski Gold Medal is awarded annually by the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers for the best paper read before the Society during the preceding twelve months, and the medal for 1906 was won by Mr. Francis for his masterly paper on "Hydraulic Lift Locks in Canada." The paper deals with the construction of the famous hydraulic lift locks on the Trent Canal at Peterborough, Ontario, in the building of which Mr. Francis played a most prominent part, not only in the actual construction work, but also in the designing and planning of the scheme. The building of the hydraulic lift locks at Kirkfield, Ont., is also dealt with, and the paper is not only valuable to an engineering and scientific standpoint, but is also of great interest to the lay reader, giving as it does many interesting details concerning one of the most notable engineering feats accomplished in Canada in recent years, and showing the possibilities of concrete for hydraulic and general construction.

The Gzowski Medal Fund was established in 1892 by Colonel Sir Casimir S. Gzowski, when he retired from the presidency of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, and is controlled by the governing body of that Society. The medal only being awarded in the event of papers of sufficient merit submitted during the year, and the medal now being made for presentation to Mr. Francis is the fourteenth which has been awarded since the institution of the Fund.

Mr. Francis, although a Torontonian by birth, is a Montrealer by adoption, and is now assistant manager and chief engineer for the Dominion Engineering & Construction Company, of Montreal, and as such has sole charge of all their engineering and construction work.

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The Western Home Monthly is in receipt of a copy of a handsome publication from the publicity department of the C. P. R., Montreal.

The publication referred to is entitled "Home Life of Women in Western Canada," a story of what women are accomplishing in our Canadian West. Well printed on fine coated paper, illustrated throughout with fine half tone engravings, it is a work that will be much appreciated. Any of our readers who desire a copy of this entertaining and interesting publication, can secure one by addressing W. T. Robson, Advertising Dept., C. P. R., Montreal, and enclosing a two cent stamp for postage. Tell Mr. Robson you read about his publication in the Western Home Monthly.

A FAIL OF STOCK FOOD.

The Hackney Stock Food Co., 275 Fort St., Winnipeg, make a very generous offer to farmers and other buyers of stock food. Their advertisement appears on another page and they say to you to order a pall of their stock food from your dealer, and if it does not do what they claim for it, it will cost you nothing. They say "try our stock food at our expense." If your dealer does not keep it you should make the fact known to the Hackney Stock Food Co., 275 Fort St., Winnipeg, and state in your letter the name of your dealer so that they may communicate with him. When writing them mention that you saw their ad. in the Western Home Monthly.

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There is a portion of it devoted to bees and apiary supplies, agricultural implements, garden tools, fertilizers, fruit baskets, crates, etc. It contains a fund of information interesting to farmers, gardeners, and fruit growers. You can secure a copy of catalogue by writing them and mentioning the Western Home Monthly.

ATHLETIC CLUBS SUPPLIED WITH UNIFORMS, ETC.

When we consider the exceedingly busy lives led by the young men of Western Canada to-day, the amount of their leisure time devoted to healthful outdoor games is a matter of both surprise and gratification. Although Lacrosse is Canada's national summer game, yet both the American game of base ball and English Association football unquestionably have more devotees and supporters; and almost every town and village in Western Canada have a team playing one of the other of these popular games. A few seasons ago the quality of the play was but indifferent and the players were by no means particular as to what they wore on the field. All this has changed, however, and now the style of the play is of excellent quality and every team must have its own distinctive uniform. At first these were procured from the East, but the Hingston Smith Arms Co., of Winnipeg, are now manufacturing them, and last season supplied the uniforms worn by the majority of the leading clubs in Western Canada. They report that they did not receive a single complaint from any of the many clubs they outfitted, but on the contrary, many letters of commendation. The distinctive features they claim for their uniforms are: Fit, durability, finish and fine appearance. While their prices are as low as those of Eastern manufacturers, the time and transportation charges they save the purchaser are by no means inconsiderable.

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INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

We reproduce an article which appeared recently in a trade publication in Winnipeg.

"The Senate of the United States recently adopted a resolution providing for a searching examination into the affairs of the International Harvester Company by the Department of Commerce and Labor. This examination is for the specific purpose of determining the legal status of the combination, to find out whether prices are controlled to the injury of the unrestricted trade, whether there is any combination either among makers or retailers and whether the quality of products is as good as in former years. It is also stated that the scope of the enquiry may be extended to cover the question of prices quoted abroad as compared with domestic prices.

"Both across the line and by the trade in Canada the governmental investigation of the International Harvester Co. will be watched with the keenest interest, and if carefully and earnestly conducted, which it is hoped it will be, its decisions will be appreciated by every member of the implement fraternity. If the International Harvester Co. is a combination in restraint of trade it should be publicly branded as such, and application made for its dissolution: but if it is not, it should also be publicly exonerated from the many charges that are being hurled against it. If it is turning out goods of inferior quality as compared with those previous to the amalgamation, if it is proven that it has been the means of advancing prices and at the same time makes the terms of sale more oppressive than formerly, then it is time that the whole pub were in possession of full knowledge of the situation. If, on the other hand, it is determined that such charges as these are without foundation, it will relieve the growing feeling of discontent among members of the implement trade, and go far to placing the International Harvester Co. and its operations in a better light than they have heretofore occupied."—Canadian Farm Implements.

When the investigation in the affairs of the International Harvester Co. is taken up on this side, of the boundary it will cause widespread attention. Combines are a curse to any country. The alleged grain combine now being investigated by Royal Commission, brought out sufficient evidence to warrant the president of the Grain Growers' Association taking action against three members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. The smart practices introduced in the buying of grain in this country are said to be methods in vogue on the other side of the line, brought here and introduced by some of our clever American cousins.

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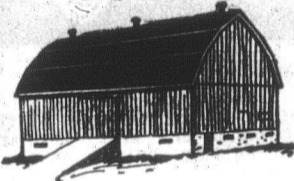
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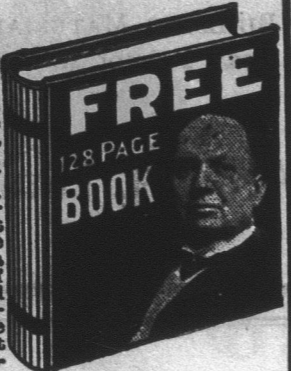
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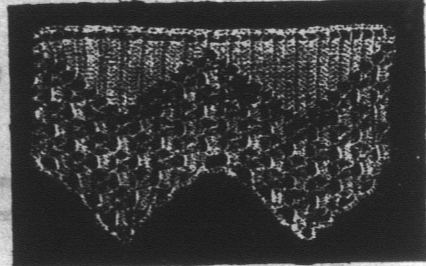
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ZIGZAG POINT LACE.

Make a chain of 38 stitches, turn.
1. Miss 3, a treble in next, chain 2, miss 2, next treble in next, 2 stitches, (chain 5, miss 3, 1 double in next, chain 5, miss 3, 5 trebles in next) 3 times, chain 5, miss 3, 1 double, turn.
2. Chain 10, (a double in 1st of 5 trebles, chain 5, a double in last of same group, chain 5.) 3 times, 2 trebles under next chain and 3, in each treble of last row, chain 2, a treble in treble and 1 in top of 3 chain, turn.
3. Chain 3, a treble in treble, chain 2, a treble in each treble following and 2 under chain, (chain 5, fasten under 5 chain over 5 trebles, chain 5, 5 trebles under next 5 chain) 3 times, chain 5, fasten under same loop, turn.
4. Like 2d row, with 8 trebles at



Zig-Zag Point Lace.

upper edge.
5. Like 3d row, making 10 trebles at upper edge.
6. Continue to repeat 2d and 3d rows, adding 2 more trebles each row, until you have 18 trebles in 9th row.

10. Chain 8, (a double in 1st of 3 trebles, chain 5, a double in last treble of same group, chain 5) 3 times, miss 2 trebles, a treble in each treble following, chain 2, a treble in treble and 1 in top of 3 chain, turn.

11. Chain 3, a treble in treble, chain 2, a treble in each following treble to within 2 of the end, (chain 5, fasten under 5 chain, chain 5, 5 trebles under next 5 chain) 3 times, chain 5, fasten in next double, slip-stitch along 5 chain to next double, turn.
12. Chain 5, and proceed like 10th row, decreasing the trebles by missing 1st 2.

13. Like 11th row, with 10 trebles.
14. Like 12th row, 8 trebles.
Repeat 11th and 12th rows once more.

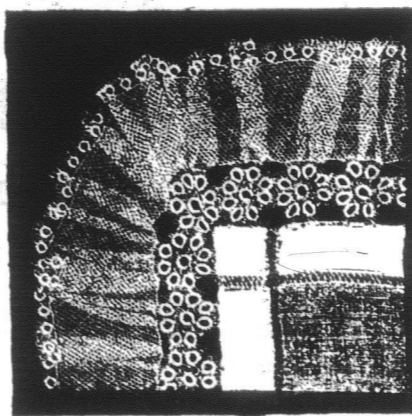
17. Chain 3, treble in treble, chain 2, 2 trebles in 2 trebles, (chain 5, fasten under 5 chain, chain 5, 5 trebles under 5 chain) 3 times, chain 5, fasten in double, slip-stitch over 5 chain to next double, turn.

Repeat from 2d row. A handsome and durable trimming. If wished, a row of some pretty open pattern or insertion may be added at the top to make a wider lace.
Finish the edge by filling each loop with 7 doubles, 10 around the point.

HANDKERCHIEF TRIMMING OF LACE NET AND TATTING.

Materials required are 2 yards of plain "footing" or brussels net 1 1/2 inches in width, a spool of thread (cotton) No. 60, or No. 150 linen, and a hemstitched square of linen lawn 6x6 inches when complete.

Make the wheels thus: (2 double knots, 1 picot) 14 times, 2 double knots, close; make a ring of 5 double knots, (1 picot, 2 double knots) 45 times, 1 picot, 6 double knots, close; miss 1 picot, fasten in next, 6 double knots,



Handkerchief Trimming of Lace-net and Tatting.

Join to last picot of preceding ring, (2 double knots, 1 picot) 5 times, 6 double knots, close; repeat from * until you have 8 rings surrounding the center, joining last to 1st as well as preceding ring.

Join the wheels when working by center picots of 2 rings at side of each, forming a square large enough to extend around the center of linen lawn. Sew the border neatly in place with fine thread by the 3d and 4th picots of

2 rings in each wheel, passing the needle from picot to picot between the hem.

If brussels net is used, overcast both edges neatly. Finish the outer edge with a row of single rings, thus: Catch into the edge of net, make a ring of 5 double knots, (1 picot, 2 double knots) 4 times, 5 double knots, close; leave 1/4 inch, make a 2d ring like 1st, joining by 1st picot to last picot of preceding ring; repeat from * until you have a strip 2 yards in length, then overcast it neatly to the footing. Draw the thread at other side until the strip fits to the outer row of wheels, and sew in place as you sewed the wheels to the linen center.

Any insertion of tatting may be used in place of the wheels; in fact, the variations are numberless. If neatly done the work is always dainty, and is coming more and more into the old-time favor. Valenciennes lace and Insertion may be used in place of tatting, if desired, to make a most dainty Christmas kerchief.

HANDSOME KNITTED LACE.

Cast on 30 stitches, knit across plain.

1. Knit 20, narrow, over, (knit 1, over, narrow) twice, over, knit 2.

2. Over, narrow, knit rest plain; all even rows the same, except that in the "over twice" loops you puri 1 and knit 1.

3. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 7 times, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

5. Knit 18, narrow, over, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

7. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 6 times (knit 2, narrow, over, narrow) twice, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

9. Knit 16, narrow, over, knit 1, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, (knit 1, over, narrow) twice, over, knit 2.

11. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 5 times, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 4, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 4, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

13. Knit 14, narrow, over, knit 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

15. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 4 times, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 6, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 6, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

17. Knit 12, narrow, over, knit 18, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

21. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 3 times, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 3, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 6, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

23. Knit 10, narrow, over, knit 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, repeat from * knit 2, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

25. Knit 3, (over, narrow) twice, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 5, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 5, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 1, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

27. Knit 3, over, narrow, knit 5, over, narrow, knit 9, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 9, narrow, over, knit 4, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

29. Knit 11, over, narrow, knit 6, (narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 6, narrow, over, knit 6, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

31. Knit 12, over, narrow, knit 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 3 times, knit 3, narrow, over, knit 8, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

33. Knit 10, narrow, over, knit 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 4 times, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 7, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

35. Knit 9, narrow, over, knit 2, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 5 times, knit 2, over, narrow, knit 7, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

37. Knit 8, narrow, over, knit 1, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 6 times, knit 1, over, narrow, knit 7, over, narrow, over, knit 2.

39. Knit 10, over, narrow, knit 1, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 5 times, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 7, narrow, over, narrow twice, knit 1, narrow, over, narrow twice, knit 1.

41. Knit 11, over, narrow, knit 2, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 4 times, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 7, narrow, over, narrow twice, knit 1.

43. Knit 12, over, narrow, knit 3, (narrow, over twice, narrow) 3 times,

knit 3, narrow, over, knit 7, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 10, narrow, over, knit 7, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, knit 1, over, narrow, knit 4, narrow (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

47. Knit 3, over, narrow, knit 4, narrow, over, knit 10, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 10, over, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

51. Knit 3, (over, narrow) twice, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 4, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 6, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 4, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

53. Knit 11, over, narrow, knit 1, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, knit 2, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, (knit 1, narrow, over) twice, narrow, over, narrow, knit 1.

55. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 3 times, over, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 2, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 2, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

57. Knit 13, over, narrow, knit 16, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

59. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 4 times, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 5, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 5, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

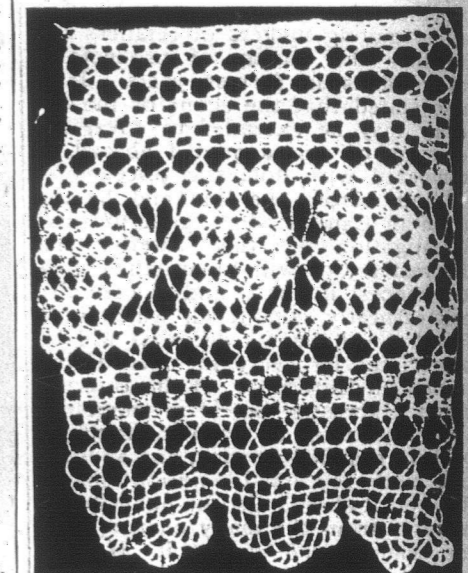
61. Knit 15, over, narrow, knit 2, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, knit 4, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

63. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 5 times, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 3, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 3, narrow, over, knit 3, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

65. Knit 17, over, narrow, (narrow, over twice, narrow) twice, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

67. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 6 times, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over twice, narrow, knit 1, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

69. Knit 19, over, narrow, knit 4, narrow, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.



Shell Cluster Lace.

71. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 7 times, knit 3, over, narrow, knit 2, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

73. Knit 21, over, narrow twice, bind 1 over, over, knit 1, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

75. Knit 3, (over, narrow) 8 times, knit 5, narrow, (over, narrow) twice, knit 1.

76. Knit plain.
Repeat from 1st row.

Knitted of coarse cotton, say No. 12, this makes a handsome border for a knitted bedspread, for which the insertion is used as a stripe. If desired, I will gladly send the insertion sample, with directions for knitting.

SHELL CLUSTER LACE.

Make a chain of 88 stitches, turn.
1. Miss 3, 2 trebles in next 2 stitches, chain 2, miss 2, 1 treble, (chain 3, miss 2, 1 double, chain 3, miss 2, 1 treble) twice, 2 trebles in next 2 stitches, chain 2, miss 2, 3 trebles, chain 2, miss 2, 1 treble, chain 5, miss 5, shell of 3 trebles, 3 chain and 3 trebles in next, chain 3, miss 4, 1 double, chain 5, miss 5, 2 trebles separated by 3 chain in next, chain 5, miss 5, 1 double, chain 3, miss 4, shell in next, chain 5, miss 5, a treble in next, (chain 2, miss 2, 3 trebles) twice, (chain 3, miss 2, 1 double, chain 3, miss 2, 1 treble) twice, (chain 5, miss 5, 1 double in next) twice, turn.

2. Chain 7, a double under 5 chain, chain 5, a double under next loop, (chain 5, a treble in next treble) 3 times, (chain 2, 3 trebles under next chain) twice, chain 3, a double under 5 chain, chain 3, shell in shell, chain 5, 4 trebles, each separated by 3 chain under next 3 chain (between 2 trebles of last row), chain 5, shell in shell, chain 3, fasten under 5 chain, chain 3, (3 trebles under next chain, chain 2) twice, a treble in last of 3 trebles, (chain 5, a treble in next treble twice, chain 2, 2 trebles in 2 trebles and 1 in top of 3 chain, turn.

3. Chain 3, 2 trebles in 2 trebles, chain 2, a treble in next treble, (chain 3, fasten under 5 chain, chain 3, a treble in next treble) twice, 2 trebles under chain, chain 2, 3 trebles under next chain, chain 2, a treble in last of 3 trebles, chain 5, shell in shell, * chain 3, a shell under each of the 3 chains in open shell, chain 3, * shell in shell, chain 3, a treble in next treble, (chain 2, 3 trebles under next chain) twice, (chain 3, fasten under 5 chain, chain 3, a treble in treble) twice, (chain 5, fasten under next chain loop) 3 times, turn.

4. (Chain 5, fasten under 5 chain) 3 times, (chain 5, a treble in treble following) 3 times, (chain 2, 3 trebles under 2 chain) twice, chain 3, fasten under 5 chain, chain 3, shell in shell, * under 5 chain, chain 3, shell in shell, chain 2, shell in each of 3 shells, chain 2, shell in shell, chain 3, fasten under 5 chain, chain 3, (3 trebles under 2 chain, chain 2) twice, a treble in last of 3 trebles, (chain 5, a treble in next treble) twice, chain 2, 3 trebles at end of row, turn.

5. Like 3d row to *; chain 1, shell in each of 3 shells, chain 1, finish like 3d row from 2d * to end, making 4 loops of 5 chain each in scallop.

6. (Chain 5, a double under 5 chain) 4 times, continue like 4th row to *, chain 1, a shell in each of 3 shells, chain 1, finish like 4th row from 2d *.

7. Like 3d row with shell in each of 5 shells across center, no chain between, to scallop; (chain 5, fasten under next 5 chain) 5 times, chain 5, chain 5, fasten under loop at beginning of 2d row, turn.

8. Chain 5, 4 trebles, each separated by 2 chain, under 1st loop, chain 3, fasten under next loop, chain 3, repeat to form 2 more open shells, then chain 3, after the 3d shell, fasten under 5 chain, chain 5, fasten under next, and continue like 4th row putting shell in each of 5 shells across center.

9. Like 3d row to *; chain 3, fasten in 1st of 3 shells, chain 5, 2 trebles separated by 3 chain in next, chain 5, fasten in next, chain 3, and continue like 3d row from 2d *, making 2 chain loops at the end.

AN EASTER WATCH POCKET.

Chain 6, join.

1. Chain 3, 2 trebles in ring, * chain 5, 3 trebles in ring, repeat from * twice, chain 5, and join to top of 3 chain representing 1st treble.

2. Chain 5, * 3 trebles, 5 chain and 3 trebles under 1st 5 chain, forming a corner, chain 2, repeat from * 3 times, and join to 3d of 5 chain.

3. Slip-stitch under 2 chain, chain 3, 2 trebles under same chain, * chain 2, 3 trebles, 5 chain and 3 trebles at corner, chain 2, 3 trebles under 2 chain, repeat from * 3 times, ending with 2 chain joined to top of 3 chain which stands for 1st treble.

4. 5, 6, 7. Like 3d row, making a shell of 3 trebles, 5 chain and 3 trebles at each corner, and a block of 3 trebles under each two chain along the side. In the 7th row there will be 5 of these blocks, exclusive of corners. Make another square in the same way, breaking and fastening thread securely to complete each. In the model, the squares are made in cream-color mercerized crochet cotton; silk may be used, if liked.

8. Place the two squares together evenly. With blue, work in double crochet around, taking every stitch, one from each piece, together. Halfway across the 3d side, split the stitches of the front square and work only in the back; work halfway across the 4th side of back square, then take both together again. This allows the opening for the watch.

9. Make 13 doubles in 13 stitches, chain 5, miss 4, 13 doubles in 7 doubles around corner, (chain 5, miss 4, 13 doubles in 13 doubles), twice, chain 5, miss 4, (at 2d corner), 13 doubles, and so on around, having opposite corners alike.

10. * make 9 doubles over 13 doubles, missing 1st and last 2, 10 trebles under 5 chain; repeat from * around.

11. * make 7 doubles over 9 doubles, omitting 1st and last, 9 trebles, each separated by 1 chain, between 10 trebles; repeat from * around.

12. * make 5 doubles over 7 doubles, missing 1st and last, 3 trebles, separated by 2 chain, between 9 trebles, repeat around.

13. * make 3 doubles over 5 doubles, missing 1st and last, chain 1, a treble under 1st 2 chain, (chain 2, a treble under next) twice, chain 2, a treble in same place, (chain 2, a treble under next, chain 2, a treble under same) twice, (chain 2, a treble under next) twice, chain 1; repeat.

14. * a double in 2d of 3 doubles, chain 1, a double under 1st 2 chain, (chain 4, a treble in double last made, a double under same 2 chain, a double under next 2 chain) 9 times, then, after last double under same 2 chain, chain 1, and repeat. This completes the border. The 8th, 9th and 10th rows are in color, 11th and 13th rows in cream, and 12th and 14th in color. Any two colors liked may be chosen.

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In each of the following sentences fill the two blanks with words spelled and pronounced alike, but having different meanings:

- 1. This — personage was born on a certain day of —.
2. The duchess, leaning out upon both —, called attention to the family — upon her carriage.
3. He looked upon the — and saw that many had — the place.
4. The news of the arrival of the — will — her with joy.
5. His next — was to write an — upon the subject.
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MAKE a proverb from each of the following sentences. Thus, the letters of No. 1 may be transposed into "As green as grass."

- 1. Earns sages rags.
2. A bub says "Ease!"
3. Scold a shy cat, Ira.
4. Asa has a dream charm.
5. Again Sam blows a nice ace.

No. 5.—BEHEADED RHYMES.

FILL the first blank with the missing word, and each succeeding blank with the original word successively beheaded.

- Once on a time, a good —
Whose mournful tale I now —
Feasting, with spirits much —
Would not be warned till 'twas too —
In short, he died of what he —

No. 6.—BROKEN WORD PUZZLE.

In each sentence, fill the first two blanks with two words which, joined together, will form a word to fill the remaining blank.

- 1. "Do you buy paper — or reams?" — one schoolgirl of another.
2. — Puritans do not regard it as you free — men might.
3. He built — when in —, and lived like the natives themselves.

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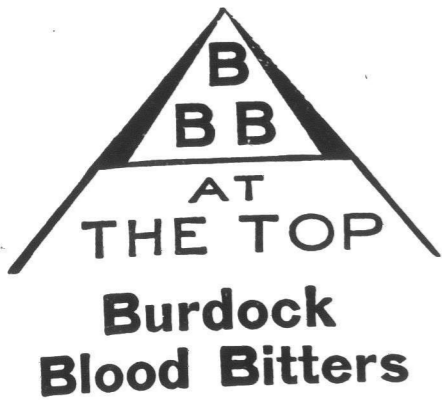
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Temperance Talk.

OUT ON THE PRAIRIE.

Out on the prairie the wild wind raves, The white snow tosses like ocean waves, And billowy drifts like to giants' graves Spread far and wide o'er the prairie.

The white moon sails through a cloudless sky, Dismal and weird sounds the coyote's cry, Like a troubled soul afraid to die, Out on the North West prairie.

Out on the prairie a low black cot, On the broad white mesas the only blot, Bides a human soul alone, forgot, Alone on the Northwest prairie.

This is the picture, and that is all. Oh, swiftly turn the face to the wall, 'Tis a woman's lot, let the curtains fall On this desolate life, on the prairie.

—T. Alcliffe Teske.

The safe kind of whiskey, declares Dr. Wiley, of the Department of Agriculture, is that which is bottled. "The records show that whiskey left in a bottle has never injured anyone seriously," states Harper's Weekly.

Bishop Fowler, in speaking of the liquor traffic says: "It is cunning as a fox, wise as a serpent, strong as an ox, bold as a lion, merciless as a tiger, remorseless as a hyena, fierce as a pestilence and deadly as a plague."

At the last meeting of the Scottish Temperance League, in Glasgow, there were eighteen hundred people in the audience, three-fourths men, and a solid bank of leading men on the platform, one hundred of them preachers, the others prominent in business and professions.

Carroll C. Wright, commissioner of labor of the United States, has stated that there are at least 100,000 men annually destroyed by the liquor traffic in the United States. What about the wives and mothers? What of the "Almshouses?"

The registrar-general reports for England and Wales, especially during the years from 1881 to 1900, show that 110,215 died from three diseases directly due to alcohol; namely, chronic alcoholism, delirium tremens, and cirrhosis of the liver, which is at the rate of 188.45 persons per million.

Here is a copy of a poster drawn up by a number of physicians and put up in all railway stations throughout the country:

"To the Danish people,—
"Alcohol is a stupefying poison,—
"Alcohol is the cause of many mental diseases and of most of the crimes."

Twenty-five years ago San Francisco had 200 flourishing churches and comparatively few saloonists' tills. Today she has "less than 160 sparsely attended churches and is notorious the world over for saloon domination and municipal corruption. Even relief money sent there by our churches found its way to the saloonists' tills by the thousands of dollars.

All the British temperance organizations have endorsed, wherever opportunity has offered, President Roosevelt's great proposal to the British government, that Britain and America should unite to submit a treaty to other civilized governments to prohibit the sale of all intoxicants and opium to all uncivilized races.

The daily papers stated the other day that a very wealthy woman living in a large manufacturing city east of the Mississippi had applied to the courts to have her son declared an habitual drunkard. The young man is about thirty, and is among the best known of the younger millionaires of his city. He has, according to his mother's petition, an income of \$35,000 a year and this he wastes in drunken debaucheries.

The editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, Mr. Bok, recently made an investigation with a view to ascer-

taining, if possible, the proportion of the leading business men of the nation who are addicted to the use of liquors. Twenty-eight of the largest business men of the country were taken for the purpose of investigation and the results show that twenty-two out of the twenty-eight, or more than five-sevenths, have never used alcoholic liquors in any way, shape or form.

Men desiring to occupy certain positions of trust in the United States must be bound by regular "bonding companies," one of whose main questions is, "Do you drink intoxicating liquors?" If this question is answered in the affirmative, the company will refuse to bond the applicant. It is said that over two millions of the best business positions in the country are closed to all but total abstainers. One of the most fascinating themes for the student of temperance issues is the attitude of astute business institutions toward the use of alcohol as a beverage.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kan., has accepted an invitation from an English temperance society to go to England next March to take a prominent part in a campaign for the passage of a local option law by parliament. The world never till today saw the old world and the new interchanging its best thought in the persons of its greatest writers, its preachers and its platform orators. We may expect to see more world-federation as a result of the larger appreciation with which the leaders on both sides of the Atlantic view one another's work.

WHISKEY DOES IT EVERY TIME.

One drunken man shot another in a Muncie saloon the other day. While the surgeon was operating on the wounded man, his sayer prayed for his victim's recovery, the reporter says. A prayer from such a source would be of little avail. The wounded man died.

A man named Ball near Logansport attacked and would have killed an old farmer, named Seybold, on the 9th, but for the timely arrival of neighbors Ball was drunk.

PERHAPS YOU KNOW HIM.

We don't know his name, occupation or from whence he came, but we do know he was a gentleman, a man with a mother that he loved and respected; perhaps he had a wife and sister, if so they were fortunate.

He was sitting in a crowded car. An old lady, with a faded sunbonnet and basket, got on the car at the door behind him, at one of the country stations and walked slowly along up the aisle looking wistfully to the right and left. She passed this man's seat; he looked up at her, quickly glanced up and down the car, saw no vacant seat and immediately rose, touched the lady's arm and said: "Here's a vacant seat, mother."

The old lady looked at the strong young fellow and said: "Thank you, dear, but that is your seat isn't it?"

"Oh no, was the reply. "That seat belongs to the railroad company, and they sold you the right to sit in it. I have been sitting for a long time and need to stand for exercise."

The old lady took the seat. The young man put her shawl and basket in the rack, asked her where she was going, talked about the weather and crops, and listened to a long story about her daughter, whom she was going to visit, ten miles up the road. When the station was reached the young man took down the basket and shawl and assisted the old lady to the platform, shook hands with her and said good-bye and returned to the car. The old lady watched him as long as she could see him and turned to her daughter who was waiting for her.

Not a person on the car but admired the young fellow, would have trusted him anywhere, and all wished they had the manhood to do as he had done.

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(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

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Among the Flowers.

MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD.

Softly sighs the evening zephyr,
Floating through the leafy trees,
And the scent of purple violets,
Sweetly breathes from dewy leas.
And the murmuring of the brooklet,
As it ripples through the dale,
Tells of birds, and fragrant flowers
Blooming in the mossy vale.
Oft in childhood have I rambled
Through the meadows cool and green,
Culling flowers fair and fragrant,
By the pure and silver stream.
Loving playmates frolicked with me,
Through the long, bright summer day;
And our happy voices mingled
In a merry roundelay.
O! sweet Memory, how I love thee,
With a love akin to pain,
For you bear me back to childhood,
And the old loved scenes again.
To the old familiar faces,
Father, Mother, Home and friends;
And these dreams I fondly cherish,
Till this weary journey ends.
Till I pass the glowing portal
To a World that's free from pain,
And mid scenes of Heavenly beauty,
Find my long lost youth again.

PLANNING FOR SPRING.

In time of war prepare for peace. When old Boreas is on the warpath, flourishing his stingy lash of the north wind when the snow is on the ground and the storms are howling it is a good plan to look cold winter out of countenance by getting all ready for gentle spring and glorious summer. At my desk I like to lay plans for a spring that never fails to come. There is nothing like being prepared. I want so much ground for this flower and so much for that. There must first be the plan of the architect before the skyscraper can go up. The winter will not seem so cold or the storms so terrible if you can look through it all and in imagination you can see your columbines and pyrethrums. These flowers are hardy in the North land.

The Pyrethrum.

Or painted daisy is a very unpretending flower, quite hardy. I think the single mixed are about as satisfactory as anything you have a very rich variety of color. Flowers are daisy shaped, some of them two inches across. You have the various shades of color, late form with the white and for decoration day you can set a delightful bouquet. There is the double form, but the flower seems to pay more attention to being double than to being beautiful. You can send and get the plants which will cost by mail about \$1.50 per dozen, or you can get the seed and grow your own. These are perennials, and remember you must always sow seeds of perennials very early in the spring. They are much more hardy than annuals. There is a very large form of this flower which is called Ullinosum, something like a tall story Aster, which blooms in September and October. This helps to extend the season of flowers.

Planting Seeds.

Remember, in planting seeds, you must be careful and never let them dry while germinating. Seedsmen are often blamed for sending out poor seeds when they have sent the very best. If you sow fine seed out in the open, ten to one there will be a dry spell which will dry up the seeds just as they begin to sprout. Did you ever try to raise celery from those tiny seeds sown out of doors? We presume you have tried it in disgust and thought that seedsmen a fraud. Now, the smaller the seeds the lighter the covering. Most flower seeds are small, and the covering must be light. I think this plan of procedure originated with us: Sow the seeds in a well prepared bed and cover lightly with earth, perhaps a quarter of an inch. Water well and cover well with a gunny sack ripped open, or any piece of burlap. If the weather is wet it keeps rain from washing the beds and spattering and distributing the tiny seeds. Should it be quite dry then with the water pot give the burlap a thorough soaking every night if need be. Soon you will find they are beginning to sprout. Watch them closely. If you should take the covering off in the morning the little plants would sunburn. You must remove it in the evening, and they will get used to the air by morning. Of course all will not come at first. You may need to keep up watering every night till the rest appear. Thus with a little care you will have a good stand of fine plants. Some things you can start in the house with a little trouble when it will be easy to watch them. They grow quite rapidly, and you can reset them a time or two, and as the weather gets warmer set them out of doors or put

the window up to toughen them before going into the garden. Little plants require a good deal of motherly care. Keep good watch over your house plants. We told you how to have a hardy winter garden of tulips and hyacinths. We trust many of our readers adopted the plan for if your house is cold and the frost invades it those hardy flowers will not mind it, even if they should be frozen solid while in full bloom.

SUCCESS WITH ROSES.

The first step to success in the growing of roses is to select a suitable place for planting. This is an absolute necessity. The best place in the garden is none too good for roses. Do not plant on the north side or at a corner of the house, as the winds would injure the bushes, and the sun could not properly reach them. A warm, sunny position should be selected, on a southern exposure, and not too near a building or tree, lest the rose be robbed of the needed nourishment and sunshine. It is sufficient if the rose has the sun in the morning and during part of the afternoon. The best results are had when the roses are planted in groups or hedges, as they grow much better and are more easily cared for. They should be planted in the shade of trees or buildings. The rose requires plenty of nourishment, water and pure air. It should always be kept free from dead leaves and insects. Roses do well in sandy; in the latter case, much benefit will be derived from mixing in clay or muck in suitable proportions. If the soil is too heavy, a mixture of wood ashes and air-slacked lime would make it about right. Do not forget to fertilize the soil generously with cow manure and bone manure. Water should not be allowed to settle about the bushes in winter, as it will do great harm to the plants. By following these suggestions, there will be no difficulty in raising fine roses.

SWEET PEAS.

After the frost leaves the ground spade it up, breaking the lumps and working in manure well. Plant the seeds early. After the ground has been thoroughly worked, dig a trench about three inches deep, and sow the seeds a little thicker than most kinds of flowers. When the plants get about two inches high make a trellis of wire netting four or five feet high, or you can use a lath fence with twine run through. Keep the fading blossoms closely picked. It is better not to put sweet peas in the same ground two years in succession, but if you do the ground should be well manured in the fall.

SOILS FOR HOTBEDS.

The use of sifted moss mixed with sandy soil is recommended as the best soil for hotbeds. The moss is dried and then run through a coal-ash sieve with quarter-inch meshes. The hotbed is then covered about four inches inside the frame with this mixture. A table-spoonful of super-phosphate and of wood ashes is applied for each square yard of space. This makes a nice, porous, moist and spongy seed-bed. Make the rows by using the edge of a lath pressed into the soil a fourth of an inch and rubbed backwards and forwards a few times. Cover the seed a fourth of an inch with the moss and soil. The moss enables the soil to hold a great deal of water when it is given, and the roots form a free network of fibres, and it facilitates transplanting. This soil does not break or crust.

SWEET WILLIAMS.

These lovely border plants are much neglected, partly because their admirers fail to procure plants in their proper season and from propagating from choice plants when a good list is once secured. Seed should be planted every spring, from specially fine and desirable sorts; this will keep the stock of plants well renewed each year. I find they are sure to do well if layered as we do carnations. Notch the shoot just below the joint, bend it carefully to avoid breaking, press down into the soil, being sure this is well mellowed and a supply of clean sand at hand to place just under the cut on the branch. Press the earth over it quite firm, using small stakes to hold it in position, then water well; see to this daily; in a few weeks they will be rooted and must be cut from the old plant; planted, shaded and cared for in water regularly till established, you have your finest varieties secured. Again repeating this each year, the beds will keep filled with your best sorts. Any that come in marenta or muddy purple tints should be pulled up, as the whole bed will be spotted if one of either are allowed to remain.

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SUGGESTIONS.

Outdoor exercise induces sleep. Do not strain the eyes to read or work in a dim light.

Cheese and nuts are good substitutes for meat.

Vaseline rubbed on the nails every night will prevent them from becoming brittle.

A little gum camphor dissolved in an ounce of glycerine will heal cracked and sore nipples.

Twenty drops of aromatic spirits of ammonia in a little water taken in sips will be found to relieve indigestion and strengthen the heart.

Fat meat is advocated by most physicians as more beneficial than lean, for those who have a tendency to scrofula, consumption or kindred diseases.

Many people eat too much meat, with an idea that it is the only food to make them strong and ignore bread and butter, which for muscular work is the food to be relied upon.

Half a wine glass of olive oil taken two or three times a week is a preventive of appendicitis. This is one of the many valuable hints in regard to the use of olive oil.

To quiet an irritating cough at night, and induce sleep, put half a teaspoonful of powdered rosin into a little sauce and take at once. The effect is prompt and satisfactory.

Cover burns and scalds with baking soda, slightly dampened, or with whitening to exclude the air. This soothes the pain and the process of repair will begin.

Severe inflammation and swelling can be relieved by applying oil, tallow or lard as hot as can be borne, to the affected part. Cover with heated flannel. A little camphor melted into the grease is a valuable addition. Re-apply as soon as it cools.

Breathe deeply if you wish to develop the chest. The lungs are strengthened and the muscles of the chest made more vigorous by slowly expanding the chest with long deep breaths, drawing in the abdomen and throwing back the shoulders, and then, as slowly expelling the air from the lungs. Practice this before an open window for five minutes two or three times daily. This exercise is especially useful after recovering from a cold on the lungs or bronchial tubes.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Great care should be taken not to use any force in loosening the dandruff that frequently cakes on a baby's head. Soften it first by putting vaseline or cosmoline on the patch, and when it has soaked in, the scales can generally be removed very easily. If the skin is reddened underneath, or if the dandruff accumulates immediately, use a little zinc ointment, rubbing it in very gently with the ball of the finger. Your finger nails are the outward and visible sign of general systematic disorder. Look after the digestive tract, correct indigestion and constipation, and eat only such things as are easily digested. Drink several glasses of water before breakfast and at bedtime. Olive oil in tablespoonful doses after meals, taken regularly for six weeks, will make a marked improvement in the condition of your nails. For local treatment, rub cosmoline into the nail and the surrounding skin at bedtime, and put on a pair of old gloves or wrap your hands up in old soft muslin. Use a mop for washing dishes, and keep your hands out of water as much as possible.

SELF CONTROL.

There is one important factor in matters pertaining to health, especially in dealing with stomach troubles. The term "hyperkinesia" is used in medicine to indicate that a person has lost his or her power to govern his thoughts, feelings, acts. In insane asylums are multitudes of cases of those, who, in this respect, have gone mad. They have no mastery over themselves. These are extreme cases. It indicates degeneration of brain tissues.

The power of self-mastery is believed by scientists to be the last one acquired by the human race in the process of evolution, and the last powers acquired are not so firmly fixed in our natures as some which have been longer in our possession. The result is, it becomes deranged more readily than more fixed forces. In many cases self-control has never been fully acquired at all, and so the person can only partly master himself. As a rule, children have little of this power. They are like animals. Little by little, as they grow older, it grows, and in some it becomes so well developed that it is almost perfect. In others, like music in those who never acquire it, or any other faculty, it never becomes a potent factor in life.

H. Chandler, writing in the Journal of Hygiene, says: "Many parents teach their children early the value of self-control; others leave them uninstructed,

and they suffer from it all through life." "Both men and women need to drill and discipline themselves in self-mastery. I know a woman who worked twenty years to overcome one weakness in her nature, a lack of self-control in one important matter, and she finally succeeded. She saw how useful it would be to her to be her own master, and so she persisted. Whenever she failed she re-resolved, and made up her mind that she would succeed. It was a great victory."

The victims of drink, of gluttony, of sensuality, are hyperkinetics; that is, they cannot control their appetites.

Women, as well as men, need to learn self-mastery. With a large amount of feeling in her nature, it is often hard for her to do it, but she should try. Too many of us go through life never making any efforts to be our own masters. We give way to caprices, whims, feelings, follies, far more than is good for our health. Hysteria gives us a good example of this loss of self-control. Any uncontrolled passion gives an equally good example. Men and women say they can't govern themselves; that is simply admitting they have defects in character which are their masters. They ought to make an effort and see if they are not mistaken. The worst effects of lack of self-control are on the health. It allows every kind of bad habit in eating, drinking, dressing, sleeping, to gain possession of the person, and the result is a weak instead of a strong character.

Cultivate the habit of looking for the best side of things and keeping your attention fixed on it. It is astonishing how much good there is in the world if you look for it resolutely. You will find that your own mind keeps sweet and serene, that your presence has a stilling influence on contentious people, that your friends welcome you with a smile and are sorry to see you go. You will not be imposed upon half as often as you would be if you were suspicious and on the alert for rascality—that is, granting that you have ordinary common sense—for evil has its magnetism as well as good. When you do meet trouble its sting is extracted by the fortitude which you can summon to your aid.

The optimistic habit never leaves its fortunate possessor helpless. The man who has sought the good all his days has stored up enough virtue to help him out of his hole. Such a man does not stop to bewail his failure—he does not know the word. He has met an obstruction or a tangle of some sort, and sets to work to remove or undo it. Optimism is the foundation and crown of all success. Healthy and happy old men and women are invariably optimistic.

HYSTERIA.

Hysteria, or the trouble called "hysteria" is a morbid condition characterized by a lack of control of all mental and physical actions. So far as can be ascertained, there are no organic changes occurring either in the nervous or other systems. The causes are obscure, but the usual predisposing causes are among the following: Hereditary, mental overwork, worry, poor hygienic surroundings, religious excitement, fright, and convalescence from some serious disease. The disease is also much more common among females than males, and usually occurs between the ages of fifteen and thirty years.

Before the occurrence of an attack there is usually some mental depression, a feeling of a "lump in the throat," lancinating pains in various regions, etc. At the time of the seizure the patient often utters a shriek and falls to the floor, always looking to it that she finds a safe place to fall so as not to produce bodily injury. It is also said that there are no authenticated cases of a seizure having occurred when the patient was alone.

If the attack is one simulating epilepsy, there will be twitching of the muscles about the eyes and mouth, often frothing at the mouth, and more or less severe convulsive movements of various muscles. At times the patient will have a very severe convulsive attack. In other cases there will be a series of gymnastic motions gone through with, or the patient will imitate the sounds made by some of the lower animals, as a dog or cat. Sometimes the muscles assume a "cataleptic" (remaining in any position placed) state. There is more or less loss of sensation, and in some instances local paralysis. After a longer or shorter period the patient becomes quiet and usually falls asleep. There are also often oversensitive areas of skin, some times nausea, and in other cases all that will be noticed is a sudden loss of the power of speech.

The treatment of a patient who has one or more hysterical attacks, should be largely hygienic—avoidance of all mental and physical excesses, good food, pure air, bathing, and the like. For the attack there is nothing especially necessary. In fact, the more attention bestowed upon the patient, often the more prolonged the attack. At times, dashing a cup of cold water in the face, or in some other way producing a sudden mental shock will often be all that is necessary to bring one out of an attack.

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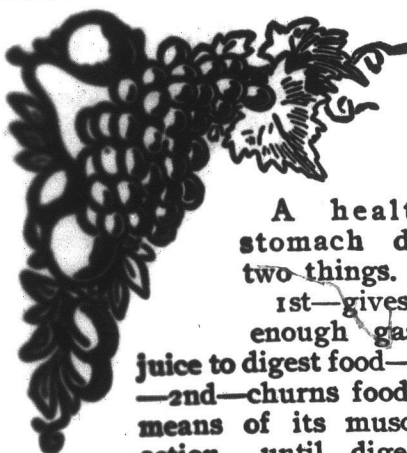
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Hints for the Housewife.

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The men both strong and true,
Who daily sing or whistle
At all they have to do.
Their eyes are clear and merry,
Their step is firm but light,
Their laugh's a benediction,
And life once more seems bright.

God bless the human sunbeams,
The women, who, though sad,
Can still be self-forgetful
And other hearts make glad,
Theirs is a blessed mission;
Their smile can make night day,
Their cheery words of comfort
Soon drive all clouds away.

God bless the human sunbeams,
The children fair and fond,
Who come into our presence,
Life's hardest lessons conning,
Their prattle falls like music,
Just as a tear drop starts,
Their kisses and caresses
Can ease poor burdened hearts.

Household Notes.

Grease spots may be removed from wall-paper by rubbing carefully with gasoline.

Small pickles, olives and capers, minced very fine, are an excellent seasoning for a salad dressing.

Wash hair-brushes in hot soda-water, then rinse in cold water, and they will be clean and sweet.

In cold weather when using frail china or glass dishes, rinse first with tepid water before pouring into them any hot liquid.

The resistance of glass jars that refuse to open can be overcome by setting them, top downward, in an inch or two of hot water.

To color lace a cream shade add a few drops of black coffee to the starch. To make the lace a greenish hue use a little cold tea.

To make ironing easier, rub the flat-irons first on fine sand and then over a piece of paper which has been saturated with kerosene.

To remove sewing-machine oil stains rub the stain with sweet oil or lard and let it stand for several hours; then wash it in soap and cold water.

When cooking mush for fried mush do not cook as long as for eating, but pour into a deep pan after stirring ten minutes. When cold, dip the slices in beaten eggs and they will fry crisp.

If you are serving sliced bananas for dessert, try pouring a little juice from oranges or pineapples over them. The flavor is vastly improved.

To serve stewed figs with whipped cream, put each fig on a small square of sponge cake neatly cut and pile whipped cream on the top.

Drain oysters on a napkin before making a stew. Rub the saucepan with butter, heat very hot, put in oysters, and turn and stir until well plumped and ruffled before making the stew proper.

If you need to use plaster of paris for stopping cracks, mix it with vinegar. Vinegar prevents it setting too quickly and makes it easy of manipulation.

Windows can be cleaned in winter and the frost entirely removed by using a gill of alcohol to a pint of hot water. Clean quickly and rub dry with a warm chamois skin.

Carpet beetles can be kept in check by a free use of gasoline. It leaves no stain; do not use it in a room with fire nor enter for twelve hours with a lighted lamp or strike a match.

The really best method of cleaning mirrors and windows is to rub them with a paste of whitening and water. When this dries, polish with dry chamois and remove the powder. A little alcohol in cold water also gives a brilliant polish. Soap-suds should never be used.

Put sugar in the water used for basting meats of all kinds; it gives a good flavor, to veal more especially.

Telegraph wire of galvanized iron is much better to hang clothes on in winter than rope, as the clothes will not freeze to it. Have it hung by a line-man and it will never "give," no matter what the weather may be.

Creaking shoes can be made noiseless by soaking the soles in linseed oil; turn a small quantity into a pan or plate and let the soles stand in it for twenty-four hours. This treatment will also render them waterproof.

Swiss griddle-cakes are really potato croquettes in all except form. Grate four or five large potatoes, press part of the water out of them, and mix with two beaten eggs and a heaping teaspoonful of salt. Drop by spoonful on a hot, greased griddle.

To restore velvet, steam over a hot iron covered with a damp cloth, but do not brush unless crushed badly. If that is the case, brush against the nap, using a soft velvet brush. If very badly soiled, velvet will wash, using any good soap and water; then steam.

Broiling Steak.

As a rule people eat too much fried stuff. A great many housewives don't know how to cook some foods except to fry them. They know no other way of cooking steak except to put it in a skillet and fry it. This makes the steak very indigestible. They perhaps know nothing about broiling steak. If they burn coal in their stoves, of course, there is no place to broil meats like there is when gas is burned. They possibly do not know that they can buy a broiler and broil their meat over the red coals. Perhaps they never think anything about it. They just go on frying meat like their mothers used to do, not knowing that there is a better way to do it. Broiling meat is really cooking it in its own juices. It is juicy and tender and more digestible than when fried.

It is very simple to learn how to broil steak. If your stove has a broiler it renders the task much easier than if you have to hold the broiler over the coals. Salt and pepper the steak and place it on the broiler. Watch it closely, and as soon as it begins to drip turn it. Then if the steak is not more than an inch thick let it cook from five to eight minutes. Remove it from the broiler to a hot platter and run a little melted butter over it and place around it potato chips.

Broiled steak should be served piping hot. Do not allow it to stand after broiling, but have everything ready so the steak can be served immediately. A nice gravy can be made by stirring into the drippings a tablespoonful of butter and a tablespoonful of flour, and when this is well browned add a cupful or more of water. This makes a rich brown gravy.

With a little care and patience any housewife can learn to broil steak and we feel sure that if she has once mastered the art of broiling she will prefer it to her old way of frying.

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And did as he was told?
I wonder if he never said,
"Oh, dear!" when he was sent to bed?

GRANDPA'S "SPECS."

My grandfather has to wear glasses,
Because his eyesight's not very strong;
He calls them his "specs" and he's worn them
For ever and ever so long.
And when he gets through with his reading
He carefully puts them away,
And that's why I have to help find them,
'Bout twenty-five times in a day.
But at night, when we sit around the table,
And papa and mama are there,
He reads just as long as he's able,
Then falls asleep in his chair.
And he sits there and sleeps in his glasses,
And you don't know how funny it seems;
But he says he just has to wear them
To see things well in his dreams.

SOMETHING DOING.

Who wants it always an easy one— z
The road we travel?
Who wants the problems we've all begun
Soon to unravel?
What boy or girl, while time is flying,
Would be content to give up trying?
No ray of sunshine was ever caught
By frowning faces;
No battle ever was planned or fought
In easy places.
Success is found in brave pursuing
On Battlefields of Something Doing.

If your fingers ache with the cold,
do not go near the fire but hold them
straight up, the fingers pointing up-
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Keep yourself neat and tidy and don't bum around.

Eat simple and nourishing food, such as plain meat, fruit, eggs, crackers, creams and cereals.

Wash your face, hands, ears, teeth and nails.

In summer take two baths a week, and a sponge bath every day.

When you get up in the morning take a few breathing exercises.

Take plenty of exercise.

Take plenty of regular sleep.

Don't eat between meals.

Don't eat cheap candy and pickles.

Don't let any one use your own towel.

Keep clean houses.

Try and have sunny rooms.

Dark and damp rooms are not healthy.

Children from five to ten should take special care of themselves.

Older children should help the little ones keep clean.

Keep fresh air in your house.

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Flies are bad.

Don't let garbage stand around.

Clean your closets steady.

Change your clothes every week promptly.

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Willow, pussy willow!
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Willow, pussy willow!



Kites are sailing in the sky;
Willow, pussy willow!
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Willow, pussy willow!

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Woman and the Home.

Where Christ Dwells.

(Henry Van Dyke.)
Never in a costly palace did I rest on golden bed,
Trained a carpenter in Nazareth, I have earned no idle bread,
Born within a lowly stable, where the cattle round me stood,
Trained a carpenter in Nazareth, I have toiled and found it good.
They who tread the path of labor follow where My feet have trod;
They who work without complaining do the holy will of God.
Where the many toil together, there am I among My own;
Where the tired workman sleepeth there am I with him alone.
I, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwell amid the daily strife,
I, the bread of heaven, am broken in the sacrament of life.

THE ART OF PLEASING.

Somebody said it is better to be beautiful than good. But it is certainly better to be good than ugly. A woman cannot charm because she wants to. A man is not agreeable because he sets out to be. Quite the reverse. In effort is failure. The proper effect must, like repartee, be spontaneous and unpremeditated. It must be radiated naturally, like light and love. Books there are that pretend to tell how it is done. They do so quite as completely as g. s. hoppers teach entomology. The ability to charm, to be agreeable, to entertain perfectly, and to be perfectly entertaining, is an art apprehensible only through influences generally prenatal but always prolonged. The mere technique is so volatile that it must be inhaled. Like the Mayfair intonation, little by little, it must be absorbed.
Kings and thugs may abash the amateur in the art of pleasing but the artist is at home with them. He puts himself in harmony with them. In the ability to do that is the whole secret of the art of pleasing.

PLAINNESS AT HOME.

Home is not the place for display. If we have fine raiment, we may wear it at home to please our loved ones or to satisfy our own taste, but it should not prove a bar to plain, honest, every day affection. When you "dress-up" in new apparel, dress up your heart to match it. Make your spirit as bright as the unfaded hues of vest or gown, if any, will, and as companionable as the old, worn comfort chair handed down from other generations.
Don't put too much furniture into your home. A chair or sofa which is too good to be used is too good to be in the house. Anything about a parlor or living-room which is too dainty to be usable is a nuisance. "What can be more unpleasant," inquires a writer whose eye has opened to the truth, "than the aspect of a room, or a suite of rooms, where everything is bagged up? Chairs and sofas in pinafors, mirrors and muslins, a drugged carpet, a hearthrug wrong side out, and a chandelier in a sack, seen by rays of light that struggle in edgewise, through the slits in the shutters, and exhaling that peculiar brown holland fragrance which belongs to drawing-rooms in masquerade dress, form one of the most cheerless, dispiriting, inhuman-like spectacles in the diorama of human life. We would as lief be ushered into vault as into such an apartment.
Why do people buy magnificent furniture to clothe it in hideous disguise? Does the glory of exhibiting the articles undressed half a dozen evenings in the year pay for the cost and trouble? The miser enjoys the flashing lustre of his gold every time he lifts the lid off his strong box, but what pleasure can there be in possessing a species of property that is invisible to the owner three hundred and fifty days out of every three hundred and sixty-five? Give us furniture that is made for wear—tables upon which you can bring down your fist with emphasis without throwing the life of the house into hysterics.

chairs that you can lean back in; in a word, give us comfort, and let us wear things out. It is provoking to see chairs and sofas preserved for years without spot or blemish, while the wrinkles are multiplying in the face and the gray hairs on the head of the proprietor."

HEART AND HOME TALKS.

During the long winter evenings, when the cold without shuts the family within the home, its cheerful homely atmosphere is greatly appreciated.
And every member of the family, from the toddler up to the head of the house, should be made to feel it the duty of each to contribute something not only to the care and comfort of the home, but to the spirit of cheer and happiness that should prevail there.

It is not well for any family to become entirely isolated during the winter months, for isolation tends to create dissatisfaction and unrest, the natural consequence of lack of companionship and few interests.

Man was created a social animal, and naturally seeks his kind.

The children find companionship in school. The father goes more or less often to town or runs into a neighbor's of an evening now and then, but many mothers, especially if there be a brood of very little children, or a babe in arms, seldom get away from the home during the winter months.

Especially is this true of those who are pioneering on the sparsely settled prairie or the forest areas of the west and northwest.

And it is the mother more than any other member of the family who needs the cheer and stimulus of contact with others, because the entire family depend upon her to furnish an unflinching supply of good cheer and inspiration and who must be ready at all times to comfort, advise and act as moderator and guide.

She should therefore use every measure possible to keep herself cheerful and companionable, and should go from home occasionally for rest and recuperation.

If opportunities do not present themselves the mother must make them, even to the extent of having the team hitched up occasionally for her special use, for a desired trip to town, to attend church, a lecture or some social gathering, or to visit a neighbor.

Leave the baby in charge of older children, when there are children old enough to assume the responsibility of its cares—of 12 or 14 years—or with its father, or wrap it up warmly and take it along when going visiting; but there is very little pleasure to be anticipated in attending a public gathering burdened with the care of a baby, that is liable to become restless and fretful, and at the best must require more or less of the mother's attention.

Somehow and anyhow the mother must have a change now and then from the daily and weekly routine of family and household care, if she is to keep in good spirits and fulfill her mission as the true home-maker.

The young people who have passed their school-days, but whose help is still required at home, should have opportunities for social enjoyment also, through church and young people's societies, by inviting other young people into the home occasionally for a social evening, and visiting their young friends in turn.

There is no truer saying than that old one "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

And after any sort of an outing home and the home folks will seem dearer, and satisfaction therein more complete, its interests renewed, and inspiration will often have been found for pleasant changes and improvements.

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HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

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Cream Waffles.

Two cupfuls of sour cream, one teaspoonful of saleratus, flour enough to make rather a stiff batter. Bake quickly, split, butter and powder with sugar. Serve hot.

Brown Egg Sandwiches.

Mash the yolks of hard boiled eggs and moisten with a little butter and vinegar, work to a paste, adding salt, pepper and French mustard to taste; also, if desired, a drop of tabasco. Spread the mixture between slices of Boston brown bread cut water thin.

Chocolate Pie.

Beat together the yolks of four eggs with a cupful of sugar, add a cupful of hot milk, a little vanilla and three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate. Bake with an under crust only. Whip the whites of the eggs, sweeten, spread over the top and set in the oven to brown slightly.

Turnip Soup.

Boil six small turnips until soft enough to rub through a sieve. Fry an onion until it is cooked, but not brown, in a trifle of butter. Put the turnips, onions, pepper and salt in a saucepan and add a quart of milk. Stir thoroughly, and when smooth serve with a little grated cheese on top.

Cabbage Tart.

Chop fine a small head and season with salt and pepper; cook in a kettle in just enough water to keep from burning. Take half a cupful of sour milk, half a cupful of vinegar, two eggs, butter the size of an egg, beat together and pour over cooled cabbage in the kettle. Let it boil up once, and serve. Can be eaten by a dyspeptic without harm.

Filled Eggs.

Boil the eggs until very hard, take off the shell, cut in half, take out the yolks, do not break the whites; rub yolks to a cream with melted butter, season with chopped pickles, pepper and salt, with a little mustard; put the mixture into the whites, cut a slice from the bottom of the eggs so that they will stand on a platter; decorate with lettuce leaves or watercress.

Cheese Fudding.

Dry one cupful of bread crumbs in the oven, then soak them in one cupful of milk. Beat lightly three eggs, and add the milk and crumbs; grate in one-half pound of cheese, season well with cayenne and salt, beat in two dessertspoonfuls of soda, a saltspoonful of salt; then whip up well; pour into a buttered pan and bake for thirty minutes in a hot oven. Serve immediately.

Oyster Macaroni.

A delicious way of preparing oysters with macaroni is to first boil the macaroni; then, in a buttered baking dish, place a layer of macaroni and then a layer of oysters until the dish is full. Pour over it half a cupful of milk and oyster juice. Put small pieces of butter on top and cover with bread crumbs. Bake in oven, and serve garnished with sliced hard boiled eggs and parsley.

Frost Cakes.

Beat the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth, adding a little at a time, two cupfuls of granulated sugar; when this is thoroughly whipped in, add two beaten yolks and one-third cupful of butter; then after another thorough beating, add one cupful of finely-sifted flour in which has been sifted one teaspoonful of baking powder. Flavor with almond, bake in long tin, and when done cover with a boiled icing and cut into squares.

Prune Roll.

Wash and stew slowly one pound of prunes until soft enough to remove the stones. Chop and add a little sugar if they do not seem to be a sweet variety of prune. Make a rich biscuit dough, roll out as thin as pie crust, spread the prunes on it and roll up as you would a jelly roll. Cut in slices of about three inches thick, lay them in a baking pan and bake in a comfortably quick oven for about twenty minutes. Serve with cream.

Creamed Liver.

Use what cold fried liver and bacon you have left over, not forgetting the bacon. Chop it fine and mix with a white sauce. Add two or three hard-boiled eggs cut up in little pieces, a little grated onion, salt, pepper, a dash of nutmeg, and lemon juice if wished. Or stir until they bubble, a tablespoonful of butter and one of flour. Add a cupful of tomato, and when thick add your cold chopped liver and bacon and hard-boiled eggs. Season with salt and paprika.

Orange Fudding.

Soak one-half box of gelatine in a cupful of cold water. Set the cup in a pan of hot water to dissolve it. Add two-thirds of a cupful of sugar, stir until melted, and mix it with the juice of six large oranges. Let the pulp of the oranges, broken up and minus fiber and seeds, remain in, also a light grating of the orange peel. If liked, substitute the diluted juice of one lemon for two of the oranges, and as soon as it is partly jellied, whip it with the egg beater until it is like beaten egg. Turn into a mould to harden.

Short Bread.

Warm one-half pound of butter in warm water and cut into inch-square pieces. Drain off the water, and soften the butter first with a spoon and finally with the hands. Add one-quarter of a pound of sugar, twenty-four sweet almonds shelled and blanched and chopped fine, and two ounces of finely-sliced citron. With a cake half an inch thick and the size of a breakfast plate. Lift carefully to a baking pan and bake in a slow oven until nicely browned, or about half an hour.

Celery Rolls.

These may be served alone or as an accompaniment to cold chicken or turkey. Take one dozen small rolls of bread, cut from the top a round piece the size of a fifty-cent piece, and scoop out the soft part. When ready to serve, fill with the following mixture: Chop very fine sufficient celery to make a pint and a half. Dust over it a teaspoonful of grated onion, two tablespoonfuls of tomato ketchup, one teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce, four tablespoonfuls of olive oil, and one teaspoonful of lemon juice. The filling may be varied by mixing the seasoned celery with mayonnaise.

Spiced Veal Loaf.

Wipe off four pounds of lean veal with a damp cloth. Remove any loose bits of bone carefully. Cut the meat into several pieces and cover with boiling water. Place where it will cook very slowly until the meat falls to pieces and there is only a cupful of the liquor left. When half done add a teaspoonful of salt and one-quarter teaspoonful of white pepper. When done remove any pieces of bone, skin or gristle, and shred the meat fine. Season the liquid well with celery salt and any additional pepper desired; or, if preferred, sage and thyme may be used. Add the liquor to the meat and mix thoroughly. Bake in a pan that will afford neat slices. Cover with a weight and press. When cold, serve in slices.

Dinner Bonbons.

Delicious dinner bonbons are made by chopping peanuts or almonds very fine, mixing them with the white of an egg, a little sugar and just enough sherry to flavor, and pressing the paste into the cavity made by removing the stones from fresh prunes or dates. The fruit is then rolled in powdered sugar.

Almond Custard.

One quart of milk, two cupfuls of sugar, one-half pound of almonds, blanched and pounded fine, four eggs, and four teaspoonfuls of rose water. Stir over the fire until as thick as cream, then set in the oven until firm. Just before serving cover with whipped cream, tinted delicately pink with strawberry syrup or red currant jelly.

Fruit Jumbles.

One pound of sugar, one pound of butter and a quarter of flour, six eggs, half a pound of currants, a little soda and nutmeg. Mix the butter, sugar, spices and eggs, then the currants, next the soda, and lastly the flour.

Cocoanut Biscuits.

Grate two ounces of cocoanut, mix with a quarter of a pound of powdered white sugar, and the whites of three eggs, previously beaten to a stiff froth. Drop small pieces of this mixture on paper, place in a baking tin in a slow oven for about ten minutes.

Cream Rarebit.

Melt a tablespoonful of butter, to which add one-half pound of cheese cut fine, one saltspoonful of salt, and one-fourth as much pepper. When the whole has become creamy, add gradually one cup of cream and the beaten yolks of two eggs. Serve on toast or light crackers.

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THE SNOW BIRD.

A bright little snow bird was hopping around,
One cold winter's day on the snow-covered ground.
He was anxiously searching for food
'neath the tree,
Yet all the time singing his chick-a-dee-dee.

I opened the window, more plainly to hear,
The sweet, thrilling notes of his bird-song, so clear,
As a token of courage, it sounded to me,
As he cheerfully warbled his chick-a-dee-dee.

He seemed to be happy, yet 'twas pitiful too,
To be searching for food, in the cold and the snow.
His bare little feet seemed half frozen, to me,
But still he kept singing his chick-a-dee-dee.

You dear little snow bird, Oh! where do you go,
When the fields and the forests are covered with snow?
When the cold chilling blasts of the stern winter's beat,
Oh! how do you manage to find food to eat?

You dear little songster, Oh! tell me I pray,
What you do to enliven the long winter's day?
If you'll stay here with me while the winter winds blow,
I'll feed you till spring, and then let you go.

"I thank you, dear lady, your intentions are kind,
But the storms that you dread so, I don't seem to mind;
I can stand the chill breezes, if happy and free."
And he sweetly repeated his chick-a-dee-dee.

"When the tempest is raging, I hide from the storm,
In some snug, quiet refuge, so cozy and warm.
But when the sun shines, then I come here, you see,
To pick up the crumbs that you scatter for me."

"There's plenty of food that the wise bird can find,
On the choicest of morsels, in the winter I dine.
Where the bugs hide the thickest, you'll often find me,
Busy, yet singing my chick-a-dee-dee."

"When I find a fat grub, Oh! I tell you it's prime,
So don't worry for me, for you're wasting your time."
Then casting his merry, bright eyes 'round at me,
He flew away, warbling his chick-a-dee-dee.

POULTRY DOTS.

Shovel away the snow from the front of the poultry houses, leaving a bare spot upon which the fowls can exercise in the fresh air on bright, sunny days.

Save all the meat trimmings, potato parings, scraps of bread, etc., from the kitchen and mix them with the damp mash, or if you do not feed a damp mash, give them to the fowls once a day in a trough.

Milk, whole or skimmed, sweet or sour, is good for poultry, but should not be fed in the water dish. A separate receptacle should be provided and water should be furnished as usual.

Some poultrymen prefer to feed a warm mash in the morning and others believe in feeding it at night, but many of the most successful breeders give a small ration at noon and this appears to us the better plan.

The hen or pullet which has not laid well during the past two months should not be kept and used as a breeder. Only those which have good records should be placed in the pens from which you will select eggs for hatching if you desire to increase the laying of your flock.

A very fat hen is not a good layer, nor is one that is poor. Try to keep your fowls in medium condition of flesh and supply a little more food than is required to keep them, so that they may have material from which to manufacture eggs.

If you find frost on the walls inside of your poultry house, it is a proof that you do not ventilate enough. Throw windows and doors open when the sun shines, even if the temperature is low outside. Keep the fowls busy scratching for grain in a deep pile of straw or hay and they will suffer from cold.

TERM OF INCUBATION.

Chicken hens, 21 days; pheasants, 25 days; common ducks, 28 days; peafowls, 28 days; guinea-fowls, 25 days; geese, 30 days; partridge, 24 days; turkeys, 28 days. To this might be added: Muscovy ducks, 35 days; pigeons, 19 to 21 days. Notwithstanding that this represents the average time of incubation, fresh-laid eggs of all kind not to exceed two or three days from the hen, will hatch ten days old, or will eggs a week or ten days old, or later. We have known Leghorn or Bantam eggs to hatch between the nineteenth and twentieth day; also have known the eggs of common hens to hatch near the middle of or later in the twenty-second day.

GREASE AND LICE.

Occasionally—about once a month—a few drops of melted lard or sweet oil should be rubbed on the skin of the heads and necks of the fowls, in order to kill the large lice, which never leave the hens unless driven off or destroyed by some oily substance. It is best to use but a few drops of oil, as all classes of poultry detest grease on any part of their bodies. A little on the shanks of the legs will prevent scaly-leg. Grease on very young chicks should be used cautiously, as too free use of it may kill them. But one drop of sweet oil on the head of each newly hatched chick will be of advantage in protecting it from the large gray lice, which leave the hen and go to the chicks.

TO KEEP EGGS FOR HATCHING.

To keep eggs for hatching you have only to follow these rules: First, they must be kept in a cool place, as cool as possible. Second, they must be turned over twice or three times a week. Third, they should not be packed in bran, sawdust, or other material, but simply laid on racks. Eggs kept in this way will be preserved for hatching at least a month. They have been kept six weeks in that manner.

GIVING TONICS.

It may be stated that a healthy fowl needs no tonic. The best way to use a tonic if it must be given (and some persons use them whether necessary or not), is in the drinking water. A teaspoonful of red pepper in a peck of food is sufficient, should it be used, but a better substance is a teaspoonful of tincture of iron in a gallon of drinking water. If any of the birds are sick, use a teaspoonful of solution of permanganate of potash to each gallon of water until the whole flock is healthy again, as it will at least assist in preventing the spread of the disease.

HENS CARRYING DUCKLINGS.

Ducklings are so easily raised by hens and require so little care, compared with chicks, that it will pay to have hens to set on ducks' eggs and bring off the young. Of the large eggs of the Pekin, eight will be sufficient for a large hen. It is not necessary to turn the hen and ducklings out or allow them to go near the water. On the contrary, they should be kept warm and dry. Young ducklings should not be given very cold water to drink, as it cramps them, and under no circumstances must they become wet. Feed them liberally and often, and give the hen and ducklings plenty of litter upon which to sleep at night. As they grow very rapidly, they soon become too large for a hen to hover over them, and for that reason they should be looked after at night and fastened up in a warm snug box.

SELECTING THE BREEDING FOWLS.

It has been the practice of a majority of farmers to select eggs indiscriminately from the whole flock from which to hatch the season's chickens. Now, this is not a progressive method nor one which will increase the quality of the flock and the profits that it will make for its owner. As the male bird is one-half of a breeding pen, we should exercise particular care in selecting him. Primarily, we must so have a male which is strong and healthy and always has been so from the time of his chickhood. Then he must be well developed and of good size for the breed. A bright eye and alert carriage usually indicates a bird of good stamina which will give good service during the season.

In selecting hens (this written with the understanding that we are paying attention principally to the improvement of the fowls for egg production

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and for meat) we should choose those which began laying early last fall and which laid well through the winter. Medium size hens usually are better breeders than extra large ones or better ones and usually such birds are found to be the very best layers in the flock. Females with narrow heads usually lack stamina and should be discarded. Also those with narrow backs and tails that are not well spread. There is no particular type or shape that is an unfailing indication of a good egg producer, but as a rule, the hen with the broad back, long body that is fairly well developed, generally has the health that enables her to fill the egg basket if she is properly fed and cared for.

No more than a dozen females should be placed in each pen, and when the heavier birds, including Brahmas and Cochins, are kept, eight females and one male usually make a more satisfactory mating.

More than one cock and cockerel should be selected for each pen in order that one may be substituted if the other becomes injured or does not produce satisfactory results.

DISEASES.

Scaly legs, which are a scourge in many poultry yards, can be traced absolutely to filth, damp quarters, and neglect. Roup, canker, consumption, sore eyes, may all be traced to dampness, cold draughts blowing through the houses, and unnatural exposure to inclement weather. Nothing causes these ailments as quickly as damp, unhealthy poultry houses in which fowls are compelled to sleep. Diphtheria, canker and roup are all kindred diseases, which can be directly blamed upon those having charge of the fowls. If the birds have comfortable, reasonably dry, properly ventilated houses, with sanitary conditions, there is but little danger of these ailments, unless they are caught by coming in contact with other ailing birds, or being shipped to and from shows in boxes or coops that are contaminated. Rheumatism, gout, and leg weakness is usually blameable upon hereditary conditions, in-breeding, over-feeding, or unhealthy, damp quarters. All of these diseases may be prevented by removing the possibility of the contamination.

HINTS FOR THE DAIRYMAN.

Every farmer should give careful attention to the cow stables just now when cold weather is on, which quickly cuts down the milk flow unless the cows are made comfortable and provided with plenty of good feed. The stable should be made sufficiently warm, well lighted and ventilated to make the cows comfortable and happy, and to maintain perfect health. The floors must be tight to save the liquid manure that will contaminate the soil under the stable if allowed to leak through the floor. The platform upon which the cows stand should be raised a little and should have sufficient slant to carry the liquid into the gutter.

Some kind of an absorbent should always be used in the stables to take up the liquid so that it may be saved and applied to the land. It is worth more than the solids as a fertilizer and is soluble and available as plant food at once. Liquid manure is very rich in nitrogen and when combined with the solids makes a very well balanced fertilizer and supplies a good deal of humus.

One of the best absorbents we ever used was leaf mold gathered in the woods under the decayed leaves. If stored in a dry time it readily takes up lots of liquid and is rich in fertility. It does not take long to gather and store enough to last all winter, and there is plenty of time yet for such work. Not only is it the best absorbent for the cow stable, but is equally valuable in calf stables, chicken houses, etc.

Road dust will absorb a good deal of moisture, but it is an impoverished, soggy mass and dirty stuff to handle. When dirt from the woods can not be had, dust is perhaps the next best thing. Many dairymen use the horse manure for this purpose, placing it in the gutters daily. It is dry and makes a very good absorbent.

Whatever material is used, it will pay to use land plaster, also, to hold the ammonia and purify the atmosphere. The stable can be kept as dry and sweet as desired, and all values saved.

WHY NOT MAKE MONEY?

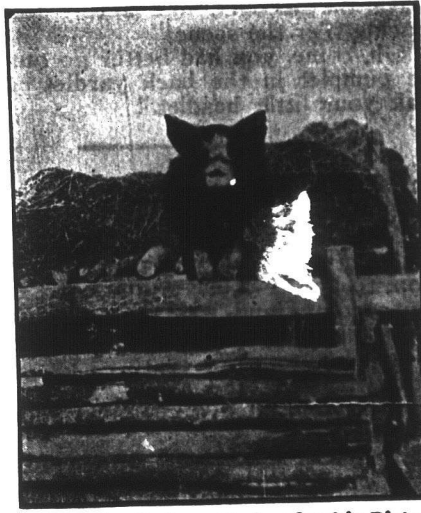
No one takes up the work of dairying wholly for pleasure. The incentive is money making, and to this end should every effort be directed. The trouble is that so many men engaged in the business do not know whether they are making money or not. They affirm that there is no money in the business, that feed is too high and the price of milk too low, so they continue to scold at the smallness of the creamery check and ignore food, care and the ability of cows to pay a big price for board. These farmers do not seem to think clearly upon the subject of dairying. They seem to be dull and stupid on this branch of endeavor. We are forced to this conclusion from the fact that we personally know of thousands of dairy farmers who can not tell how many pounds of milk any single cow in the herd gives per day, week, month, or for the year, and do not know what

per cent. of butter fat it contains. These men are not stupid otherwise. Many of them are good farmers and prosperous in other ways, but seem blind to the possibilities for making money through the cow.

It doesn't do any good to complain because the monthly check is not larger when no attention is paid to the kind of cows kept and no study given to the subject of proper feed and care. We discovered the fact years ago that in order to get bigger checks from the creamery we must send more milk, and in order to make more profit we must keep better cows. So we applied the test to them and kept applying all the year through, and year after year. In less than two years the checks were nearly doubled from the same number of cows, because we got rid of the scallawags—the cows that just about paid for their board, and those that owed us something at the end of the year, and replaced them with cows that paid the highest market price for all the food we gave them and from \$20 to \$30 a year besides. In this way we cheapened the cost of milk which increased the profits.

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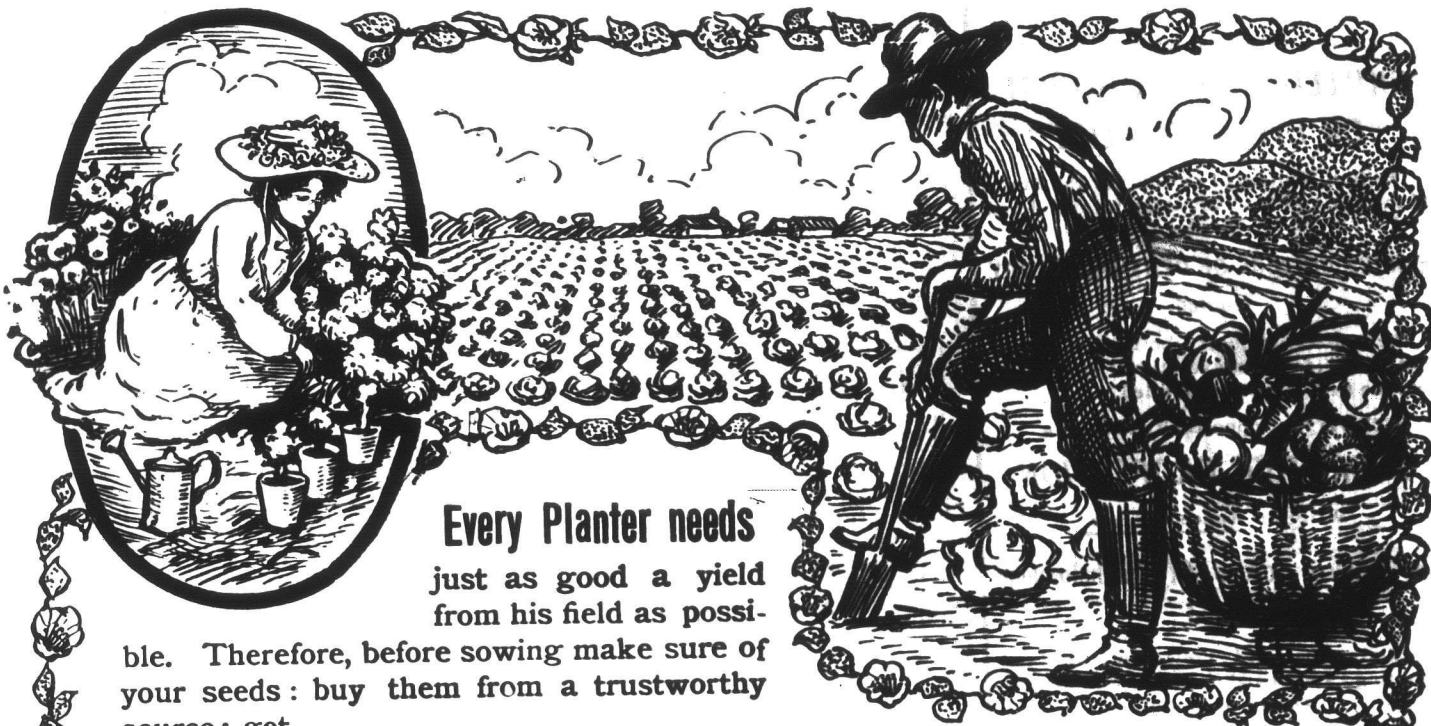
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Recollect, now don't you, mister? You can see it same as me; Member how your hands 'ud blister, Now and then? An' splinters, gee! See the chips and bark it's holdin'? Not a single stick of wood, Hear old mother at you scoldin'? Tellin' you to fill it good?

Ust to seem that box, you member, Hardly gave you time to play, Kep' you mad clean from September Till warm weather come in May; Seems as though 'twould kill you, still it Didn't, now I'll tell you true— Fer the chance I'd gladly fill it; Yes, you bet, and you would, too.

A Complex Complication.

They were at dinner. Little Tommy, who is rather of an inquiring turn of mind, had been gazing at his father's rosy countenance for some time. At last he said:— "Papa, what makes your face and nose so drefly red?" "The east wind, of course," answered papa, rather hastily. "Do not talk so much, Thomas; and pass me the beer."

It was then that a voice came from the other end of the table in sarcastic tones, saying:— "Tommy, dear, pass your papa the 'east wind,' and be careful not to spill it on the clean cloth."

Wives by the Wholesale.

A well-known bishop some time since lost his third wife. A clergyman who had known the first wife returned from Africa, and wanted to see the grave. He called at the cathedral and saw the verger.

"Can you tell me where the bishop's wife is buried?" "Well, sir," replied the verger, "I don't know for certain, but he mostly buries 'em at Brompton."

The Wrong Party.

"I would like," she said, walking up to the counter, "to see the manager of this department."

The clerk, seeing that she was beautiful, smiled at her in his blandest way, felt that he ought to avail himself of any opportunity there might be to explain things to her, and sweetly replied:—

"I don't see him anywhere about just now. Won't I do?" She looked him up and down a few times, permitted an expression that he didn't quite understand to overspread her features, and then replied:— "No, I don't think you will. I'm his wife, and—"

But the clerk had gone to hunt for him.

A Bad Break.

Richard: "By the way, how do you and Miss Smart get along?" William: "Oh! that affair is all over."

Richard: "You don't mean it?" William: "You see, I'd made up my mind about a week ago to bring matters to a crisis. So I began by saying that I had a question I wanted to ask her."

Richard: "Yes." William: "She tossed her head and said any fool could ask questions."

Richard: "And you?" William: "I merely told her perhaps it would be just as well, then, to let some fool ask my question."

Diplomacy Personified.

She was waiting for him. Gathering her brows like gathering storm, Nursing her wrath to keep it warm, and when he entered the room she began:—

"This is a nice time of night—" "I-er-know I'm late," he hastily interrupted; "but I couldn't help it, my dear. Club had-er-big discussion on female beauty."

"And what had you to do with that?" demanded the ireful wife. "More'n anyone there. I was the one-er-who had the most beautiful wife, an'-er-course, the best authority on female beauty an'—"

"Why don't you take off your overcoat, Henry? Let me get your slippers for you. It's awful cold outside; I think you must be half frozen." Half a minute later Henry was safely ensconced in his easy chair, with his wife at his feet putting his slippers on.

No Use for Poetry.

Birdie M'Hennepin and her brother were in the country.

"Oh, see that!" exclaimed Birdie. "See what?" inquired the stoical John.

"Why, see that little cloudlet just above the wavelet, like a tiny leaflet dancing o'er the scene!"

"Oh, come, you had better go out to the pumplet in the back yardlet and soak your little headlet."

A Slight Mistake.

Scene: Musical instrument shop. Master (who is going out to branch shop, to boy): "Now, my boy, if a customer comes and wants to look at a piano, flute, banjo, or mandolin, you know what to show him?"

Boy: "Yes, sir." Master: "And if a customer should want to see a lyre—"

Boy (interruptingly): "I'll send at once for you, sir."

He Was No. 601.

Miss Flute: "And so you were in the Crimean War, major. Were you in the Light Brigade in their heroic charge?"

Major Ananias Bluff: "I-er-came very near being in that historic charge. Miss Flute. Never was so disappointed in my life. They would take but six hundred, and I-er-was number six hundred and one."

Two of a Kind.

Wife: "I have about made up my mind, John, that when I married you I married a fool."

Husband: "That reminds me of a remark you made just before we were married. You remember that you said it would be hard to find two people more alike than you and I."

Jim and the Judge.

Jim Webster was brought before a Western judge for fowl-stealing. After the evidence had been given, the justice, with a perplexed look, said: "But I do not understand, Webster, how it was possible for you to steal those fowls when they were roosting right under the owner's window and there were two vicious dogs in the yard."

"It wouldn't do yer a bit of good, justice, for me to 'splain how I cotched 'em chickens, for yer couldn't do it yer self. Yer tried it forty times, and yer might get yer hide full of buckshot. The best way for yer to do, justice, is for yer to buy yer chickens in the market, like nder folks do, and yer might want to commit any rascalous crime, like de Ranch, whar yer am."

Hard on the Hostess.

A dinner recently given by a hostess, whose hospitality is notoriously inadequate, was of the usual kind that her friends expected. It served merely as an appetizer to one hungry visitor, and when the coffee was served, indicating that the dinner was at an end, his dissatisfaction was amusing to the other guests. The hostess did not notice it, however, and said to him, amiably, "Now, do tell me when we may have the pleasure of you dining with us again."

"Immediately, madam, immediately," was the unexpected reply.

The Editor at Home.

The editor, having written two or three leaders telling the British Government how to manage its affairs at home and abroad, advising the Czar regarding his treatment of his subjects, censuring the German Emperor for his excessive "freshness," suggesting threateningly that the Khedive had better be careful what he is about, patronizingly instructing the Pope, and informing France that the editor had his eye upon the doings of the Republic of the east, goes home to be greeted with:—

"Now, John, the servant has gone home with influenza, so you must get some coals up from the cellar directly, and after that run round to the grocer's and buy some soap and a yeast cake. I totally forgot them."

Both Made a Discovery.

Stopping at a certain hotel, a commercial traveller, having retired to rest, became unpleasantly conscious that his bed-clothing was anything but properly aired. He jumped up in a rage, stuffed the offending sheets up the chimney, and rolled himself in the blankets.

Some twelve months afterwards his travels brought him to the same hotel. When shown up to his room the chambermaid scrutinized him rather closely, and then said:—

"Dear me, sir, you are the same gentleman! Do you know a most curious thing happened when you were here last?"

"What was that?"—he asked. "Why," she said, "the sheets disappeared, and we could not think what became of them."

"Oh, indeed!" he replied. "Then get me my bill directly; you've not had a fire in this room since, or you would have found your sheets—where all damp linen ought to be—up the chimney!"

Rejected Contribution.

An editor, in reply to a young writer who wished to know which magazine would give him the highest position quickest, advised "A powder magazine, especially if you contribute a fiery article."

Manuscript Travels.

"Here is a manuscript of mine," said the author, "which has been going the rounds of the magazine offices so long that if an editor were to accept it in an unguarded moment I should feel that I had lost a friend."

"Why, it has even crossed the ocean and returned home without shipwreck. It represents \$40 worth of stamps to me, not to mention nine gallons of 'mid-night oil,' and \$8 worth of type-writing. But its journey isn't ended yet—not yet! I'm taking it to a tailor now to have it cleaned and pressed and the ragged edges trimmed and then I'll give it another whirl!"

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Dangerous Confidences.

"John," said the manager of the dime-museum, "I want you to put the living skeleton at one end of the hall and the fat lady at the other hereafter, and see to it that they don't get a chance to talk to each other before or after the show."
"Why, have they been making love to each other?" asked John, looking toward the fat lady and skeleton, who are in deep conversation.
"Naw; but I overheard them, and she is promising to tell him what to eat to make him fat, and he is promising to tell her how to get thin."

Editor's Servant Maid (announcing the advent of a baby to the father)—Herr Doctor, just come in and see what the stork has brought you."
Editor (without looking up)—Stork?
Stork? Oh, I don't want to see it. Throw it into the waste basket.—

One day a little boy came to school with very dirty hands and the teacher said to him: "Jamie, I wish you would not come to school with your hands soiled that way. What would you say if I came to school with soiled hands?" "I wouldn't say anything," was the prompt reply, "I'd be too polite."

In Berlin the latest jest runs very close to lese majeste. A foreigner made some remark to a German as to the astonishing activity and enthusiasm of the Emperor. "Ah yes," said the Teuton, "the Kaiser is wonderful. At a christening he would like to be the baby, at a wedding the bride, and really I believe if he went to a funeral he would want to be the corpse."

At an old-fashioned hotel in London two gentlemen were dining when a dispute arose about a pineapple. One said it was a fruit and the other said it was a vegetable, and so a bet arose about it and they called the waiter. "John, what do you describe a pineapple as—a fruit or a vegetable?" John rubbed his hands and put his head on one side and said, "Neither, gentlemen, it is a hextra."

At a dinner party recently Mark Twain made a most amusing little speech. As the writer sat down a lawyer arose, put his hands deep into his trousers pockets—as was his habit—and laughingly inquired of those present, "Doesn't it strike the company as a little unusual that a professional humorist should be funny?" When the laugh that greeted this sally had subsided Mark Twain drawled out, "Doesn't it strike the company as a little unusual that a lawyer should have his hands in his own pockets?"

A gentleman who frequently visits Ireland generally stops and dines at the same hotel in Dublin. On his arrival one day recently he perceived a paper pasted on the looking-glass in the coffee-room with the following notice: "Strangers are particularly requested not to give any money to the waiters as attention is charged for in the bill." The man who had waited on him at dinner seeing him reading this notice said, "Oh, mister, sure that don't concern you in any way. Your honor was never made a stranger of in this house."

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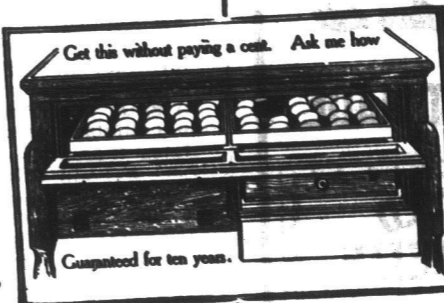
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Just trust in the Lord, He'll make it right,
For He knoweth your every sorrow.

Though heavy the cross and steep the way,
Your Master hath trod it before you,
Just walk in His steps, you'll reach the goal,
For His love ever hovereth o'er you.
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A harness-broken zebra is worth \$10,000.
Uncle Sam's annual income is \$58,887,148.
The colonies of the world have one-third of its population.
Hot weather is no more dangerous to fat people than to lean.
Florida's orange and pineapple crop is estimated at \$2,500,000.
The price of labor in Alaska is \$4.50 to \$6.50 a day, with board.
In Saxony there is an industrial school for every 14,641 inhabitants.
One London furrier has asked for 300,000 moleskins from Lincolnshire.
All the seven islands of Hawaii are connected by wireless telegraphy.
Sawdust and other mill waste is now used in paper making in Texas.
A stalk of Indian corn uses up thirty-one pounds of water during its season.
Less than one-seventh of the land in Great Britain is owned by farmers.
Safety pins are peculiarly American. We use 144,000,000 of them each year.
Glasgow corporation tramways carry as many as 3,180,611 passengers a week.
Mexico now has 60,000 American residents and \$323,000,000 American money.
To an electrician one horsepower is 746 watts.

The fiercest of all animals are the black panthers.
Two-thirds of the world's sugar is made from beets.
Of 1,200 locomotives in use in Japan 500 are American made.
The population of the dependencies of France is 56,000,000.
Glass models of mines are now made showing all the workings.
The year's business of American hens amounted to \$284,000,000.
There are nearly 650,000 women dressmakers in the United Kingdom.
Over 1,500 British vessels plying in Eastern waters are manned by Chinese crews.
North Carolina and Mississippi have state schools for the study of textile fabrics.
In Scotland in 1893, there were 204 insane persons in each 100,000 population. There are now 250.
A Chicago cereal food company recently ordered fifty tons of ink for use in printing their packages.
The United States consumes half of the 16,000,000 bags which constitute the world's crop of coffee.
The brains of the Japanese, both male and female, average greater weight than those of the English.
Red-haired people, it is stated, are less liable to become bald than those with hair of any other color.
The unexplored Antarctic region, which equals Europe in size, is the largest unexplored area in the world.
In England ninety-nine towns own their own gas works, the average net income being \$1,947,125 per annum.
Milk is now reduced to a powder by a new Swedish invention. Five quarts of skim milk yield one pound of powder.
The Australian colonies have a greater railway mileage in proportion to population, than any other part of the world.

There are 227 lead pencil factories in Germany, which employ 2,813 persons and export each year 1,614 tons of pencils, worth \$2,000,000.
Nearly all the safety matches which are safe against friction on sandpaper, stone, wood, or brick, ignite readily from a quick rub on glass.
Malta is the most thickly populated island in the world. It has 1,369 people to the square mile. Barbados has 1,051 people to the square mile.
The largest glass bottle ever made in the world will be exhibited at the World's Fair, St. Louis, this year. It was blown in the plant of the Illinois Glass Company at Alton, Ill.

A grave-digger in Holland claims to have buried 80,000 people.

Berlin local trains now have special compartments for "passengers with dogs."

In Cuba sixteen tons of cane yield one ton of sugar; in Peru it requires only 12½.

The first book printed in the English language was a "History of Troy," printed in Europe in 1474.

Balloonists who ascended about 10,000 feet in Europe the other day found a temperature of 27 degrees below zero.

A room in which soiled clothes or shoes become mouldy is too damp for health.

A well-equipped eye sanitarium will soon be travelling through Egypt in a tent.

Cheese at 13 cents a pound is more economical as food than meat at the same price.

Automobiles made for the German army haul five to eight-ton loads through hilly country.

One playing on the piano the music for three songs exerts enough force to raise 1,000 pounds.

In Russia people must marry before 30 or not at all, and may marry only five times.

It is estimated that persons seeking divorce in South Dakota spend, while gaining residence for that purpose, \$990,000 a year.

Vaccination is now compulsory in France during the first year of life, and revaccination during the eleventh and twenty-first years.

The value of the X-ray in the treatment of cancer depends upon the fact that the rays induce fatty degeneration of the cancer cells.

In the Indian Territory 440,000 acres of coal lands are to be sold at auction and the proceeds divided among the Indians.

There is a point near the famous Stony Cave, in the Catskill Mountains, where ice may be found on any day of the year.

In Germany workmen are visited at their homes on pay days by savings bank officials, to collect their savings for banking.

Official statistics show that there are 17,000,000 children in Russia between the ages of 6 and 14 receiving absolutely no education.

There are more wrecks in the Baltic Sea than in any other place in the world. The average is one wreck a day throughout the year.

In Nuremberg, Germany, 800 workmen are employed making lead soldiers and lead toys. They turn out about 100,000 lead soldiers a day.

In Germany 435 piano factories make 80,000 instruments annually. Half of them, or about \$6,000,000 worth, are sold abroad, principally in England.

The number of visitors to Niagara Falls averages three-fourths of a million a year. In the year of the Buffalo Exposition there were 3,000,000.

The lion is worth to the animal dealer \$1,500; the lioness, \$500; the leopard, \$300; the panther, \$750; bears, \$50 to \$500; elk, \$200; camel, \$300, and the elephant, \$500.

The deepest depression in the earth, ascertained by sounding, is five and a fourth miles; the greatest height, the peak of Mount Everest, five and three-fourths miles.

The income of the British post office from money in envelopes having no or insufficient address is \$30,000 or \$35,000 a day.

The Mississippi and its tributaries are navigable for 35,000 miles; the rivers of Europe furnish navigation for only half as many miles, and few of them are connected.

The number of persons carried daily by the elevated trains in New York now averages about 800,000. They travel on the average about four miles, so that the average fare is about a cent a mile.

British India buys abroad \$260,705,000 worth a year, of which the United States supplies \$3,772,000, or about one-ninth. The largest item from the United States is \$1,000,000 worth of kerosene oil.

Electric street cars have killed 1,216 persons and injured 47,428 in the last 14 years since they came into use. In that time the number of passengers carried in a year increased from 2,000,000,000 to 5,000,000,000.

In a Berlin insane asylum is a patient, it is said, whose hair changes color with her temperature. When she is cool and quiet her hair is a light yellow, but when she is restless and excited it becomes auburn.

At the time of the Roman occupation of Britain five distinct species of dogs were there, most of which can with certainty be identified with those of the present day. There were the house dog, the greyhound, the bulldog, the terrier, and the slowhound.

The Riforma Medica states that with 69 pulse beats to the minute the blood flows a distance of seven miles an hour.

By the flash of an electric spark one hundred and twenty-five millionths of a second in duration a rifle bullet can be photographed in its flight.

The Americans and English, although they consume twice as much sugar as the French and Germans, have much better teeth. The American dentist, however, ranks first in all countries.

It is stated that out of 200,000,000 people in Africa only 2,000,000 have ever heard the Gospel. In the Sudan region alone there are 90,000,000 who are without religious instruction.

Some large beetles are as good as circular saws. They seize a branch or twig with their deeply toothed jaws, and whirl round and round until the twig is sawn off. They have been known to saw a twig as thick as a walking stick in this manner.

There is a man in Warsaw, Poland, who has the long-distance record for bigamy, but Utah, Turkey, and a few such places. He has 17 living wives and each and every one is glad that he is in jail.

The Automotor Journal, London, describes a new traction engine called the "pedral," which literally walks up stairs with the pride and surefootedness of an elephant and hauls loads far in excess of those the wheeled traction engine can move.

Great Yarmouth, England, has the narrowest street in the world. There are many narrow streets in Great Yarmouth, but the narrowest is Kitty Witches, which is only 55 inches wide. You can lean out of your window and shake hands with your neighbor across the street.

The fall of 11 feet 7 inches in the level of the Great Salt Lake is chargeable, says the director of the weather bureau for that section, to deficient rainfall, and not to the water being used for irrigation. He predicts that the lake will soon begin to rise.

The deaths from pneumonia per 10,000 of population in 1860 were 4.40; in 1870, 12.24; in 1880, 12.58; in 1890, 18.84; in 1900, 19.78—an aggregate increase of 349.6 per cent. of pneumonia as compared with an aggregate decrease of 93.5 per cent. of consumption.

About 1,600 skilled glass cutters in twenty towns in Bohemia have struck. Work is done by the piece at prices which give the average wage 45 cents a day. The skill of these famous Bohemian glass cutters depends upon the fact that they are trained to it from the age of 6 years. Much of the work is done in homes with foot power lathes, and one-third of the artisans are women.

The most crowded spot on the globe at certain hours of the day is in the neighborhood of the City Hall Park in New York. The Brooklyn bridge ends there, as well as one of the elevated roads, the subway now in construction, other projected subways, and many lines of street cars.

A razor is a saw, not a knife, and it works like a saw, not like a knife. Under the microscope its edge is seen to have innumerable and fine saw teeth. When these teeth get clogged with dirt honing and stropping will do no good. Dipping it in hot water dissolves out the debris from between the teeth.

A British tariff on imports from the United States would raise the price on \$175,000,000 worth of breadstuffs and \$335,000,000 worth of meats. This would necessarily affect wages, and a tariff on \$160,000,000 worth of cotton is added cost to raw material. This cost would have to be added to her manufactures and would affect her already unstable supremacy in the world's markets.

Could Not Stand the Excitement.

A miser, 82 years old, who lived in the village of Gessevu, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, died recently from excitement caused by the preparations for his marriage to a 20-year-old girl, the belle of the village.

When the police entered the miser's house they found gold, silver and notes hidden in every part of the building. There were banknotes up the chimney, gold in a nightcap, \$50 in silver in a stocking, more notes in an old boot and coins secreted in mantle ornaments, under the carpet and even in the back of a clock.

The miser, who also had \$20,000 in a local bank, lived on 6 cents a day, and did his own cooking and washing in order to save money.

Reprint, News-Herald: "There is at least one effectual safe and reliable Cough Cure—Dr. Shoop's—that we regard as suitable, even for the youngest child. For years, Dr. Shoop bitterly opposed the use of opiates or narcotics in medicine, offering \$10 per drop to any one finding Opium, Chloroform, or any other poisonous or narcotic ingredient, in Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. And the challenge is as yet unanswered. Here is one manufacturing physician who welcomed with much satisfaction the new Government Pure Food and Drug Law. The public can now protect itself at all times, by insisting on having Dr. Shoop's, when a cough remedy is needed."

March, 1907.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

Righteousness is never better for taking a rest.
 The polished Christian comes from the mills of adversity.
 The wisdom from above will be known by its works below.
 You cannot measure a man's righteousness by his reticence.
 There can be no finality to truth that comes to fallible men.
 The man who is too good for anything is often good for nothing.
 The vices of earth become dominant when we are deaf to the voices from heaven.
 A successful candidacy for heaven is more than learning to look like a corpse.
 Men often think they love the sinner because they are too lazy to prosecute him.
 There's a good deal of difference between social prominence and personal eminence.
 Some men think that a pugnacious disposition provides them with all the piety they need.
 The best banks are in heaven; but the receiving tellers are likely to be in some back alleys here.

THE WEB OF VENICE.

In Venice one is as if caught in an immense network, or spider's web, which, as one walks in its midst, seems to tighten the closer about one. The streets narrow overhead, push outward with beams and stone balconies and with many-turning angles; seem to loosen their hold for a moment where a bridge crosses a narrow canal between high walls and over dark water, and then tighten again in close lanes where the smells of the shops meet and fume about one's face. The lanes are busy with men in rough clothes and with women in shawls, bare-headed, and with great soft bushes of hair, who come and go quietly, slipping past one another in these narrow spaces, where there is hardly room to pass, as the gondolas slip past one another in the narrow canals. The road is difficult to find, for a single wrong turning may lead one to the other end of the way. This movement, the tangles of the way, the continual arresting of one's attention by some window, doorway, or balcony, puts a strain upon one's eyes, and begins after a time to tire and stupefy the brain. There is no more bewildering city, and, as night comes on, the bewilderment grows almost disquieting.

Plays that have Earned Millions.

Kate Claxton played The Two Orphans 5,500 times, making \$2,000,000 out of the play.
 De Koven's Robin Hood and Jones's Silver King have each earned \$3,000,000 and still bring in royalties to their happy authors.
 Good old Rip Van Winkle holds the record as a money-maker among modern plays. Rip has earned down to date something over \$5,000,000.
 Denman Thompson, when he wrote The Old Homestead, little thought that his wholesome drama would earn \$4,000,000 in twelve years. Yet those are the authenticated figures.
 When Erminie was first produced in London it was a total failure. But Rudolph Aronson saw the possibilities of the pretty and graceful opera; he secured the American rights, he engaged Francis Wilson, Marie Jansen and Pauline Hall for the leading roles, and he produced Erminie superbly. The result was that this opera, which had been pronounced worthless, was acted 4,800 times and earned \$3,000,000.

Antiseptic toothpicks, warranted free of germs, are being supplied by the large hotels and restaurants in London. It is proposed shortly to serve sterilized food in chemically cleansed dishes.
 A tree that is a freak of nature is the Asiatic star tree. It grows from six to eighty feet tall, and for a height of about forty feet the trunk is wholly bare. From that point there spring a number of tangled limbs, which shoot out clusters of long pointed leaves, and these grouped together, emit at night a phosphorescent light.

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Loaned on shares.....	667 60	
Loaned on agreements.....	1,542 98	
Insurance due us and unpaid.....	1,033 28	
Real estate.....	703 81	
Interest due on loans.....	2,179 74	
Cash on hand.....	3 00	
		\$166,135 81
LIABILITIES.		
Instalment stock.....	\$ 73,004 55	
Prepaid stock.....	3,099 55	
Fully paid stock.....	370 00	
Permanent stock.....	56,412 61	
Reserve Fund.....	2,618 40	
Debentures.....	2,000 00	
Due bank.....	20,503 72	
Credit of profit and loss.....	8,126 98	
		\$166,135 81
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.		
Gross earnings from all sources.....	\$ 6,897 13	
Management Expenses Commission, Government Fees, rents, etc.,.....		
Dividend paid July 1st and Jan. 1st.....	2,835 24	
Six per cent. permanent stock.....	203 50	
Six per cent. prepaid and fully paid stock.....		
Dividend to be apportioned.....	4,341 41	
Eight per cent. instalment stock.....	952 36	
Two per cent. bonus to permanent.....	62 00	
Two per cent. bonus to prepaid.....	1,164 59	
Balance to reserve.....	0	
		\$ 16,456 23

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of accounts, vouchers and securities of the Empire Loan Company as on the 31st day of December, 1906, and that the above statements are correct.

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THE FOREMAN OF HECLA THREE.

Abimilech Sprowl was a man of sprawl,
Three feet through him and six feet tall;
His face was red and his hair was too;
Nothin' he grabbed but he slammed 'er
through.

Teeth was double the whole way round,
Every tooth in his jaw was sound;
Kairosene he was his winter drink,
For it kept him warm, he used to think.
Oh, the man to lead and the man you
need

Is the kind that's quick to get up speed;
No diff'rance what the scheme or line,
Only the man of sprawl will shine;
And Abimilech Sprowl was the man that
we

Elected the foreman of Hecla Three.

Whoop, for the days of the firemen's
muster!

With Abimilech Sprowl on the brakes
we'd bust 'er;

We'd squirt all day and dance all
night,

And never lose a chance for a sociable
fight.

Abimilech Sprowl he knowed his biz,
And he never wore no gallowsis;

Shirt was red, and his stockin's, too,
And when he swore the air turned blue.

Air stayed blue till he swore yuther way,
Then the air turned red till noon next
day.

His reglar straddle was more'n six feet,
He used up the width of a common-sized
street.

Carried one horn, and sometimes tew,
And busted glass every time he blew.

Oh, the man that wins is the man with
sand;

Out of the grit is the good gold panned,
And the man that slips or the man
that falls

Is the feller that doesn't sand his rails.

'Ray, for the good old muster days!
Hoop for the good old-fashioned ways!

When 'twas quick, sure death for to
holler "Foul!"

To the gang that pumped with Abimilech
Sprowl.

Abimilech Sprowl he knowed more tricks;
He used to lo'd our tank with bricks—
Put in sody so she'd foam,

And then he'd holler, "Ram her home!"
Thutty men was on each brake,

Up-stroke, down-stroke, suck and take!
Down-stroke, up-stroke, fizz and squirt—
When the brook went dry we'd shove
through dirt.

In case the judges seemed in doubt,
We shucked our shirts and fought it out.
Muscle in your arm and muscle in your
grit

Face to the front is the way we fit,
Face to the world and you don't get
kicked,

And never let'em know that you think
you're licked.

Ho! for the days w'hen the old tub
pranced!

Hi, for the way the nozzle danced!
It throwed tew horsemen over a tree.
Once when we humped old Hecla
Three.

Abimilech Sprowl for fun one day,
Shinned the stream when we started to
play.

He went straight up tew hunder feet,
And waved his hand to folks in the
street.

What is the fun of a muster, now?
No excuse for a good, square row:
Northin' to fight for, northin' to dew
But to watch some engines whiz-te-
whew!

For the sight to see and a right smart
stream.

Take sixty men and a stout brace beam.
A lesson is there for every man—
All together! That's the plan;
All together, and gumption, too,
And there's northin' then that you can't
ram through.

'Ray for the days of the old-time
squirts.

With a red-hot foreman and red-hot
shirts.

As it was in the good old days when
we

Slammed down with Sprowl and Hecla
Three!

Collie—Say, Fido, that mistress of
yours is very beautiful woman. It
must be great to have her hold you
close to her and kiss you." Fido—"Yes,
it would be if it weren't for her bus-
band. Collie—"Does he object to her
kissing you?" Fido—"I don't know or
care. But I object to his kissing her
first. He drinks and smokes."

"My husband and I read to each other
every evening now; it's just splen-
did," said Mrs. Newlwid; "why don't
you and your fancee do that when he
calls on you?" "Gracious!" replied
Miss De Muir, "how can you read in
the dark?"

Teacher—"Now, Johnny, how do you
pronounce the word 'grace'?" Johnny
—"I dunno." Teacher (patiently)—
"What was it your father said before
you ate breakfast this morning?" John-
ny—"Pop said that the eggs were darn-
ed rotten."

Jinks—"Willis calls his wife Birdie."
Jokely—"Making game of her, I see."

"Mamma," queried four-year-old Bob-
by, "How does a deaf and dumb boy say
his prayers when he's got a sore finger?"

"What caused the accident?"
"He suddenly gained control of his
machine."

"Did she tell you you might hope?"
"Indeed not; just the opposite."
"Promised to marry you, eh?"

"What's the difference between a
schoolmaster and a college professor?"
"About \$4,500 a year."

"What's your idea of a fool?"
"A man who identifies himself by ask-
ing questions a wise man can't answer."

Professor—"What would you give a
person who had swallowed a large dose
of arsenic?"
Student—"Extreme unction."

"I should think you would be afraid
to let your boys run your automobile?"
"Oh, no; I have it insured."

She—"Where in the world do you
suppose all the bonnets go to?"
He—"Well, a great many of them go
to church."

Poorshot—"I ought to have killed
something that time, guide."
Guide—"Yes, you oughter, but both
the dogs is hangin' behind."

"Oh, well, she's young and pretty and
will get over it and marry again."
"But it will take her a long time.
She looks so well in black."

"How much did he make out of the
latest graft scheme?"
"A clean million."
"You mean a million."

Farmer—"This ain't no 'Farmer's Al-
manac.'" Agent—"Why not, sir?"
Farmer—"There's 'too darned many
holidays in it."

"De reason," said Brother Williams,
"that you never see an angel with a
mustache is—de man has sich a close
shave ter get dar!"

Teacher—"Johnny, what is a hypo-
crite?"
Johnny—"A boy wot comes t' school
wid a smile on his face."

Wife—"Bah! Tell me any great or
heroic action you ever performed in
your life!"
Husband—"I prevented you from dying
an old maid, didn't I? Isn't that
enough?"

Dick—"Well, I'll never try to steal
another kiss from May." Yielding—
Jack—"Did she scream?" Dick—
"Scream nothing. She grabbed me by
the hair, and I guess I had to steal
more than a million before she'd let
go."

Harry—"Here's the newest conun-
drum: When is two an odd and lucky
number?" Cella—"You know I can
never guess conundrums." Harry—
"When two are made one." Cella—"Oh,
Harry, this is so sudden!"

"How's this?" said Cumso to Cawker,
as they sat down to the annual banquet
of the Allied Sons of Liberty. "There
is no wine on the menu, but half a
dozen glasses at each place." "The
menu is to take home to our wives,"
was the satisfactory explanation.

"My dear," said Mr. Bickers to his
wife, "I saw in the paper to-day a de-
cision of the Virginia court that the
wife may, in some cases, be the head
of the family." "John Henry," replied
Mrs. Bickers, "the courts are sometimes
very slow about finding out things!"

Jukes—"Who was the best man at
the wedding?" Jenkins—"Well, I'm not
sure. The bride's father got all the
bills to pay, the bridegroom had to buy
diamond brooches for the bridesmaids,
the guests had to give handsome pres-
ents; upon my word, I think the best
man was the clergyman—he was the
only one who made anything out of it."

Chuggerton—How's your new chauff-
eur?
Carr—Had to fire him; he used to be
a mufarman.

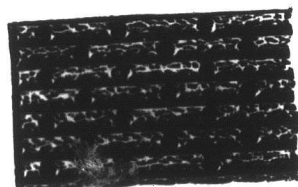
Chuggerton—Too reckless, eh?
Carr—Reckless, nothing! Why, I
couldn't break him of the habit of slow-
ing up at crossings!

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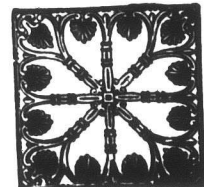
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