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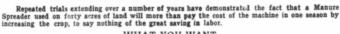
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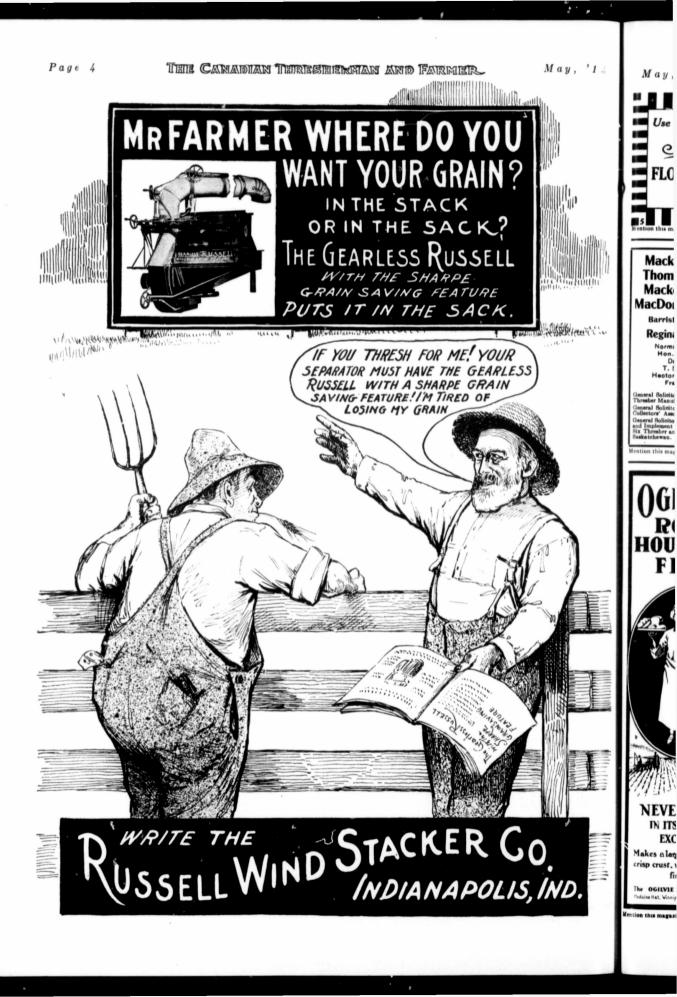
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ABOUT OURSELVES

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WO months have passed since we had anything to say about ourselves, the fact being that so many good friends have been talking for us that we have found it quite superfluous to add anything to the kindly recognition that reaches us from every point of the compass.

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May we direct special attention to the unusually strong articles which are now appearing from the pen of Mr. W. C. McKillican, B.S.A., superintendent of Manitoba's Experimental Farm at Brandon, as well as to the carefully selected series of letters on traction plowing by men who are doing it.

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The first of Mr. McKillican's contributions on "Mixed Farming" appeared in our March issue, together with an outline of the complete course of twenty-four articles. It would be impossible to conceive a more comprehensive educational programme than these cover on this vitally important subject, and they are written by one who has spent his life in acquiring a thoroughly practical experience of what will succeed and what is not likely to succeed in these Western provinces.

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The letters from those practical power-farmers are of intense interest from the fact that the whole subject of gas and steam traction is now on its trial. The greater part of them are from enthusiasts who have succeeded because they are enthusiasts who never court defeat; who have intelligently experimented and have not balked at the first obstacle that crossed their pathway.

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Some of them are from men for whom we are heartily sorry. They are generally to be pitied-not always blameworthy. The mechanical genius has never alighted on them if it did seem to hover overhead for a time, and they have been obliged to delegate their fine machines to those who were even less fortunate in the theory and practice of traction engineering. Men are made for engines just as they are born to preach or to command the applause of "listening senates."

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Those two features alone, we submit, are worthy of the most careful study of every issue of this magazine as it comes along. We have not the space nor is it needful to refer to other fresh features that must make an irresistible appeal to every one who is after knowledge-experience at first hand that will save thousands in costly experiment. Pass it along, Friend Subscriber. If you can ask us to send a free copy to any one in your circle of acquaintances we will be happy to mail it anywhere while the issue remains in print.



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LMOST every voice that can articulate, and every pen that can write, has ow expressed itself on one phase another of agriculture in Westrn Canada, but there is one voice" worth listening to that as been little heeded so farthe voice of the trees.

Trees speak of protection, of mfort, companionship, beauty. and what is still more acceptable many who will read these ites, they represent a cash value

hat few matterf-fact sentimentss farmers have ver contemplated they know it.

Take the cash alue first-of a arm that has at ittle outlay been ransformed from state of bleak lesolation into a aradise of beauty nd comfort. On aesthetic side lone, we have reently read a numer of letters for lanitoba and Sasatchewan farmwho some ght or ten years go were induced the Forestry Department to lant inexpensive ind easily cultiated shade trees round their omes, and in exressing their asonishment a t remarkable rowth which has

aken place, they invariably add it means anywhere from 500 to \$2500 to the "appearance the place."

Down East" some time ago e mere lumber value of a row of hade trees a mile long was apraised at \$3,275 by the governnt forest service men. Three usand two hundred and nty-five dollars for a row of pised cottonwood trees forty is old! And a conservative mate of the protection given rops and buildings by this

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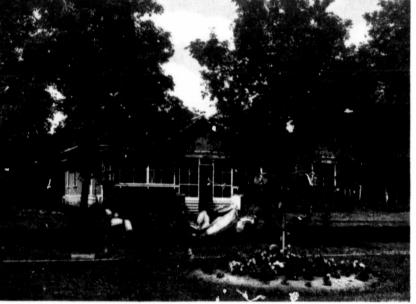
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mile-long row of trees during its environment of soil and climate, no less valuable results neighborhood.



Elegance and comfort in a prairie home. Bungalow residence of J. D. McGregor, near Brandon

This report was made after these same experts had examined hundred and thirteen such a plantings, and they add that had that row of cottonwood been of maple, American elm, ash or some other high grade shade tree its value would have been double These are no this amount. "random reckonings," but a careful estimate made by men of long experience in forestry work of actual benefits that were realized. By a commonsense adaptation of the right kind of tree to

This article has special reference to those who are farming somewhere on that wide expanse of prairie that reaches out to the sky line between which and the lonely homestead there is not even the ghost or promise of a tree or shrub. This is the "outlook" that more than anything else takes the heart out of the settler from the bosky British homeland. from the New England states or some garden spot in the blue grass country

This is all "sentiment," you say,

Mister Land-Miner, but sentiment has a cash value that you have not the means to understand until it comes to the very practical and serious question as to whether you with your "waste howling wilderness" or your neighbor who has saved his property from that indignity by planting a few trees and shrubs on it shall find a purchaser in the sentimental person who has come to inspect the two properties lying side by side. But this is the remotest advan

tage to be gained from the trees around the home and stock barns. There is an immediate benefit of economic as well as aesthetic value to be found in the simple and inexpensive act of planting a few trees and shrubs around the bare walls of the home stead that will quickly lift it from a depressing atmosphere of solitude into a sanctuary of sociability, self contained and radiating good cheer to a whole countryside.

We have scores of impressive object lessons on this point ready to hand and they are now multiplying fast on every hand - thanks to

the energy and zeal of our Forestry Department and the intelligent results of private effort.

At the top of next page we illustrate the home and outbuildings of the Superintendent of the Indian Head Experimental farm photographed in 1904. This early effort at home-building on the "lonesome trail" needs no comment. It was never the intention to leave it like this, but to make it look like home and in time demonstrate that it is not

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only possible but perfectly easy to produce the same remarkable results as shown in the larger picture in center of the page, deciduous trees leading up from the main road almost to the house door.

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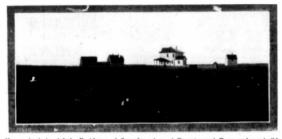
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Not a shrub in sight! Residence of Superin endent of Experimental Parm and out-buildings at Indian Head. This picture was photographed in 1964 hefore planting the trees and shrubs which have made it one of the beauty spots of the West. Note the transformation after four short growing seasons in next picture-photographed in 1968.

taken off the same spot just six years later from the same point as the earlier photograph.

Speaking of Indian Head recalls a striking confirmation of the protective value of a shelterbelt as affirmed by the forestry

experts already referred to. Visiting Indian Head not long ago after a violent wind storm, Dr. the late Saunders was being conducted over the Experimental Farm by Mr. Mackay the Superintendent. He noticed several fields of grain alongside the young shelter belts (then about 15 feet high) which had suffered badly from the force of the wind. For about 750 feet out from the wind-break the grain crop was green and standing in good condition,

in good condition, but beyond it began to get thinner and thinner and for a few feet it was entirely obliterated. There the whole crop was wiped out by the force of the wind blowing the plants out of the ground.

Dr. Saunders and Mr. Mackay measured the fields at several points and found that for each foot of tree growth there was about 50 feet of protection; that is to say that a shelter belt only 10 feet high protected a width of about 500 feet of the field.

So much for the saving of the crop, but of no less importance is the protective influence of the trees on the farm buildings and stock. One of the very best illustrations of this is to be seen in the case of Mr. J. J. Ring's farm two miles out from Crystal City. In our March issue we gave a reproduction of the h-me buildings showing a portion ϵ the fine double avenue of evergreen and

sides to the free course of every wind that blows, it can be readily imagined what the congestion might have been but for the trees.

Över 20 acres are enclosed in this way, made up of five small pasture fields and the large home garden. The kindly influence of the trees is an all the year round experience. Poultry, hogs, calves and foals find shelter from the hot sun and cold winds, while the horses and cattle are let out every day during the winter and are fed in those protected feed lots except on the very coldest days of an extreme winter.

The effect on the vegetables, small fruits and flowers is most noticeable and the very best results in exhibition specimens are an invariable experience on this farm. From the point of view of beautification only, the effect is marvellous when one realizes that it started from nothing in the way of "foundation stock." There wasn't so much as a sage brush or thorn brush on it when its owner settled on the land; nothing but prairie sod but it covered a quality and depth of soil that would feed practically any form of plant life.

One frature of the protective influence of trees that is scarcely less valuable than the sheltering of stock and buildings is the fact that they have the effect of holding the moisture in the soil by breaking the force of the hot summer winds which play such havoc in rapid evaporation over the bare sun-scorched prairie. Further, the snow, held by them in winter as it melts in the spring, furnishes considerable moisture to the land in the tree zone which otherwise would have missed the extra snow blanket, and the normal covering would have been quickly swept into the atmosphere.

The foregoing indicates what



Photographed in 1908 from same point as picture at top of page. Does it call for any comment?

benefits accrue to any intelligent was movement in tree planting within gua a year or two from the time the genyoung things take root and find mor



Some of the "Boys" of Indian Head who have turned the prairie wilderness into a Garden

themselves at home in the soil. But in planting a tree, not the least good office we render to the world of mankind and the brute the best years — the mellow autumn of a man's own life time. We have a wide range of beautiful trees to draw upon that are

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creation is the fact that we have given hostages to posterity.

This "posterity" plea was on advanced in the British legisla ture (so it is alleged) in beha of a measure the immediate benc fit of which was not apparent : at least one Irish member wh desired to know "phwat the-'posterity' fellows had ever don for us that we should be spending so much money on thim?" There are, of course, numbers of men who decline to move at all or to spend a dime that they canno see on its way back in their own little life time; but with such a wretchedly poor appreciation of the case for the trees we feel sure we need not seek to argue with any subscriber to this magazine

Had those who preceded us but a generation back, not to speak of the grandsires of an earlier day withheld their hands instead of spending the goodly portion of their time and energy they seem

to h /e done in tree plantingwhat glorious exhibitions of forest wealth would have been lost to us today! What mag nificent and alluring pictures natural grandeur and home life would now be nothing less than bleak, wind-swept moorlands, or it might be dumping grounds for the flotsam and jetsam of a citizenship that had no eye for beauty and comfort beyond the bricks and mortar of its inhospitable dwellings!

In Western Canada, on the most unkindly looking

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With a prescience that deserves the highest credit, our Governments of all parties have vied with each other in offering the most tempting bounties to those dwellers on the treeless plains who will fall in line with the grand idea of populating them with those living monuments of beauty, those bulwarks against the cold blasts of winter and the hot breath of midsummer. climatic features of the open prairie which have been used so successfully in the past to intimidate the prospective settler.

Trees are to be obtained on such terms to-day and the necessary instructions as to the handling of them are so readily available that no excuse on the score of expense or want of horticultural knowledge can be urged against the idea of a universal

arbor day-not on one day of the year but on as many days as the time can be spared to this delightful and profitable occupation of repopulating the prairie.

There can be little doubt that at one time a large portion of what is now an unbroken sea of grass or grain crop as far as the eye can reach was here and there heavily timbered. out has been denuded of trees perhaps many centures ago by recurring prairie fires, started no doubt

than the growing of certain hardy and extremely beautiful trees around a homestead, but like everything else there are certain

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conditions to complete success that must be complied with. In some neighborhoods the rainfall is not abundant and so the old time method of dibbling a hole, sticking in the sapling and leaving it to take its chance will not do. Then it must be remembered that from the first the trees have to withstand a great deal of exposure to storms and extremes of temperature. Further, the soil of the prairie as we now find it after ages of exposure to the elements is so compact and hard that it needs to be specially prepared for the reception of young trees even of the most robust varieties.

There is a vast difference between the texture of the soil on the open prairie and that of the forest. In the first case there is a covering of tough compact sod

Following Nature's method, the disc harrows. therefore, if we are to expect a second plowing, the soil should uniform success in even the

After the receive frequent cultivation. Later smallest experiments around the in the fall a third plowing should



A transfe from the bare sod of a few years ago

home, we've got to prairie 'loosen up."

With regard to soil preparation for the reception of trees, Mr. Norman Ross (Chief of the Tree Planting Division) says in his exhaustive work on the subject: "In most cases trees will be found to do best on land that has been

be given, working up the ground eight or ten inches deep. On the following spring no further plowing will be necessary except when the trees are being planted, and then a plow should be used to open up a deep furrow in which the young trees are to be set."

Perhaps the very best preparation of the soil for

trees is, in the season preceding planting to grow potatoes or some other hoed crop requiring deep and constant cultivation, and in the fall, after the crop is removed, again plow the land as deep as possible." The variety

trees and the disposition of them is of course to a large extent a matter of taste in the hands of the farmer but he will first of all have to find out and make a list of those varieties which experience has found will suc-



A young shelter belt on farm of J. J. Ring, Crystal City, Not

by the aboriginal Indians. Indeed he most conclusive evidence as to this is to be found at many points and certainly to the fact that it does not follow that if

while the soil beneath it is so hard as to be almost impenetrable for the roots of plants. In the forest, however, there will invariably be found several inches



Where all-man and beast alike-are welcome to the cool shade

rees are not in sight anywhere it because they cannot be grown. Few things in home building re more easy and inexpensive of loose, decaying vegetable matter and a subsoil comparatively open and porous owing to the action of the tree roots. under crop for at least a year previous to planting. But as many have no land under cultivation where they wish to plant, they can by a very thorough cultivation of the soil during one season in an ordinary year bring it into St state for setting out the young trees. In a very dry year one season may not prove long enough to sufficiently rot the sod, and in such cases it will be more satisfactory to defer planting until the land is in a suitable condition, as upon this practically depends the future success of the plantation."

"To prepare sod land for planting" (still quoting from Mr. Ross's bulletin), it should be broken about two inches deep as soon as the frost leaves the ground in spring. When the sod is fairly well rotted, it should be backset about two or three inches deeper and thoroughly worked up with ceed or are not likely to do well in the particular character of soil on his farm. Again we might quote from the authority already referred to, but as the matter covers so much ground and has been so thoroughly gone into by Mr. Ross, we strongly recommend those we can interest in this great forward movement to obtain a copy of this (Bulletin No. 1) from Forestry Branch, Departthe ment of the Interior. It covers practically all conditions common to the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Let the open season of 1914 be a time of preparation at every suitable opportunity for planting as soon as the frost leaves the soil in 1915. Get your information down pat and see some reliable nurseryman's stock in course of the summer. Wayside seedlings are scarcely worth collecting and are not uniformly successful when transplanted.

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health". We quote from a very thoughtful letter sent us under the above caption, the substance of which we pro-

pose setting forth in this page. Referring to our day of "strenuous endeavor" and the fact that the exacting conditions of the West under the stress of its rapid development demands the best of manhood, this correspondent goes on to point out some of the many object lessons the country offers in the science of living and thriving. It is "essentially the trying out ground" of the manhood and womanhood which the nations are sending out to make a fresh start on the road to that objective which the humblest worker never has out of mind.

THE HARDIHOOD OF THE NORTHERN RACES stands out everywhere in bold relief when we look for examples of that virility that seems to dominate and conquer against all odds in an open field when it comes to a contest between "plain living and high thinking"

and the supineness of a more easy-going indulgence. The average farmer, says our correspondent, is supposed to be a very healthy individual owing to the fact that he breathes so much of the fresh air in his daily round. This, however, is only partly correct as the farmer in many cases has set up conditions which to a greater extent than he suspects counteracts the natural advantages of his outdoor life.

STUFFY FARM HOUSES, especially during the winter months, and the rapid consumption of meals every day of the year are to be regarded as among the chief set-backs to the otherwise salubrious environment of the farming life. Our friend points out also that the long hours spent at the threshing outfit involving just as long a fast followed by the "galloping consumption" of some unusual and often hastilyprepared food is bound to leave its impression for the worse sooner or later. He pays a tribute to the porridge-fed plowmen of Scotland-offering as they do a good example of the beauty and value of an easily digested diet of simple, wholesome, inexpensive food.

FRANKLIN'S STRICTURES ON OVER-EATING are more needful today than they were at the dawn of the American Republic. The old printer, philosopher and statesman laid down some stringent rules for the guidance of himself and others with regard to "feed", and made the observation which is as up-to-date in our day as it was in his that the destructiveness of over-eating is by far and away ahead of that of undereating. Most people agree that "we all eat too much", but most people still continue to follow the custom of getting rid of just exactly what description and what quantity of food is necessary to submit themselves to by way of "correcting" their habitual indulgence.

THE SPEED FEVER OF THE WESTERN FARM, however, is another point in our correspondent's onslaught upon this absurd idea of the art of living. Everything is being geared to a higher and still higher speed till the notion of a "sober thought and the enjoyment of life with its embellishment of art" is being completely swallowed up in the rushing tide of a life that cannot stay. The prospects of a "quiet eventide" are becoming sadly remote to many men on the farms to-day as well as to the no less insane "pacers" of the city's business life. LIFE AT A WHITE HEAT all the

time, whatever the reward in dollars' worth at the end of it is a fool's game. Our correspondent recalls the picture of restfulness at the end of the day, of the ideal of that life of work and worship that is alone worth living, described in Burn's "Cottar's Saturday Night". And he is

positively right when he presents this as offering "an ideal ambition to become a millionaire of contentment with vigorous health and little worry, rather than to race through life chasing the will o' the wisp of money-bought pleasure". The highest wisdom is to be found in a rational adjustment of the periods of toil and recreation. Intemperance in either case is a blight and a curse.

THERE'S REAL ENJOYMENT even in hard work. but hard work cannot be carried on continuously at top speed without some rational interlude of rest or re-creating of exhausted nerves if a man is to "enjoy" his work. And recreation isn't worth the name unless it has been earned. Real hard work is the only royal currency for the purchase of any honey-pot of rest and recuperation that hasn't got a fly in it, but the everlasting grind that submits to any or every "mortification of the flesh" that will add one more dollar to the pile has not one recorded instance in history or biography to commend the practice to any seeker after true success

"CONTENTED WI' LITTLE, I aye found mair than I socht", was the life-long experience of a countryman of Robert Burns, who began life under conditions of poverty and hardship not unlike those of the poet himself. It was part of his creed that no man is permitted to accomplish more than the Almighty had instructed him through his own commonsense he was able to manage. This man rose early, fared plainly all his life; was known to his friends as "Genial Johnnie," and this sobriquet was engraved on his coffin plate by one whom he had helped again and again from his treasury of love and a purse that was never empty.

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The Effect of Mixed Farming on the Land

Last month I endeavored to show that mixed farming would give a larger immediate return for money and labor invested than is being obtained under present methods. In this article I propose to deal with the effect of mixed farming on the land and to show that by improving its yielding power, the land will be made a more profitable source of income from year to year.

Fertility

The virgin soil of Western Canada is stored with an enormous supply of the elements of plant food required for the production of crops. The constit-uents that are most essential and are drawn from the soil in largest quantities are potash, phosphoric acid and nitrogen. Fortunately these are largely in an unavailable form. I say this is fortunate, because, were all the plant food readily available, we would use it all up in a few good crops, and then our soil, like our minerals and timber, once used, would be gone for ever. But nature is more provident with the riches of the soil, she loosens her hold on a little of her wealth but always holds back a reserve. The available portion of the plant food is in solution in the soil moisture, and is taken up by the plants in that form. The unavailable portion is mixed with the other constituents of the earth in the form of the hard particles which we call the soil. The unavailable is made available by the cultivation of the land, by its exposure to sun, and air and moisture and the action of bacteria. These agents bring it into a soluble condition and then the roots of the plants are able to absorb and make use of it. When a crop of grain or any other crop is grown, a considerable portion of the available plant food is used up. If the grain is sold and the straw burned that plant food is gone and the soil is so much the poorer. The plant food used up by a few crops of grain is really not large compared to the total amount stored up in the soil. The difficulty is that the available, soluble portion is soon used up, if grain growing is continuously practised. Summer-fallowing is the cure that has been used under these circumstances, and it has often been very successful. The effect of a fallow is to bring into soluble available form much of the plant food that was hitherto tightly locked up. The plowing and cultivation, the exposing the soil to the sun and air and the storing up of moisture all help to unlock Nature's storehouse of plant food. The summer-fallow is thus not a means of adding to the store of plant food (except water) but is simply a stimulant whereby what is althing back and to keep up the fertility of the land while it is still far from depletion.

Mixed farming if properly carried on means the conservation of the fertility of the land. The keeping of live stock means the production of barnyard manure as a by-product. The use of barnyard manure on the land restores its fertility, it brings back to the soil part at least of the plant food which the crops had taken from it. Manure

MP MARTIN HARVEY AND

THE BREED OF THE-



This is not a political cartoon but it requires some little explanation. Mr. Martin Harvey is one of our leading British actors who recently toured Western Canada for the first time with his splentid company. "The Breed of the Treshams' is a great historical play written around the Puritan and Cavaller strucgle of 1648, etc., and is a masterpice in the hands of Mr. Harvey, who has the second structure and the second structure and the second structure and the Mr. Harvey showed a keep of content in subject to the second structure and the second structure courtesise scatched to him in Martiota, he was invited to visit our New Agricultaral College, but owing to pressure of other engagements he had to deny himself this pleasure. His intention to visit the college was known, however, and our artist, playing on the word which had very naturally confused the minds of others throughout the West, in so far as aginary picture to commentate the hidden. The birtherman, the second a little im-some remarkable transformations have taken place in so far as to give the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture an outfit which has probably never yet assumed, while the Editor of the Thresherman is rigged out as "Reresby the Rat"—Mr. Harvey's part in the production.

ready stored up is more rapidly occupies a very important place prepared for use and used up. Some of our very rich soils can stand this depletion for many years and still be able to give good crops. But it all tends in the one direction, and some day, even in the best soils, exhaustion will begin to be felt and the summer-fallow will begin to lose its stimulating effect. That man is wisest who begins to put some-

in agriculture in all countries where agriculture is on a permanent basis, where yields are not decreasing but rather increasing from year to year. Until manure is recognized and valued more highly, the yields of Western Canada and the Western States will continue to gradually decrease as they are doing at present.

Equally important with man ure, as a means of increasin fertility, are the leguminou crops. Alfalfa, clover and pease are the most important of these Nitrogen is the element of plan food that is most necessary an most likely to be exhausted. four-fifths of the air is nitrogen To most plants this nitrogen the air is totally unavailable Leguminous ' crops have faculty of drawing upon nitrogen that is in the air, using it for their own growth and leav ing a surplus stored in the s for the crops that follow. The growing of these crops, especially alfalfa, is a most importan feature in mixed farming in Western Canada, and the possi bility of growing such a crop one of the strongest reasons for adopting mixed farming.

The amount of available plant food in the soil has an infportant bearing on the question of the conservation of moisture. richer the moisture of the soil with soluble nutrients the less the quantity of water required for given amount of growth. I. like a man drinking soup; if it a thick rich broth he may get good deal of nutrition out of plateful, but if it is very thin and watery, he may have to drink great quantities to get as much food. It is just the same with plants, if the moisture in the soil is well stored with the food they need, less moisture is required t feed them.

Physical Condition of the Soil

The physical condition of the soil has a very important influence on crop production. If a soil is too pure clay it is inclined to run together and form a gumbo, if it contains too much sand it is loose, and then the difficulty is soil blowing. Humu is the great moderating and im proving influence in the soil. is the decayed vegetable matter left there by the plants that hav died and decayed in the pas years. It makes a heavy clay soil more friable and worked. It binds together sandy soil and helps it to stay it place. Western soils in their native condition are usually we supplied with humus. The black color that is a characteristic o our best soil is due to the pres ence of humus.

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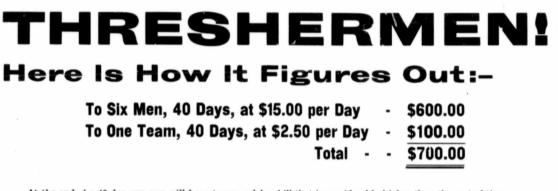
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A MAN'S TALK TO MEN BY REV. DR. J. L. GORDON

Gossip

YOU WILL! be a much happier man in life if you refuse to believe everything you hear about your neighbors. In every doubtful statement concerning your neighbor give him the benefit of the doubt. Of course we cannot absolutely ignore a man's weaknesses and shortcomings, but we should be slow to judge and never pronounce a verdict until all the evidence is in. Dr. Talmage once said: "Before I will accept a baleful story against'a man's character, I will take off from it twentyfive per cent for the habit of exaggeration which belongs to the man who first told the story. Then I will take off twenty-five per cent for the additions which the spirit of gossip in every community has put upon the original story. Then I will take off twenty-five per cent for the fact that the man may have been put into circumstances of over-powering temptation. So I have taken off seventy-five per cent. But I have not heard his side of the story at al, and for that reason I will take off the remaining twenty-five per cent. Excuse me, sir, but I don't believe a word of it."

Bigotry

WHEN MEN hate each other in the name of God, beware. When men abuse each other for the love of the Saviour, look out. You never know how deeply a man feels until he feels deeply against you in the matter of religion, then he will plan your destruction until hell shivers and heaven shakes. As the old doctor in Harold Bell Wright's new novel, entitled "The Calling of Dan Matthews," says to the young minister: "There is no hatred, lad, so bitter as that hatred born of a religious love; no falsebood so vile as the lie spoken in defence of the truth; no wrong so harmful as the wrong committed in the name of righteousness; no injustice so terrible as the injustice of those who condemn in the name of the Saviour of the world."

This One Thing I Do

C^{ONCENTRATION} is the secret of success. One man, doing one thing, seldom ends in failure. It is like Napoleon converging all his strength on the weakest point of the enemy something had to give way. Of all men in the world the preacher ought to concentrate. Let me quote from Austin Phelps a passage that I have frequently used in addresses and sermons: "Preach; let other men govern; preach; let other men organize; preach; let other men raise funds and look after denominational affairs; preach; let other men hunt up heresies and do the theological quibbling; preach; let other men ferret out seandal and try elerical delinquents; preach; let other men solve the problem of perpetual motion of which church history is full. Then make a straight path between your study and pulpit on which the grass shall never grow."

Dropping Out

MEN ARE "dropping out" continually. In ten years half the business signs on Portage Avenue will have disappeared and been replaced by new names. Death, disease, decrepitude, debauchery, drink, drunkenness these are the Things which call for the social reconstruction of life. See to it, friend, that when you "drop out" you, spiritually, step up. I quote from a book of illustrations the following: "On the Lake of Geneva there stands a gloomy castle, where prisoners used to be confined, and in it there was a dark dungeon, with a dreadful staircase called the 'oubliettes.'



Sometimes the keeper went to a poor prisoner, and told him that now, he was to obtain his life and liberty, and requested him to follow him. The prisoner went along thankful and glad, with visions of home and happiness. He reached the staircase, and was told to go down, step by step, in the darkness, that he might reach the castle gate, and so be free. Alas: it was a'broken stair. A few steps down into the darkness, and the next step he took he found no footing, but fell down fifty or sixty feet, to be dashed to pieces amongst rocks, and then to have his mangled body buried in the lake."

Reverence

R EVERENCE is a sign of a superior mind. 1 pity the man who is not aroused and strangely moved when he stands, for the first time, on some great battlefield, or in the presence of a masterpiece in the realm of art, or in some grand old cathedral, grey with age and ivy grown. I also pity the man whose emotions are not deep. Profound emotion, as a rule, reveals a reverence for ideals high and holy. Listen: "Robert Burns had other faults, but in this he was king. In obedience to some rustic custom, he stood on one side of the brook Ayr and Mary Campbell on the other. They bathed their hands in the sparkling water and then placed them on the boards of a Bible, so making their pledge of fidelity. On the cover of the Old Testament of that book to this day, in Robert Burns' handwriting, may be found these words: 'Ye shall not swear by my name falsely, I am the Lord.' And on the cover of the New Testament, 'Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but perform unto the Lord thine oths.''

Eloquent Deeds

THERE is nothing so eloquent as a cheque book well handled. The man who handed me ten new one hundred bills for my new church adopted a method which was exceedingly expressive. A ton of coal in the poor widow's cellar has more warmth in it than the finest sermon on charity. The nan who sends a cured ham to dear old Mrs. Lownandout has struck poverty on the "hip and thigh." Sencea said, "The people learn more from the manners of Socrates than from his philosophy." When the statue of George Peabody was invited to speak. Having no gift of eloquence, he pointed twice to the statue, saying, "Thar is my speech"

Handling Men

SCORES OF men fail because they do not know men. Not knowing men, they do not know how to handle men. Most men can be handled if they are approached in the right way. In order to "handle" a man you must know how to secure from him a favorable consideration of your side of the case. 1 knew a merchant in the city of Philadelphia angered

and indignant at John Wanamaker because had offered a clerk of the merchant a highsalary and a superior position and thus secured his services. The indignant merchant said to a friend, "I will call on Wanamaker and give him a piece of my mind. I will let him know what I think of a business man who will entice away the clerk of a competitor, without saving a word-and in a busy season too!" and there was anger in his face, wrath in his gesture and indignation in his voice. The next morning he called on Mr. Wanamaker in his great departmental store, and finding the millionaire in his office began at once to ventilate his views. Mr. Wanamaker immediately arose and remarked, with a smile on his face, "Mr. Blank, have you ever been through this store of mine No? Well, then, let me show you through No? Well, then, let me show you through," and he took his angry visitor by the arm and led him from floor to floor, from one department to another, introducing him to the heads of the various departments and explaining to him his various plans and business methods. After half an hour's pleasant conversation, Mr. Wana-maker bid his visitor "Good Day." During the entire time not an additional word was uttered concerning the question in dispute. The next day the man who had lost the services of a valuable clerk, remarked to a business neighbor: "That man Wanamaker is one of the finest citizens I ever met!"

Courage in Speech

COURAGE in speech is in daily demand. We very often hesitate to give people a straight answer when they ask a straight question. The man who asks the question: "Should 1 resign?" usually receives a negative answer, from the very people who privately and in the presence of others affirm that "there is nothing for that man to do but to resign." Such condition is neither fair, kind or manly. The author of "Getting One's Bearing," says: "One of the ablest men I have known, and one of the kindest, who could not bear to say a displeasing word, once made this confession: "When I tell a man 'I will think of it,' I mean that I will not do it." Is it not so with all of us at times, and is it well for us? Is it generous? That man with all his ability failed to reach eminence."

Cutting Remarks

THERE are unfortunate people who offend with the tongue. They have a genius for saying the wrong thing. They possess a phraseology which is rasping and a vocabulary which is cutting. They can sting, bite, stab and blister all in one sentence. When they are not asleep they are out on the hunt for victims. The happiest hour, in the neighborhood where they reside, is, when they suddenly meet somebody who is more than a match for them in the matter of vocal tools which have an edge. Better still is the man who can return good for evil and match a sneer with a smile.

good for evil and match a sneer with a smeer The story is told of a young minister who was late in going home one evening from the church. He entered a crowded car, with his Bible under his arm, and at once there began some sneering remarks from some rough fellows. These remarks kept up, and when he young minister left the car, to the amusement of his companions, one youth said: "Say, mister, how far is it to Heaven?" Many a Christian under the circumstances would have kept quiet or have resented the insult; but the minister, with a quiet dignity and with all gentleness, replied: "It is only a step; will you take it now?" Ma

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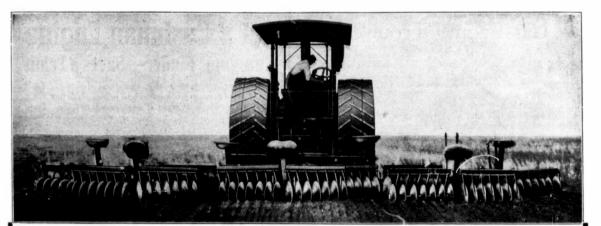
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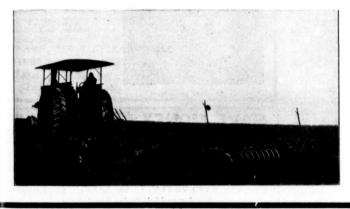
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A Gas Engine Troubles 2222 By A. E. CAMPBELL

HEN a veterinarian is animal which is sick, he first of all looks for symptons of trouble. Having ascertained the symptons, his knowledge of the diseases of animals enables him to determine the cause of the trouble. Having found the cause, it is comparatively easy to effect a cure if it is a curable disease.

When a gas engine expert is called upon to visit an engine which is not giving satisfaction, he follows out practically the same line of procedure as does the veterinarian. He looks for symptons of trouble, then for the cause of the trouble.

To an expert, an engine is always_considered to be in trouble if it is not developing its maximum power on the minimum consumption of fuel. The fact that an engine is running, and pulling a good load all day, does not necessarily mean that it is all right.

The engine owners are rapidly becoming alive to the above fact. A few years ago the purchaser of an engine was quite satisfied if the engine would run, and pull the number of plows which it was supposed to pull, or drive his separator, when it was being fed to capacity.

Now he demands more than this, the engine must develop a certain amount of horse power and it must do it on a certain amount of fuel. The engine owner has been enabled to gain a lot of knowledge in the past few years because of the efforts which have been made on all sides to educate him. The agricultural colleges, the various farm papers and the gas engine companies, besides several schools and private writers have all worked together to give the farmer a good knowledge of the possibilities of power farming, when the gas engine is used to furnish the power.

In discussing the various gas engine troubles met with by an expert in the field, it will be well for us to consider the very simple troubles as well as those which are more hidden, because these articles are intended for beginners, just as much as for experienced operators.

There are eight common symptoms of trouble, the first and most common of which is, difficult starting. Difficult starting is surely a symptom of trouble, there must be something wrong, somewhere if the engine won't start running after two or three trials at starting. If an engine which

is difficult to start, runs all right after it is started, that does not alter the fact that there existed some condition which was wrong, in other words, there was a cause. The causes of difficult starting

are many and some of them are also very simple.

Lack of fuel is a very simple and also a very common cause with beginners. We have known men who would crank an engine by the hour when the main valve in the supply pipe or the needle valve in the carburetor was closed. We have also known men who would try to start an engine which had perhaps stopped in the middle of the field, when they had no gasoline in the tank at all. Many an expert has travelled a long distance to visit an engine in "trouble" only to find that a little gasoline was all that was required to start the troublesome gas engine.

A trouble which is more hidden exists when the supply pipes or carburetor openings are clogged. There may be gasoline in the tank, but if the supply pipes are clogged or if the pump is out of order, the fuel does not reach the carburetor. Again there may be fuel in the carburetor, but if the openings in it are clogged the fuel does not reach the engine cylinder and as a result the engine will not start, simply be-cause of lack of fuel. In the case of an engine which is equipped with a suction carburetor be sure that the suction pipe is not too long and also that it is perfectly air tight. In trying to start a new engine, if the gasoline pump will not suck fuel it will be well to examine the check valve in the suction pipe, it might be reversed or stuck.

The second cause of difficult starting which we will consider is "defective ignition." Without doubt, defective ignition, causes the average operator more trouble than any other one thing. Most experts admit that fully 75 per cent of the troubles met with in the field are found in the ignition systems of the engines.

If you do not get a spark in the engine cylinder you will never be able to start and sometimes failure to get a spark is simply caused by the operator failing to close the main switch. The main switch may be closed, but if the contact made is poor, it might just as well be left open. The timer, if there is one, must also make a good contact. Wires disconnected, loose at the binding posts or broken are all common causes of difficult starting. A

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Troubles peculiar to a make and break ignition system are as ollows:

Electrode points not making a good contact; if the points are orroded, the electric current canot make a complete circuit brough the coil and as a result spark is formed when the moints are broken apart. The oints should be trimmed with a mall file until they make a good lat contact, that is, the entire surface of one point should make mplete contact with the entire urface of the other point. The pints should be kept clean and right to get the best results; mery paper can be used for this urpose. Sometimes we find hat the electrode points do not me in contact at all because the gine sparking mechanism is out adjustment.

Carbon forming between the ietal of the insulated electrode ad the metal of the ignitor body ill cause a short circuit, since arbon is a conductor of electric-Also an electric current will ways follow the line of least restance, the result is that when e points are broken apart, the arrent which would ordinarily ause a spark, finds it easier to w through the carbon to the etal of the ignitor than to flow brough the gap made by the parating of the points. A loose m on the movable electrode ill prevent a break from occurng at all and if we have too slow break we do not get a good park. The points to pay parcular attention to in a make and reak system are, the contact of e electrode points, the length time of contact, the amount of e break which should be from 16 inch to 1-8 inch, the speed of e break and of course the time which the break occurs. A dective coil may also cause diffiilt starting. In case the spark il is short circuited the current av flow from one binding post the other without flowing rough the winding of the coil, he core does not then become agnetised and the coil fails to erform its function. A short cuit can be discovered by the et that the spark which is med when the current is passed rough the coil is no stronger an when no coil is used.

With an engine using jump ark ignition the troubles are newhat different. If the points



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is backed up by such letters as this:

"Deakville, Man., Mar. 1719, 1919. "Dear Sirs:-Enclosed please find Money Order for \$11.00 as per account rendered for changing my grinder and freight. I must say that the change is even more satisfactory than I expected. I put one gallon (by meas-urement) of gasoline in the tank and ground 20 bags full to the top of barley in 55 minutes; it made an excellent job, and though I could not see how much gasoline was left in the tank, the engine was running as strong as ever, when the 20 bags were done, as it was when we started. Note that Mr. Blight actually measure that Mar. Blight of gasoline and ground 50 bushels. Suppose gasoline is 25c, profitable Engine to buy and a profitable Engine to run. MANITOBA WINDMILLS-IN ALL SIZES, FOR POWER OR PUMPING "Made in the West for Made with all-steel Towers, and in aizes from 8 to 14 feet. MANI-TOBA WINDMILLS have de-monstrated by their merit that they are, beyond all, the Windmills for the West. They embody many special features not found in any other mill. Western Needs" We Manufacture :

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in the spark plug are not the correct distance apart there will either be no spark at all, or one which is not sufficiently large to ignite the charge in starting, although the engine might fire all right if it were once started. We have found in our experience that

1-32 inch is about the correct distance to allow between the points. The operator should be careful to keep the spark plugs clean, for if carbon is allowed to build up between the points a short circuit is formed and no spark will be obtained.

If the vibrator of the induction coil is out of adjustment, or if the points of the vibrator are not making a good contact, the soft iron core in the coil does not become magnetised or de-magnetised rapidly enough, and we do

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Success Largely Depends on the Man Behind the Gun

Dear Sirs

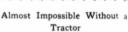
I began farming in spring of 1910. In spring of 1911 I bought a Rumely 30-60 OilPull and gang of 8 14-inch John Deere plows. I hired an experienced engineer to operate. Also one man for plows. We run 12 hours a day making 8 "mile rounds" and do just about 18 acres. I broke 1,400 acres first summer and disced it up for spring seeding. Our soil here is

rather heavy clay loam, and slight-ly rolling. As engine had lots of power, we always pulled packer behind plows and seeded in 300 acres of flax by trailing seeder behind breakers.

This flax threshed from 10 to 14 bushels an acre. In breaking we used about 31/2 gallons kerosene, costs us 24c gallon here, and about same amount of water, the water going through carburetor and firing with oil; for cooling, we use zero black oil and as it does not evaporate it does not need replenishing. Engine also requires 31/2 traded off all our horses in spring of 1912, except one team, and bought a Big "4" 30. We decided to buy the Big "4" as it being a light weight two speed tractor, we figured it to be better adapted for the work of seeding. discing, cutting, etc. We hired an experienced man to operate who made a hitch for 3 seeders, 2 packers and harrows. Everything went well and we put in 75 acres a day using about 45 gallons of gasoline, 31/2 gallons cylinder oil, using water for cooling,

binders being new, run fine. We used two men on the four binders, using dump ropes on two. In cutting flax we covered lower curtain slats with extra canvas, cutting canvas same length as lower curtains and going entirely around. This prevented flax from catching in slats and sticking curtains. We cut 75 acres a day with very few stops, but after binders get old and worn it might be different, as if binders caused many stops it would not pay.

In summer of 1913 we plowed



Dear Sirs: In answer to your letter I wish

to say:

1. 45 h.p. I. H. C.

2. Running ten hours per day hauling 10 plows in stubble with discs, harrows or packer also attached, about 40 gallons per day. 4. About two barrels.

5. We follow the tractor with drill, four horses, and this outfit also hauls out the gasoline and

water as they go to and from work. 6. For plowing stubble, discing at the same time and seeding with horses \$2.00 per acre. 7. We always

haul 10 plows in stubble, with either harrow discs or packer at tached. Immed iately behind we follow with the seed drill with the horses. We have found this most satisfactory, а the soil is then i excellent shap and the see germinates muc more quickly.

8. I certainly d not. In this cour try where it essential to g the spring crop early and quickly

gallons cylinder oil per 10 hour run. As near as I can figure, it cost about \$1.50 per acre, for depreciation, repairs, interest and all. In fall we bought a 36-60 Yellow Fellow separator and with it we threshed 18,000 bushels of our own grain and 10,000 for neighbors.

The separator gave perfect satisfaction and does a good job. when operated by competent man and will take most any amount of flax without slugging. Threshing is very easy on engine, but though engine requires only small amount of attention we have one man on each end of outfit as there are times when both need attention at once and saves much time starting and moving around.

Being well pleased with our experience with one engine we

it requiring only about 3 buckets a day, being enclosed type radifan for ator with enforced cooling.

However I will say here that in some districts, and some springs here, I do not believe an engine would be practical for seeding as the tractors will mire unless ground is dry on top. And I believe the extension wheels are a good improvement for any work on soft land. In summer we purchased set of 12 10-inch John Deere disc gangs, but could not use them as there was too much sod unrotted which it left lying every way on top. The breakers would turn this under. However next year (1913) these plows worked fine in any land which had had second plowing.

For cutting we used 4 binders and Hanson Binder Hitches, the

6,000 acres summerfallow with disc gang, and used the Big "4" for threshing and breaking. This work it did satisfactorily also, pulling 7 plows breaking.

As to whether a gas tractor pays as well as horses I believe depends entirely on man at the back of them. They have some advantages especially on large farms. One can do a great amount of work in right season such as summerfallowing and fall plowing, and if you also have a separator you are able to thresh first and get grain to market early usually obtaining top price for the winter. They are also great saving in help which is sometimes very scarce here. I do not believe the weight of tractors hurt the seed bed any. H. King.

Feb. 17, 1914. Shakleton in order to escape +1 frosts in the early fall or late summer. It is almost impossible to farm to any extent without tractor.

Yours truly, Thomas Rogers. Crossfield, Alta

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In regard to my experien Gas Tractors I will say tha I not believe in co-operation buying a tractor with your bor as you are not both same mind. I have had so perience on this matter and heavy and so did my pirth We bought it for thresh nø fall of 1912, and as he wan ed to run one end, I ran the sepa



A Sawyer-Massey 30 H.P. steam tractor pulling a 12-bottom, 14 inch John Deere Engine Gang in Manitoba gumbo

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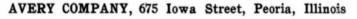
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ator and ran it good. Had no stops for it whatever, but, the crew did not give satisfaction and the first engineer called himself an I H C gas engineer. He lasted four days, then the next one called himself an expert, had put in all his life in the factory, working on gas tractors. He kept my partner so busy getting repairs that we had to hire one of the men occasionally to go after repairs at midnight, so we put in 30 days of time and the men had in 14 days work.

This looked quite discouraging for me, so I complained of the engine being no good. I saw I was into it and thought I would buy my partner's share, so I offered to take or give and he decided to sell, so I took it. Last spring I advertised for a gas engineering and got 200 answers all good, competent men, that is what they said. After a lot of correspondence I got a good man. We started plowing in spring last year and plowed all summer. Had only two dollars worth of repairs and he did not use as much gasoline plowing as we did threshing the fall before. It takes from 35 to 45 gallons of gasoline at 30c a gallon by the tank lot of 400 gallons.

This brings the fuel quite high, but I have found the best is the cheapest, so I did not try kerosene, but those who have tried it here say the best gas is the cheapest fuel. This 30c gas is too high and I want to know why in Minnesota gas is now 13c, and 500 miles from there 30c. It looks unreasonable.

The plowing would vary, as the land proved to be sandy loam, heavy gumbo, wet or dry and depth of plowing has to be reckoned. I average \$12 for gas, \$1 gas engine oil and \$4 for engineer and a month man, \$40 per month, or \$18.60 per day of 10 hours, doing 20 acres or 93c per acre. Some of our writers are stating that they run the engine themselves. I don't agree as to that being an economical way as two men may run a gas engine and do the water hauling on a small scale. I find I am as busy as can be and have a team at the outfit all the time. I have a water tank and use about two barrels of water a day, and when we move I have the tank always handy at every land, so I need not go a rod out of the way for either gas or water.

While the men get dinner I fill gas and water and oil. When they are through with dinner I am ready to start and at quitting time (my men only work 10 hours, understood). I have them get all ready while I have my supper, then I go to engine and as they leave I jump on and keep her agoing as long as I can see, only I have to stop on the ends to put in and pull out the plows.

I can this way plow from 4 to 6 acres alone and the men have already applied to me for another job for this year. I think if more farmers would have a better system of giving their hired help regular hours, the West would be not so short of farm hands. Now comes threshing time again. I had the same engineer threshing and we put in 401/4 days without one cent of repairs and I paid the man \$6, which I consider was giving wages. I paid the same for separator man although I could have got cheaper men but this don't pay. My system was 12 hours work at the machine. The separator is a 36 x 56; engine 45 h.p. Titan I H C and I will now say on the strength of my outfit doing so good, two I H C outfits were sold in this neighborhood. I aimed to have the straw come out of the blower at 6 a.m. sharp, when you could see the smoke come, and at 7 p.m. sharp all work stopped to the minute. I made it a strict point to see that this was regularly observed, but the main thing bear in mind is that both ends of machine have a good man. I never did any talking to the men but treated them civilly as men and fed them good, and if any hand did not seem to work or act independently I would drive to town and get a man in his place. I would go 20 miles to do this; even if you have to go by rail to get your man do not stop, and keep one or more extra men on hand. In this way I got the credit of being the best thresher around here, although my separator is only a medium size one. I have made a good record of 2,800 bushels of wheat, and hear that I am above the rest of my neighboring brother engine men. Hoping this success will help some of our brother writers who are not successful.

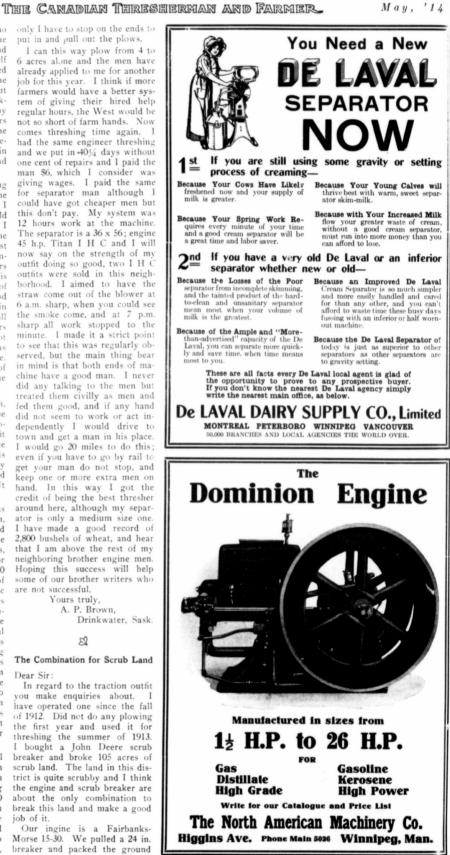
Yours truly, A. P. Brown, Drinkwater, Sask.

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The Combination for Scrub Land Dear Sir:

In regard to the traction outfit you make enquiries about. have operated one since the fall of 1912. Did not do any plowing the first year and used it for threshing the summer of 1913. bought a John Deere scrub breaker and broke 105 acres of scrub land. The land in this district is quite scrubby and I think the engine and scrub breaker are about the only combination to break this land and make a good job of it.

Our ingine is a Fairbanks-Morse 15-30. We pulled a 24 in. breaker and packed the ground



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with the engine wheels and had a mall disk attached to the enine, which disked it over about hree times after packing. It left he ground in very nice shape, most like a summerfallow.

We have not done any work with the gangs yet. We have all the scrub breaking we can do for two or three years..

We used about 32 gallons of kerosene for 12 hours; takes one man for the engine and one for the plow. Can plow about three acres of that land and get \$10 an acre. We may use the gangs in a few years, but I think I would give the engine all the plows she could pull, and do the seeding with horses. I could not say how much per acre to do seeding with an engine as we have never done any.

George Birkenshaw, Cocanville, Sask.

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Kerosene Engine Ideal Power for the West

Dear Sirs:

I have been operating a Hart-Parr 45-60 for parts of three breaking and two threshing seasons and think that, for the district which we have been working in, it is the ideal power as the water is very hard on the steam engine boilers.

In breaking, have been pulling a five bottom Cockshutt breaker, and in plowing old land we use seven bottoms and could pull another O.K.

The average day's work stands about as follows per 10 hour day:

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The average day's work in breaking very tough sod is 10 acres or at the rate of \$1.80 per acre. In old land about 20 acres or at the rate of 90c per acre.

This does not figure the depreciation of the outfit which is slightly greater than with horses, but this small difference is more than made up by having the work done more satisfactorily.

The engine uses about 40 gallons of water per day. This we provided for by securing five mpty barrels, knocking the oungs out of them and putting in a short wood plug instead. We loaded these on the wagon and filled them with water and then dumped one off at the end of each day's plowing, also dumpng off a barrel of kerosene beide each barrel of water. So when we stopped on the turn at the end we had both handy and mply had to pump it to the ene, using a semi-rotary pumpinch with four feet of piping the bottom of it and five or six





feet of hose to the top with a strainer in the bottom joint of the pump. Found this great a saving of time and fuel over the pail system. A man and team one day in five keeps the engine supplied with fuel and water.

The engine is equipped with magneto and extension rims and I would recommend both for hard rough work where efficiency is the first consideration.

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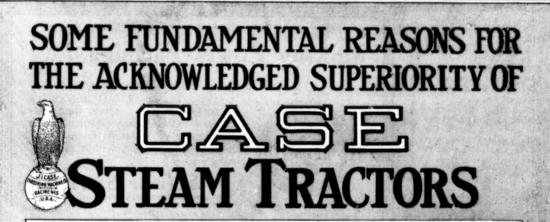
seeding, but it should be a success on large farms. I find the engine O.K. for threshing, driving a 33-56 Garr-Scott separator very nicely and giving good steady power.

I think the kerosene engine is the ideal power for most parts of the West, though having run a steam threshing rig for four falls, I think that steam has a prominent place where water is plentiful and good, and where straw may be used for fuel or coal is not too expensive.

To the prospective buyer of tractor, I would like to say; don't think that you can buy an engine, run it for ten hours a day, day in and day out and never take a look over it, for if you do you will surely get your share of trouble later on.

Two minutes on a loose stud or bolt may save a big repair bill, Continued on page 24

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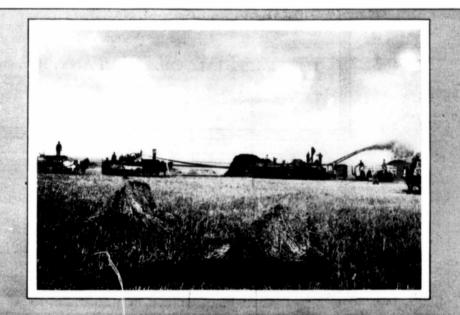
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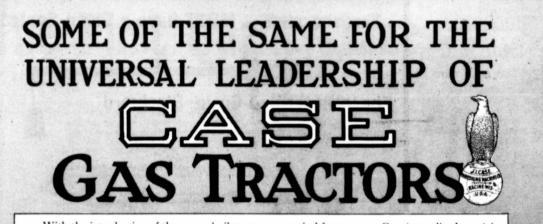
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With the introduction of the gas and oil tractor as practical farm power, Case immediately took in this field the same place of leadership that we have occupied for years in the steam tractor world. Twenty odd years ago Case oegan work on a gas tractor, experimenting and improving at our own expense. As a result of this policy of "being sure," Case gas tractors today guarantee to users of this power results which make others envious. Here are a few reasons why Case gas and oil tractors are the joy of farmers and the envy of competitors. More will follow next month. Watch for them.

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Hoping this will be useful to some of the many readers of your valuable paper. I greatly enjoy reading the Thresherman, and wish you many years of continued success.

> S. E. Burch. Wellwood, Man.

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Very Profitable in More Ways Than One

Gentlemen :

I have owned and operated a Rumely 15-30 OilPull engine now going third season and have run it summer and winter and am running it to-day with thermometer hovering from fifteen to forty below zero; chopping for my neighbors.

My chopper is in a shed but my engine is outside with no protection whatever. I have not lost ten minutes in starting all winter. On an average I chop about two days per week. In chopping I burn ten gallons from eight a.m. to 6 p.m., running a nine and quarter Vissat chopper on kerosene at 171/2c per gallon.

In threshing and plowing I burn about thirty-five gallons per day and use between twenty and thirty gallons of water per day, (depending on weather conditions) and about 1/2 gallon of gasoline per day in starting.

In plowing I draw a six furrow Massey-Harris plow turning a swath of seven feet, plowing fifteen to twenty acres per day, depending largely on field conditions and unavoidable stops which should be few if tractor is kept in shape. I usually pay a man \$2.00 per day to tend plows, and lubricate engine thoroughly before starting in morning and noon hour. While I look over engine and keep things in proper working order and any other little necessity about the farm, as I always run tractor myself.

In threshing I have a complete outfit of my own, consisting of six stook teams and an oil wagon. I hire nine men-six teamsters, two field pitchers and separator man, and when I am ready to thresh, I am not depending on my neighbors for help or running around trying to hire men and teams.

If possible I try to get neighbors to draw grain to elevator, as I like to keep my own teams around the machine. They are used to it and in this way I avoid expensive runaways and loss of time getting strange horses up to separator.

The charges in this neighborhood are oats, 5c; barley, 6c; wheat, 8c; which includes everything. Last fall in twenty days I threshed 45,000 bushels, including 25,000 wheat, 8,000 barley, I would have balance oats.



The Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. Limited WINNIPEG REGINA CALGARY SASKATOON MONTREAL VANCOUVER VICTORIA ST. JOHN OTTAWA TORONTO

See Page 40, this issue of "Canadian Thresherman" for full text of the new Dominion Act.

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secured a better average only for so much very heavy, long, tangled straw. My wages ran about twenty-six dollars per day. In repairs, my 30-48 Rumely separator has cost me one dollar for the two seasons.

Repairs for my engine in 1912 were 1 pinion, \$7; 1 valve stem, \$5; two sets batteries, \$4 each. 1913, 1 pinion, \$7; 2 pinions and plate for pump, \$3, and 2 sets of batteries. I have practically done no seeding or discing with my engine as I have horse power enough to do this. In 1912 I plowed 300 acres for myself, and 80 acres at \$2.25 for my neighbor, clear expenses, for my spring's work in connection with my engine.

In 1913 I plowed 200 acres for myself and 40 acres for my neighbor, clear practically all expenses, with tractor that spring. For 1914 I only have about 100 acres to plow, as last fall I plowed with tractor and horses in wet weather when threshing was stopped.

In concluding I would say that I have found out for myself that my experience with power farming has been very profitable in more ways than one. In 1912 I received 5c per bushel for oats more by getting early market, and in 1913 I received 4c per bushel more by catching early market for 10,000 bushels of oats. This was impossible without a machine of my own waiting in the field, and by getting crop seeded in proper time in the spring.

The Rumely 15-30 is a very light tractor and I have extensions also. It practically does not pack the soil and will go over very soft places without going down. I might say I am well satisfied with the whole outfit.

Yours truly,

A. H. Walker, Rokeby.

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Calls for Grit-Proof Bearings Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request I will state my observations gained by three years experience at Zealandia, Sask., with traction farming. Although I have recently sold my outfit and rented out my land I will state my views briefly as possible. I first used a 20 h.p. gasoline engine and four-bottom P & O plow in breaking up my land in 1910. While the fuel consumption of this engine was light, averaging from 2 to 21/2 imperial gallons of gasoline per acre for plowing, yet owing to the light construction of engine I considered the operrather unsatisfactory, ations especially if you consider that most tractors at that time were more or less in the experimental stage. This type of engine made splendid showing at the motor contests under favorable conditions and with expert handling when they were new, but under the steady grind and excessive wear it would not stand up under

the test. I did no threshing with this engine and no disking, but seeded 400 acres of flax, pulling only two drills and drag with very good satisfaction.

My next outfit was a Hart-Parr engine 40-60 h.p. and John Deere six-bottom breaking plow. I also rigged up a hitch for pulling six John Deere disks and drag, the disks being the tandem combinations. This outfit gave splendid results. We averaged over seventy acres per day double disking and floating in one operation. One man running the outfit most of the time. In plowing, the work was equally satisfactory, the Hart-Parr engine handling the six plows and heavily weighted drag with perfect ease and not appearing to be over two-thirds loaded.

By using a 450 gallon oil tank for kerosene and a steel tank with faucet for gasoline the work of catering to the needs of this outfit was reduced to a minimum I used the engine for plowing packing and disking only as had plenty of horses for the other operations on seven quarter s tions of improved land. I fou d the fuel oil consumption for pla ing to average fully four gall per acre. Though this mig have been reduced if engine h been loaded to its capacity wh would probably have been m economical. I do not consi er the use of coal oil at 20 cents gallon much more econom al than gasoline at 30 cents.

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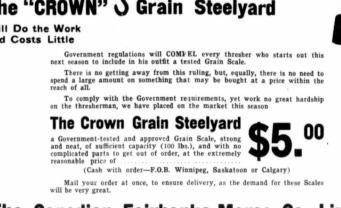
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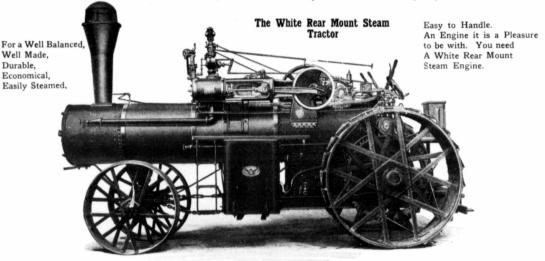
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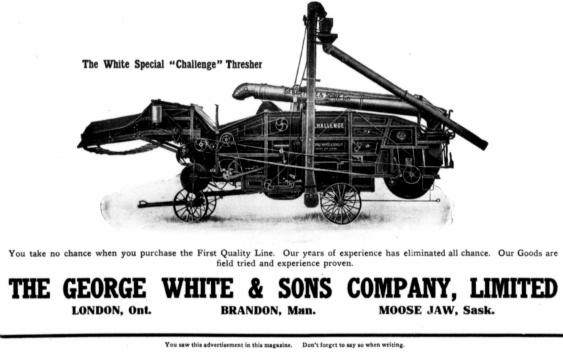
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About 45 gallons of water per day was required with this engine. About one and a half gallons of cylinder oil and the same amount of block oil is required. or perhaps a little less of the block oil where gear grease is used on gears. While my repair expense for one season with this outfit for engine was practically nothing, yet you cannot get away from a big depreciation and wear and tear, and I always consider it the largest item of all in the long run. I must not neglect to state that my good luck was also due to having a careful and experienced engineer in caring for this engine most of the time.

My estimate that for fuel and labor this engine can plow for \$1.25 per acre but when depreciation and interest on equipment is brought into calculation as it should be, it is easily double the amount and then some. And if you will pardon me I wish to throw in this statement right here that, in my judgment the high tariff and excessive freight rates are contributing more towards grinding the heart of the Western Canadian farmer than any other one cause.

For disking and floating we used 70 to 80 gallons of oil per day, double disking and floating an average of 72 acres per day, and doing the finest work imaginable. About two gallons of gasoline are required per day excepting in real warm weather when less can be used.

As far as old land farming is concerned I believe that for best results an engine must be devised having gears enclosed and running in oil to reduce the tremendous wear owing to the flying dirt and grit in dry farming. I believe that through some system of warm gears this can be brought about as I can think of no other way where so much speed reduction is possible in so small compass.

I do not consider a tractor detrimental to the land only when used for seeding and working land after plowing, as the wheels pack land so much on the surface as to cause excessive evaporation unless the land is again loosened up on surface.

Yours very respectfully, E. R. Fraser. A Strong Believer

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Dear Sirs:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. asking my experien e with the tractor on the farm. I regret to say in reply that I can only speak in general terms not having gone into details as to any of the points you raise. I can also only speak from a short trial of two years. In this short time I have become a strong believer in that method of farming and am convinced of great possibilities the farm tractor holds in putting the farming

4" "30" claim for this make of tractor is in my opinion true of any tractor adapted to the work on the farm. "It places farming on a scientific business basis." To do this of course the tractor must be used in a practical way. This cannot be done where the engine is operated by the farmer himself. It would be just as easy for a miller or the owner of a mill to operate his own engine instead of hiring an engineer. How many mill owners do this? No man living is capable of operating his own tractor on the farm

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gine will make a good farm tractor but it must be built for the work it is intended to do. The inventor of the Big 4 was a farmer who knew the conditions to be met. This is also a 4 cylinder engine and I believe the first 4 cylinder farm tractor ever built.

I am sorry I' cannot give figures along the lines you mention but instead have tried to give my opinion and a few facts gathered from a short experience of only two years.

> I remain. Yours truly. W. N. Reid.

Brandon, Man.

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"I Like the Engine Fine"

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours asking for my experience with traction cultivation, I own and operate a Sawyer-Massey 22-45 horse power engine. I have not had the best of results from engine mainly through want of experience but have done quite a bit of work with it, plowing and discing, but have not attempted to do any seeding. I think that is a job for horses on account of not being able to turn the corners quick enough, especially if some of your land is fenced the same as mine is. And seeding is not the same as discing, for with discing in closing in a land, some of it is covered twice at the corners which does not hurt for discing. but would not do for sowing.

I purchased this engine the fall before last, did my threshing with it and some outside work. The separator is a 29 inch cylinder which is a little too small for en gine. A 32 would have been better. It is a "Daisy" also I have Sawyer-Massey make. had more or less trouble with magneto on engine in draining the batteries. This engine h batteries for starting, and the you switch onto the magneto, b through some reason it has be draining the batteries who switched onto magneto, and to the present we have not be able to locate the trouble. So t company ordered me to se a magneto and batteries with wiring to the shops and I am n

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business on an equality with other businesses.

The tractor I use is the "Big 4" "30" gas tractor, made by the Gas Traction Co., of Minneapolis, now the Emerson-Brantingham With this engine I have Co. plowed, harrowed, disced, packed, harvested, threshed the grain and delivered it to market. In all these lines of work I am satisfied that the tractor excels the horse from the standpoint of economy and every other way.

About the only work I have not done with the engine on the farm is seeding. But where the land is free from ponds I see no reason why this work cannot be done with equal advantage with the others mentioned.

I anticipate in the very near future under draining with tile will make the tractor the ideal power on any farm in this country for all kinds of work. By draining the little sloughs and depressions earlier in the spring and by enabling the land to dry much sooner.

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and make a success of farming. It pays to use a tractor on the farm only when a competent engineer is engaged, one who can produce results.

The traction engine on the farm has several advantages over the horse. Among them I will mention a few only. It only eats while working. This is a great advantage in winter. It eliminates the men required. It will not run away and break machinery, etc. It will work in all kinds of weather and all night as well as day if required. The flies or heat of summer do not bother it and sore shoulders are unknown.

There are a number of farm tractors and it has been my privilege to study a few of the leading ones. When I purchased an engine for my farm I did so with a great deal of thought and consideration in the matter and in selecting the "Big 4" "30" I did so believing it to be the best all round farm engine made and I can say that I have so far had no cause for regret.

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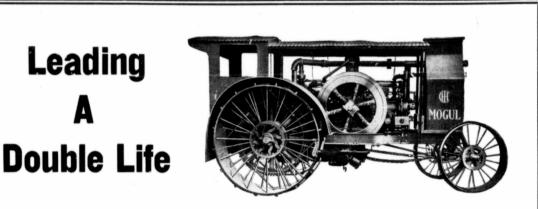
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"HE International Harvester oil tractor leads a double life. In its two distinct sidesdrawbar and belt-power work— it is equally efficient. In drawbar work, you can see its great efficiency, for instance, at the plows. Where one day's plowing used to be two to three acres, the I H C tractor plows ten to thirty acres. It will pull three or more drills or binders, haul huge loads to town, and do your road work. It will pull plows, disks, and harrows, all at the same time, saving many hours of time when time is most valuable.

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hopes that when it comes back that trouble will be remedied.

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Last spring I did quite a lot of spring plowing, pulling eight plows which she handled without much trouble. I run about twelve hours a day doing about twenty acres. She uses about a barrel of gasoline for a day's run, 45 gals, three gallons of gas cylinder oil and about 1/2 gallon of gear oil besides a little hard oil, etc. The estimated cost per acre for spring plowing being about \$1.20.

For discing I used two ten-foot double disc harrows with the in and out throw and I also dragged behind that another small disc harrow to make a good job of cutting the center out between the two harrows which made a good job of it. I disced about 45 acres per day, the cost being about 50 cents per acre, and I could still reduce the cost per acre if I had another 10 ft. harrow as dragging the two was just play for engine.

This discing was done before plowing. I would not think of discing plowed land with an engine, as there would be too much dust flying around which would soon play havoc with your gears. For plowing deep for summerfallow, I took one of the plows off and pulled three sections of harrows which worked it down pretty good for the time being. the cost per acre being about \$1.45 as for plowing. I had a man to handle the plows.

The water she uses is very little providing there is no leak. When full she holds about three parts of a barrel and she will run the whole day with just a few additional pails. I do not think that the engine is detrimental to the land as I could not see any difference in the crop where the wheels covered and where they did not.

I like the engine fine, and they are all right as long as the weather is not too cold, for in cold weather they are more or less trouble to start and have got to be heated before they will go. That is where the steam engine has the gasoline engine beat in the cold weather, and the days are too short to lose time trying to get the engine started.

Yours truly, A. E. Turner,

Willow Grove Farm, Abernethy, Sask

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"Can you direct me to the best hotel in this town?" asked the stranger who, after sadly watching the train depart, had set his satchel upon the station platform. "I can," replied the man who

was waiting for a train going the other way, "but I hate to do it." "Why?

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Mixed Farming in Western Canada

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When the prairie is first broken up there is no difficulty with soil blowing. The humus in the land and particularly the root fibres that are not completely decayed have a binding effect and keep the soil in its place. Year by year as the land is plowed and cultivated, and crops are grown, these root fibres are ground up and the humus is used up so that the soil blows much more readily. The more frequently the land is cultivated the more rapidly this disentegration takes place, and summer-fallowing is especially destructive because of the amount of cultivation it entails. Thus continuous grain growing spoils the physical condition of the land, makes it more subject to growing, more likely to run together and be sticky when wet. and more likely either to form hard bricks or be in too powdery a condition when dry.

The effect of mixed farming is to keep up the supply of humus. The growing of grasses restores the soil to a similar condition to that which existed when the prairie was first broken up. It fills the soil with a fine network of rootlets which bind it together and prevent blowing. The roots of grain crops are few and coarse and do not accomplish this purpose. Manure also adds greatly to the humus in the soil.

The effect of humus on the conservation of moisture is an important consideration in a dry country. The inoisture in the soil is held in layers of water that stick to the outside of the particles of soil. When there is more moisture than what will stick to the particles of soil, we have what is called free water, or water that will run off in drainage. Clay holds more water than sand because the particles are much smaller and consequently there are more little surfaces to which the water can stick. But the particles of both clay and sand are solid and can only hold water on the surface, just as a pebble can. Humus, being composed of vegetable matter, not only holds water on the outer surface, but also soaks it up, and thus holds it within the particles. It is the large amount of humus in our Western soils that makes it possible for crops to live through long periods of drouth. The soil soaks up the moisture and holds it until the plants require it. The keeping up of the supply of humus in the soil is consequently very important consideration in dry-farming and one that makes mixed farming especially commendable when the rainfall is light.

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The Spread of Weeds The land of Western Canada

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is yearly becoming more and more polluted with weeds. So long as crops of one type only are grown, the control of weeds is very difficult. Even though summer-fallowing is done frequently and thoroughly wild oats and other weeds get worse. Mixed farming makes it much easier to keep the land clean. Different weeds thrive best with different crops and when a change in the kind of crop is made it. gives the weeds a setback. For instance, seeding down to grass and growing hay for a few years is the easiest and most effective way of killing wild oats. The change in crop brings about a condition that is quite unsuited to that type of weed.

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not get any induced current in the secondary winding of the coil, or at least it is not of a sufficiently high voltage to jump the gap in the plug. In the case of a nonvibrating coil, the points in the breaker box must make a good contact and should be kept clean. Sometimes the condenser in the coil becomes short circuited and therefore fails to perform its function and provides a continuous circuit through the primary winding. Where a magneto is used it must of course be timed with the engine or else it will not deliver current at the correct point in the cycle.

When an engine is very cold it is often very difficult to start, especially so if a low grade of gasoline is being used. This is simply due to poor carburetion. Liquid gasoline will not burn, we must have a small amount of vapor before ignition can take place. No carburetor can vaporze fuel unless heat is present, although it must be admitted that only a small amount of heat is required to vaporize a good grade gasoline. Under ordinary of weather conditions the heat of compression is generally sufficient to vaporize enough fuel to permit ignition to take place, but with a cold engine in cold weather this is not so. With a small engine we can turn it over with sufficient speed to tear the fuel up into a spray and then by con-tinued cranking get some vapor to form, but with a big heavy engine we cannot do this. We must therefore warm up the engine with a torch, being particular to warm the intake manifold and the carburetor. It is quite safe to warm the gasoline if you are careful to keep all flame away from the top of the vessel in which the gasoline is contained. The spark plugs should be warmed and cleaned in frosty weather, and dry cells should be kept in a place where the temperature is never below freezing.





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Don't Have Carbon in Your Gas Engine Cylinders

As a matter of fact it isn't necessary. Someone will immediately say, "but it will get there if you run your engine despite anything to the contrary." Let us explain. It is true that a carbon deposit is almost sure to take place on any gas engine cylinder when used for any length of time and even when used only a short while if poor fuel be used.

Recently we witnessed a de-monstration of Murray Carbon Remover, a preparation designed for the purpose of removing carbon deposit from gas engine cylinders. The object of the demonstration was a four cylinder automobile, the cylinders of which were very badly carbonized. The car, so we were informed, had not been cleaned for about eighteen months and if dirty cylinders are any indication of long usage, we have no reason to doubt the statement. The valves and cylinder heads were all heavily coated with a deposit so hard that it required a hacksaw to make an impression on it.

The car was run into one of the city garages and was not prepared in any way for the demonstration. A long nozzle funnell was secured and with the car running the operator proceeded to pour about 2-3 of a quart of the carbon remover into the cylinder through the air intake of the carburetor. This took about five The car was then minutes. stopped and upon removing the cylinder caps it was found that while all of the carbon had not been removed most of it had been and what remained was so broken up that another five minute run would have made the cylinders as clean and bright as a new silver dollar.

From the demonstration we would say that Murray Carbon Remover does all that is claimed for it which should recommend it strongly to any gas engine user. especially those who own and operate internal combustion tractors. It will undoubtedly save much time, power and machinery. As such it is the busy power Farmer's Friend.

Farm Boys' Club for Winnipeg Exhibition

Another Hundred Manitoba Youths In-vited to the West's Big Show.

The Farm Boys' Club originated by the Canadian Industrial Exhibition Association last year aroused widespread interest. It was of course intended to appeal primarily to the youth of the province devoted to the pursuit of Manitoba's banner industry, agriculture, but the broader, general interest which the an-

nouncement of the plan excited was a surprise, even to the Association

Scores of boys in all parts of the province, ambitious to be included in the club of one hundred invited to spend the week at the exhibition as its guests, with railway fares and all other expenses paid, entered the essaywriting competition, the subject of which was "The Prairie Farm." On their return home the successful boys were required to write a second essay under the head of "What I Saw and Learned at the Exhibition." Substantial cash prizes were awarded for the best five essays, and a number of these were published in one or other of the farm journals. The prize winners of 1913 were:

Robert Coulter, Swan River; Orville J. W. McMahon, Roland; J. Harold Best, Benito; G. H. Hambly, Swan Lake; A. Sinclair, Swan River

So successful did the Farm Boys' Club feature of the 1913 exhibition prove that the directors have decided to repeat it and are now distributing a folder inviting the farm boys of the province to enter the competition for places in the club of 1914, by writing an essay of 400 or 500 words on the following subject: "How Waste on a Manitoba Farm May be Reduced."

The selection of the boys will be made by a committee composed of the Deputy Minister of Education, President Black and Prof. E. Ward-Jones, of Manitoba Agricultural College, and a member of the Exhibition Board. The contest is open to boys residing on farms, or those intending to make farming their life work, and who were not members of last year's Farm Boys' Club. Each applicant must be of good moral character and between the ages of fifteen and nineteen years. No student of any agricultural college is eligible to enter.

Each applicant must notify the chool inspector of his district through his teacher, or communicate direct with the Exhibition Association and write the essav as above indicated. The essays must be in the exhibition office not later than May 15, 1914. The Exhibition dates this year are July 10 to 18.

A copy of the folder giving full particulars may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of The Canadian Industrial Exhibition Association, Chambers of Commerce, Winnipeg.

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will soon he the order of the day. There is nothing that tries the power and durability of a tractor as does this class of work. Note the following features of **TWIN CITY** Tractors and then compare them with other makes:

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You have probably schooled yourself, by observation and actual experience, to know just what to look for in a grain thresher.

Now, just recall all the thresher features that appeal to you, and then examine a Hart-Parr "Money Maker." Look it over carefully from cylinder to shoe—from truck to deck. You will find all the desirable features embodied in most grain separators plus some features that few other machines contain. The

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is double belted; double eccentric driven in racks and pans and shoe. The end shake shoe has an independent double eccentric drive; the sieves and chaffer are adjustable. The racks are strong, stiff and counter-balanced. It has double grain pans, big cylinder, "Mastodon" teeth, heavy concaves, steel slat grates, big, undershot fan and a balanced motion throughout. It has a "down to the minute" feeder, with Pickering governor control for both speed and feed, and wabble knife spreader. The stacker is a "no choke," gearless wind stacker, with ratchet drive. Note the absence of annoying crank and "stub" shafts. All parts accessible for oiling from outside. An exclusive feature is the spring mounting on the rear axle. This eliminates all jars and jolts from the windstacker. All main separator belts are provided with convenient belt tighteners. No delays cutting and lacing belts.

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PRACTICAL TALKS TO THRESHERMEN Talk No. LXXIX. Conducted By PROFESSOR P. S. ROSE Note.—The term "gas engine" in these lessons will be used indiscriminately in speaking about all internal combustion engines. argranding and and argranding and argranding argrandin

TRACTION engine. whether it be steam or gas driven, is a clumsy awkward machine at best. It is heavy, the gears are large, the wheels bite into the ground, they turn slowly and the entire machine is more or less unwieldy, one of the large ones developing 60-brake horse power or 30horse power at the draw bar. The system of gearing is simple and of the spur gear type throughout. The system of levers which will presently be described is shown in figures 183

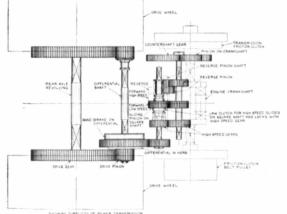


Fig. 182. Plan of Gearing from Engine to Drive.

wieldy it generally is. Its broad wheels and great weight make it much less flexible on the road than an automobile. Automobile designers, however, are very careful in designing their machines to make them as easily handled as possible. They spare no trouble to place all the control levers in a position easily reached by the operator and see to it that there is no possibility that antagonistic acting mechanism can possibly be engaged at the same time. All of this adds to the safety of operation of the car, and gives the driver instant and complete control.

In the days of the old steam tractor with its single speed and simple train of gears apparently liftle thought was given to the arrangement of the various levers if we may judge by some of the awkward arrangements on the market, but with the advent of the gas tractor and with automobile design to set the pace, every effort has been made by gas tractor manufacturers to place all control levers as conveniently as possible. We have already shown the method by which power is transmitted to the drive wheels on several different styles of tractors, but in this lesson we will consider the means by which the different speeds may be obtained; that is, the system of levers by which control is effected. The machine in question is

and the larger it is the more un- and 184, to be patterned after those used on a number of automobiles though differing from automobile construction in some particulars to make it apply to tractor conditions.

ment for disconnecting the engine from the drive wheels, other than by friction clutch. This is to avoid accidents which sometimes happen when the clutch sleeve gets dry and seizes the crank shaft or a piece of waste or similar matter gets between the clutch members and

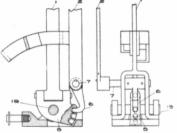
the friction ring. (5) The levers are made so as to lock positively in place without the use of small latches and springs.

Figure 183 is a plain view of the gears and shifting mechanism. Figure 184 is a rear view of the hand levers and quadrant relative to the frame. Figure 185 shows the method used for locking the gear shifter lever with the clutch lever. Fig-

ure 186 is a rear view of the levers and quadrant showing how the gear shifters are locked when the hand lever is disengaged. Figure 187 is a plan of the quadrant and figure 188 is a side elevation of the quadrant and hand levers showing the different positions.

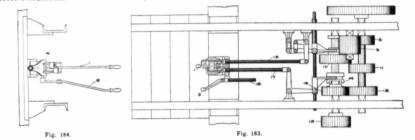
The gears in figure 183 are shown in neutral position. By moving the sliding position, 10 into mesh with pinion 11, low speed forward is obtained and which is loose on the turned poi tion of the shaft. By means of the links and cranks as shown in figure 183.

gear 10 and jaw clutch 14 are moved as desired. Hand lever 2 is for operating the friction lever clutch (not shown) and

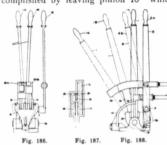




1 is for shifting gear 10 and clutch 14. The different positions of the hand levers are shown in figure 188, 2A, with friction clutch in 2B with friction clutch out; 1A, figure 188, and 1E, figure 186, with jaw clutch engaged with pinion 13 for high gear forward; 1A, figure 188 and 1D, figure 186, for low gear forward; 1B, figure 188 neutral and 1C, figure 188, is for reverse



The principal features in this design are to provide safety interlocking devices to be used in connection with the hand levers that shift the gears and apply the friction clutch for a sliding transmission. With the arrangement shown in drawing, figure 183, the following results are obtained : (1) Two speeds and reverse with one gear shifting hand lever. (2) Means for guarding the operator against throwing the load on the gears unless they are proplocated, which will make erly sure that full width of the teeth is being utilized. This will overcome the danger of stripping the covers off the teeth. (3) A positive lock to hold the gears in their proper places while the clutch is in. (4) An arrangeto reverse it is moved to engage with an intermediate pinion 9. High gear ahead is accomplished by leaving pinion 10



disengaged as it is shown and lever 1 to travel parallel locking the jaw clutch 14, which the slots in the quadrant is mounted on the square shaft with pinion 10 into pinion 13

Rods 17 and 18 are connected to levers 3, figures 186 and 188, which are movable on shaft 19 which also supports block

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line motor. A. 1. Automobile engines are rated at a piston speed of one thousand feet per minute which in the case of an engine with four and one-half inch stroke would represent a rotational speed of more than 2,000 r.pm. If the engine runs at half this speed, it will have a little less than one-half as much power. If at a quarter, the power will be less than a quarter of the maximum. There is a good deal of misapprehension in regard to horse power. Many people seem to think there is a difference between steam horse power and gas horse power, but there is not. A horse power is a perfectly definite mathematical unit just as definite as a bushel of grain or a pound of meat. It doesn't matter how the power is generated, a horse power represents the same quantity of work in either case. If you have a steam engine that is generating 7-horse power, neither more nor less, and a gas engine that is generating 40-horse power, it is very easy to see which engine is the more powerful. The reason for the general misapprehension lies principally in the fact that the power of a steam engine can be varied greatly by varying the steam pressure or varying the speed or varying both steam pressure and speed. The variations possible with a gasoline engine are confined to speed only. Many builders of steam engines rate them at low steam pressure and low speed while as a matter of fact they may be operated at a much higher speed and at double the steam pressure. Nearly every steam tractor can be made to generate three times as much power as that at which it is rated. Some of the gasoline tractors will generate fully twice as much power as their rating, while others have an overload capacity of only about ten per cent. These are the reasons for the general lack of understanding in regard to power.

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Q. E.L.H. 1. Can you describe a method of timing the valves on a four cylinder gasoline

engine and a method for finding the best position of the spark relative to the position of the cranks? My engine runs very well, but has no power. I have put in new piston rings and new valves but obtained no relief. Can you tell me what to do?

A. 1. You do not state what make of engine you are using, how fast it runs or anything about it which would give us a clue as to how it is constructed except that it has four cylinders. Our answer to your question, therefore, must necessarily be somewhat general. If there are four cylinders the valves should be timed so that the cylinders will fire in the following order, counting from the head end, namely, 1-3-4-2. The valves should, therefore, be timed so that when cylinder one is taking in a charge the gases in cylinder two will be compressed, three will be exhausted and four will be making its power stroke. This will give you the proper order of firing. The inlet valve in any cylinder should open just as the cylinder piston starts forward on its suction stroke and should close when the suction stroke is completed or, if the engine is a high speed engine, when the crank has passed about five degrees past centre on the next stroke. The exhaust valve should open when the crank is about thirty degrees from the centre line and near the end of the power stroke and close when the crank is about five degrees past centre on the next forward stroke. That is, the exhaust valve should remain open during the entire exhaust stroke and for a brief instant after the next suction stroke commences. You can time the ignition by having it occur on the compression stroke when the piston lacks from one-quarter to fivesixteenths of an inch of completing the stroke.

The reason for lack of power may be faulty timing of the valves or, what is more likely, wrong timing of the ignition. Nearly all high speed four cylinder engines, and we are assuming that is the kind of engine you have, are equipped with a timing lever to advance or retard the spark. If the spark advancing or retarding mechanism has a sufficient range of motion, the spark can be advanced so that at high speed it occurs when the crank is



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about twenty-five degrees below centre on the compression stroke and in starting it can be retarded until it fires on dead cen-tre or just a trifle after. With some timing systems, the lever is set so that when the engine is fully retarded it fires when the pistons are on dead centre at the end of the compression stroke.

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Q. H.K. 1. Is babbitt a suitable compound for filling a safety plug? Is castor oil good for loosening scale in a boiler? What should I do with the safety valve if it starts blowing off about fifteen pounds below where it is set for and keeps blowing a little for a long time? Does the steam govern the governor or does the governor govern the steam? Please tell me in a short way, either yes or no. I saw an explanation of this question in your papers a few months ago but it was so long I couldn't find out much about it. Is a double cylinder engine stronger than a single cylinder? Some tell me a single cylinder engine is stronger in a dead pull.

A. 1. As a general thing we do not recommend babbitt in a safety plug. Babbitt is an uncertain compound which may melt at anywhere from six hundred to a thousand degrees. Pure tin, which melts at four hundred and forty degrees, is the metal to use.

We have never used castor oil for loosening scale and can't tell you whether it is of value or not. We have never seen it recommended, however, in any engineering books or publications. If the safety valve starts blowing off before it should and blows for quite a long time, it is evident that the regulator should be adjusted. We suggest you write the manufacturer for his book of directions on how to regulate the safety valve. Every poppet valve has a system of regulation and since no two valves are made exactly alike we can't tell you just how to proceed, so the best thing to do is to get the manufacturer's catalogue.

Your question about steam governing the governor or the governor governing the steam cannot be answered by yes or no. The governor holds the speed within certain limits. If the speed gets to the upper limits, the governor partly shuts off steam; if it gets to the lower limit it opens up the steam valve. The steam, of course, runs the engine and the engine runs the governor.

A double cylinder engine may be stronger or weaker than a single cylinder engine just as one horse may be able to pull more than two, depending upon the size of the horses. The fact that the engine has two cylinders has nothing to do with its pulling

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"This is very unsatisfactory," said his father, looking over the

report. "I am not at all pleased with it."

"I knew you wouldn't be," answered Bobbie. "I told the

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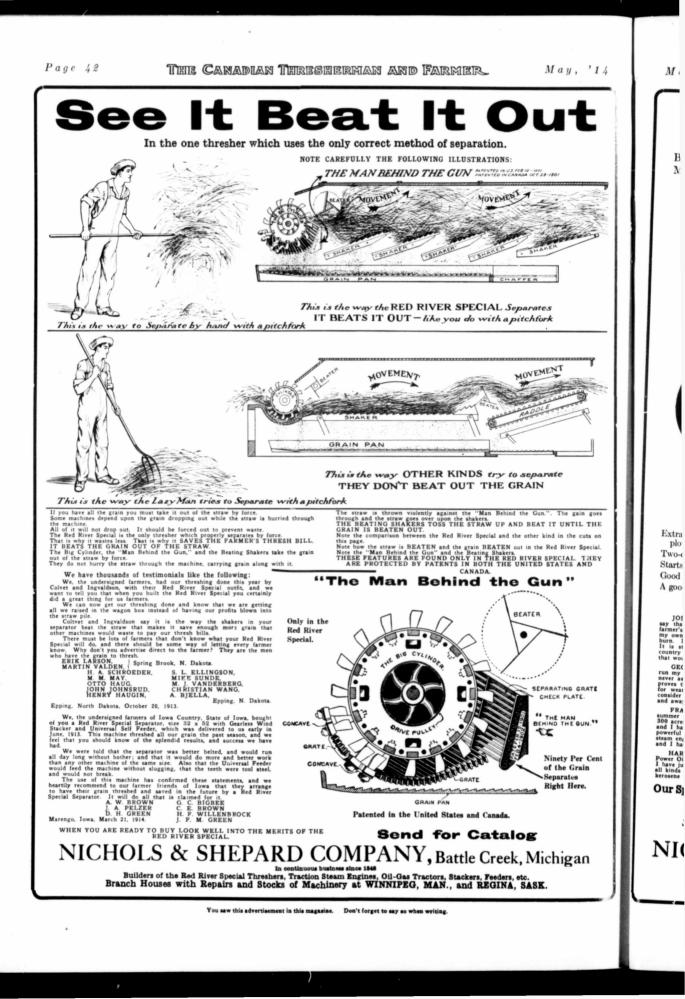


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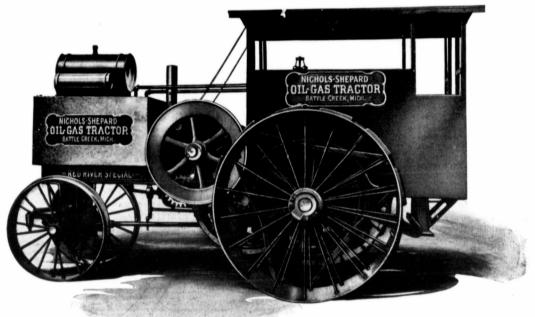


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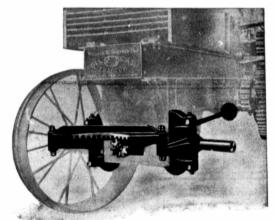
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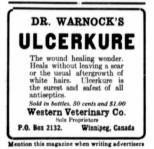
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Fundamentals of Good Farming By Dr. J. H. Worst, President Nortg Dakota Agricultural College

ITHOUT question, considerable progress is being made by farmers in the agricultural states. The fundamentals of agriculture, however, are not being sufficiently emphasized, perhaps owing to their simplicity. I consider the seed-bed and the selection of the very best seed absolutely fundamental in the profitable production of crops. Rotation of crops, thorough drainage, fertilization of the soil and elîmination of weeds are very important factors and are being given considerable attention by progressive farmers. Conservation of moisture is also given larger consideration than heretofore, even in regions of fairly abundant rainfall. There must be a constant movement of moisture during the entire growing season. When the clouds fail to give down moisture, the subsoil must give it up or the crop will suffer. To insure abundance of moisture at all times, therefore, is as necessary as to plant the seed.

I am of the opinion that, until these basic requirements are honestly and intelligently complied with, the element of chance will continue to enter too largely into the farmer's calculations. Deep plowing, a firm, compact seed-bed with granulated surface, plenty of barnyard manure, strong, perfect, viable seed, and a system of rotation that will both eliminate weeds and discourage the multiplication of injurious fungi in the soil, will unquestionably enable the average farmer to succeed in his business. The principles here enumerated. though thoroughly scientific, are not difficult to understand. They represent the foundation of successful agriculture, and, until thoroughly understood and intelligently complied with, our agri-



cultural structure will remain in a more or less shaky condition.

The rearing of live stock in general and dairying in particular should become important factors on every farm. Without live stock, the country goes backward every year, and more rapidly in proportion to the abundance of the harvest. Live stock is the salvation of the country, while the immediate bank account, resulting from continuous cropping to small grain, is more often its ultimate destroyer.

A better system of farm credits also is an immediate necessity. Farmers should be able to borrow money on as favorable terms, as to rate of interest and time, as the big corporations. There should be no obstacle to farmers securing the necessary capital to improve their holdings to the utmost—to make their farms more profitable.

Sugar Beet Raising a Profitable Industry By Max McD.

Under normal conditions sugar beet raising is very profitable. In Southern Alberta the industry has been carried on successfully under very exacting circumstances. When the industry was in its experimental stage a certain amount of land whereon beets should be cultivated was chosen at Magrath and Stirling in Southern Alberta and treated in the same manner as best land in the best states in United States. Before the seed was put into the ground, sugar beet experts came over especially to select the localities and inspect the soil. This was in 1901. When the first two years had been passed and the industry had been proven that it could be carried on with success in Southern Alberta, in 1903, a 30 acre patch of land was taken which grew 330 tons of beets. Figuring the different expenses as follows: seed, \$1.50; hoeing, \$3.50; thinning, \$4.50; cultivation, \$1.50; lifting, \$1.50; topping, \$6.00; hauling, 50c; making a total of \$19.00, there would be an approximate profit clear of \$20.00 an acre, allowing six per cent for rough cutting, waste and wagon tare. The company pays a straight price of \$5.00 per ton for beets. During the first two



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years the Alberta Government bonused to the amount of a half a cent a pound and during the next three years a quarter of a cent a pound. Half of this bonus went to the farmers who grew the beets and the other half to the manufacturers.

The highest yield which has been produced would be about 22 tons to the acre, and figuring at this rate under exceptionally good conditions the profit per acre would amount to approximately \$80.00. It has been reckoned that for the past four years the average percentage of sugar in the beets has been about 16 per cent.

In 1909 the highest percentage was reached when 17.44 was the figure; in 1910 the percentage went down to 15.67 and in 1911 rose again to 15.70. The 1911 crop, however, was harvested under the most harrassing circumstances, early frost having frozen the beets in the ground. and frequent thawing and freezing causing them to decay. This is a very much higher percentage than can be got from beets in Continental Europe or in the British Isles and compares favorably with the quality of beet raised in the United States. The Knight Sugar Company have held to the original Klein Wanzeben, the seed for which they imported direct from Germany.

Having regard for the unusual conditions under which crops have been grown in recent years, the result may be considered as eminently satisfactory; and it affords ample proof that if beets are planted and grown on an industrial scale, there might be anticipated in a normal season, on a very conservative estimate, returns of fifteen tons per acre, and an average of fifteen per cent of sugar.

In addition to the beet itself, there will be considerable profit in the beet tops which are left on the field, the value of which may be seen in their advantage as feed for cattle. There is also a value in the slime or lime cake, which is used as a fertilizer, and in the pulp out of which condition powders and stock food is manufactured.

A commanding advantage of beet cultivation is, that a farmer can promptly turn his crop into cash by taking it to the factory and can estimate his revenue more exactly, and thus escape the uncertainty and disappointment which overhangs agriculture as a rule, from one season to another.

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"He never seems to question a thing his wife says."

"No; he never argues with her." "I wonder why?"

"I suspect that she has told him not to."

The Horse

Methods to Control Blind Stag gers, Which is Causing the Death of Thousands of Horses

Investigators have practically established that this horse disease can be controlled effectively only by a total change of feed and forage. It is quite obvious that there is a direct connection between the green forage, exposed pasturage, and newly-cut hay or fodder which the horses eat and this cerebro spinal meningitis, as the disease is known to scientists. In fact, eating of such forage when contaminated is undoubtedly the most important cause. Over 95 per cent of cases of this disease in Kansas and Nebraska during the outbreak of 1912 were maintained under such conditions.

Great care must be taken that horses do not obtain the dangerous forage unknown to their owners. The owner of one farm informed the department's investigator that his dead horses had eaten nothing but old hay and grain.

"But what about the closelycropped grass in this pasture?" remarked the investigator, noticing the adjacent field. "Oh," answered the farmer

"Oh," answered the farmer innocently, "I always turn the work horses into pasture overnight."

Many horses have died from blind staggers caused by eating moldy baled hay. As soon as the hay was eliminated the disease ceased. Other horses in the vicinity, not fed upon this hay, failed to contract this disease. Later some of the moldy bales were opened and exposed to the sun for three or four weeks. After this the hay was fed to horses without producing any ill effect. Forage poisoning, therefore, seems not to be an infection, but rather what is called "autointoxication"-that is, it is due to certain chemical poisons or toxins formed by the activity of internal organisms. These poisons may be present when the forage is taken into the body or may be formed in the stomach. The nature of this poison is still unknown.

Characteristic Symptoms of this Disease

When the horse is taken with the blind staggers it usually exhibits a disturbance of the appetite, depression, and weakness, while there is trouble in swallowing, drooping of the head, and sleepiness, which may give way to excitement and attacks of dizziness. The vision is impaired, which results in the staggering gait that gives the disease its



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and there is a grinding of the teeth. Sometimes the animal has pains as though it were afflicted with colic. The animal will walk strangely if in an open space and will try to push through any obstacle it encounters. In the stable he will press his head against the It. stall or rest it on the manger. Sometimes ne will crowd into a corner. The temperature at the beginning of the disease ranges from 103 degrees to 107 degrees F., but within 24 hours the temperature falls and eventually becomes subnormal. The animal is often down on the second or third day and may or may not get up when urged. Death usually occurs in from 4 to 8 days, although death may follow within 10 hours of the first symptoms, while

cent of the affected animals die. Medical Treatment Generally Unsatisfactory

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While merlical treatment in the vast majority of cases has not brought results, nevertheless if it is used at all it must be prompt and before the disease has had time to run. The digestive tract should be cleaned out thoroughly at once. Active and concentrated should be given. remedies Afflicted animals, however, have great difficulty in swallowing immediately after being taken, so that these remedies must generally be given by injection. Arecolin in one-half grain doses, subcutaneously, has given good results as a purgative. Early in# the disease urotropin in doses of 25 grains dissolved in water and given by the mouth every two hours, appears to have been responsible for the recovery of some cases of the malady.

After the animal has been purged, the treatment varies according to the symptoms. The following measures have been recommended :

The first and most important: Feed only clean, well-cured forage and grain, and pure water.

Calomel, salol, and salicylic acid, to disinfect intestines.

Copious cold-water injections, if the temperature is high, give better results than antipyretics.

An ice pack applied to the head is beneficial in the case of marked nervous disorder.

One-ounce doses of chloral hydrate per rectum should be given if the patient is violent or muscular spasms are severe.

If the temperature becomes subnormal, the animal should be warmly blanketed.

If much weakness is shown this should be combated with stimulants, such as strychnine, camphor, alcohol, atropin, or aromatic spirits of ammonia.



Starting a Flock of Ducks

Ducks are easily raised, and can be kept with profit on a farm. is the general opinion that ducks cannot be raised unless they have access to a pond or river. A body of water is not essential, though it furnishes excellent feeding-grounds and consequently lowers the cost of keeping the ducks. Ducks are hardy and stand most any climate. Some varieties are good winter layers, and their eggs always command a few more cents per dozen than hens' eggs. The large share of ducks are raised for market, and prices obtained for them are consistently good.

Ducks' eggs may be hatched under hens or in incubators. Four weeks are required. The young ducks should be fed about five times a day for the first few weeks on a mash food. The mash I feed consists of wheat-bran and hominy, with beef-scrap and fine grit or sand, all mixed together with water or skim-milk. Later cracked corn, wheat or any reliable chick-feed is added to their diet. If they do not have free range, they should be given plenty of green food of some sort.

Feeding for Market

When the ducks are weaned, it is best to transfer to colony houses large enough to accommodate flocks of not more than twenty. The houses should be open in front and covered with half-inch wire netting to keep out all night intruders. The houses should be near, or bordering, a brook or pond, if there is such upon the farm. Otherwise have the houses scattered over free range far enough apart so the flocks will not mingle. They should be fed practically the same as when younger, and the houses should be kept clean.

The ducks and drakes intended for market should be confined for a week in dark pens and fed all the corn-meal mash or wet cracked corn they will eat. Give them very little water. If the ducks are dressed before sending to the market, remember to save the feathers, for they are valuable

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side of the coop, with spaces sawed in each box large enough for the ducks to go through, and straw put in for a nest are much appreciated by them, as most of them prefer laying in such a nest to dropping their eggs in the bedding.

Laying ducks should be fed three times a day during the win-Bran, cracked corn and ter. shorts, mixed to a crumbly mass, make a good morning feed for them. Whole oats and wheat which have been soaked in warm water make a good noon meal. At night the same should be fed as in the morning, except that the mash should contain more corn. A supper of whole corn occasionally is a change that does them good. The ducks must have oyster-shell grit and charcoal beore them all the time, including plenty of fresh drinking-water.

To Avoid Egg Loss

When feeding a mash, mix in a little coarse sand, as grit is their main appetizer. Laying ducks must also be provided with meat of some kind if they are expected to lay well in winter and summer. During the summer months, if they have free range, they will pick up enough bugs and worms for their meat diet, but in winter substitutes must be given. Beefscraps, bone-meal and green cut bone are among the best meat foods for them. These should all be mixed in the mash.

During the laying season, if the expected number of eggs is not found early in the morning, the ducks should be kept in their houses until about nine o'clock, after which time there will not be many left to lose. There are several varieties of very good laying ducks, and every farmer should give the profit-payers a trial. A. E. Vandervort.

Dairy Value

In the commercial world it is reasonable to assume that what you pay and what you get determine value; a low price, in itself, does not spell value; price and quality, together, determine value.

As applied to the dairy herd, how does this work out? A farmer does not necessarily buy a cow because the price is low, he wants quality; in this case quality may be interpreted to mean dairy capacity, or ability to produce plenty of good milk. If he does not purchase, possibly the heifer coming into milk has been raised at rather too high a cast so that her dairy quality is impaired. She may not be of the right stock, that is, from a dam of deep milking qualities and a sire of known ability, and all may have suffered from lack of the right feed.

The other part of the value side of every dairy cow, that is, what you get from her, is right in the dairyman's own hands. He can easily determine each cow's value, or dairy quality, by keep-ing individual records of production. Then if he wishes to part with a good cow, her selling price is enhanced by reason of that certificate of value, her record, which helps to fix the price. Right buying is true economy; the factory patron with the highest conception of value will buy, or raise, right, and will know, by his own simple records that each cow in the herd separately, not averaged in a lump, fits his ideal of value. Fix a good standard, make each cow pay.

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It thus is evident that each one of the 100 best cows made as much clear profit on the milk produced as that given by eighteen of the poorest.

Why not keep the better kind? It pays to find out which kind are in your herd. Milk and feed records may be obtained free on application to the Dairy Commissioner, Ottawa.

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"Life Insurance is a great social plan, replacing the weakness of man standing alone, by the immeasurable strength of men standing together."

To anyone unfamiliar with the developments of modern Life Insurance it may come as a surprise to learn that at the end of 1913, the total of insurance carried on the lives of policyholders of the Canadian companies alone was in excess of \$1,200,000,000, applying to one and a half million lives, and safeguarding the future well-being of probably more than four million persons.

The Story of Life Insuranceits inception, early history and expansion-is a romantic story indeed; the romance of a great human need met by the evolution of a great co-operative plan; of small and faltering beginnings merging into vast undertakings; ol painstaking research by the ablest mathematicians in the world; of long experiments patiently conducted; of brilliant plans carried to conclusions far more momentous than the originators ever dreamed.

It would be interesting, if space permitted, to trace the early beginnings of Life Insurance, from those early days in 1698 when a Lancashire clergyman induced a number of his parishioners to band together, and by paying a certain sum yearly, ensure to the families of those who died whatever sums were available from the funds of their Association. the first life insurance company. Thus in a crude and experimental fashion, those early pioneers practised the great principle of co-operation, which lies at the root of the vast enterprise of life assurance. For life insurance is applied co-operation. It is the "alliance of prudent men against disaster." It spreads the loss occasioned by the death of one amongst the many. It gives the strength of unity. For the average man life assurance is the only way of making absolutely secure financial provision for



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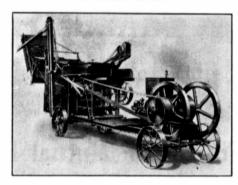
those dependent upon him, whatever may befall. The man adequately insured may undertake hazardous business ventures with an easy mind, knowing that his death need not mean disaster. His careful plans need not go awry though he himself be removed. Life insurance means It places upon ease of mind. an impregnable basis the safety of the home. It means an end to poverty.

To no member of the community should this sound principle of helpful co-operation appeal more than to the farmer. Already he carries the principle into almost every detail of his daily life. Innumerable associations have been founded in all parts of the country for the more profitable marketing of farm commodities; farmers have their grain growers' and stock breeding associations; their great agricultural journals in which they co-operate in the interchange of knowledge and ideas. They have their fairs and exhibitions, their local clubs and societies: even in the remotest districts and in the humble operations of the daily round, farmers, even more than other men. cooperate in mutually helpful acts -in their building bees, their plowing contests and the hundred and one events in which one helps the other.

Thus, to the farmer of all men. the sound principle of life insurance, the greatest plan of practical co-operation ever devised, should appeal in the strongest While every class may degree. benefit by life insurance, the poor and the rich, young and old, men and women, there are features that should have the special consideration of every man engaged in the most essential of all the productive callings, the great business of agriculture, rightly described as "the back-bone of a nation's wealth." Let us briefly outline some of the peculiar advantages the farmer may derive from life insurance.

In the first place, it should not be forgotten that the farmer's personal industry and skil! constitute the most valuable asset These qualities he possesses. form the foundation of his prosperity. Everyone knows that one farmer will make a thriving living from land on which another man would starve. The farmer practising up-to-date and scientific methods will gain success where the slovenly and idle will make nothing but a hopeless failure. So the farmer's personality may well be de-

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scribed as by far the most importast piece of machinery on the property. Life insurance affords protection against the loss of that invaluable asset, and indemnifies the household should that skill and industry be removed. The farmer who neglects to insure the most valuable piece of machinery on the farm-his own ability-is in precisely the same class as the thriftless individual who, for the sake of saving a few dollars annually, neglects to insure his barns against the risk of destruction by fire. Who would be so penny-wise?

Then, again, the property farmer acquires in land, building and equipment, is not as a rule of Buildings fixed money value. and machinery depreciate, land values fluctuate, and in times of financial depression it is no easy matter to dispose of even the most valuable farm to good advantage. While the owner lives all may be well; no man is so independent or so sure of a comfortable livelihood. But what if he dies and the farm passes to the care of those less competent? Four alternatives confront them. To carry on the farm as best they can; to engage capable and, be it remembered, expensive supervision; to rent to others, or to sell the property. No experienced farmer need be reminded of the mishap that fall to inexperience - occasionally amusing often grimly tragic. Neither can he overlook the difficulty of finding capable supervisors or really desirable permanent tenants. And none need be reminded after the lessons of the last few months how difficult it is in many cases to sell a farm at a remunerative figure. The solution of the problem is life insurance, providing a substantial sum of money to enable the family tide over their difficulties, or wait until a fair price for the property may be obtained. The money is paid immediately, and is paid in coin of the realm. No wonder life insurance has proved the silver lining of many a dark cloud.

Here is a brief story of how one farmer saved a great property by life insurance. Not many years ago a Westerner, farming several hundred acres, and farming well, was approached by one of the great life insurance companies. Busy man that he was he had not thought very much of insurance, and at first was averse to spending money that he thought might be used to better immediate advantage. But the life agent persisted, as life agents do, At last farmer was induced to the purchase a considerable policy for \$50,000, and paid the first premium of something over \$1,000. That was all he ever Before the policy was paid. even delivered, while it was in

the mails, that strong man, in the prime of life and full activity, over-exerted himself in the fields one day, caught a severe cold. developed pneumonia, and died of that treacherous disease, often more fatal to the strong than to the weak. The \$50,000 was immediately paid in full to the widow. She was able to pay off pressing obligations to the banks, and with capable assistance could carry to a successful conclusion the ambitious schemes that, but for the life insurance, would have ended there and then.

The incident emphasizes an important feature of farming some are inclined to overlook. Few farmers can operate without occasional advances from their banker. Bankers lend money far more readily to the man who carries life insurance than to the man who does not. Many of them insist upon adequate protection—all strongly urge its value.

Finally it should not be forgotten that for the farmer whose property is mortgaged life insurance is an acquisition of the utmost value. To many a struggling widow the mortgaged farm has proved nothing but a perpetual burden. Life insurance will lift the mortgage and remove the burden. Count if you will, the life insurance premium as a trifling increase to the interest on the loan, and it is one of the shrewdest investments the farmer could ever make.

There is the very essence of life insurance. It is always an investment -- never, if wisely chosen, a sheer expense. Sooner or later, all the money paid will come back again, to the insured himself if he lives, to his heirs if he dies. There is no possibility of loss to the man who completes his share of the bargain. The company always completes his share. There has never been a failure of a wellconductéd old-line Canadian life insurance company. The companies operate under strict government supervision, and their millions of assets are protected by the most rigid safeguards.

Commonsense, then, no less an attitude of wise precaution, urges every farmer to carry life insurance. But there is a curious element in the human makeup that causes men who could not sleep o' nights if the fire insurance on their barns ran out, to put off life insurance. Some men must be almost bounded to take a policy. Yet how dangerous their supine mood! It is a mighty disturbing thing to remember that of every hundred men who apply for life insurance, eight are rejected on account of ill-health or other considerations. Yet the great majority



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were at one time perfectly insurable. The trouble was-they "put it off" too long. Recogable. nizing this too-frequent attitude. the editor of "The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer" arranged this special series on life insurance, and decided to give his many readers information that would lead them to abandon the hazy conception some of them, it may be, hold as to the urgency of protection, and by simple explanations, show them how logical and sound is the whole life insurance idea-how immensely important this great principle of applied co-operation.

In succeeding papers these principles will be explained in as interesting a manner as possible, that those who read may see that life insurance is not an expense, but the wisest of investments, that its benefits are sure and easy to attain, and that farmers, of all men, will do well to secure for themselves and their families the broadest measure of advantage from carefully-chosen life insurance.

Correspondence

A Reply to Mr. Hamilton's Article "The Weak Link in a Strong Chain"

Editor, "Canadian Thresherman and Farmer."

Dear Sir :- Although I am not subscriber I am a reader of "The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer" I take considerable interest in the work you are doing for the agricultural Although I don't interests. agree with all the views expressed in the magazine, I consider it-as a whole-a great iournal.

One of the topics on which I would like to express a different view bears the headlines of "The Weak Link in a Strong Chain" —by Mr. Hamilton-in the March number.

The page on which the article ends is a proverb that, I think, describes the condition. "Dodging hard facts never brought success to the dodger."

There is a ray of truth in the article, but, on the whole, it is false.

Mr. Hamilton criticizes farmers for letting implements stand That weather has a bad out. effect on machinery is a fact. But that that is the weakest link seems to me rather doubtful. To my mind the "purchase price" is the weakes't link.

The Employees Position

He says, in substance, that the implement factories employ a large force of skilled and highly paid men. What he considers a large force or high wages he does not say. At any rate, I

think he will find a larger force of poorly paid men. That they give the best that is in them is fact if the following has any a weight: "In those industries where inventions are most frequent and most profitable emplovees are now required to sign contracts providing that all inventions made by them shall become the property of their employers."-A. M. Simons, in Wasting Human Life."

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The Farmer's Position

We are informed that "the Canadian farmer produces about six times as much grain as the European farmer." There is no reason why that statement shouldn't make the most of the Canadian farmers think. He goes on to say "this is because Canadian farmers use modern machinery, while the European farmer doesn't. This is one of his many statements that are pure assertion. There is a large amount of Canadian and American-made farm machinery sold in Great Britain, and at a far lower price than it is sold for at home, in spite of the fact that it costs considerable for exportation.

In view of the fact that the actual cost of production is only about one-fourth of the purchase price of a binder, will the people agree with Mr. Hamilton "that the high cost of implements is due to the lack of a shed to shelter them."

To my mind it is the reverse. The lack of a shed is due to the high cost of implements. The weakest link in the chain of agriculture is the excessive cost of implements. This problem will be solved not by the manufacturers, but by their employees and the farmers. It has been said that "the farmer and the mechanic should be brothers.' Those who can read the signs of the times can hear the rumbling of a change in our social system.

When the farmers and the wage earners join hands in the common cause they will solve the problem of the exploitation of both classes. No others will. We think that will be house cleaning day at Ottawa.

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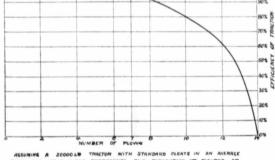
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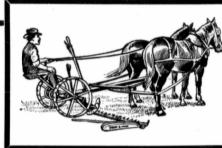
\$1.000 for the Boys!

The Canadian Bankers' Association gives \$1,000.00 in prizes to the Manitoba Winter Fair for Beef Animals Fitted and Exhibited by boys under Seventeen Years.

During the recent Winter Fair, Mr. J. D. McGregor, President of the Manitoba Winter Fair, made the announcement that in order to encourage the boys on the farm and to stimulate the breeding and fitting of beef animals for the market, \$1,000.00 would be offered in prizes at the 1915 exhibition for beef animals fitted and exhibited by boys under seventeen years of age. This an-nouncement, needless to say, created great enthusiasm among young and old. Recently, President McGregor and Secretary Smale went to Winnipeg, at the invitation of the Canadian Bankers' Association, when that body unanimously made the very generous offer to contribute the sum of \$1,000.00 for the boys' competition for grade steers or heifers calved in 1914 and exhibited at the Manitoba Winter Fair. March, 1915. The munificent Winter Fair. grant will be an annual affair and is contributed for the sole pur-pose of encouraging the farm boys of Canada and above all to stimulate a greater and more intelligent interest in live stock breeding and fitting for the market. The competition is open to the Dominion and it is expected that not less than one hundred boys will compete. The one thousand dollars is divided into twenty prizes, the first prize being \$100.00 and gradually dropping to four prizes of \$25.00 each. In addition, the winner of the first prize will receive a gold medal.

This competition means much to the West and every Board of Trade, Agricultural Society and Boys' Club should get busy at once and see that it's district has one or more entries in the competition. The Bankers' Association has shown that it is deeply interested in solving the high cost of living and is assisting in a substantial and practical manner by interesting the young boys in the great basis industry that Canada depends on and which must be encouraged and developed if we are to succeed. This is an advance step in agricultural education - it is an effort to accomplish something practical. The Bankers' Association is to be congratulated. The generous action in providing such a large fund for this laudable purpose will meet with the hearty endorsation of the commercial and agricultural interests of this





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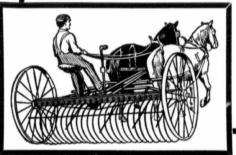
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bition and must themselves exhibit the animals in the show ring for judging purposes. Parents, guardians or employer must furnish a certificate that the boy has cared for and fitted the animal for at least six months and also certify as to the boy's age, giving name, date of birth and address and also certity as to the age of the animal. No entry will be accepted unless this is done.

Competition and Prizes

Open to grade steers or heifers calved in 1914, fitted by boys under seventeen: 1st, \$100; 2nd, \$90; 3rd, \$80; 4th, \$75; 5th, \$70; 6th, \$65; 7th, \$60; 8th, \$55; 9th, \$50; 10th, \$45; 11th, \$40; 12th, \$40; 13th, \$35; 14th, \$35; 15th, \$30; 16th, \$30; 17th, \$25; 18th, \$25; 19th, \$25; 20th, \$25.

In addition the Manitoba Winter Fair donates a gold medal to the winner of the first prize and a silver medal to the winner of second.

These prizes are worth an effort on the part of the farm boys of Western Canada. Now is the time to prepare. The Bankers' Association is entitled to the thanks of the farmers of Canada, and the management of the Manitoba Winter Fair is to be congratulated on securing this magnificent donation, the object of which is to encourage and educate the boys of the farm. The carrying out of the competition is in capable hands. The men in charge of Manitoba's great Winter Fair can be depended upon to bring this great event to a successful issue

The Scotch Collie

This dog is the typical sheep dog of the world and is seen in most every country. It is a most friendly dog and soon becomes attached to its master. It has been known to follow its master for miles and if it loses track of him it will howl most piteously. The standard breed of Scotch Collies stands about 22 to 24 inches high at the shoulders, and has a skull quite flat with a fine tapering muzzle and brains that often act with better judgment than those of his human master on matters within the dog's range. This dog will tend his flock as well, often better than men. The sheep soon become perfectly acquainted with their dog and evidently regard it as a friend. The dog knows the sheep of the flock which it is required to attend and even in a rowded market adroitly separates them from others. When a dog has been kept on a place for little while it always remembers it and often while hungry will return to a house at which it has nce been fed. The standard qualities called

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The Farmer has had so much occasion to complain about cheap fence made from cheap wire, that nearly all see the importance of buying goods with a reputation for service, and turned out by a known and reliable firm.

Cheapness in the Cheap Fence is being Worked Harder than Ever this Year "Save Money" by a "direct-from-factory-to-user" policy, and cut out the agent's profit. But, is he told about the possibility of his getting scant and cheaply-made goods? Or is he told that these identical goods are offered to dealers at a still lower price, although he is encouraged to believe that he is supporting a policy which gives him the preference?

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Cut below shows one of the many styles of FROST Fence. All FROST Wire, which is drawn true to gauge, carefully tempered the proper hardness and thoroughly galvanized in our own mills by expert workmen who have had years of experience in wire-making. Note our neat and doubly secure lock. It is the finishing touch to our perfect fence. "FROST Fence sells best where best

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for are a heavy coat except on the head and legs, the outer coat very rough, while the undercoat is very soft and furry and so close that it is difficult on parting to see the skin. The mane and frill around the neck should be very abundant, with the forelegs slightly feathered and the hind legs below the hocks very

smooth. The tail should be very bushy and also busy on the hips. The color of this breed ranges from black and brown or tan, to tan and white or the most beautiful of all pure white, which color is very rare.

The dog's weight varies greatly, about 45 to 70 pounds and the female from 35 to 45 pounds. The

ears are covered with an abundance of hair and are very small; in repose they are folded but when alert are thrown up and drawn together on the top of the skull, giving the dog a very friendly appearance. The cause for the obliqueness of the eyes in this breed is because of the absence of the brows.

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April is usually a month of careful inspection and estimation of the winter wheat crop. Markets hinged largely upon the condition of that crop, showing a fair advance about the middle of the month when fears were entertained as to the drought in Western Kansas, Texas and Nebraska. In the last few days copious rains have relieved that anxiety, and now the winter wheat prospect is the finest in years, and the acreage the largest. Yet be it remembered that even this May Day winter wheat crop report, though ever so rosy, is valuable only as allowing for a safe margin of pre-harvest shrinkage.

Spring wheat sowing in the three big States has proceeded rather slowly, being about twothirds done, with a considerable percentage yet to be sown in North Dakota, thus making a late seeding time. The ground was in good condition, though the recent delay has been occasioned by too much moisture.

Cold unseasonable weather until the last two days, has greatly retarded sowing in Western Canada, and unless we have extra fine growing weather, some wheat will not reach proper maturity. Owing to the increase in mixed farming, the acreage sown to wheat in Manitoba and Saskatchewan will likely not be Yet coarse much increased. grains have not in most cases paid so well as wheat the last year, so that a big attempt will be made even for another week to sow as much to wheat as possible.

Foreign crop advices are much mixed. Great Britain finds spring planting delayed from too much moisture, and home stocks of wheat are being rapidly consumed. France has had too much rain and winter wheat promises considerably below average. Germany wants warmer, drier weather, while Russia reports fair seeding conditions, but offerings of wheat at lower ports fairly scarce. Continued storms in the Argentine has hindered crop marketing and kept the corn still in the fields.

Winnipeg inspections to May 2nd are large.

1913 1912 Wheat Oats Barley 14,315,400 12,714,000 Flax 11.863,500 15,312,150 In view of the quantity of wheat now in country elevators, about 13,325,000 bushels, the quantity in the farmers' hands at this date must be small.

The stocks at terminals on the opening of navigation, April 25th, were large, particularly in No. 1 about 8,000,000 of that grade alone The export demand for several months previously had been so fitful, that opening charters of space were comparatively small, but in the last week large quantities have been worked for export, hence those terminal stocks should move quite readily now Russian, Danubian and Argentine shipments are all lessening. With European "Visible" stocks about 24,000,000 bushels less than a year ago, Europe is bound to be a good buyer of our wheat for the next four months. Yet American millers complain of poor demand for flour the last few weeks, with just an indication of better enquiry once stocks have been reduced.

To sum up, apparently Europe has in the last week purchased more Canadian cash wheat for immediate loading and American winter wheat for July-August shipment than she bought alltold from America in three months just preceding. Perhaps the Ulster situation made this buying more feverish. Canadian seeding is late, and old stocks are not burdensome. These are two strong bullish factors. The strong bear factor is the excellent American winter wheat crop prospect, but that is only a prospect and likely has already been fully discounted by the recent declines in Chicago, July and September wheat. Conditions point to a gradual advance unless unusually fine weather prevails over both Wheat Belts, and peace is declared between Uncle Sam and Mexico.

Oats

Early pasture and big stocks of corn and oats combined to weaken corn in the U.S.A., and our oats followed. But in the last days of April a short interest in the May option was disclosed, and our May oats rallied sharply on the



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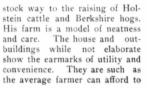


8 8 8 The weak man holds his grudges. The strong man, while

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does not invite a halo of publicity with the result that it takes some public action on his part to bring him before the people.

hirter moved to another farm near Dugald, Manitoba. At that time he discontinued the breeding of horses, having decided to devote all of his time in a live



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erect, use and make money out of

Mr. Mewhirter has also devoted considerable time and attention to the cultivation of alfalfa, and to the tame grasses such as are suitable to a Manitoba

As a member in the local Manitoba House Mr. Mewhirter would undoubtedly exercise the same keen judgment and ability that has characterized his work both in business and in his farming operations.



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climate, and in this connection has set a very valuable example In 1913 one for his neighbors. of the government alfalfa experimental plots was located on his farm. He is in every respect a practical farmer, and has at all times taken an active interest in the welfare of his community He is a strong advocate of "mixed farming," and is an indefatigable worker in the cause of good roads.

Mr. Mewhirter is also manager of the Gutta Percha and Rubber Limited at Winnipeg. This con-cern is one of the largest of its kind in Canada. He secured his present position through promotion from sales manager of the same concern, showing that he is as thorough a business man as he is a farmer.

Mr. Mewhirter's farm is about 14 miles from his business office, and it is a significant fact that he drives to and from his work every day. He has a Case 40 automobile, and at no time during the past winter did storm or weather keep him away from his office

Maytag Company to Handle Well Known Line of Gasoline Engines Arrangements have been com-

pleted whereby the Maytag Co. of Winnipeg will handle the well known Stickney line of gasoline engines.

The line itself is too well known to need any comment. As a matter of fact the Stickney Gasoline engine was one of the first to be sold in Western Canada, and throughout a period of several years it has held an enviable reputation wholly and solely upon its merits.

The Maytag Co. are to be congratulated upon securing this line, and with their facilities for distributing and handling this class of machinery we bespeak for them an enviable trade.

They will carry in stock a full and complete line of repairs, so that any farmer needing repair parts should take the matter up with the above concern.



work. With the thermometer standing around 35 below, and with the snowdrifts deep and soild, it was sometimes necessary to buck the snow, but without a single exception the Case was always equal to the task.

Unfortunate Combination

Customer : "Are you sure you'll have my taxi at the house on time?'

Garage - Owner : " Certainly. Don't you know there's nothing surer than death and taxis?"



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The World's Most Daring Aviator.

Perhaps the feature of this year's exhibition that will prove to have the greatest drawing power, as it certainly will be the most novel and sensational, is the engagement, after prolonged negotiations, of Lincoln Beachey, the world-famous birdman. Mr. Beachey has been engaged by the exhibition board to fly in Western Canada this year exclusively at the Canadian Industrial Exhibition in July. Mr. Beachey's marvellous performances are described as producing upon the vast crowds that witness them an uninterrupted succession of thrills and gasps. He flies upside down, loops the loop, flies straight up or straight down and does other seemingly impossible and nervestirring feats. Mr. Beachey will fly on five days of the exhibition two flights a day, rain or shine, wind or calm, and as this will probably be the only opportunity owing to the great expense involved-that Westerners will have for a long time of witnessing the feats of an aviator of Beachey's eminence, it is certain that a very large number will be attracted to the Canadian Industrial Exhibition this year to see Beachev alone.



This article was written with special Northwest is fast passing. reference to the United States but applies with equal force to Canada (Ed.). more thickly populated the land

THE greatest of all resources of the United States has long since been conceded to be the soil, the annual output from which over-shadows everything else, not only in value but as to importance, first because it constitutes the food supply for the nation, and second because the surplus brings money from other nations.

Good farming means, first, Diversified Farming.

Diversified farming not only means the growing of the several kinds of crops best suited to the locality where it is being carried on, but includes the raising of different kinds of stock (horses, cattle hogs, sheep and fowl, also dairying operations) and it is up to the farmer to select the different kinds of crops and live stock he is to produce and decide the proportion of each that is best fitted to the size and character of the farm he is operating and its location geographically.

The time of exclusive cattle raising in the Southwest, and exclusive wheat raising in the

more thickly populated, the land is being taken up and sub-divided into smaller tracts, the demand is for better fed cattle than usually come from the range; continued wheat growing on the same land will gradually deplete its fertility, and the advantage of putting these vast prairies on a more businesslike basis, better adapted to the requirements of these sections as they are gradually being covered by settlers, suggests diversity in crops and stock raising upon a properly proportioned basis that will afford a steady and profitable output from these lands.

Diversified farming also means that the farmer should own the automobile and should use it to take something to market every time he goes to town.

Good farming means, second, Extensive Farming.

(Not bonanza farming). According to the University of Minnesota, the greatest efficiency is reached on farms of 280 acres in size, the difficulty with very small farms being to keep the men and work teams busy; the



difficulty with bonanza farms being personal and proper supervision. However, it must be admitted that the most economicalsize of farm for profitable operation is an area equal to the "Bignuss" of the farmer operation it.

According to the Governme Reports, farmers must have least two horses. On the 40 ac farm one horse works less that M e

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ten crop acres per annum; on the 120 to 200 acre farm the average is 21.5 acres, which increases to 28 acres per horse per annum on farms of about 600 acres. It is undoubtedly true that the efficiency of manual labor is correspondingly greater on the 280 acre farm than it is on the 40 acre farm, while the greatest value of efficiency from investment in farm machinery per acre increases (or costs less per acre) in pro-portion as the size of the farm increases, as shown by Government Reports. For example, on farms of 40 acres the value of machinery required per crop acre is \$5.00; on farms of 160 to 200 acres, \$2.88 per crop acre, while on from 400 to 500 acre farms it is reduced to \$1.87 per crop acre, not figuring on tractor or automobile equipment.

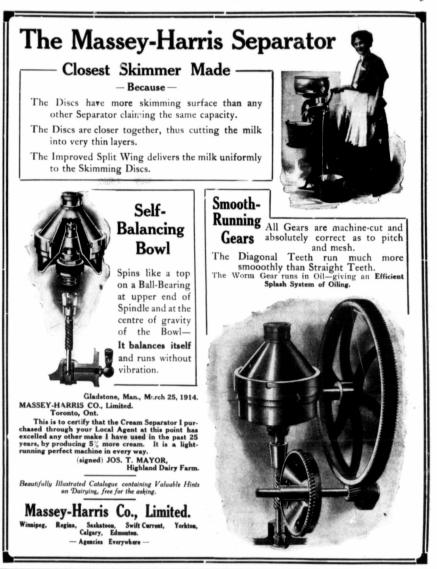
The efficiency of the land, no matter what size the farm may be is worthy of consideration. On the small farm a greater proportion of the land is required for the house and yard, barn, feeding lot, garden, orchard, etc., therefore making the overhead and capital investment much larger in proportion to the crop acreage. To illustrate, from Government Reports, on 40 acre farms the average cultivated crop is 26.4 acres, on 160 to 200 acre farms the average cultivated crop is 143.4 acres, the larger the farm the larger the proportionate acre in crops

Extensive farming means the use of tractor power to augment animal power.

Plowing is the big power requiring farm operation. The farmer must plow for the crop, plow after the crop, and plow for the next crop, even if the crop fails. Therefore, in sections where horse raising cannot be carried on profitably on account of feed, care and shelter through the long winter period, and in sections where horse raising can be carried on profitably in a limited way, the tractor affords a solution of this great farm power problem, and which, in connection with the horse, can be used to more than double the crop acreage possible with the horse.

Adopting the tractor means the selection of one that is commensurate in size to the size of the farm it is to be operated on, and will be a very profitable investment to the farmer even though he is located in the district where horse raising for profit is carried on to the fullest extent, because horse raising now-a-days does not contemplate working them to death while they are being raised. Ford can make an automobile in 29 seconds, but it takes five years to mature a horse, and, according to the Government Agricultural Department, requires nearly 25 per cent of the

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crop that can be raised by the horse to feed it annually, and the cost of keeping the horse annually has increased from \$80.00 in 1907 to \$112 at the present time, and out of the five years in which the horse is being developed his services are available not to exceed one season for farm work, and then only in a limited way during the time he is being broke and trained and his muscles hardened for service, after which period he is ready for the market at the longest price, and from that time on will depreciate in value each year, and even with the coming of the automobile at the rate of more than 300,000 annually, it is impossible to produce horses fast enough to meet the demand, and therefore the price has great advanced. Therefore, the farmer's greatest advantage in making profits lies in the use of machinery--the tractor, the automobile.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN, Saskatoon, Sask.

Domestic Science School, June 1 to 20. (Class limited to 48). Agricultural Engineering School, June 9 to 26. (Class limited to 40). Teachers' Course in School Gardening, July 6 to 17. For fuller information regarding the above write to

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Director of Agricultural Extension, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.

N. B.-Homemakers' Club Convention, May 26 to 29. (100 clubs participating).

etc., saving the horse for the world's vast amount of work for which he is best adapted.

It will therefore be seen that next in importance to the resources from the land is the modern farm machinery of all kinds, produced in the U. S. which is absolutely required for tilling the soil and carrying on the numerous farm operations that make the land resourceful in an economic and profitable, upto-date, American manner. In fact the Government Reports show that the farmer's profits increase in proportion to his investment in modern farm machinery.

The Gas or Oil Tractor has come to stay. It has come to meet the long felt want, and to make farming more profitable. You might as well try to stop the Twentieth Century Limited.

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OUR TENTH ANNUAL CATALOG is a Dandy. In addition to explaining fully the mechanica construction of the Gould Balance Valve and the splendid results to be obtained by its use, it also contains other information of value to engine operators. HOW TO SET A SLIDE VALVE is explained fully and is easy to understand. Write for Catalog No. 10 and a copy of the "Evidence." Both books sent postpaid. Address:

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The New Russell Wind Stacker with Sharpe Grain Saving Device

N another page in this issue esting particulars of the will be found some inter-Gearless Russell Wind Stacker with the Sharpe Grain Saving appliance. The slogan of the manufacturers of this wonderful combination is: "Mr. Farmer! Where do you want your grain-

in the sack or in the stack? It is superfluous in these days to refer to the usefulness of the pneumatic straw stacker as an attachment to grain threshing machinery for carrying the straw away from the threshing machine. It is enough to say that 90 per cent of the threshing machinery built and sold in the U.S. and Western Canada is equipped with the wind stacker.

The Russell Wind Stacker Co., began manufacturing wind stackers for every make and size of separator in 1895, by combining the good points of several styles of straw stackers, already then produced. They introduced the geared stacker, which proved so successful that they built and sold hundreds of them and attached and sold them in all parts of the country.

They have spent thousands of dollars in getting measurements and data of all the different machines, and trying to give to the threshing machine world the best windstacker that it was possible to make

In 1903, the Russell Wind Stacker Co. brought out the gearless stacker, which revolutionized the pneumatic straw stacker business, and because of its superiority over other stackers, this style was at once adopted by the thresher manufacturers and is in general use to-day.

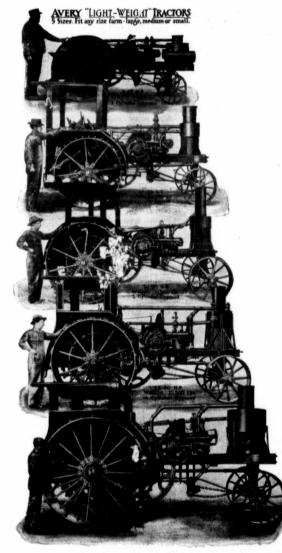
The Russell Wind Stacker name is known to every threshing machine owner in the U.S. and Canada, and many foreign countries. Their energy, zeal, and pride in the upbuilding of the wind stacker, has caused them to be on the alert for anything that would promote the interests of the wind stacker, whether the idea came direct from them, or from any other source.

This wonderful Sharpe Grain Saving Feature came to their ob-

servation in the early spring of 1913, and after giving it a thorough investigation and trial in the field, they were at once convinced that this Grain Saving steep a hopper as is necessary on

with the Sharpe Grain Saving Feature embodied. It not only saves the grain, but

it makes it possible to have as



That the manufacturer is keeping abreast of the times and is meeting the farmer's tractor needs in all its phases is clearly evidenced by the above line up. Can you beat it?

Feature was one more step forward. They at once set about to exploit this stacker. The result of their investigations is told in the fact that their entire 1914 output will be the Gearless Russell in the gearless stacker.

the widest machine. The drum of this stacker is also constructed so as to eliminate the back lash in the stacker, which has always been so objectionable heretofore This

drum also has a 4 inch offset at the point of air compression which compresses the air. This compressed air is piped through a 3 inch pipe around under the hopper of the stacker and is provided with an air distributing nozzle which enters the hopper at a point where the hopper is provided with grates or traps. This air plows constantly over these grates or guides and blows the light material such as chaff and straw into the eye of the fan in a positive manner. These grates or guides are located at a point in the hopper of the stacker where the material enters the fan housing. The grain being heavier than the chaff and straw, is trapped and drops into the auger which is provided underneath the This auger conveys the hopper. grain back to the tailings auger of the separator and is consequently saved.

There are no clumsy contrivances on this stacker, and the Grain Saving Feature is driven from the fan shaft of the stacker and there is absolutely nothing to get out of order.

There are many conditions that a separator is subjected to, such as bad condition of grain, careless separator men and the slugging of the cylinder. These conditions are the cause of the grain going over into the stacker.

The Russell Wind Stacker Co. is in position to furnish this new stacker to fit any make or size of separator, new or old, wood or steel, and they feel that history is only repeating itself and that the wind stacker business will be once more revolutionized by this wonderful invention.

8 8 8 Short Course in Steam and Gas Engineering

Will our readers take note of the announcement made on another page by the President of Manitoba Agricultural College respecting short course in engineering which will begin at the college on 2nd June and continue until 20th.

The college is provided with splendid equipment and staff expert engineers, and the oppo tunity is one that should eagerly embraced by every aspirant who can find it possil e to leave the farm for the few days to take in the course. See page 61.

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The Ruth Feeder

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In our opinion is the best Power Washing Machine in the world to-day, regardless of price or anything else. This may sound like a strong statement, but we mean it. If you own a small gasoline engine, this is the machine to buy. The smallest gas engine made will furnish enough power. It is the only Power Washer in the world with a "SWINGING WRINGER." The wringer is also run by power and works perfectly whether on the tub or swung in the two other positions. We also furnish with every machine a hand power attachment so if anything should go wrong with your gas engine before the washing is done the washing can be finished without any loss of time. The machine is full to the brim with quality. We prefer to sell through your local dealer. Ask him to order one for you. If you are not perfectly satisfied with it at the end of a month take it back and get your money. If your dealer does not attend to the matter promptly, write to us. Address, The Maytag Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, Man.

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Girls' Cozy Corner

Vespers.

(By Ethel Hallett Porter.)

The little birds all face the sun, And sing to him from leafy limbs, Deep sheltered, when the day is done— Their twittering, trusting creature-

hymns, little tender, feathered things!

hymns, Oh, little tender, feathered things! But for your music, spring were bleak, And summer would go droopingly With tears upon her cheek.

Strange that grim tragedy should stalk About these lives—that grief and care, Anxiety, and toil and woe, Should fort the kingdom of the air! What humor, pathos, pain and care In Birdland! Yet, when day is done And vesper impulse thrills their hearts, The little birds all face the sun.

Girls' Prize Letter

Ramsey, Alberta, Can., March 27, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris—This is my first letter to your charming club. My father takes "The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer," and I have been a reader of the Girls' Cosy Corner Club for some vears. years.

years. I am 17 years old, and I have two sisters and one brother. My brother is 16 years old, and my oldest sister is 12 years old, and my little sister is $3\frac{1}{2}$ vears old.

Years old. We came to Canada 5 years ago next fall. My father is very poor, and needs help if anybody does. All of us children are trying to help him all we can. I will tell you what I am doing to help him. The second summer that we were in Canada my mother was in the hospital all summer. My sister and I kept house. We did all of the wash-ing, scrubbing, bread baking, and every-thing.

ing, scrubbing, bread baking, and every-thing. We have kept house every summer since. I like housekeeping very much. How many girls like cooking? I do for one. I can cook almost anything that my sister asks me too. I am learning my sister to cook too.

one. I can cook almost anything that my sister to cook too. I am learning my sister to cook too. My mother died on the 7th of Feb-ruary, 1914. We have all been very sad ever since. My two sisters had pneumo-nia, and my mother had it too, all at the same time this winter. Pneumonia was what killed my mother. My father is talking of getting some-one to keep house, so that my sister and I can go to school. I should like to go to school very much, but I think that it would be better for me to stay at home and take care of things, as my father is the does not get anybody, for I should like to have to quit my work. I should like to have to quit my work. I should like tor much to correspond with any-one who would write to me. I will answer all letters. I will close, hoping that this letter will not see the W. P. B., and that I may be a member of your hab and that I may be a member of your club. Georgia Orton.

White Bear, Sask., Feb. 16th, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris.—I have been one of those silent readers of your interesting page for more than two years, but as yet I have never taken the courage to write.

I am at present staying with my sister-in-law while her husband and my younger brother are away to the traction school of engineering at Regina. My father and my three brothers own a 30-60 Rumely Oil Pull. Our school has been out since the lat of December. If the weather is nice it will begin the 1st of March. My studies were arithmetic, history, geography, com-position, grammar, reading, literature, spelling, writing and drawing. My favorite studies are composition, history, grammar and writing. I am in the fifth grade. I will be 13 years of age the 6th grammar and writing. I am in the fifth grade. I will be 13 years of age the 6th March. There has not been any snow here up

of March. There has not been any snow here up to about four weeks ago, and now it is so cold you are liable to get your nose bit if you stick it out of dors. I am anxious to go home and see my pets, which consist of three kittens are Topsy, Muggins and Jane Ann. My dog's name is Ned. I am enclosing a receipt for cream candy—Take three cups of granulated sugar and cover with warm water. Set this on the stove, and let it boil till you can blow three bubbles from a hairpin that has been straightened out and bent into a circle at the end. Then pour out on buttered plates, and let cool or about three minutes. Beat it until it is white, then work with the hands until it is soft. Make it into sands until the shore has a socoas. until it is soft. Make it into small balls. You may beat in cocoa, cocoa-nut, nuts or flavoring. Coloring is some-times used. This must not be cooked after three bubbles are formed. Hoping this will miss the W. P. B. I remain, Maid of the Golden West.

Huxley, Alta., March 25, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris—This is my first letter to your club. I like to read the letters in "The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer," that I thought I would letters in "The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer," that I thought I would join it too. My sister and brother are going to put their letters in with mine. It has been quite cold here for the last week. I go to school now. I am in the third, reader. We have a good teacher, her name is Miss Bruce. I am ten years old. My birthday is in February. I will close for this time. From your loving cousin, Florence Ferschweiler. Hoping to see my letter in print.

Hutton, Alta., Can., Mar. 27, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris—I would like to in your Cozy Corner, as my father Hutton, Alta., Can., Mar. 27, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris--I would like to join your Cory Corner, as my father has been taking "The Canadian Thresher has been taking "The Canadian Thresher them fine, so thought I would write. I am 11 years old, will be 12 on May 31. School started here on the 3rd of March. I am in the fourth grade, and third reader at school. We are going to have an examination in April. I have one brother, he is 13. He goes to school also. He is in the sixth grade. Our teacher's name is Mr. McCoy. We live one and one-half miles south of the a mile south of us. I have for pets one cow named Bessie, one calf about a year and a half old, his name is Casey, another one named Buddy, and a white-faced one named Buddy. and a white-faced one named Buddy. Jone pony mamed Buck, one dog named Netty, one eat named Kitty Gray. I have six pigs, they have not got any names. Wishing the club success. Hoping my letter jumps the W.P.B. I remain, your cousin, Violet May Fisher.

Neepawa, Manitoba, March 24, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris—I have been read-ing the letters in the "Girls' Cozy Cor-

ner," and thought I would write a letter for this month. Neepawa is a town between two or three thousand, and we have good times

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here. I have one brother and four sisters. My father is the manager of the "Nee-nawa Planing Mill." I have no pets, though we used to have a canary bird, but something went wrong with it's leg, and it had to be given ddronform. wrong with it's leg, and it had to be given chloroform. I am twelve years old, and am in grade

sixth at school. I guess I had better close for this time.

hoping to see my letter in print. remain, Alexandra Fuse Fusee.

St. Louis, Sask., Mar. 27, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris—I received the book, and thank you very much for it. I read it already, and think it is a nice story. We have had nice weather here, but these last two weeks it is smowing and windy; it wasn't so bad to-day. I think we will have spring soon. I hope so, anyway, as I want to make a big garden again this year. Tye had a nice time this winter, and went to some dances. How many of the members like dancing? I do for one. I don't think there is any harm in dancing, do you?

one. I don't think there is any harm in dancing, do you? I guess this will be all about dancing. I will tell you what I did this winter in spare time to make money. I made some cushion tops of the pieces of silk and velvet I had, and got some sateen to frill around them and for one eiter side

side. I sold them, and got \$3.00 for the three. If members would do that with the pieces they can't use for anything else they will make money.

And I make money. And I made some fancy work, too. I m very fond of it, and I am fond of ousework, cooking and doing all kinds f work. am of

of work. Our schoo lclosed last fall, but it will open on the 15th of April. We get a new teacher every year. I love going to school. How many of the members do !

I sew all my dresses and sewing we have to do with the machine.

How many members like sewing? I think it a nice job. I think this is all for this time, as it

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Baldur, Man., March 23, 1914. Dear Camper-This is my first letter to your camp, and I think it is very com-fortable for boys to be in the camp on a cold winter's day. We must hurry so



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the girls wont be ahead next time. I am going to school. I am in Grade V., and am 12 years old. I got a little dog. H's name is Buckle. I call him that because he had a white buckle around his neck. I wish somebody would correspond with me. Wishing you all good success. This is all for this time. Yours truly, Sigsi Gudnason.

Cereal, Alta., Feb. 11, 1914. Dear Cousin Doria—I saw my last let-ter in print. It is very cold out here now. The snow is about eight or nine inches deep. It has been 49 below. We raised oats, barley and flax. Our oats made 60 bushels to the acre; barley, 49 bushels; and flax about 7 bushels. My borcher takes The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer. I like to read the Girls Cozy Corner. I am 12 years old and in Grade IV. I will close with a story: The Wheat The Wheat

Grade IV. I will close with a story: The Wheat One day in the summer, when I was a little boy, I sat down by the granary. It was very hot, I fell asleep and dreamed that a little wheat seed was talking. And this is what it said: "At first I was put in the drill and was sowed. Before I could speak I found myself in the dark ground. I did not like to be under the dark ground. It was very hot and dry for a week or two. Then a big rain came; then in a day or so I found the light. Then I grew and grew, until at last the farmer came into the field and said that it was time for us to be cut. The very next day they came with the binder and cut us down. Then we were stocked. Then they put us into a big engine and threshed us. Then I was put into thus old granary. I guess that is all of my ife." Good-bye.

Ethel Bennett

Assiniboia. Sask., Feb. 9, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris — We have taken your interesting paper for a long time, but never could get around to write a letter; at least, I don't remember if I wrote to you before or to another club. Well, anyhow. I have read every letter in your little corner. I saw in your paper that we were to send in a story with our letters. I cannot send a very good one, but will try my luck. One day, about three years ago, it was very hot. In the afternoon a dry wind arose. Papa had an engine, and was going to plow up our garden. This engine can pull nine or ten plows, so it had quite a big platform. I sat on the platform, which had a big hole in it. I was sitting near it and my dress was hanging down through it. The fireman took out the ashes, and they started for

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to the grass, but was not noticed. My dress just touched the ground. So when it swept over the burning grass it caught fire. I did not notice it till I could feel the heat up my neck, but did not think anything of it, because I thought it was the sun. Anyhow, I turned around and saw a great, big flame behind me. I screamed and jumped off. When I had ran about tee feet papa saw me. He shut down the engine and ran after me. He could not catch me as he is a goodshut down the engine and ran after me. He could not catch me as he is a good-sized man; but the fireman caught me and held me. Papa took out his jack kuife and cut up my belt and clothes. I ran to the house. When mama looked at me my whole back was burnt, and some places it was just black. Let me tell you it hurt some. It hurt me ter-rible, but finally I got over it. Some-times I feel it yet. Well. I will tell you what we have on

times I feel it yet." Well, I will tell you what we have or our farm if it does not take up too much room. We have three-quarters, which are our own. It is nearly all plowed up. except the pasture. We have 8 head of horses, 15 head of cattle, 96 pigs, 249 chickens, 30 ducks and 21 turkeys. For pets, we have one dog and five cats. 1 guess I will close, so good-bye. Esther Burgeson (age 12.)

Esther Burgeson (age 12.)

Penhill, Sask., Feb. 5, 1914.

Penhill, Sask., Feb. 5, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris—This is my second letter to the Girls' Cozy Corner. I an eight years old, and my birthday is on the twelfth of November. We have three pigs. I bought one of them for myself: the other two belong to my two brothers. My little sister can walk now. We just think she is the dearest little sister. We have so much fun with her. She plays at tea parties with me: She has a little doll to play with, but she likes mine bet-ter because they are larger. We have traised eighty chickens last summer. I set most of them, One of them died the other night. I started to do some sew-fordiery. I worked a pillow top for my doll. It has been pretty cold for the last three weeks. I did not get out to slide sow. Wishing the girls every success. I would like to have some of the girls write to me. I will awser them. Yours truly. Marie J. Brust. truly. Marie J. Brust.

Canadian Boys' Camp

NORTHWARD HO! **Bird-Migration**

By S. J. Douglass

Rich-freighted argosies o'erhead, Beating toward distant Arctic skies— Proud galleons — full-fledged pinions

spread! At every stroke broad landscape flies.

Warm Ocean's breath invites to flight: Sweet South-wind whispers, "Follow me!"

Trim fleets, on lake or sheltered bight, Come sailing in on strong wing free And gaily deck the surf-white sea.

How flash old Ocean's briny shores! How bright the river's emerald bed! And long-drawn ridges guide to sfores Where countless wanderers have fed. Long to far homes these paths have led!

Aloft, see harrow-pictured sky; The whirring ducks' long, purpling

The whirring ducks long, purpling lines; Hear stilted crane's far, creaking cry! How snowy swan's white mantle shines, Bound for cool lake by dark-robed pines!

What splendid vista—"bird's-eye view"— Conned from the heights of upper air! Soaring aloft. where prospects new Glide swiftly past, like pictures rare,— Lake, silvery brook; hills, meadows fair!

The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer

Perchance, ice-bound the long-sought streams: Mayhap, snow-crisped nest-sheltering tree:

Afar, stream, tree have filled bird-dreams.

But soon warm winds song-brooks shall free And bud and leaf deck dell and lea.

Homes-homes to-be, at end of flight Press on stout hearts and hardy wing! Next, armies vast, of lesser might, Flit joyous on, and trill and sing The songs of ever-circling Spring.

One Mind directs that wondrous flight: One Heart is pained at sparrow's fall. What darkness, deep as shades of night. Must heart, or mind, or soul enthrall That gloats o'er pain to great or small!

Boys' Prize Letter

Boys' Prize Letter Penkili, Sask., Feb. 5, 1914. Ter Gamers-This is my second let-field you one of my most interesting days my life. That was at Saskatoon fair-nat year. I had a ride on the merry-go-point of animals in a cage, and a girl was not an interesting the same second second which of animals in a cage, and a girl was not an interesting the same second second which and I saw a pony circus, a whole of animals in a cage, and a girl was hist year. I had a ride on the merry-go-point of animals in a cage, and a girl was hist of animals in a cage, and a girl was hist of animals in a cage, and a girl was hist of animals in a cage, and a girl was hist of animals of the same second whole the took particular notice, as we have one of our own. I also saw a lot of horses, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, and that was two white horses waking up on the second second water. On one of hist did points, and a mang go up in an aero-plane. I saw some bretty little Shot-hide down with it. I also saw a mang the down with it. I also saw a mang of up on a scaffold twenty-five feet high, then ing dance on a wire. I saw a pony in a fence. The manager hung a lot of dags that represented different countries the fence. Then the pony was told to get a certaing one, and he did it very work of hore we with it, also saw a bound the the fence. The manager hung a lot of dags that represented different countries the fence. The manger hung a lot of dags that represented the did it very work of hore be very nice, but it wasn't. Then he would jump hat I hought was so cold couldn't eat it. I will lay out the down be reaking, and papa was be cold fore we went to the fair. We we had though the wanted to get that day early as he wanted to take the overror to the fair. The set when we had though the wanted to get the hat day early as he wanted to take the overror to the fair. The set when we had though the wanted to the fair. We we had though the wanted to the fair. The the head though the wante

George William Brust. Canuck, P.O., Saak., Feb. 6th, 1914. Dear Boya of the Camp-This is my first letter to yon. My father is taking The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer and I thought I would like to join your camp. I was 12 years old the 13th of June. We are living on the bank of a lake, one mile long, and one-half mile wide. We are 35 miles from a railroad. We started out here on the 2nd of May, 1911. We were 8 days on the road. We travelled 120 miles with 6 teams. There were 2 teams of oxen, and 4 of horses. I walked most all the way, driving 9 head of stock. We had a saddle horse but he was very lame, and I could not tide him. We had good weather. There were 18 people all together. We had to stop in tents all the time. We rested the tome to the thay of May. We only had one room, 12 feet wide and 16 feet long. We had nothing to but to kips, if you know what that is. A year ago this country was cleared from grass by a very large free. It was no the versing, and mother and my sister and brother were alone. Father wave from our buildings. My father has 4 working horses, I saddle horse,

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and 5 colts. He has 2 cows, and 2 calves, and 3 2-year-olds. I hope to see my letter in print. Yours truly, George W. McMartin.

Earl Grey, Sask., Mar. 24, 1914. Earl Grey, Sask., Mar. 24, 1914. Dear Campers-1 have never written to you before, so I will write now. In the Boy's Camp a month ago I saw that the Editor wanted every boy to write about some incident that has happened; but I should have been a month earlier to write about one of those subjects. I don't think it is too late so it is no use of not trying. I will write about the happiest day of my life. It was when we were fish-ing. Four years ago we went out to one of our triends in Govan. After we

had stayed by them two days we went to Longlake to fish. When we arrived we took a row boat and went north for about a mile to a family living just a little way from the shore and had our dinner. After we had finished dinner we rowed off. to an island where we caught many fishes. My brother felt a fish nibbling at his hook, he pulled in and he had a great big pike, but it got loose from him and swam off. I did not get any but my mother and brothers got quite a few. Then we landed on the island and

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quite a few. Then we landed on the island and cooked some fish and ate; after we had finished we rowed back and went to our friend where we stayed over night and the next day we went home. I guess I'll have to close now as my letter is getting long. Wishing the club good success, Your friend, Alter Former (14)

Alfred Forsman (14).

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SOMETHING WORTH WHILE

Something worth while in life to do, Makes a great citizen out of you, Useful and happy and on the go, With never a moment to brood and grow On mean and contemptible things and

low, Or waste in bickering—on the fly Bidding ill-feeling and hatred good-bye.

Something worth while amid the strife, Helps the upbuilding of better life, Takes the bad taste of the petty and vile

Out of the spirit and keeps it rife With beauty and duty and song and smile

And a higher faith and a central theme And a model of hope and dream. and ambition and deed and

Something worth while to do makes men Over and over and over again; Lifting them up from the dust and scum Unto the summits of wider ken, Out of whose vision the great tasks

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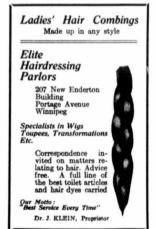
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And doubt departs and the narrowness dies

God's price for beauty is very low, Just to be happy wherever we go With a seeing eye and a feeling heart, Down in the country, the lane or mart: And maybe the best that we get from all

Exacts no cost but the sudden thrall Of grateful feeling and thankful trust In these divinities of the dust.

Dear Readers-The letters of apprecia Dear Meaders—The letters of apprecia-tion that come to my desk every month are most gratefully received. They bring me nearer you than anything else. I often feel the sad heart throb as I learn of heavy hearts here and there-wormen crushed under the burden of trouble, sickness and death. My dear trouble, sickness and eath. My dear friends, the way cannot always be bright with the sunshine of love and happiness



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and wealth; some rain must fall into every life or else the life will be a barren one indeed. The April showers may come from time to time, but the sun is behind the cloud, and flowers will spring up in the quickened soil of the heart, while a rainbow shall curve over the sky of your life, the reflection of which is the more beautiful because of your cour-ageous conquering of life's battles. Our sufferings are proportionate to our sufferings are proportionate to our sufferings and the ourse of your cour-ageous conquering of life's battles. Our sufferings are proportionate to use the source in charity. The real life is not outside ourselves, but within. The real possessions are not what the hands may grasp, but what the heart may hold. heart may hold.

"We know not what lies in us till we seek

seek; Men dive for pearls—they are not found on shore; The hillsides most unpromising and

bleak

Do sometimes hide the ore. Go, dive in the vast ocean of the mind,

Oh, woman! far down below the noisy waves, Down in the depths and silences thou

mayst find Rare Sink

pearls and coral caves; thou a shaft into the mine of thought.

thought. Be patient, like the seekers after gold; Under the rocks and rubbish lieth what May bring thee wealth untold, Reflected from the vastly Infinite. However dulled by earth, each human

Holds somewhere gems of beauty and of

light Which, seeking, thou shalt find."

The woman who wrote the above lines The woman who wrote the above lines was once a poor girl on a rocky, unpro-ductive farm. Her environment was most discouraging; her parents were poor in purse, and had to work very hard: There was little in the home in the way of comfort. To-day her name is known in marke worry home on this excitant in nearly every home on this continent and abroad. She suffered and feels the and abroad. She suffered and feels the throb of the heart of humanity because of her trials. There is a poem that runs something like this: "The day is dark and cold and dreary; It rains, and the wind is never weary." The second verse begins like this: "My life is cold and dark and dreary."

But the third verse says cheerfully: "Be still, sad heart, and cease repining, Behind the clouds is the sun still shining.

Thy fate is the common fate of all: Into each life some rain must fall. Some days must be dark and dreary Another poem runs like this:

After a day of cloud, and wind, and rain, Sometimes the setting sun breaks forth again, And, filling all the darksome woods with light,

Smiles on the fields until they laugh and

Smiles on the fields until they laugh and sing." The bravest woman in Canada is the mother who is bringing up a family of little ones in an isolated place — the woman who pioneers. It is she who is doing most for our country. Her name may not be in print, but her influence will touch many lives. Sometimes she is discouraged and thinks her place in life is narrow, but she is most blessed. There are women on this continent in prominent positions who realize incomes of from ten to forty thousand collars a year. Let me quote what one of the most successful of these women has said: "A woman came to me the other day," most successful of these women has said: "A woman came to me the other day," said one of the biggest of them, "after making such persistent effort to reach me, and stated her desire to enter one of the great new professions that are just

now opening to women. She had talent. I was quickly convinced of that. But she had some other things. She had a husband and two lovely children. When I had wrung that fact out of her I spent I was

I had wrung that fact out of her I spent the greater part of one very valuable day in convincing her that her workshop was in her nursery. 'Children! I wish I had a thousand of them,'I told her, and I meant every syllable of that.'' It is the realization of the importance of family life that is inspiring our pub-lic-spirited women to work for the vote. We want our boys and girls to be in a clean environment, free from intoxicating drink and its attendant influence. Last month a girl staggered into the kitchen of my neighbor. The man with her month a girl staggered into the kitchen of my neighbor. The man with her rudely pushed her in. A few hours be-fore he had called for her to go with him to a place of amusement. This was the result. The next day she lost her position. Friends, there are many cases like this. Our girls are in danger as well as our boys from this drink evil. The best argument for woman's suffrage is the fact that the liquor interests are acainst it. This month more than one against it. This month more than one thousand saloons in the State of Illinois were closed as a result of women's vote. Until recently only religious and temperance publications printed material on temperance. To-day the leading maga-zines all over this continent are offering thousands of dollars in prizes for the thousands of dollars in prizes for the best stories showing the evils of intem-perance. Truth will prevail in the end every time, and God hasten the day when our boys and girls shall be safe from the monster demon "Intemperance" and our women shall be free from his evil blows. blows P.R.H.

Mothers' Corner

MOTHERS' DAY-MAY 10

By Adela Stevens Cody

The Knights of Canadian Manhood Have donned their insignia to-day And the gleam of the white carnation Shines fair through the blooms of May

The orchid and rose are discarded— Ay, and even the sweet violet! For to-day sees the white carnation In the crown of motherhood set. The

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blest is the land whose mothers Have borne sons who such homage pay, And wear her badge as an honor To her virtue on Mothers' Day!

Who wear her flower—and better, Live true to the dreams she had Of the future which held as hero Her own little clear eyed lad.

And even if time smote roughly Those dreams, so enchantingly bright, Who find scattered still 'mong their ruins Some jewels of heavenly light.

Some wealth which they owe to "Mother," That the world has never guessed, Whose sign is the white carnation That lies on each loyal breast.

The booklet entitled "Helps for ex-pectant Mothers" will be sent free to any wife who writes to 983 Grosvenor Avenue, Winnipeg-Pearl Richmond Hamilton.

ON MOTHER'S DAY

By Owen O'Neill

You who need dedicate this day to moth Should blush for shame to own your-

self remiss When everyday remembrance brother, is

The conscience cannot make amends like this.

I care not what your birth, or birthright, even, Or what your advent to this vale of

strife, A mother held you dearer than High

Heaven. A living jewel in her crown of life.

The tears of all the mothers of the ages, Pour forth Life's River from His throne above: And all the wisdom of the saints and

sages, Relate no deathless love. save mother love.

By night your lips should feel those motner-kisses, Her smiles, Madonna-sweet, your dreams should share.

Greams should share. Count each day lost, my friend, when your life misses The holy impulse of your mother's prayer.

A DINNER MENU

Mrs. N. B. H.: As baby is in the second

Mrs. N. D. H.: As baby is in the second half of the second year a suitable dim-ner would consist of a meal selected from the following list: A cup of chicken broth, a couple of ounces of beef juice, and a delicately cooked egg; or a tablespoonful of rare scraped heef or shredded lamb chop, a little measured colour picely. little macaroni, stewed celery, nicely-cooked spinach, rice jelly, prune jelly, baked apple, apple sauce, junket, cus-tard, and once in a while a little vanilla ice cream. A piece of stale bread may be given and the child should have water to drink at this meal.

A CASE OF INDIGESTION

Mrs. J. C., S. D .: The food which you describe ordinarily would be very strong for a baby one month old. When the food does not agree a child will not thrive. An oatmeal gruel formula should help his constipation. As he is now four months old the following might agree with him:

with him: Stir sixteen ounces of top milk gently and take ten; dissolve two level table-spoonfuls of milk sugar, a pinch of soda, and a pinch of salt in twenty ounces of warm oatmeal gruel. Combine with the ten ounces of milk. Give from three and one-half to four and one-half ounces at a meal. Procure a graduate with the ounces marked on it so as to be exact. After the crown accustomed to this if

After he grows accustomed to this it can be strengthened gradually by using a little less gruel and a little more milk.

Ringworm is contagious and so care should be taken that other children do not get the infection. Soften the scales by washing in a warm suds made with carbolic soap. Paint the spot with equal parts olive oil and iodine applied with a camel's hair brush. Do this night and morning. Paint a little ring outside of the irritated spot. morning. Paint a the irritated spot.

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NELLIE L. MCLUNG WORKS HARD FOR MOTHERS OF THE WEST

The following clipping is an account of Nellie L. McClung's address before a political convention, where, for the first time in the history of Canada, women were asked to address a political meet-ior.

The applause was continued at some length when Mrs. Nellie McClung, a well-known authoress, rose to address the convention. She stated, in opening, that she felt the occasion to be a very momentous one; she felt the solemmity of it. Out of the generosity of their hearts the delegates to the convention had given them an opportunity, and she hoped that they might measure up to their responsibility. The applause was continued at so

Fifty years ago, she said, lurid and dist-essing pictures had been drawn of what would happen if the vote was given max would happen if the vote was given to women. It was thought that they would read yellow-backed novels when they should be peeling potatoes. In the present age there were none who would say that illiteracy was any help to a woman. The expression was used in the old days that a progressive act of this kind would "rub the bloom of the peach" (haughter), that chivarly would die and that women would take no more interest in the home.

in the home. Mrs. McClung said that in 1832 women in England had the vote, but the bill was afterward repealed and the women cast overboard. In 1837 there was one woman who was still possessed of the thought that she was a person. (Laughter). She went out and voted, but was at once arrested. The court ruled on that occa-sion that a woman was a person in matters of pains and penalties, but not in matters of privilege.

Some Political Peers

Some Political Peers The speaker caused great amusement when she stated that women had as political peers the idiot, the lumatic, the convict and the Indian. The condition of women with regard to enfranchisement was worse than any of these. In the case of the convict, the lumatic and the idiot, their franchise was returned when they were brought back to society, and it was usual to let them out just before an election. (Great laughter.) An idiot in the first place must be very, very bad before the vote was taken away from him.

before the vote was taken away from him. On behalf of the mothers, sisters and wives, Mrs. McClung said she appealed to the men of the West who loved a fair deal for themselves and who were desirous of getting a fair deal from others. Sometimes a suffragette was looked upon as the new woman, but they were descendants of the Teutonic race of women who were never bought and never sold. It was the noble women of Western Canada who had paid the price of colonization. The older men in the audience can bear witness that the women phoneers of the West have never failed to do their share. In their name she appealed to the convention to re-

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cognize women as eitizens. Surely women were equally intelligent and had an equal right to vote with the lad of twenty-one coming fresh to the shores of Canada. Mrs. McClung said she did not believe their appeal would be in vain.

Applause Drowns Sentence

There were many reasons advanced by people holding opposite views why women should not have the vote. One of these reasons was that it would make trouble in the home, that political rows would occur in the homes at election time. "Vell," said Mrs. McClung, "if they agreed right along all the time, I think a little dispute once every four years..." The attempt of Mrs. McClung to finish her sentence was drowned in a storm of applause and laughter. There were those who said there was no use giving the vote to women for they were sure to vote to women for they were sand much clapping of hands hand shears and much clapping of hands had a better right to two votes than the mest intelligent voter extant. There were many reasons advanced by

married man. The married man was the most intelligent voter extant. Some said the women should not have the vote because they could not fight. "I mean go to war," explained Mrs. McClung, bringing renewed laughter. The time for brute force, she said, had gone by. It was no longer necessary in war to spread your enemy's features all over a vacant lot. (Much laughter and cheer-ing.) If there was disfranchisement in

the war game then every man over 45 would be debarred and so would all the smaller men. She asked the delegates, amid great laughter, how they would like that. If physical force, she said, were give Jack Johnson seven or eight votes. It was further said that there were some wome who would never vote. It is also said that when wild animals were placed in a cage and thoroughly tamed they would have no inclination to seek their freedom when the door of the cage is thrown open. Voting was not com-pulsory and the shrinking violets would not be dragged from their homes if they did not want to go.

Confident Franchise is Coming

Confident Franchise is Coming Mrs. McClang said, in conclusion, that she was sure the delegates endorsed them heartily and she was confident that votes for women were coming in Manitoba. This was the next step. In the dark ages it was debated whether women had souls. Then they were given a place at table and finally allowed to receive an education. Now they were going to get the vote. Mrs. McClung said that the suffrageties did not like the term "women's rights." The struggle was be-reason against those ruled by prejudice, and projudice was harder to root out than ignorance. Women did not want the vote in order to secure the offices that belong to men, because they love their homes to men, because they love their homes and their children. It was a mere man

that would deny a woman a weapon with which she could defend the children she had brought into the world. Some might say, what about the father of the chil-dren? In answer to this she would say that two sceneds much for that two parents were not too much for that two parents were not too much for any children. She said she was speaking to the convention on behalf of the motherhood of Manitoba and she hoped that they would put into the hands of these women this weapon of votes for women with which to defend their children.

Correspondence Column This column is open to "Our Women Folk" for discussion on any subject that interests women

Dear Mrs. Hamilton-I understand that among the H.E.S. to the effect that dur-ing my visit to the societies last winter ing my visit to the societies last winter I gave the impression that I was sent out by the Agricultural College. This is en-tirely unfounded. I went out in my capacity as Provincial President and at the request of the Advisory Reset the request of the Advisory Board of H.E.S., and my expenses have since been paid by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture. Rebecca Dayton.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton -- I enclose a stamped envelope and would be very glad if you will send me "Hints for Ex-

pectant Mothers." We of the "way out" places cannot have too much of such sensible advice. Your section in the March issue is most interesting. I usually find it so. Thank you for having Nellie L. McClang's address published. It was tine. I would like to be able to at-tend one of those big conventions. I hope to some day. I think it is about time women woke up and attended to their own interests, even in such small their own interests, even in such small things as eggs and butter. Women do all the work and are cheated every time they take the produce to the store. We are forty miles from town. I never sold before. I had more than we this spring, so took it to our ountry store. I thought it was a butter ded this needed this spring, so took it to our little country store. I thought it was a low March price when they paid me 25 cents a pound but last week (the first m April) they were giving 15 cents a dozen for eggs. The worst of it is they sell them at such a different price to the town's people. It does not affect me, but it makes me feel so indignant when 1 see so many poor women working so but it makes me feel so indignant when I see so many poor women working so hard, often to feed and clothe the whole family, and they get such poor returns for their eggs and butter. Way out here in the country with nothing but oven they have no choice but to trade at the small store. I know you are interested in our women's problems. With fest wishes for your work, yours truly, An Interested Women.

I wish every woman who has a pro-blem would write to us. We like to re-ceive letters like the above. By the way, I want to warn Our Women Folk against I want to warn Our Women Folk against a fraud company in Winnipeg that is gathering in many dollars from women and girls in the country. They adver-tize great profits for making cushion tops and charge a fee of four dollars to be determined as the second second second second custom second secon gin with

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The Emerson H.E.S. have been holding regular meetings with good inter Several new members have joined.

Several new members have joined. At a recent meeting we had an interesting address by the Rev. Mr. Pritchard. During March. April and May we have planned for papers on gardening. The March meeting is past, and we had a good paper by Mrs. Bell touching both vegetables and flowers. Mrs. Ballantyne then read a magazine article on "How to Make a Hot Bed." We also had a few annexels from Mrs. Shorts or Mosa are re-Make a Hot Bed." We also had a few remarks from Mrs. Shorty (who came re-cently from the East). She told some-thing of the work of Woman's Institutes in Ontario. We are discussing the pros-pects of opening a rest room in the near future. pects o future.

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Minnedosa, April 1st. The March meeting of the H. E. S. al-though small (just thirteen members) was nevertheless interesting. After the usual business was transacted, an an-swer to the petition sent in by the presidents at the conference was read from Mr. Bedford. This was followed by one Mr. Bedford. This was followed by one from Mrs. Speechy, asking the opinion of the members on asking to have the act amended. Nearly everyone are very instructive paper on starting seeds inside, explaining fully from the select-ing of boxes and earth until the plants were ready to put outside. To one box of good light earth one peck of sand and two of leaf mould should be added. After the seeds are planted the boxes should be put in a tub, one-third of the box under water until the moisture comes to the top. They should not require any more water until they are through the earth. Mrs. Boyd's paper on starting house plants was much ap-preciated. Care should be taken in the preciated. Care should be taken in the selection of the soil for the more delicate plants. Begonias and fushias require leaf mould. Ferns and foliage clay; also plenty of water and a good plant

food. Mrs. (Dr.) Andrews' paper on the "Maid Problem" should simplify the get-ting as well as keeping. Of the help for the coming summer's work, Mrs. Andrew suggested studying a girl's ma-ture and his capabilities. Teaching easier way for work she finds burden-some, letting her have some time for recreation in the sunshine, not always at nights

nights. From Mrs. Hands' paper on "Spring Sowing," many economical ideas could be gathered, making small stockings out of worn large ones; boys nickers from partly worn men's trousers, etc. All children's frocks will be found more easily made, washed and ironed if

made from a simple pattern

A short time was given to the study of the food course, after which the meet-ing adjourned. Anna J. Lamont. Sec.

NEEPAWA

Neepawa, March, 1914. Dear Mrs. Hamilton—It is some time nee you have heard from our society, not I will tell you why. At our annual meeting in December and

only fourteen members were present. nany seemed to be losing interest e meetings, the feeling then seemed the to be that it was almost useless to contime. However it was announced at that meeting that the agricultural col-lege had prepared, and was sending out a short course of lessons on home nursing.

very fact that it was the agricul-The tural college who were doing this seemed to give weight and awaken interest. So that at the very first lesson (when we had one of our doctors and a nurse from our hospital give a talk and demonstra-tion on "Bandaging and Dressing"). The too on balancing and Dressing). In room that had formerly been more than large enough was now found to be fai too small, a number not being able to get in at all. So the advisability of se than curing another room was discussed Thirty-six new members joined that day cussed

e have now made arrangements for Methodist Church Schoolroom, with w the methodist Church Schoolroom, with the use of piano and dishes, we had thought that it would be necessary to have a 10 cent tea to pay for the same, but now begin to think we may even do without that, as fourteen more joined at our last meeting.

at our last meeting. Our membership is now seventy (70). So you see that without any effort on our part, but just advertising that the college had prepared this course of les-sons, has now made ours a large society, and every one take such an interest in the lessons. I would like you to know how much we appreciate what has been down. I am yours turk I am, yours truly, nie Simpson, Sec. Treas. Neepawa done

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SWAN LAKE.

MARCH H. E. S. MEETING.

MARCH H. E. S. MEETING. The March meeting of the Swan Lake Home Economics which was held on the 28th inst. was a great success. It was the first meeting held since the visit of Mrs. Dayton of Virden, Provincial Presi-dent, and in spite of somewhat uncer-tain weather was well attended specially by the country members. The first part of the afternoon was spent in outlining a programme for the current year, and, by a show of hands, it was decided to keep to the open pro-gramme which will again be printed, each month being in charge of four ladies

It was accurate to the provide open of the printed, each month being in charge of four ladies as entertainment, four as lunch com-mittees who will be responsible, but who will, of course, be at liberty to find a substitute if they cannot conveniently act then. The Cor. See read various communications, amongst them one from the Librarian of the Agricultural College with a list of the books available for the use of the members of the H. E. Societies, and she was directed to write and ask for the three books on Garden-ing, so that the programme committee ing, so that the programme committee for April could use them if they wished

to do so. The question of taking up the Sewing Course sent out by the agricul-tural college was discussed, but the members decided that although they would appreciate the pamphlets as valu-able references, they did not care to form a class on the subject.

a class on the subject. The programme was then opened by Mrs. Hartwell, who read "As the Twig is bent," an anusing skit on the present tay fashions and postures, and this was followed by the admirable paper written by on "Public Health National Wealth," and read by Miss Beech who substituted for Mrs. Pennis-ton; this was so a propos that the President suggested the continuing of the subject at some future meeting.

The President suggested the continuing of the subject at some future meeting. The President, Mrs. Gordon, gave a clear, unbiassed account of the confer-ence held at the agricultural college last February, and explained quite im-partially the various matters which had been under discussion lately and the ispartially the various matters which had been under discussion lately and the is-sues to which they lead. The meeting closed by the unanimous signing of a resolution supporting the president

Programme and Lunch Committees.

January.—Programme—Mrs. Dayton, Pro. Pres. Lunch—Mesdames Hartwell, Dodd, G. Crawford, W. J. Scott.

February.-Omitted. March.-Programme-Mesdames Gor-don, Gardner, Hartwell, Penniston. Lunch-Mesdames Gordon, Robb, J. ich Clark

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son, Blair, De Roo, Langruge. Lang-Mesdames McDole, Harman, Misses Bowes, E. Shirley. May.-Programme-Mesdames Flack, Clark, Misses Beech, V. Gordon. Lunch-Mesdames Moore, Hodgson, Penniston, Anderson.

June. — Programme — Mesdames Downey, Moore, Pepper, Miss Connelly Lunch-Mesdames Gardner, Blair, Her-Connelly. bert, Moffatt. July

y.--Programme-Mesdames Ander-Irwin, Miss E. Doeking, Mr. Hol-Lunch-Mesdames McPherson, An-

October.—Programme—Mesdames Mof-fatt, Skinner, Misses Docking, E. Shir-ley. Lunch—Mesdames Downey, Cook, W. H. Couch, Miss Connelly.

November.—Christmas Suggestions— Programme.—Mesdames McDole, W. H. Couch, Cook, Miss Bowes and other mem-bers. Lunch—Mesdames Gordon, Ir-win, Scott, Miss Docking.

December, —Programme.—Annual meet-ig. Lunch—Mesdames Hartwell, Dodd, . Couch, Clark.

VIRDEN

Dear Mrs. Hamilton-I am sorry you ave not been having our reports regu-

have not over having our reports regu-larly, but we are doing beautifully. In January instead of our regular meeting we had a musical afternoon, in-terspersed with selections from Barrie's terspersed with selections from Barrie's "Little Minister" and Drummond's "Habitent," and as we have good local talent we had a very pleasant afternoon. In February we exchanged programmes with the Oak Lake Society. They brought in the whole programme which was was one of the most interesting we have ever had. 125 members and friends turned out to welcome our visit-or, and after the meeting about thirty. friends turned out to welcome our visit-ors, and after the meeting about thirty sat down to supper in the Rest Room. Our train service admits of this ex-change easily, and I can heartily com-mend it to other societies not too far apart. It promotes good will and co-operation. Our March meeting was chiefly given over to "The Child's Wel-fare." One of the best addresses we have had was given by Miss Gilroy, of Hour collegiate, on "The Relation of the Home to the School." Mrs. Scorth, who was formerly a trained nurse, gave a nome to the School." Mrs. Scorth, who was formerly a trained nurse, gave a most practical and sympathetic address on "The Care of the Child from Birth." Some of our very youngest musicians provided the music. The Court Room provided the music. The Court Room where we hold our meetings was so filled that some were unable to get seats, not-withstanding the fact that many extra ones had been brought in.

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Mention this magazine when writing advertisers We have had many new members lately, and our women feel they cannot afford to miss the meetings. At this meeting a resolution was brought in afford to miss the meetings. At this meeting a resolution was brought in favoring a woman on the School Board, and our women were asked to qualify by having their names put on the voters' list in order that they may be ready for the next election. Our an-nual fee is only 25 cents, but we always take use concretely calleding.

num rec is only 25 cents, but we always take up a quarterly collection. We have bought a new piano, each member giving \$1.00 towards paying for it. We make music one of the features of our meeting, and always serve a cup of tea, as it seems to help make strangers more quickly acquainted. A resolution supporting the amend-

A resolution supporting the amend ment to the H. E. S. Act, asked for by the presidents, was unanimously passed

OAK LAKE.

The H. E. Solcety held their annual teeting in the Rest Room on Saturday, larch 21st. The president opened the meeting with

after which the secretary-treas praver prayer, after which the secretary-treas urer, Mrs. Cameron, gave a splendid re-port and financial statement for the year showing a cash balance of \$81.30. Mrs Gordon gave an interesting account of the demonstrations on "The Cooking of Meats and Vegetables," given by Mrs Gray, of Chicago, at the Brandon Winter Fair

Mrs. Boyd gave an excellent paper of the "Choosing of Books" which we read She impressed upon us the fact that the Bible, the great Book of books, should Bible, the great Book of books, should receive closer attention, and that the study of nature be encouraged more, as it alone in so many instances reveal-sermons. Miss Boyd's paper was pa-ticularly appropriate, as the society on the point of opening a circulating library. The books contained in the library have been chiefly donated by arrest. nembers.

The membership fee for the be 25 cents for members of the societ and 50 cents for non-members.

Before the close of the meeting f election of officers for the year to place, with Mrs. Andrew in the chair,

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sulting as follows:--President, Mrs. Burns; first vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Lang; second vice-president, Mrs. Mc-cubbin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Coch-rane; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mc-Leeb Leish

HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS OF SAS-KATCHEWAN.

Eden Grove Homemakers' Club.

Eden Grove Homemakers' Club. The monthly meeting of the club was held at Mrs. Macready's on Friday after-noon. After the secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting Mr. Perey George gave an interesting account of the doings of the Grain Growers Con-vention at Moose Jaw held in February. The forming of a Woman's Auxiliary in connection with the Grain Growers was considered by many of the Home-makers as unnecessary. The organizing of more Homemakers' Clubs would have answered the purpose just as well, and yould mean one large association in-stead of two smaller ones. Mr. Albert Macready thanked Mr. George for his interesting address, and after a discussion of the various items of the Grain Growers program, tea and God Save the King brought a very pleasant afternoon to a colse.

CANDIAC HOMEMAKERS' CLUB. Record of Meeting Held March 12, 1914.

Meeting held at house of Mrs. J. J. McClellan. Opened, as usual, by sing-ing of "The Maple Leaf." Minutes of last meeting read and approved. A number of parcels had been sent to the family in need of clothing, and the president was able to report they had been gratefully received. We had a very good paper on "Food Value."

Mrs. Pretty, suitably costumed, recited Kitty Malony's Experiences with a hinaman as a Fellowservant."

We received six new members. Next meeting to be held at the home Mrs. Ford. Subject: "Gardening." Meeting closed with "God Save the

King." Mrs. J. J. McClellan, seey. pro tem.

WASHING AND CLEANING CLOTHES.

(This paper was read before the Hanley Club.)

Club.) If asked what part of the housework is the greatest drudgery I'm sure the re-ply would be the laundry work. In the cities it is becoming harder and harder to find a maid willing to in-clude the washing in the general house-work, even if there be but two or three in a family. Family laundries are springing up everywhere prepared to do the entire wash and manage the flat prices at so much per Ib. So if in the cities where laundries are fitted up with stationary tubs, hot and cold water, elec-trie washers, etc., and they cannot do their own washing, why we women out the country have no more saving appliances than our grandmothers had. But where is there a farmer that tries to farm as his grand-father did? A woman's work needs to marked lighter by the latest inverged grandmothers had. But where is there a farmer that tries to farm as his grand-father did? A woman's work needs to be made lighter by the latest improved method, as well as man's work. Machin-ery and equipment cost money. When-ever the community is made up of enough progressive individual families. A co-operative laundry solves the problem in the cheapest and most satisfactory way. Such co-operative laundries are out in connection with co-operative reameries, and have proven to be a blessing to the community. As soon as enough women want them, and want them badly, co-operative laundries will relieve them of this heavy item of household labor. But while we are waiting for that much to be desired condition the washing process must go on, and some one must do them. Every woman should see that she has some muchinery to help her, she needs these, as much as she needs a cook-stove. One should have a good washer and wringer, the latter helps to wash the clothes cleaner, by removing the dirty water, each time, but also saves them a great deal of wear and tear. A wash-board

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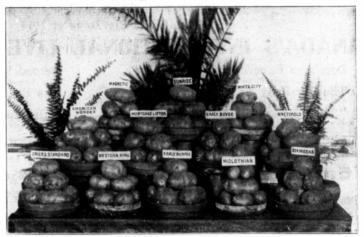
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is sometimes necessary for very soiled garments, which cannot be soaked be-fore putting them in the machine. For the best results, one should be very par-ticular about keeping tubs and boiler clean, and to use clean soft water. Another good plan is to soak clothes, that is white clothes overnight, if pos-sible, as it loosens the dirt, and they are easier made white. Ammonia, borax, sal-soid, coal oil and turpentine are some of the different things that can be added to the water in which clothes are boiled. Twe found bluing very good to whiten clothes are boiled. Twe also due to the student in which clothes are builed. Twe found bluing wery good to white n clothes are boiled. Twe also user for white clothes, if one would add a half-cup of skimmed sweet milk to the bluing, and then add ing-cidients all to the water, that the clothes would not be streaked, and treated this way, you could let the clothes stand over

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night in this bluing water, and they would not be streaked nor too blue. Gasoline is used for stains and clean-ing gloves, silks, etc. To clean dainty laces, chifon, etc., put gasoline and flour in scaler and put in laces, etc., and shake well, and they will not be injured in this way. Grain alcohol removes grass stains and medical stains. Color-less vinegar, common salt and sugar of lead are used to set colors. Muriatic acid and Oxalic acid are used to remove rust and other stains. Javelle water is used to bleach and remove stains and is made as follows:-Dissolve 1 lb. of sal-soda in two quarts of vater, when cold add quarter-pound of valoride of lime, mix thoroughly and let stand several hours. Pour off the liquid and bottle for use, and keep in a cool dark place. Javelle water bleaches very quickly, and very effective, so care must be taken or the fabric will be injured. Stretch

the cloth and moisten the stain, when the stain has disappeared rinse quickly in water into which anmonia has been added. Sulphur is used as a bleacher. It is burned, and the fumes are brought in contact with a moist stain. Powdered chalk is used to abach stains. The It is ourned, and the tunies are brought in contact with a moist stain. Powdered chalk is used to absorb stains. The sum is a very good bleacher, especially when the cloth is wet, and is aided by the green in grass or foliage. Ammonia and peroxide of hydrogen are good for taking stains out of woolen goods. Use equal parts of anmonia and peroxide of hydrogen, and moisten stain until it dis-appears. Blood stains can be removed by soaking in cold water, and then rub out. When stain is nearly gone use soap and water. If dry and cannot be got out in this way, use Javelle water or peroxide of hydrogen. Fruit stains can be removed by warming alcohol over hot water and apply to stain. Then use boiling water. There are so many com-

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positions of ink that it is difficult to positions of ink that it is difficult to say what method is best without know-ing the composition of the ink. If the stain is removed before the ink had a chance to dry it can be done by soaking in sweet milk. Lemon juice and sait applied and spread on the grass in the bright sunshine is good. As a last re-sort try the Javelle water. Mildew stains are sometimes removed by rising strong some sude

sort try the Javelle Water. Mildew stains are sometimes removed by rising strong soap suds. Lemon juice and salt are also good. Butter-milk is also good for mildew if soaked in it, and left on the grass in the sun. Tea. coffee and cocca stains may be removed by using boiling water. Alcohol is good for grass stains, especially on goods that can not be washed. It dissolves all the green coloring matter. For grease and oil stains rub with lard and let stand to soften, then wash out. Materials that cannot be washed in water, clean with gasoline, have several folds of soft towelling or other absorbent under the spot. Moisten the outside first, and rub toward the center to avoid leaving a ring on the cloth, when the stain has been removed. Ether and chloroform are sometimes considered better than gasoline. For paint and tar stains has therpen-time. For gaint and tar stain so

For paint and tar stains hae thrpen For paint and tar stains use choreform. For perspiration stains use choreform. For perspiration stains use strong soap suds, and let garment lie in the sun-shine. Muriatic acid is also used with good results. To discuss laundry work shine. Muriatic acid is also used with good results. To discuss laundry work profitable it is necessary to know some-thing of the nature of materials to be handled, and of means employed to bring about the desired results. With a satis-ing the source of these things in factory knowledge of these things in-telligent results are sure to follow.

Mrs. M Grimes

WASHING

(Read before Hanley Club.) I am expected to make a few remarks to-day to you ladies regarding a sub-ject that is, I am sure, well known to all present, namely, washing. Now I do not think for a moment that I will be able to give you ladies

any new ideas, as I am sure there may many modern methods that I am norant of, as I have simply been doing e washing in very much the old-shioned way with the help of a washhe fashi

fashioned way with the help of a wash-ing machine and wringer, so that all 1 acn say to you is to give you a few very simple plans which I consider help-ful in the work of washing clothes. In the first place, I consider a wash-ing machine very essential, also a wringer. Then the water question is a very necessary requirement. Of course where soft water can be procured easily where soft water can be procured easily this part of the affair is soon settled, but

this part of the affair is soon settled, but where hard water only can be got there I find it a good plan to fill a barrel a few days previous to washing day, and soften it by putting two or three table-spoons full of Gilentt's lye into it. And, again, I have found it very help-ful to have everything arranged the evening before, so as to cause as little delay in the morning as possible. Where the washings are large it saves some time to have a covered basket large enough to hold a week's washing, and to put into this basket according as they are discarded the clothes to be washed; it prevents any article from being over-looked. 10 oked.

looked. Home-made hard soap is very satis-factory for the heavy and coarser clothes, but for the finer and lighter garments the naptha or sunlight is best. In washing prints to prevent fading, soap in luke warm water, to which has been added salt, then rinse and dry quickly or pressible. as possible.

as possible. In washing an article where soap may change the color instead of using soap take water that pared potatoes have been boiled in, and this method will also prevent colors from running in washing print. Flannels should be washed and rinsed in water of the same terms of the same terms.

washing print. Flannels should be washed and rinsed in water of the same temperature, and strong suds used in the washing. In cold weather they should be dried in-side, as the frosty air causes shrinkage. To remove grease spots a tablespoonful of ammonia and soap used in cold water and will not affect colors in the article Mrs. Ed. Moore.

HOMEMAKERS' CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW.

Sessions Become Interesting-Visitors are Delighted with Progress.

March 12th The regular monthly meeting of the Hanley Homemakers' held at the home of Mrs. T. O. Hamre last Thursday afternoon, was a great success. fifty ladies were present. all scincom, was a great success. Some fifty ladies were present, all of whom showed a marked interest in the after-noon's proceedings. After the business session was concluded, Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Moore each gave a paper on the me

topic of the day, viz: "Washing and cleaning all kinds of goods," which were full of practicable advice, clearly show-ing they were experts in that line of ing t work.

work. Mrs. McGregor gave a reading entitled "The minutes of a ladies' aid meeting" (by Mrs. McClung), which, judging by the applause, was highly enjoyed. Little Mildred Whittle gave a splendid recitation, while Ray and Mary McKen-zie kindly rendered two musical selec-tions on the piano. "The chu was honored by having as

The club was honored by having as guests, Mrs. McNaughton, of Pichie, and



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Miss Stocking, of Delisle, who are respec-tively president and secretary of the Woman Grain Growers' Auxiliary. Mrs. McNaughton gave a very interesting out-line of the proposed work of the new organization she represented, and the benefits that would eventually accrue as a result of being affiliated with the main body of Grain Growers. Miss Stocking confined her remarks solely to an expression of delight in being a guest at such a large organization of ladies. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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"THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF MUSIC."

(A paper read by Mrs. Ague.) "Does it pay?"

In spite of scoffers a perfectly sane question. Does it pay a father of a family of boys and girls to spend his money for their musical education, or the city to spend its dollars for instruction city to spend its dollars for instruction in singing in our public schools? Does it pay a government to provide regi-mental bands for its armies? Or the nations of the world to encourage in every possible way the promotion of this art?

nations of the world to encourage in every possible way the promotion of this art? If the answer to each question cannot be given, and wich good proof in the affirmative, then it is time we ceased to give talent, time and money to the support of the musical education of our country. We have profited by the ex-periments of other lands in manners and methods of creating among the people a desire for the highest and best expressions of the human mind and heart, and have endeavored to solve difficulties peculiar to our own needs. Does music in the home pay? If music were understood better; if parents and teachers would guide children to help them to interpret music, and would de-vote less time to technicalities, music would come to have a happier, deeper meaning to the child; his delight in good music would be akin to his pleasure in a good story. Parents owe it to their children to help them to understand and to enjoy what is good and beautiful in art, whether it be poetry, paining or music. Each makes man happier, enobles him, helps him to realize a higher, intellectual, moral and spiritual standard. It cannon have a market value, it is beyond quotation, it is that which helps to make life worth while. To realize the worth of a thing it is well to try to imagine what the world would be without it.

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would be without if. There is scarcely a public or private institution where the services of one or of many musicians are not required. It has its commercial value. It is not a mere plaything for entertaining the populace. The field for the musician is a large one, and it behoves us as a country to give every opportunity for musical education to dur people as have other countries. We need thousands of musicians, and will need more as all people are made to realize the power for good music can be. If we consider the child as the hone

people are made to realize the power for good music can be. If we consider the child as the hope of our nation then the home is the first medium through which we can work. The family is the smallest unit, and upon its rests the success of all our provident of the success of all our measure. It is then in the home that the seed of culture should be sown, and it is so easy to inculcate a love for music in the family circle. Shall the sen or daughter be made to practice for many hours, and money expended upon their lessons and upon an instrument, is upostion for parents to consider well. When talent is lacking surely the child might better give his time to good heighbors the necessity of listening for hours of each day to five-finger exercises and late to waltzes and marches drum-ued out to his one, two, three and one, wo, three, four.

It is not absolutely necessary to be To is not absolutely necessary to be-come even an annateur performer in order to appreciate good music. We do learn, it is true, by doing, and we do not wish to deprecate musical instruction in the home. Let it, however, be of a sane, rational mature. rational nature

There are few people who have not at least voice enough to sing reasonably well in a glee or some form of chorus, and the time or money spent in learning and the time or money spent in learning to do so correctly is not great, while that of learning to play an instrument in-volves months of wearisome scale play-

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Protect Baby from the Summer Heat

ing.

Every mother knows the agony of seeing her child in the threes of pain and discomfort caused by the heat of summer, but every mother is not aware of how a great deal of this awful trouble may be avoided by a simple and per-fectly natural system of dicting, dis-covered and perfected through long experience in children's dictetics. Now is the time to get at this know-hedge and to put it in practice. Don't wait until the season has advanced and the digestive organs of the little one have been seized and held by the merci-less heat and quickly alternating changes of atmosphere which really do more than the actual "heat." We again counsel our mothers every-where to try the special baby-food pr-ared by Porter of Winnipeg, particulars of which will be found in another column and were referred to in our last issue. We would not wish to be thought mere "advertisers" of this inxpensive but most effective child's food, but really the testimony of the many medical men who are recommending it and the large the testimony of the many medical men who are recommending it and the large number of appreciative mothers, who have expressed their thanks after re-peated trials, compel us (especially at this opportune season) to put in a strong word in its behalf. The editor of this department has the fullest confi-dence in recommending any mother who has a little one to send for a sample of Porter's Food.

The Fairest Flower in the Garden By PEARL RICHMOND HAMILTON

The Queen of Hush-a-bye Land sat on her magnificent throne making tiny white dresses. Her throne was at the top of a pyranid of Easter lilies and steps of yellow roses fashioned a stair-way down to paths bordered by pansies and violets--these were the paths of Hush-a-bye garden, the most wonder-ful place in the whole world. In each white lily about the throne a dear little cupid with a tiny violin daintily tuned his instrument. Suddenly the little cupid writar hear a most

daintily tuned his instrument. Suddenly the little cupid orchestra began a most exquisite serenade, and as they played, fairies moving in rhythmatic harmony carried tiny babies to a bed of deep blue violets. Each baby kissed a violet and immediately the eyes became blue. Just as they were leaving a breath from the violets whispered: "Be modest little ones."

ones." The babies then touched some roses and the pink and white of these beauti-ful flowers quickly tinted the skin of the little ones and they were carried away in their pink and white beauty. This was the training class in Hush-a-bye Land for these babies were nearly ready to go into homes of the Earth-Land where kind men and good women had waited so long for baby sweethearts. sweethearts.

women had wated so long for baby sweethearts. Now among these babies a dear little darling with very blue eyes and sweetly modest peeked through the curtain of Hush-a-bye Land and looked down into a home where there was not a single child. The big man sat near a table reading a paper and the lonely woman sewed on a piece of faney work near a window. There was not a toy around, nor a tiny rattle nor a little boot nor a wee dress—it was just a bare empty house because there was no haby in it. Now the wee tot back of the curtain liked the kind smile on the big man's face. He looked just as if he would be the best dady in the whole work if there were only a baby there to love him, and the woman seemed so sweet



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and motherly just like the kind that would love a baby all the time if she had one in her arms, so the little one made up her baby mind then and there

made up her baby mind then and there to go into that very home. But the fairy reminded her of some lessons yet to be learned in Hush-a-bye Land and the wee one obeyed. She kissed a red poony and got her ruby lips. At the end of the garden was a bed of roses where babies learn to smile. The wee girle lingered there and came away with a rose-bud mouth.



The Little Lady with the Beautiful Smile

"Dark or golden hair—which shall it e?" asked the good fairy. Baby looked very wise. "Brown or golden?" again repeated the

tairy. But baby could not decide until the good fairy carried her over towards the dandelions. All golden haired babies get the color from the dandelions. Then she learned to smell from a bed of carnati ons

By this time the flower garden swarmed with fairies and babies moving about among the roses, peonies, dande-lions and carnations while the dear little

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cupids in the lilies played most divinely. They learned from the mignonette-meckness; from the butter-cups-cheer-fulness; from the daisy-daintiness; from the heliotrope--helpfulness; from the tulip--truthfulness; from the clover -cleanliness, and from that human-like flower that ever looks up to heaven-the pansy, they learned to love God. Finally after the birds had taught them a lesson in singing they all gath-

them a them a lesson in singing they all gath-ered about the throne of Hush-a-bye

Land. Such a wonderful garden of flowers, music, sunlight, and love.

Is it any wonder that babies are per-fectly sinless? Did I not say that the throne was made of pure white lilies?

made of pure white lilies? There sat the queen with her arms and lap full of beautiful lilies, and a crown of lilies on her golden hair. Do you know the lesson she taught them—their final lesson? When this was learned they were ready for Earth Land. It was the lesson of the lilies— purity.

Land. It was use the purity. Then the queen blessed them, and each little cupid came down from his seat in the lift lowers and kissed the babies on the cheeks, chins, and elbows, and that is how they got their dimples—they are the kisses.

love kisses. Each little fairy angel took her baby now and hastened to Slumber Land--which is in the paradise of stars, where hundreds and hundred of hammocks were swinging. Each hammock was fastened to two twinkling stars. In these nam-mocks the babies were fulled to skeep and the fairy angels filled the air with mocks the banes were turne to any and the fairy angels filled the air with harmony as they sang: "Hush-a-bye baby among the bright

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stars, Sleep, sweetly sleep, 'neath the blue, blue sky, Soon you will pass through the flowery bars

Down to the earth from Hush-a-bye. They were near-yes, very near to the Heavenly Land of the Christ Child.

Heavenly Land of the Christ Child. The next morning someone whispered at the door of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irons—"What is it a boy or girl?" For the wee tot from Hush-a-bye Land who had seen the home without a child had come to stay and the daddy and mother were very very happy and they named her Helen. Helen loved her daddy and mother and the days passed so ouickly that wee

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through her babyhood she had All been sweetly beautiful for she had never forgotten her lessons learned from the flowers in Hush-a-bye Land, and for this reason every one thought she was just like a beautiful flower.

Now when Helen was two years old Now when helen was two years out her daddy and mother took her to her grandfather's farm—a place just full of wonderful sights for a little girl from the city

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the city. She called her grandfather "Gugga" and her grandfather was in the fields when her grandfather was in the fields where Helen could see she would stand in the door-way and call to him. Some-times he would wave his hand. When the horses were brought to the pump for a drink wee Helen would be at the pump and make believe that she pump was far too heavy for her. There was a wee colt named "Fanny" that Helen liked very much but she was afraid of it when it would gallop up for a piece of sugar. Her favorite on the farm was "Sporty" the dog. "Sporty" would run around Helen and when he came near her she would say "Watch toosif 'Portey, no get 'cited." She liked to get her daddy to put her on the wheel barrow and give her rides around the yard, and she liked to pick the big red strawberries that looked so tempt-ing.

Helen was very happy on the farm and when the time came for her to go home, she left two broken hearts be-hind her-for "Gugga" and "Gugga mamma" missed their little sweetheart much

very much. But Teddy Bear at home wanted Helen and her dollies were lonely and her dishes were neglected so wee Helen really had to go home to attend to the needy, and the story now is brought to the present. Teddy is her best friend. She takes him out for walks. At dinner time she always puts a bib on him and



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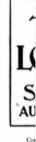
gets her mama to put a piece of potato on her little plate for him. She has a little table and chairs of her own and

little table and chairs of her own and puts Teddy on a chair by the table so he can eat his dinner. Nothing pleases her more than to have her mamma let her dry some spoons for her and if her mother is not very busy Helen asks to have her own granite dishes washed so that she can dry them. Helen's mind is bright with memory rlymes and she repeats "Old King Cole" "Jack Spratt." "Dinz-Dong Bell" and and

"Jack Sprat," "Ding-Dong Bell" and many other jingles. When bed time comes she never forgets to ask mamma comes she never forgets to to listen while she says;

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"Now I hay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake. I pray the Lord my soul to take." Helen is a happy little girl, she is : real princess of childhood for a rea princess always has a smile. Her pic ture is on the cover of the magazine-hildthe cile at the sume on he second ture is on the cover of the magazine-the little girl at the pump on her grand father's farm, and the picture in thi-department is also Helen's. Her dadd, likes to catch these smiles before the: get away—but Helen is going to kee them until she is a big lady so peopl will say, "Here is Helen Irons—the lad with the beautiful smile." May



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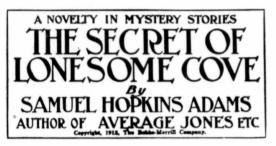
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A sudden thought struck cold into the heart of Sedgwick. "Be sensible, can't you?" he ex-claimed. "What do you want with a pickax and spade!"

"My wants are few and small. If you haven't a pick, two spades will do. In fact, they'll be better. I was merely sticking to the text of my Hamlet."

His shoulders slumped, his jaw slackened, and, as his figure warped into the pose of the gravedigger, he wheezed ou the couplet again. The cold thought froze around Sedgwick's heart. He visioned the wet soil of Annalaka burying-ground, heaped above a loose-hasped pine box, within which went forward the unthinkable processes of earth reclaiming its own.

"Good God! Is it that?" he muttered.

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The mummer straightened up. 'In plain prose, do you possess two spades?" he inquired.

Speechless, Sedgwick went out into the dark, presently returning with the tools. Kent took them out and disposed them in the car. "Get in," he directed.

"If we had to do this, Kent," said Sedgwick, shuddering in his seat, "why haven't you done it before?"

The other turned on the power. You're on the wrong track as usual," he remarked. "It couldn't e done before.'

"Well, it can't be done now," cried the artist in sudden sharp excitement. "It won't do. Stop the car, Kent !"

Kent's voice took an ominously deliberate measure. "Listen, said he; "I am going through with this-now-tonight. If you wish to withdraw-"

"That's enough," growled the artist. "No man alive can say that to me."

The car slowed up. "I beg your pardon, Frank," said Kent. We're both of us a little on edge onight. This is no time for misunderstandings. What is on your mind?"

"Just this, Annalaka buryingground is watched. Lawyer Bain said as much. Don't you remember? He told us that the house next door is occupied by an old sleepless asthmatic who spends half her nights in her window overlooking the graves."

The car shot forward again. "Is that all?" asked Kent. "Isn't it enough?"

"Hardly. We're not going within miles of Annalaka."

"Then our night's work is not-" Kent could feel his companion's revolt at the unuttered word, and supplied it for him.

"Grave robbery? It is."

"Where?"

"In the private burying-ground on the Blairs' estate.'

"Wilfred Blairs' grave? When 'vas the funeral?'

"This morning. I was among those present, though I don't think my name will be mentioned in the papers."

"Why should you have been there?"

"Oh, set it down to vulgar curiosity," said Kent.

"Probably you'd say the same if I asked you the motive for this present expedition. I suppose fully appreciate the chance you are taking?"

"Didn't I tell you that it was rather more than a life-and-death risk?

Something cold touched Sedgwick's hand in the darkness. His fingers closed around a flask. 'No, no Dutch courage for me. Where is this place?"

"On Sundayman's Creek, some fourteen miles from the Nook as the motor-car flies."

"Fourteen miles," repeated Sedgwick musingly, following a train of thought that suddenly glowed, a beacon-light of hope. 'And these Blairs have some connection with the dead woman of the cove, the woman who wore her jewels." His fingers gripped and sank into Kent's hard-fibered arm. "Chet, for the love of heaven, tell me! Is she one of these Blairs?"

"No nonsense, Sedgwick," returned the other sternly. "You're to act,-yes, and think-under orders till this night's job is done."

There was silence for nearly half an hour, while the car slipped, ghostlike, along the wet roadway. Presently it turned aside and stopped.

"Foot work now," said Kent. "Take the spades and follow."

He himself, leading the way,



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carried a coil of rope on his shoulders. For what Sedgwick reckoned to be half a mile they wallowed across soaked meadows, until the whisper of rain upon water came to his ears.

"Keep close," directed his guide, and proceeded down a steep bank.

The stream was soon forded. Emerging on the farther side they scrambled up the other bank into a thicker darkness, where Sedgwick, colliding with a gnarled tree trunk, stood lost and waiting. A tiny bar of light appeared. It swept across huddled and halfobliterated mounds, marked only by the carpet of myrtle--that faithful plant whose mission it is to garland the graves of the forsaken and the forgotten-shone whitely back from the headstone of the old slave-trader, came to a rest upon a fresh garish ridge of earth, all pasty and yellow in the rain, and abruptly died.

"Too dangerous to use the lantern," murmured Kent. "Take the near end and dig.'

Delving, even in the most favorable circumstances, is a fairly stern test of wind and muscle. In the pitch blackness, under such nerve-thrilling conditions, it was an ordeal. Both men, fortunately, were in hard training. The heavy soil flew steadily and fast. Soon they were waist deep. Kent, in a low voice, bade his fellow toiler stop

"Mustn't wear ourselves out at the start," he said. minutes' rest." "Take five

At the end of three minutes, Sedgwick was groping for his spade. "I've got to go on, Chet," he gasped. "The silence and idle-

ness are too much for me." "It's just as well," assented his "The clouds are commander. breaking, worse luck. And some one might possibly be up and about, in the house. Go to it !"

This time there was no respite until, with a thud which ran up his arm to his heart, Kent's iron struck upon wood. Both men stood, frozen into attitudes of attention. No sound came from the house.

"Easy now," warned Kent, after he judged it safe to continue. 'I thought that Jim dug deeper than that. Spade it out gently. And feel for the handles." "I've got one," whispered Sedg-

wick. "Climb out, then, and pass me

down the rope."

As Sedgwick gained the earth's level, the moon, sailing from behind a cloud, poured a flood of radiance between the tree trunks. Kent's face, as he raised it from the grave, stretching out his hand for the cord, was ghastly, but his lips smiled encouragement.

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From between the earthern walls Kent's voice came, muffled. 'Safe as a church," he averred, "from the minute that we have the coffin. Take this end of the rope. Got it? Now this one. It's fast, fore and aft. Here I come."

With a leap he clambered out of the excavation. He took one end of the rope from Sedgwick's hand. "All ready to haul?" he inquired in matter-of-fact tones. "Wait. What are we going to

do with this-this thing?" demanded his co-laborer. "We can never get it to the car."

A low chuckle sounded from the shrubbery back of them. The resurrectionists stood, stricken.

"An owl," whispered Sedgwick at length.

"No," replied Kent in the same tone. Then, in full voice, and with vivid urgency, "Haul!"

Up came the heavy casket, bumping and grating. Even through the rope Sedgwick felt, with horror, the tumbling of the helpless sodden body within. With a powerful effort Kent swung his end up on the mound. The lantern flashed. By its gleam Sedgwick saw Kent striving to force his spade-edge under the coffin lid, to try to pry it loose. The chuckle sounded again.

"That's enough," said a heavy voice, with a suggestion of mirthful appreciation.

Sheriff Len Schlager stepped from behind a tree. He had a revolver on Kent. Sedgwick made a swift motion and the muzzle swung accurately on him.

"Steady, Frank," warned Kent anxiously.

"I'm steady enough," returned the other. "What a fool I was not to bring a gun."

"Oh, no," contradicted the scientist. "Of what use is my gun? We're in the light, and he is in the shadow."

"So you've got a gun on you, eh?" remarked the sheriff, his chuckle deepening.

"I didn't say so."

"No; but you gave yourself away. Hands up, please. Both of you.

Four hands went up in the air. Kent's face in the light was very downcast, but from the far corner of his mouth came the faintest ghost of a whistled melody-all in a minor key. It died away on the night air and the musician spoke in rapid French.

"Attention! La ruse gagne. Quand lui donnerai le coup de pied, battez-le á terre."

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"Yes; but what constitutes body-snatching?" murmured Kent.

"You do, I guess," retorted the umerous sheriff. "Steady with humerous sheriff. those hands. Which pocket, please, Professor?"

"Right-hand coat, if you want my money," answered the scientist sullenly.

"Nothing like that," laughed the officer. "Your gun will do, at present."

"I haven't got any gun." "I hear you say it! Remember, mine is pointed at your stomach." "Correct place," approved Kent, quietly shifting his weight to his

left foot. "It's the seat of human courage. Well!" as Schlager tapped pocket after pocket, without result, "you can't say I didn't warn you. Now, Frank."

With the word there was a sharp spat as the heel of Kent's heavy boot, flying up in the coup de pied of his own devising, caught the sheriff full on the wrist breaking the bones, and sending the revolver a-spin into the darkness. As instantly Sedgwick struck, swinging full-armed, and Schlager went down, halfstunned.

"Pin him, Frank," ordered Kent.

But Sedgwick needed no directions, now that resolute action was the order of the moment. His elbow was already pressed into the sheriff's bull neck. Schlager lay still, moaning a little.

"Good work, my boy," approved Kent, who had retrieved the revolver.

"Who clubbed me?" groaned the fallen man. "I didn't see no third feller. And what good is it going to do yuo, anyway? There you are, and there's the robbed grave. Exaggerated by assault on an officer of the law," he added technically.

"That is right, too, Kent," added Sedgwick with shaking voice. "Whatever we do, I don't see but what we are disgraced and ruined."

"Unless," suggested Kent with mild-toned malice, "we rid ourselves of the only witness to the affair."

A little gasp issued from the thick lips of Len Schlager. But he spoke with courage, and not without a certain dignity. "You got me," he admitted quietly. "If it's killin'-why, I guess it's as good a way to go as any. An officer in the discharge of his duty."

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Schlager," said Kent with a change of tone. "But your life is safe enough, in any event. Pity you're such a grafter, for you've got your decent points. Let him up, Sedgwick." Relieved of his assailant's

weight, Schlager undertook to rise, set his hand on the ground, and collapsed with a groan. "Too bad about that wrist."

said Kent. "I'll take you back in my car to have it looked after as soon as we've finished here. "I s'pose you know I'll have to

arrest you, just the same." "Don't bluff," retorted the other carelessly. "It wastes time. Steady! Here comes the rest of the party."

Across the moonlit lawn moved briskly the spare alert figure of the owner of Hedgerow House. His hand grasped a long-barrelled pistol. He made straight for the grove of graves. Within five yards of the willows he stopped, because a voice from behind one of them had suggested to him that he do so.

"I also am armed," the voice added.

Hesitancy flickered in Mr. Blair's face for a brief moment. Then, with set jaw, he came on.

"Two men of courage to deal with in a single night. That's all out of proportion," commented the voice with a slight laugh. "Mr. Blair; I really should dislike shooting you."

"Who are you?" demanded Mr. Blair.

"Chester Kent." "What are you doing on my

property at this hour?" 'Digging."

"Ah !" it was hardly an exclamation; rather it was a contained commentary. Mr. Blair had noted the exhumed casket. "You might better have taken my offer," he continued after a pause of some seconds. "I think, sir, you have dug the grave of your own career."

'That remains to be seen."

"Schlager! Are you there?"

"Yes, Mr. Blair. They've broken my wrist and got my gun."

Mr. Blair took that under consideration. "It doesn't strike me that you are much of a manhunter," he observed judicially. Who are they?"

"Francis Sedgwick is the other, at your service," answered the owner of that name.

An extraordinary convulsion of rage distorted the set features of the elderly man.

"You !" he cried. "Haven't you done enough-without this! Т would come on now if hell yawned for me."

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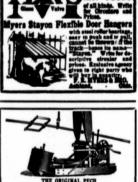
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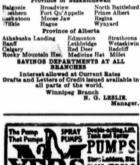
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"No," said the master of Hedgerow House; and it was twenty years since his "no" had been overborne.

"Yes," returned Chester Kent quietly.

Mr. Blair's arm rose, steady and slow, with the inevitable motion of machinery.

"If you shoot," pointed out Kent. 'you will rouse the house. Is there no one there from whom you wish to conceal that coffin?

The arm rose higher until the muzzle of the pistol glared, like a baleful lusterless eye, into Kent's face. Instead of making any counter-motion with the sheriff's revolver, the scientist turned on his heel, walked to Sedgwick, and handed him the weapon. "I'm

going to open the coffin, Frank," he announced. "That pistol of Mr. Blair's is a target arm. It has only one shot."

"True," put in its owner, "but I can score one hundred and twenty with it at a hundred yards' range

"If he should fire, Frank, wing him. And then, whatever happens, get that casket open. That is the one thing you must do-for me and yourself."

"But he may kill you," cried Sedgwick in an agony of apprehension.

"He may; but I think he won't."

"Won't he!" muttered the older man on an indrawn breath. "I'd rather it was the other scoundrel. But either-or both."

Sedgwick stepped to within two paces of him. "Blair," he said with a snarl, "you so much as think with that trigger finger, and you're dead !"

"No, no killing, Frank," countermanded Kent. "In his place, you'd perhaps do as he is doing.

"Don't take any chances, Mr. Blair." besought the sheriff. "They're desperate characters. Look what they done to me!"

There's a testimonial," murmured Kent, as he picked up his spade, "for one who has always worked on the side of law and order.'

He worked the blade craftily under the lid and began to pry. The cover gave slightly. Mr. Blair's pistol sank to his side. "I should have shot before warning you," he said bitterly. "Violating graves is, I suppose, your idea of a lawful and orderly proceeding." The rending cackle of the hard heavy wood was his answer. Kent stooped, and struggled up



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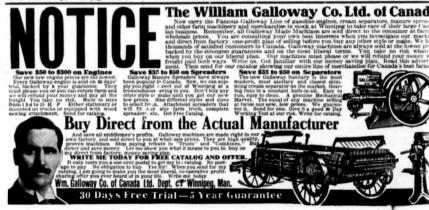
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