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## D. R. DINGWALL,

## THE UNDYING VIRTUES.

They were gossiping in the country store, and he theme was the coming marriages of three young men in the neighborhood. Most of the crowd ap peared to think that George was making the bes alliance, for his fiancee was none other than a col lege-bred girl with a fine education, who had really written articles in the magazines. A few though that David was not far astray. His lady-love was admittedly the most beautiful in face and figure in the whole community, and she had a charming way with her too. But whel Old Josh was asked for an opinion he remarked that perhaps he wasn't a very good judge, but he predicted that in ten years both George and David would admit that young Adam had made the best choice of all in tak ing the plain unassuming Sarah as his bride. "It's just like this," he said, "after a few years with woman who knows a lot more about books than you do, who has higher ideals, as she calls it, you get a little sour on the business. You feel that you are not in her class and she makes you feel it all the more. Then she calls in her friends who can appreciate her powers, and there you are-out in the cold. So it's no scholar for me, unless I'm scholar myself. And as for David's girl-well, it's a great thing to have a wife like that around you all the time with her pretty ways and looks, but tell you that isn't enough when the crop is ba and the children cross and the mosquitoes trouble some. That is just where Sarah will come in. She has genuine goodness, that doesn't fail during the hot weather. She is just the same in hard time as in good times. She is good and she is useful and she is loyal and loving and these are the things that count in a long life.

Old Josh wasn't so far astray. The thing that lasts is love, and love is the source of all genuine goodness. You can prove this to your own satisfaction in a very simple way. Suppose someone accuses you of ignorance. For instance he saya that you do not know the maiden name of the Queen or the name of the King of Italy. You do not feel such a charge very keenly, for you say that nobody knows everything. If you are ignorant on these points you know a good many things, about which most men are ignorant, and so you can hold your own, and you know it. But if it is proved that you are lacking in taste on good habits it is different. The charge is more personal. You feel disgraced if you recognize yourself to be boorish or filthy or slovenly. It is even worse when you feel that you are rightly accused of being immoral or of possessing a bad temper and a quarrelsome disposition. Knowledge, taste and habits are in a sense accidents of one's being, but disposition is the essence. So you feel that every attack on your goodness and sweetness is a direct attack on your poor or unlearned or uncultured but unless you are a politician you do mind it if you are proven to be dishonest, disloyal or hateful.

## TATIONAL GOODNESS.

When one comes to view it from a social and national standpoint there is nothing of such great value as genuine goodness. Within the nation itself, goodness-which is another name for honor, honesty, fair-dealing and love for the other fellow-is the one condition of abiding peace and stability; and in international dealings the case is just the same. The story of happy community life is the story of loving relationship. Where men honor their wives, and wives are true to their husbands, there is no danger of family discension; where employers are honest with their employees, and where emplovees are fair to their employers, there is no likelihood of strikes
and so it is, not only in the family nd the vocation, but in every social organization Love and goodness are the sure guarantee of per manent peace and prosperity. It is impossible by orce and cunning, by law and regulation, to secure he blessings which come only to those who are ight in heart and deed. Herein is the difference between the socialism of the disgruntled and the true Christian socialism

## GOODNESS IN THE HOME AND THE SCHOOL

Now, goodness can find its way into social and national life, only as it is developed in the primary

THE IMPERISHABLE
I walked the fields a morning prime, The grass was ripe for mowing The skylark sang his matin chime And all was brightly glowing.
"And thus" I cried "the ardent boy, His pulse with rapture beating eems life's inheritance is joy
The future proudly greeting."
I wandered forth at noon:-Alas! On earth's maternal bosom
The scythe had left the with'ring grass And stretched the fading blossom.

And thus, I thought with many a sigh, The hopes we fondly cherish, Like flowers which blossom but to die, Seem only born to perish.

Once more abroad at eve I strayed, Through lonely hay-fields musing, While every breeze that round me played Rich fragrance was diffusing.

The perfumed air, the hush of eve, To purer hopes appealing, D'er thoughts percuance too prone to grieve Scattered the balm of healing.

For thus "the actions of the just," When memory hath enshrined them, E'en from the dark and silent dust Their odours leave behind them.
-Barton
institutions of civilization-the home and the schoo Education, style and wealth are insignificant in a mother where compared with the quality of good are nothing in a father without honesty, uprightness, and fair-dealing. And in a school it is a compar atively small matter how many facts are committed to memory, how many little accomplishments ac quired, or how many marks taken on examination The outstanding products of any good education are character and conduct. In the grammar of life the two important verbs are not to have and to hold, but the verbs to be and to do.

A contributor writing from the country says that the schools are very inefficient, and among other things says that in them no emphasis is placed
on good behavior. Whether this is true or does not concern us just now. It is a fair subject for investigation. This much is true, however-
that the schools are the direct expression of the will of the people. If teachers are poor it is possible $t$ get better by paying the price; if moral conduct is not emphasized it is because the spirit of the community is placing the emphasis on other thing. The fundamental institution in society is the family and its ideals and ypractices govern life in all social institutions. If there is real goodness in the homethere will be evidences of goodness in the school, the church, the country house, the factory and the legislature. Few things could be more calamitous to society than for parents to set up material wealth and social standing as the supreme ideals of life; few things more damaging than that they should insist upon preparation for money-making as the chief aim of the school. Genuine morality, old-fashioned good-ness-which includes right thinking, pure feeling, noble action-is the beginning and end of education.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING

It is not out of place at this season to talk of goodness, since the season is named after Him who went about doing good. It is wonderful when one reflects upon it how much good has crept into the world as the result of His example and His teaching. The thirty odd charitable institutions in this city are a good illustration of the out-working of the loving, Christian spirit which is abroad in the land. It is doubtful if the founder of Christianity is seen to as good advantage in His own peculiar institution, the Church, as He is in the organizations and institutions of modern civilization, for every one of them gives expression to His teaching

## THE GIVING OF ONE'S SELF.

Real institutions consist in more than good inentions and good wishes. It is manifested chiefly in good actions. To be good is to do good. The man who is prepared to enter upon service must learn to give, and in his giving must first of all give himself. When one does this it is easy to give money and time and possessions of every kind: Unless one gives his heart all other giving is burdensome.
"Who gives himself with his alms feeds three
Himself, his hungering neighbor and me."
This is how parents must begin. It is not toys and trinkets children chiefly need at Christmas time; hey yearn for a mother's love and a father's at ention. And the parent who gives his affection will not find it difficult to give the toys and the trinkets. He will enjoy rather than grudge the giving. In the same way the preacher, the teacher, the giver to missions or charity will find that where the heart is, there will go the treasure.

## THE VIRTUE OF FORGIVING.

The highest form of giving is forgiving. The Western Home Monthly woula urge upon-its readers the practice of this virtue. All who have done wrong in the sight of God or man-and who has not?-wil know what it is to be forgiven. All who have been wronged or misinterpreted-and who have not?-wil know that there is no joy so great as that which follows an act of forgiveness. At this season then we urge all our readers to forget the bitterness of the past-the entanglements between lovers, between husband and wife, between friends and relatives, between sects and partic 3 . Let us in the name of the Prince of Peace, resolve to make a fresh start in the spirit of love so that the Christmas bells may chime for our hearts the song the .angels sang-"Peace, joodwill, for evermore."

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Some Christmas Thoughts for Canadians
By Thomas Laidlaw, Principal Alexandřa School, Winnipeg

NCE more the Christmas bells are ringing, and "Peace on earth, Goodwill
to men" is echoing round the world. There are few lands in which the words are more earnestly sung, and no country in which - their spirit is so fully realized as we have own Dominion. For a hundred geat neighbor to the south, and our history has been a history of peaceful development. The wresting of our heritage from the wilder-
ness has been our battle, and the conquest of the wilderness is a nobler game, and demands heroic sacrifice not less thán that demanded by the red game of war. But the early struggles and hardships are over, and we enter on the still nobler work of nation building, and at this Christmas season it may not be out of place to consider some of the things that enter into the cherished hope of her sons and daughters that Canada will one day be a great nation: a leader in civilization that will be an example to the rest of the world.
Has this hope any foundation? Is there any reason for thinking that it may be one day a realization? The past history of the race crys aye loudy and clearly. tradi-
are those to-day, who scoff at tion, but tradition counts for much in the life of a people.
He who reads the article on the Kildonan settlers which appeared last month in this magazine, cannot help but feel a thrill of pride and a renewed courage in his heart and a brighter hope for the future of his country. Strong, brave, enduring men were these who are the
of the West, and far reaching has been their influence. It is our boast that no land has ever been settled with so little lawlessness and disorder as the Canadian West. I wonder how much of this we owe to the lion-hearted, loyal, law-abiding men and women who sleep so peacefully now in
And surely, their descendants, and the descendants of others equally faithful, cannot fail to live up to the high sy them.
It is a fine thing for a man to be well born, to come of clean living, hard-working, God-fearing parents; to be able to look back to father and grand-father and great grand-father toiling for their daily bread penter's bench, or in the office, it may be but bearing in the community a good name, whose word has been their bond; whose honesty of purpose and uprightness of character have never been called in question. Surely it is a great heritage. For rather to be chosen than much fine gold. Strong and enduring will be the nation, and a high and leading place it must hold amongst the nations, whose sons
daughters are true to such a heritage.
"Civis Romanus sum" was the proud boast of the old Roman; but the British
born Canadian can make a prouder boast
than that: for is not he a Canadian and a loyal son of the British Empire. Regions Ceasar never knew, are ruled over by the men of his race, and the Union Jack waves
over lands undreamed of by the old Roman. To, the dark places of the earth it has carried liberty and hope and a new life.
But while we are a peaceful nation, these privileges had to be fought for in the past, that we might enjoy peace and free-
dom. We have been developing our country and its resources, under the protecting arm of the old grey mother, who has well
cared for her children. Her ships have guarded our commerce on the seas; her sons have been ready to aid us, and how can we better repay her than by living true to the best traditions of the past and laying a safe foundation for the future.

And what a task lies before us; what an edifice we have to build. The foundation indeed must be laid broad and deep.
Other peoples with strange tongues, and ways that are not our ways, are seeking homes in our new land. Today we have creeds. Doukhubors and Galicians, accustomed to toil and poverty and tyranny, and with little idea of citizenship or what is meant by a true national Iife. Germans thrifty habits of the people of these two great nations, but with ideas and customs and speech that are not ours. In time they may become good Canadians, but in them love for the home land and for German and French traditions must still come, from these lands of political bitterness and political unrest, and in whose peoples is an inborn hatred of all governments.
Here, too, God's ancient people have found a home and an abiding place, after having been driven from pillar to post,
and harried and harrassed in Christian Europe.
Crete and Scythian, bond and free, our rich mines and wealthy forests and fertile plains draw them all. Some of them we come gladly. To weld them into one magnificent whole is the task of the British born Canadian, and he must face it manfully.

Strong with the strength of the race,
To command, to obey, to endure." better than precept. While we are developing our natural resources and wresting wealth from the soil, the forest, the mine and the sea; while we are building highways, that these are material things, and in themselves do not make a nation great, not these, but men; men with a deepseated reverence, a high courage, an unfailing sense of justice and right, these are what make a nation.

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."
Duty has ever been the watchword of our race, and Canadians must not fail.
We must set before our children, and before the strangers within our gates, a high
and worthy example. We must teach them to hold dear their heritage and cherish the ancient liberties so hardy won. Selfish and not allow ourselves to become selfy a too
indifferent or to be carried away by ardent desire for wealth.
"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates and men deeay."
In our political life we must set a high standard, we must combat with all our
strength, that which is false and wrong, strength, that which is false and wrong,
and stand for that which is true. We can do this by regarding the franchise as a sacred thing, and by teaching our children to regard it as such. We must elect to principle. Men who will stand four square to all the winds that blow, men who will not sell the truth to serve the hour, but
who will discharge their duty faithfully, be the consequences what they may.
In our land, justice must be even-handed: there must not be one law for the rich and another for the poor, and we must learn to the wrong-doer, but to reclaim him should be our aim. Crime cannot go unpunished, but the erring one must be lifted up and given a chance to win back his os dealing hood. By adopting a system of dealing become good citizens, we will, as a nation, but be carrying out the mission of
whose birthday we celebrate so joyously whose birthday we
this Christmastide.
Evils in our social life must be rooted out if we are to become a great nation. The old home life, the family altar, the reverence for father and mother, and seniors frequently absent from our life today, should be restored.
We have a good educational system in Canada, and our children can have all the a good education. If we are to take the a good education. take and hold in the world, our children should be educated, nay, must be.

The Church, too, must continue to hold as it has always held, the foremost place in our national life. Let her change in a ditions, but the old, old story of the Babe ditions, but the old, old story of the babe simple faith has made our race what it is today, and so we must keep the faith, the faith our fathers sealed us.
"For except we pay the Lord single heart and single sword
Of our children in their bondage He shall ask it treble tale."
It is a great task that lies before the people of Canada, a great destiny, if her people bear themselves manfully and live up to the traditions of the race. But while
the task is great, the advantages, too, are many, for we have the experience of all ence lat experience let us take what we know to be best, and cast aside the things which are harmguide our people and their leaders through the perplexing years, until we emerge, all our different races welded into one magnificent whole: a great nation, indeed.

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## A Christmas Message to W. H. M. Readers

From John Henniker Heaton, M.P.

$\Gamma$ HE most heartfelt time in the life of the emigrant, father, mother, daughters, sons, sisters and brothers, is mail day-bringing so often a letter from Home! It has been the joy of my life to bring about penny postage, that is, two cent postage with every part of the British Dominions and America.
My visit to Canada over a quarter of a century ago had as its object the establishment of penny postage between the two countries. I met with great sympathy, and it culminated in Canada doing itself the honor of proposing Imperial Penny Postage, and the Cape of Good Hope seconding the resolution in 1898.
I spent many of my early days in the Australian bush, among station hands, shepherds, stockmen, etc. The arrival of the mail from home was looked to with deep interest. We had heard over the camp fire on many a night the family life of the English, Irish and Scotch emigrants, and we took as much interest in the father mother and sister of the stalwart station hand as if they were our own relatives.

## Remittances.

There is nothing so satisfactory or bearing such strong evidence of the love of home and kindred by the emigrants of Canada than their remittances to the old folks in the Mother Country
These figures are hardly creditable, showing the extraordinary increase in money orders from five shillings to $£ 10$ in value sent ten years ago and today:
In 1901 the emigrants of Canada sent to Great Britain and Ireland, $£ 218,228$.
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fathers, from young fellows to bring out their brothers, sisters and sweethearts, the money orders are transmitted. The average value of the money order is £3 each

## Cheap Telegraphy.

What we now suffer from is the want of cheap telegraph communication, say 12 words a shilling, from Great Britain and Ireland to Canada. In Australia we send a telegram of 16 words for one shilling 7,500 miles-that is more than the distance from Great ${ }^{\circ}$ Britain and Ireland to Vancouver.

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lines for the millionares and not for the lines for the millionares and not for the
million. The carrying capacity of the 12 million. The carrying capacity of the 12 or 14 cables from England to America is
320 millions of words, yet only 22 million words are sent annually
To send a message at the present high rates would cost a working man a week's wages. God gave electricity for the use of wages. God gave electricity by two cable rings all over the earth.

Canada to-day stands in higher estimation of the people of Great Britain and Ireland than any other of the children of the Mother Country. I would place the Empires' children in the affection of the Mother Country in this order: 1, Canada; 2. New Zealand; 3, Australia; 4 South Africa. There is, of course, nothing in this to make the other children of the Empire jealous; but the neargess to the old country, the close preservation of all the traditions, go to make up this intenser love between Canada and the Old Country.
I would like to say something of the great teachers and leaders in Canada, and the newspaper press. Your leading public men are regarded with respect and honor in the old country, and are better speakers and orators than from any other portion of His Majesty's Dominions.
The newspapers are also high class, pure, honorable and beyond reproach. They exercise an enormous influence over the country.
To the "Western Home Monthly" I send these Christmas greetings; and I can hardly believe that such a good all-round paperin printing, in thoroughly interesting reading matter, general news, mining, pastoral and agricultural, and well written stories, besides the most attractive advertisements could find its home in the Winnipeg I visited 30 years ago.

## How The West Impresses

By Rev. Hector MacKay, B.A., B.D

If the romance of the West is not yet exhausted for your readers, perhaps I may find your columns open to answer through them the one question with which each successive visitor or traveler seems to be greeted as he journeys. "What are your impressions of the West?" "How do you like Winnipeg?" "What do you think of Calgary?" Each place in succession, large and small alike repeats the question, and are never tired of hearing. Impressions! A sense of opression as of infinite space A sense of opression as inite spaces and endless possibilities. The very heavens seem stretched thin
the prairie vastnesses.
This consciousness of bigness and magnificence appears in the terms used to designate places and locations. The farms are sections, great blocks cut out of the limitless areas; the townships run in ranges-they parallel the Rockies in direction and surpass them in totality. The cities do not arrive by slow degrees at that enviable eminence so coveted by Eastern towns, they leap to it at a bound. There are indeed, what would be called in Onare, indeed, what would be called in ontario, villages, but the name is disdained
of this great land The farms are townships, the countries are kingdoms, in European measurements. Saskatchewan is just a province, nothing more. But is larger much than all Germany with its four kingdoms, ten or twelve duchies and grand-duchies, seven principalities and the acquired province of Alsace-Lorraine. It is larger by a still greater margin than all France. Saskatchewan and Alberta taken together-and one gasps at the idea-will overlay the entire area of Great Britain, France and Germany, and still have a square mile of land for three hundred and twenty-five households left over Yet these twentries number one hundred and fifty countries number one har and millions, while our two provinces do not "Het muster one.

Here," truly, in the words of Carlyle, "is an earth all' lying round, crying, 'Come and till me, come and reap me.'

The peoples, at last, have heard that call. The fertility and resources of our prairies are comparable only to this vastness. A distinguished journalist writing in "The Continent" says, "Cairo and all of Egypt that the traveler sees fairly enudes prosperity." The words are only, a little less
true of our Western plains. And into these fertile and farflung fields the populations of the world are pouring: Finns, Lapps, Poles, Czechs, Danes, Swedes, RusLapps, Posents and English lords. One and English lords. One almost feels alarm at this mongrel and multitudinous invasion mingling, striving, jostling for place and part therein.

Can we assimilate these masses? Will they learn our laws and language, will they espouse our ideals with our country? The school and the church must answer. They are the only and they are a sufficient solution. To-day they begin to weld in being wedded; to-morrow they will be tused in their offspring. The doughty Dave leads off a Highland lassie; a "remittance man" ties up his fortune with a Galician girl, the remittance having ceased. One of the remion to be in the making under our nations eyes.
And who can doubt that it is destined to greatness? This fusion of hardy and thrifty races cannot but produce a virile type, worthy to be called Canadian, and proud to be so called. Opportunity invites; nature herself will at once assist and compel them to hardiness, virility and aggressive-
ness. Of course, there are drawbacks, but they have been surmounted, and will continue to be. In case of miners' strikes, the fuel situation becomes grave; in case of drought, the lack of water. But no matter. Hail sweeps down with wide destructive swath; frost nips the kernel of the wheat untimely. Rain may drown, drought may parch, heat may scorch, and does in places; yet these, not one nor all, can stay the steady stream of incoming peoples, nor stem the tides of ever increasing prosperity. The shack of poplar poles and brown sods makes a way for palace of cement block and Georgia pine, the prairie schooner for the automobile. And this in the space of a few years! Truly a great and magic land.

But there are dangers. The speculator holding large tracts of land unimproved levies a double toll; one, the while upor those actually at work improving their own property and opening up the country, the other at some future time when he unloads his holdings: upon those who must pay
greatly enhanced prices. But the greater and greatest danger is a moral one. Life is more than land. Progress is more than palatial homes, large farms and swift cars. The material presses hard upon the spiritual. But we are full of hope. The Westerner is intelligent, whether old timer or new comer. This is particularly true of those from our own, older East, or from across the line. His is a frank nature, a generous hand. Colleges, schools of learning, remedial agencies spring up on every hand.

The cities, like the individual, have the ambition and the hopefulness of youth. They are all great in fancied possibilities, and many of them in what they have and are. Solidity, permanence, progress are their watchwords. Winnipeg, situated in mid-continent, and the gateway to what is itself a continent, fills the heart with adritation and the eye with wonder. Brandon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon are no mean cities being
but just begun. Yet Winnipeg, in point of population, is larger than all these lumped into one. It can live and let live. A stone dropped into the pool makes some splutter where it falls, its ripple is not discernible at a hundred yards. Regina and Moose Jaw compete feverishly. But competition cannot operate at five hundred or a thousand miles.
Let no one say that travel across these great spaces is any longer monotonous or tedious, while all nature revels in fruitfulness and bloom. Even finest music palls. What endless roundelay of wheat and oats, of flax and barley, green and golden, purple and amber; leagues of virgin sod gray with its years, freshly turned dark earth in hundred and three hundred acre summer fallows! Here, visibly and audibly, if anywhere or ever, the fields clap their hands, they laugh and sing.
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## Present and Future.

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#### Abstract

Covernments cannot save us, but a change of government may have a stimu- lating effect. There is a common belief that government is, in an occult way, realize that we can only be saved by a naked effort. We all like a little coddling, that is why government-for votes, built--for salvation. But with a new overnment, a new Governor General, whose name and connection, gives us an mperial thrill, we make a fresh start. it is not the season for critical bookplum pudding and cordial human warmth, no captious creature must be allowed to disclose the cynic; bnt it is well to know that after the insistent xcitement of a general election, the is only a temporary expedient, which will disappear when the corner poiceman is no longer necessary, but it is well that before we sit down to our Christmas and destiny are decisively settled. The happy abandon of the old pagan festival, in a world which knew not the agonizing incertitude of the stock market, may not be ours. We have a world to fashion in the new. We have the passion for bigness, born of vast and lonely spaces. In an earlier day, the individual was lost in the mass. There was no local paper; there was no contemporary historian; there was no urgent goad to the doing of things. But in this great Western world we have at once vital problems and the daring and the mental power to solve them, the individual bulles not merely because he makes a big fortune merely because he makes a big fortune rammelled, to do the individual things which in a more cramped civilization he Earl Grey has told us how he lived with the lumber Jack; how he spoke with the hopeful, the large individual expression amid conditions calculated, at the outset "Wpress the most daring and stoical "Where do all the people go to" the riter asked a leading C.P.R. official, as women and children entraining for the West. What becomes of them ? How are they absorbed? Ah, that is the uestion. We do not know. They are ho bulk against the sky line-but they tell in the next year's crop report. They ell in the increased school roll. They tell in the little bits of muslin curtains which you see in the front windows of which you s. There is a tragical interest in the growth of this great Western worldis all new and plastic. It will bear ny impress, which strong and urgent an amazing, ethical hodge-podge, representing, it might be said, every coneivable race and tongue on the globe. or the first time, they feel the overap the soil-they sow their seed-they et up the home. It is made of sods, is fashioned with rough logs, it is poor and pitiful, but here are the sanctispeaking settlers set them down a little wistfully. There is a sense of loneliness, lump comes in the throat. Earl Grey tells how he came across English women, who, while trying to sing the old English who, while trying to sing the old English songs, broke down. And if the newcomer is from that haunting town of "Lun-


non, nostalgia is necessarily extreme,
for the heart turns to "Bow Bells" and for the heart turns to "Bow Bells" and Seven Dials, and it might be sweet to
starve within sight and sound of the music hall, but there is the prideful sense of ownership. There are the bright faces of the prairie flowers, there are the divine compulsions of glorious sun
sets, there is the stimulating hope of independence. The shack becomes homethere are flowers in the windows-there are draperies which spell the recovered spiritual hope. The young voices multiply. The school grows. A social life shows faint but hopeful beginnings. Out of the vastness is evolved a closer neighborhood, and familiar gossip saves the
soul. And these formative and moulding processes are going on all over the West. The little cluster of houses becomes the illage, is transmuted, as if by magic, from the utilitarian point of savingly hopelessly from aesthetic considerations, darkens the pure light of the prairie. The public library puts a soul into mathe coarser grace of education refines the coarser elements. The advent of
educated women baptizes and redeems arid conditions, and always the cultivable area extends. A self contained people express a new and desirable contentment. The early hardships encour-
age the growth of virtue. The public ge the growth of virtue. The public
spirit is born. The evolution of the politician is accomplished. The embryo statesman claims the regard. The nomad from the four corners of the earth
feels the thrilling compulsion of citizenship. The blasts of winter search the humble cabin with shrill persistency, but there is warmth and cheer within. The
crop has brought gain. The land rests crop has brought gain. The land rests.
The great silence falls. Memories, precious as life itself, dear as remembered kisses after death, throng the mind. The heart swells. Across the waste of ocean comes the old longing, the dear
old faces, the echoes of the old songs the cadences of the "Merry Bells of Yule." There is a throb in the throat,
but here, too, are home and kindred, and appy faces in the new world, in which is "full and plenty," the distance makes the infrequent friend doubly welcome; the poignancy of experience makes the sacred season doubly precious.

## The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid, the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hil

 Lord Strat Lord Strathcona, whose pre-vision is sees in the near future, fifty million people in our great Commonwealth. That is not an exagseration. The tendency is to belittle the present moment,and to over emphasize the centuries, beand to over emphasize the centuries, be-
cause they cannot contradict you. But, however, inept, or indifferent, or hindering, governments may be, they cannot retard our progress. We are the last
great unoccupied territory on the planet. great unoccupied territory on the planet.
The pressure of old world populations guarantees destiny. The yearning hope in the heart of oppressed and impoverished peoples for human betterment, under fair and wholesome conditions,
books the space before the ship is on the stocks: The lure of a brand ne world, all unspoiled; a a world which is all in the making, is potent. It appeals to the imagination. It kindles the most
stolid. The Briton is not dithyrambic, but even the national phlegm gives way to candid wonder. The "granary of the world" is a hackneyed phrase; actually
and potentially, it has great and potentially, it has great significance.
The villages become towns; the towns become cities; the ethnic diversity ap. proaches a unified assimilation; the variety of types expresses a physical
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The blessed spirit of Christmas knows The bessed spirit or
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prevalent at the Antipodes in the midst of broiling heats as in our white Northwest. It enters the cabin as freely as
the mansion of the rich-nay to the
humble it brings richer joys, for satiety knows no piquancy of delight. As we
gather round the smoking board, thauk gather round the smoking board, thank:
ful for the friends into whose loving ful for the friends into whose loving
faces God has permitted us to look. wistful, it may be, for those other faces which we slaall only see again when we cross the greal Divide, conscious of the hush, but also of the simple happiness of the Clristmas season. Let us feel something of the spirit of Him who
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apiration of "Tiny Tim"-God bless apiration of "Tiny Tim"-God bless us
everyone.

Christmas as it is Celebrated in many Lands.

## By Addie Farrar.

As customs of all kinds vary in dif- $\mid$ ber 6, when the patron saint of childferent lands, so particularly does the hood goes about on his white horse to celebrating of the greatest religious fes- $\quad$ bring presents to deserving children, that tival day of the Christian era, the na-
corresponds to Christmas in our land.
tivity of Our Saviour. Christmas is al-
Over night the little Dutch children ways an interesting time, but one could almost say that in the Holy Land it is more so than anywhere else. For one who has seen Christmas celebrated there thousands of people then journey to Palestine to witness and to take part in the various odd religious ceremonies held there. Nearly everyone makes
their headquarters at Jerusalem, and on their headquarters at Jerusalem, and on
Christmas morning they rise early, usually with the sun, and begin their journey to Bethlehem, which lies almost
due south of $J$ Jerusalem to attend the due south of Jerusalem to attend the
services held in that village in a stable services held in that village in a stable
above the image of the Christ Child. It is a wonderful sight to see the crowds of people streaming along the ancient
thoroughfare, some on horses, some thoroughfare, some on horses, some on foot and many in carriages, all bound
for one plaee, the birthplace of Christ. It is a sight that is not witnessed under similar conditions anywhere else, this gathering, as one might say, of the
world, for it is a fact at this the wost every nation under the sun is most every nation under the sun is
represented, and as many of the guests are dressed in their national garb, the sight is more wonderful still.
Perhaps in Italy, more than in any other country outside Jerusalem, religion
dominates the observance of Christmas The most striking is the representation of the "Presepio," Holy Manger, in the churches, and in many of the homes of
the wealthy and by the wayside in the poorer vilages. In many instances living groups instead of sculptured groups are used to depict the nativity. In each appears the Holy Babe, Mary, Joseph, the
Magi, and the Shepherds. Sacred music Magi, and the Shepherds. Sacred music
adds to the impressiveness of the tableau, and the devotion aroused by the people is most genuine.
In some of the rural districts the head In some of the rural districts the head
of the village will come to this shrine
attired in special garments attired in special garments and sur-
rounded by a great crowd will offer to
ret the Infant Saviour a pot of steaming soup. At the foot of the improvised
altar worshippers set altar worshippers set upon a carpet,
jars filled with water which they reclaim on the morrow and use as pions present on New Year's day. Young women give
on drink of this water to their betlunotled a drink of this water to their bethrothed it is equivalent to a siacred promise the it is equivalent to a sicred promise that
he will be a faithful loving husband. The Christmas tree plays no part in
the Italian celebration, but, ineornruons as it may seem, the lule Long io Lumed, and its sparks and ashes are nuposed
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not observe (hri-th: Gative will a-cemble and after formal
leave carrots on the hearth for the steed,
and the next morning they are apt to find that he has eaten the carrots and left pretty presents in their-stead. Shoes chimney and are mysteriously filled. St. Nicholas is said to be attended by a black boy, a sneaking, prying, disagreeable boy, who is given to lurking about
the houses all the year round that he me houses all the year round that he
may report to St. Nick how the children may report to St. Nick how the children
have been behaving themselves. Those who are bad get no gifts and neither will In Denmark and Norway sols.
In the In Denmark and Norway some strange observed. Grain is used to deck gateways and gables and the roofs of cottages just as in heathen days they were
so disposed to feed Wodon's mighty so disposed to feed Wodon's mighty
horse as he bore his master about, but now the children say it is for the birds. Great are the celebrations of the Christmas eve, and a hig supper is then spread
with the cakes that the housewife has with the cakes that the housewife has
been busy making for weeks and a big been busy making for weeks and a big
bowl of punch to finish. The Christmas tree is almost general in all parts, and presents are hung on the tree instead of being left over night.
The Russians do not
The Russians do not celebrate the 25th anuary. Presents are exchanged on Christmas eve, January 6th, and the east is on Christmas Day, January 7th.
No work is done on these three days xcepting such as is absolutely necessary The Russians have no Santa Claus nor ny other good fairy to take his place, who is supposed to bring good children gifts on this day, but they do have a
Christmas tree, and this tree is most gorgeously decorated and lighted. These Christmas trees, however, are had only in the homes', for to have one in a Christh would be indeed a sacrilege. Thei and feasting mostly. It is at Easter that the Russian really celebrates what eems to be a Christmas to us, for then ifts are exchanged by every one.
Christmas is a great festival Christmas is a great festival day in
iermany, and the German child looks roward to it for months. As soon as the summer holidays are over the Ger man fancy turns to thoughts of "Weihn children make out long lists of wanted gifts and enclose them in envolopes ad ressed to the "Christkind," the girls and women organize coffee parties, and whil heir tongues fly so do their needles as
they work on the gifts for Cluristmas Whey on the gifts for Christmas
day. There is always a gift being made for every member of the family, all the poor and lonely relations, the aunts and moll hungre even invited poor and distant re greetings, thor will be semi-religious
the one in which the assembly takes only by the children but by the grown Perhaps the scene of the most brilliant criminals are provided with place, a bell will ring three times and the all Germa nhouses have their rooms so arranged and will reveal a glittering tree. The Christmas tree in Germany is
regarded with something like awe, not
ups as well. It is seen through a mist of lore and tradition that transforms it into something sacred and each invited
guest to a Germe Cuest to a German Christmas party, be
he ever so humble, will have at his own lie ever so humble, will have at his own
poor little home a Christmas tree, too.

Perhaps the scene of the most brilliant Christmas festival in Europe is at the whare the Kaiser celebrates it in a man, ner befitting the monarch of Germany where Santa Claus comes to every house with gifts, and where even the very
rees als are provided with Christmas Christmas eve the Kaiser and his of walk about the neighborhood of the palace giving Christmas boxes to all the poor folk they chance to meet, wishing
them "Gluckluk Feitag" (a happy Christ-


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mas), and on every begear he meets the
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In the palace, in an apartment known as the hall of shells, are the Christmas trees, two enormous ones for the Em-
peror and Empress, and smaller ones for peror and Empress, and smaller ones for
the children and grandchildren, graduating in size according to their respective ages. With the lighting of these trees royalty is forgotten and the Emperor once again becomes a boy, while presents
are exchanged and carols sung and games played, just as in the homes of his humblest subjects.
In some of the more remote parts of Germany and the provinces, religious services are held in the stables to com-
memorate the birth of Christ, and the processions go through the streets at midnight on Christmas eve.
One point of peculiarity in Germany is that the celebration always takes place on Christmas eve instead of Christ-
mas proper. The celebration begins just mas proper. The celebration begins just
after sunset on December 24th, and concludes on the same evering. Christmas day is simply a national holiday. On
this day all the theatres and places of this day all the theatres and places of day.
The "Heilige Nacht," as Christmas eve is called, is celebrated essentially
the same in every German family from the same in every German family from
the royal house down to the humblest peasant. First the family gather around
the Christmas tree and sing one or two carols, the beautiful "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" always leading. The husband then embraces and kisses his wife and
the children, and then the children kiss the children, and then the children kiss
their parents and one another, and all the friends and relatives present embrace and kiss. In short there is a general epidemic of kissing and embracing. Then some member of the family, disguised
as Kriss Kringle, Appears and distributes the presents ifom the tree. One point in favor of the German Christmas is that every German household boasts a tree a this holiday, even if it be only a branch
stuck into a flower pot, decozated with
colored paper and a few candles. colored paper and a few candles. Far different from the German way is
he joyous abāndon with which Paris cele. the joyous abăndon with which Paris cele. brates Christmas, especially Christmas leine, Trinite, Notre Dame and other churches are thronged with people, and at the close of these services all Paris seems to rush onto the boulevards to
join in the joyous, boisterous merriment join in the joyous, boisterous merriment
of the Christmas fair. Neither age nor rank is exempted, and the clearer the night the greater and more furious the fun, when everybody speaks to every-
body, rich and poor, old or young. On ody, rich and poor, old or young. On
Christmas the shops are opened as usual and all the places of amusement are thronged, and at night the boulevards
are again alive with crowds of merryare again
At Sandringham, King George and Queen Mary do their best, as did good
Queen Victoria and King Edward, her son, to preserve the traditions of the old time English Christmas day. They are always served with boars' head, a baron of beef and a gigantic plum pudding The boar's head, which is usually a present to the King from the Kaiser, is laid pon a silver dish with its tusks highly polished, and is carried shoulder high in-
to the dining room, at which time the old to the d
carol,
"The King's boars' head in hand bring
Bedecked with bay and rosemary, Bedecked with inay you, good people, be
merry., is sung.
Even to this day in parts of rural England, Yorkshire, and some of the arthern countries, bands of children go vesty of the nativity in the form of a big doll, decked out with holly and mistletoe, singing, "Here we come a was-
salling," wlich may be literally inter-
preted as requests for pennies. The Christmas card is more prevalent in England than anywhes the place of a present, the gift giving being more confined there to t
mediate family.
The idea that the american Indian The idea that the American Indian
does not celebrate Christmas is dedoes not celebrate Christmas is de-
cidedly erroneous. From their white brothers through, the teachings of the
missiomaries in the United States and missionaries in the United States and Canada, and the government schools, the
Indian has learned to celebrate ChristIndian has learned to celebrate and he does it in a typical way. mas, and he dues it indians, the Christ-
Among the Pueblo mas celebration is a curious mixture of Christmas and pagan customs. They
attend church in the morning, have attend church in the morning, have
feasts and then manifest their instincfeasts and then manifest their
tive traits by having fantastic dances that continue for half a week. At this Christmas dance those who have long ago discarded the old Indian dress will
appear gorgeously apparelled in true Inappear gorgeously apparelled in true In-
dian fashion, war paint, plumes, silver, dian fashion, war paint, plumes, silver,
belts, bead work, moceasins, bracelets, etc. Clay images of liorses, cattle, sheep, etc., made by the women are car-
ried to the fields for the purpose of ried to the fields for the purpose of
guarding the owners of the stock from guarding the owners of the stock from
harm and from evil spirits during the coming year.
The Nee Perces attend the midnight
mass and then hold huge bonfires and mass and then hold huge bonfires and
gather round while addresses are made by the heads of the tribe. The Moki tribe of Arizona have ofd ceremonials, many of which are performed in secret. They dance, chant, and feast, and use
certain fetiches to drive evil spirits certain. Tetiches Sioux have great feasts
away. The and Christmas trees gorgeously de-
corated, and celebrate more in the corated, and celebrate more in the
Christian way than any other tribe except the Kiowas, the Osages and Poncept the Kiowas, the Osages and Pon-
cas. The Shoshone Indian looks upon the day as one of feasting, and if he can, usually ends, up by getting too
much "fire water," and a most hilarious can, usuir
much "fire
drunk on.
"Like Mother used to make."
You can talk about the good things That are on the bill o' fare, In the swell cafe across the wa Where sups the millionaire;
But to me there's just one standard But to me there's just one standard,
Be it, pie or be it cake, And it's hard to find, for it's the kind
That moher used to make.
When I see the poor dyspeptic
shake his head and heave a sigh Or tasty tart or pastry
say "O, you poor fellow:
Would you like to shake your aches?
Then have a bite of stuff made right, Then have a bite of stuff made
The kind that mother makes."
There are times when I am lonely And perhaps a trifle blue, Then the sky's not clear and things are And I am hunghy too.
Then a cravin' overtakes me
Kind o' makes my in'arids ache,
And I long to crunch a tasty lunch And I long to erunch a tasty lunch
Like mothe used to make.

Like
ust around the Christmas season All my thoughts are thoughts of home,
And the scenes most dear again are near, And the scenes most dear again are near, No matter where I roam;
And the appetite of childhood Once again seems wide awake; O, to have a treat of things to eat Like mother used to make!" -F. Bayard Hamilton,

A Toast: Mair freends, and less
A Scotch paper says:. . Deep down in every woman's heart is the craving to be wanted by some one; the desire to be found necessary to some one. And,
not having gods or angels to pick from, not having gods or angels.
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## Waiting for the Tide.

A Christmas Episode. By Lucy Hardy.


LONELY farm - house her darling's child as her own. Little her darling's child as her own. Little some maiden, adored by bonny, win
and uncle. The little girl and I were and uncle. The little girl and I were
great friends, and I was almost as much great friends, and I was almost as much
grieved as were her own relatives when, grieved as were her own relatives when,
about a fortnight before Christmas, Jenny was taken seriously ill-so ill as to cause grave anxiety. The child ral lied again, but a relapse occurred upon Christmas Eve. Young Tregarth had gone to spend the evening with som
neighbors at a distance, and when Mrs Tregarth came to me in floods of tear to announce that "the little maid be took worse than ever," the invalid, her grandmother, a small serving maid, and myself were the only inmates of the
house. My offer to go at once for the doctor was gratefully accepted by Mrs. Tregarth, so I hastily wrapped up and started on the three miles walk. "Hadn't you better go by the road-
way, sir?" Mrs. Tregarth called after "And add on nearly a mile to the way? No; on a bright, clear night like
tnis the cliff path is safe enough", and I strode along, making for the path which skirted along the edge of the cliffs-a dangerous track, perhaps, on a snowy or misty night, but safe enough now, with the moonlight gleaming brightly upon large white stones which were placed along the path at intervals to serve as
guides to the traveller in less favorable guides to the traveller in less favorable weather, I hurried along, too anxious
to reach my destination to pause to note the beauty of the quiet scene around, when I heard footsteps behind me. Thinking it might be a messenger from the farm, I turned my head and "Good evening!" I said; but the man vouchsafed no reply to my remark, pulled his hat down further over his eyes, e ralong by me in gloomy "You will be sorry to hear that your little friend Jenny Wilson is worse this evening, and that I am on the road to fetch the doctor," I said, feeling the silence becoming oppressive ment, then suddenly turned and faced me with outstretched arms.,"Have you yet repented of your sins?" he asked
It was

I remembered the man's reputation as a local preacher, and imagined that his mind was possibly still running upon some recent "revival" service. So I made some commonplace reply, and
attempted to walk on; but Joel still barred the way.
"Have you yet repented, I ask you?" cause, if not, your time for it is short!" A sudden thrill of terror seized me, as I recognized that I was alone, upon a solitary Cornish cliff, miles away from any human habitation, with a man who
was palpably of unsound mind. I rewas palpaby of unsound mind. I reJoel as "queer" at times; and now, as
the man stood towering before me, a tall, the man stood towering before me, a tall, powerful figure, with outspread arms
and wild eyes, there was no question of his absolute insanity.
"You are delaying me on my journer forr the doctor, and I am sure you would, not wish to do that, for Jenny's sake,"
Joel burst
laugh. "For Jenn's hoarse, mocking they call my Molly now! But I know her, and I know you, Horace Wilson,
though vou fancy I do not; you have though you fancy I do not; you have
come back here again to ruin my darling. body and sou!, as you did once befare", "He takes me for his old rival," 1
thought, with a thrill of terror. thought, with a thrill of terror.
"See here!" went on the man, clutch"See here!" went on the man, elutch
ing my arm, "I have for years longed into my hands, and my prayer is grant ed to-night. Look!" and he pointed to the surging billows below; "in another
moment or tho youl will be. lying be-

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I vainly tried to speak soothingly to the lunatic, or to persuade him of my real identity; his distracted brain had firmly taken up the idea that Io wa
Horace Wilson in some altered form. © 4 The time is over, and the hour i come!" cried the maniac at length, springing on me, and striving to thrust me of the narrow pathway into the sea below. Joel was a powerfully built man
of more than double my strength, but of more than double my strength, but
despair gives power to to the weakest, and I fought desperately against the iron grasp which was pressing me backwards with all my force for the help which, with all my force for the help which,
alas! I knew was never likely to come. We struggled desperately for a moment or two, then the crumbling edge of the cliff suddenly gave way, and we both fell-providentially not on the rocks of
the shore, but on a small oasis of greenAward which jutted out many feet below where we had been working. For a moment I was stunned by the fall, then recovered myself and attempted to rise,
but an agonizing pain in one foot showbut an agonizing pain in one foot showsprained my ankle, and I fell back helpless. Joel who had apparently escaped unhurt, was sitting beside me with a
strange, rapt look on his rugged face. "It is a miracle!" 'he said, as if speaking to himself, "and it may be that a sign is given me. Not by my hand, perchance, is he to meet his doom," and he sat musing for a while, his
ing as if in secret communing.
ing as if in secret communing.
d have it now!" he exclaimed, rising
suddenly; "añ inward light has been


Patchy
given me!" and he carefully raised me in his arms and bore me down to the path which at this place led down to the beach. My heart beat with hopebut only for a moment. My bearer deposited me upon some large rocks, not far from
"Here," he said solemnly, "it has been revealed to me that I am to leave you; and it is the waves of the sea, and not the hand of man, which are to execute judgment upon you." In a moment I recognized my awful eft to perish by the rapidly advancing tide. The lunatic bound me with handkerchiefs, placed me in a rocky recess,
and then, with one last grim warning to "repent," turned and ran swiftly up the cliff path, leaving me alone, while Youder nd closer came the regular "roll" of the Atlantic billows, beating inward towards How often had I, lounging on the cliffs, delighted in the sound of that steady beat and swell; but now! The waves were coming nearer; allin upon some flakes of spray were falling upon my face; in another of the white crests of the billows. Oh, agony! to lie thus bound and helpless, waiting for death; boun I was as powerless as an infant,

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with the double shackles of my injury and my bonds. So the cruel waves crept swiftly
nearer and nearer, until one broke over nearer and nearer, and drenched me as I lay; and then others came swiftly, until I knew no
more.
"Raise his head a little; give me the brandy flask again; aye, he'll do now." Such were the first words that fell upon
my ear, as I awoke to find myself the my ear, as I awoke to find myself the
centre of an excited group of men procentre of an excited group of men pro-
vided with lanterns, while the old docvided with lanterns, while the old doc-
tor was kneeling by my side, holding sore brandy to my lips.
"Where? How?" I began; but the some brandy to my lips. coctor promptly silenced me.
"You are to keep perfectly quiet," he "You are to keep perfectly quiet," he
sad with decision. "Now, men, quick sald with decision. "Now, men, quick
here with the hurdle;" and carefully wrapped in blankets, I was placed upon this primitive ambulance and carried back to the farm, where I lay for several
weeks struggling between life and weeks strugging between hife and
death in the throes of a fever brought on by the shock and exposure. It was only during my convalescence that I heard the full particulars of my escape. It so happened that soon after I had
started on my errand, the doctor, who had been summoned to a sick woman not far from the farm, had looked in to see how Jenny was progressing. Mrs. Tregarth's son, who had just returnel patched to overtake me if possible. As the young man had hurried along the cliffs he had met Joel "looking queerer than ever, and muttering to himself that "the Lord would avenge him of his en-
emy." The broken cliff pathway, emy.," The broken cliff pathway,
which bore unmistakable signs of a struggle, coupled with Joel's strange manner, had aroused young Tregarth's
suspicions; he had hurried down to the suspicions; he had hurried down to the
shore, and succeeded in discovering and rescuing me, but only just in time.

## Western Verse. Canada.

By M. E. Ryman, Milk River, Alta. They call me "The Lady of the Snow,"
When I don my robes of ermine, white When I don my robes of ermine, white My auroral crown upon my brow,
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## My Heart's Like a Sieve.

Alack, now, 'tis hand to be coortin' a Who flouts
has said Who tosses her head and walks airly by, her eye a glance from the bue her eye.
Then, faith me I'll stop it and coort her no more,
But hould my head high when I pass by her door,
And show Mistress Katie a man I will be Who can find me another as fair like as
she. I'll send for my cousin from ould BallyTo stay wid me mother and me over I'll take her to meetin', we'll wait by the stile,
And Katie shall have not the ghost of a
smile smile.
An' faith but I did it, an' thrue as you Tis my cousin like a sieve, nut this last bit of beauty will never
pass through; Begorra, 'tis strange what a maid's smile
can do. Mistress Katie has now an' ould gallant She'll wed him 'tis said, for with gould My cousin now waits me in ould Ballyclare,
$\mathrm{An}^{3}$ has promised to wed me the day of
the fair.

## Autumn Passing.

O, autumn wind, whisper low", why are What is your sorrow, and why do With tear-drops still falling, as autumn replying, monotoue.
"My flowers are all dead, by their graves I amm weeping,
The winds chant my grief as onward While they go, my dead children my sad While by my dead child
watch still keeping, Some late bird is wailing a requiem
low. low.
"I feel all my vigor and bright way departing,
Soon, all too soon, I my sceptre must Winter's chill minions tell me his conMy quest is starting, and field." Then a voice whispered softly and full
of sweet chiding, The of sind paused to hear and caught In field, and in forest, and orchard con In fing,
They eclined the message again and again:
"Think not of death but, of new joy awakening,
Think of thy fruitage all garnered in Thiak of thy glories in spring-time outThink of thy, mercies, and weep then
no more., Then from the mists there came a faint sighing,
They lifted, and ${ }_{\text {w }}$ autumn with calm, cheering grace,
hymn of thanksgiving she chanted while dying,
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## The Origin of Christmas Customs.

Forgotten Meanings of Yule-Tide. By Edgar S. Nash

There are a few things in existence
to-day which have not been changed or moulded in the hands of Progress. One by one legends and customs have been disproved and overthrown, yet none have
dared attack the legends and the cusdared attack the legends and tide. Here and there a savant has tried to prove that December 25th does not mark the birthday of Christ. Me
read, smile, and pass on
read, smile, and pas 3 on.
The time of year corresponding to our Christmas-tide has always been a period of rejoicing. It marks the winter solstice. The days begin to lengthen, and the earth, but enters upon his return. the earth, but enters upon his return.
It is a promise of renewed light and warmth, of the approach of the summer days, and men hail these signs with
every expression of gladness. every expression of gladness. In Rome, the Saturnalia, or feast of
Saturn, fell at about the same time as our Christmas, and it marked the greatest festival of the Roman year The city abandoned itself to gaiety. Unbounded
license held sway; universal mirth was the order of the day; friends feasted friends, and foes were reconciled. There were no slaves, no masters; all social distinctions were laid aside. Work was
stopped throughout the city, and no war stopped throughout the city, and no.
was ever entered upon at this time. The tree as the emblem of life also figured conspicuously in the earlier r ligions. In Egypt the palm tree put the time of the winter solstice it was the custom among the Egyptians to
decorate the houses with a branch of decorate the houses with a branch of palm bearing twelve shoots. In Rome
the fir tree was regarded with venerathe fir tree was regarded with venera-
tion, and during the Saturnalian festivities the halls and houses were hung with evergreen boughs.
In England, in the days of the Druids, in order that the sylvan spirits might repair to their grateful shelter and remain protected from the nipping frost and icy winter winds
Farther to the north the wild Teuton tribes worshipped their god in wooded
places, and looked upon the fir trees as his sacred emblem. The period corresponding to the Roman Saturnalia was
the festival of Thor. This festival, like the festival of Thor. This festival, like
the Roman feast, was given over to the most barbaric pleasures and the wildest form of enjoyment. Among these peo-
ples the festivity was known as Yule-
When Christianity spread abroad, men knew that in the story of Christ's na-
tivity was realized what they in their tivity was realized what they in their
blindness had striven to typify. So they blindness had striven to typify. So they
adapted the old customs of their ancest-
ors to the new order of things. ors to the new order of things.
Among Northern European tribes a great fir tree was set up in each house-
hold at Christmas-tide. At its base hold at Christmas-tide. At its base
were placed representations of Adam and are; in the branches coiled the Serpent and on the topmost bough gleamed a
candle, symbolizing the 1,jght of the
World thirough whom alone was victory World, through whom alone was victory
over the Serpent possible. Later in his. over the Serpent possible. Later in his-
tory the tree was more profusely decorawhich were at first symbolical. But the children were not alowed to see the tree
till Christmas morning. To account for its appearance there
the parents used to toll Chaldean legend. lears ayo it was thi
custom for every Sixon homstorid custom for every sixon homsencold th
burn the Yule log on Christmat F Fer This was a great knarled root or tro
trunk, cut the day before Christinule brought into the hall on Clui-tman liv with great ceremony, and whimin
with music. Each member of
hold would sing a Yule hold would sing a lule
on the centre of the log.
The Yule $\log$ into the great lual... Al
ven that the "dun" Icfinsel.
dragged it to the great fireplace. It was lighted with the charred remnant of the former year's log, which had been care-
fully preserved for this occasion, and which was supposed to insure the house against ill luck.
The children were told that during the night the Yule log gave birth to the
Christmas tree which they found in the hall on Christmas morning loaded with gifts.
The
The Christmas tree was introduced into England by Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria. From the palace the
custom spread, until now the Christmas tree is a necessary feature of an English Christmas.
In Germany and other European countries it was believed by the children
that the tree glittering. with candles and bright baubles, and the gifts found beneath the tree, were the work of jolly old Saint Nicholas, Sant Nicholaus, or Santa Claus, as we know him. This
kindly saint was no legendary character kindly saint was no legendary character.
He lived about 300 A.D., and was a noted Bishop of Asia Minor. He was looked upon as the patron saint of generosity because of his liberality
Three daughters of a poor nobleman
could not marry as could not marry as advantageously as
they should because their father could give them no dowry. But one night one of the daughters found in her room a purse, shaped like a stoc- ging, filled with
gold, evidently thrown in the window by gold, evidently thrown in the window by
some one from without. . The next night the second daughter found a purse in her room, and on the third night the father caught Saint Nicholas in the act of throwing the third purse in the window.
From that story originated the custom of hanging up the stockings on Christmas Eve. Thereafter the young girls at the convent schools would hang their stockings on the door of the Mother
Superior's room on Saint Nicholas night. Superiors room on Saint Nicholas night.
On the following morning they would be found filled with gifts and dainties, and a little hint from Saint Nicholas as to

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I always felt heavy and sluggish in I always felt heavy and sluggish in
mind as well as body after eating the ordinary meal. which diverted the Dhood from the brain to the digetsive apparatus. I tricd foods easy of digestion, but found them usually deficient in nutri-
ment. I experimented with many breakfast foods and they, too, proved un-
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before I fomud that I was turning out ann munsual luantity and quality of murk. Continued use has demonstrated to my nutire satisfaction that Grape-
Xints fonl contains the elements needed , the hain and nervous system of the
 "Theress araton." and it is explain Ever read the above letter? A ne:
ne appears from time to time. They ne appears from time to time. They
re genuine, true, and full of human
the appearance
future husbands.
Saint Nicholas is the petron saint Rusia, and his festival used to be celebrated eariier in December than the 25th but now his name is synonymous with
Christmas festivities. In parts of Europe he is known as "Pelsnichol," or Nicholas with the fur, because he is supposed to be clad in furs from head to foot. Tn a sleigh of Srawn by reindeer orivinating in a sleigh drawn by reindeer originate reindeer were the swiftest animals known, and they must needs fly like the
wind to carry Saint Nick the wind to carry Saint Nick the rounds of
the world in one night. the world in one night.
commonly held that on Christmas Eve the Christ-child-Kriss Kindlein, or Kriss Kingle-visited earth, and, as He passed over the houses, dropped gifts through
the roof for the deserving and the good the roof for the deserving and the good.
But aside from the custome which relate to gifts and the spirit of giving
at Christmastide, there are several ob. servances which are indissolubly linked with this time.
Christmas is never Christmas without the holly wreath and the misletoe Christians venerated the holly, or holy leaves and red berries made in wreath typifies the crown of thorns and the bloody drops. Doubtless they introduced this solemn reminder nat the joyous festival in order not to forget the sacredness
The mistle bush, mistletod-or mistle toe, as we know it-owes its use as a festal decoration to pagan times. Ac-
cording to the Scandinavian legend cording to the scaniavian legend, aad a premonition that death impended Thereupon, his mother, Frigga, besough everything that was begotten of earth, air, fire or waler to sw not to harm ber son.
But in her request she overlooked the insigniicant little mistletoe. Loki, the
woman, visited Frigga, and, learning of her oversight, hurried back to where the
gods were assembled. There the were amusing themselves by hurling all manner of missiles at Baldur, and all were turned aside. But Lokl, with an arrow

## heart.

Io Friparation, the mistletoe was given it toucha to do as she saw fit, provided that she boe earth. And she, to show every one who passed under it reseived and jealousy, the mistletoe now stood for love and forgiveness.
Among the
Among the Celtic nations the mistle-
toe was an object of toe was an object of veneratian, and a
the festival of the winter solstice the Prince of the Druids himself cut a bough of it. The people were assembled, and
then were led to the then were led to the woods by the
priests, who drove in advance of the priests, who drove in advance of the
company two snow white bullocks When the oak tree was found which bore the mistletoo, the plant was cut with a golden sickle, and the bullocks sacri-
ficed At young men to carry out the doctrine taught by the scandinavian myth and print a smacking kiss on the lips of any naiden thoughtless enough to stand be
neath the suspended mistletoe bough neath the suspended mistietoe bough
But for every such kiss one of the white berries of the mistletoe must be re moved, and when all the berries hav been kissed away the spell is broken. Ang and gift receiving on Christmas Day is the feast of dainties spread on that festal occasion. But even the Christmas dinner has its origin in the dim distant
past. Feasts were always the accom pastiment of any festival. In Escoct a the winter solstice, every family killed and ate a goose as a religious observ $\stackrel{\text { ance. }}{\text { In }}$ the In the hieroglyphic language of the Egyptian, the figure of a goose was the
word cinhild." The poope had noticed
that the goose was remarkable for the
way in which it protected its young,
hence it was looked upon as the symboi hence it was looked upon as the yymboi symol
of great love-that love, which is will ing to sacrifice itself for the object of its affection. This trait was also be lieved to belong to the god they wor
shiped, so the Egyptians celelnated the shiped, so the Egyptians celelrated this
festival by killiny and eating a goose festival by killing and eating a goose.
We preserve the custom of eating fowl on this day, but the toothsome turkey has more generally supplanted the goose. The plum pudding as a dish in the
Christmas feast has its meaning. The Christ mas feast has its. meaning. The
number and richness of its ingredients number and richness of its ingredients
represented the rich gifts which the
Res Kings laid at the feet of the child
Jesus. Jesus. In earlier days the mince pie, then a
pastry dish, filled with forced meat and fruits, was made box-shaped, to typify the manger in which the Child had lain. The eelebration of Christmas-tide is as old as the human race, and many on
the customs have lost their origin in the customs past. We preserve and hand
the list orinin down these customs because we respect their age. But pagan customs have sur-
vived in our Christmas festival not ived in our Christmas festival, not so
much because of their age, as because it was, neecessary to preserve them. When Christianity was in its infancy men who embraced it refused to thive up the old festivals, so in view of the greaa
end to be obtained, the leaders of the early church allowed these customs an festivities to stand, but sought to put nto them some CChristian significance and meaning.
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But to such strict sectarians as the
Puritans and the Quakers in Englan Phe Christmas festivities appeared to be ittle better than pagan orgies. These worthy people thoroughly discounten ers came to found a state in the New World, they made rigid rules against ny such form of festivity. The Dutch colonists, however, were en nas-tide, and, though far from home mas-tide, and, though ear from home,
they eelebrated the happ time in the
old way. From the Dutch colonists in

America spread the Christmas cheer and the frowns and the resolutions o availed nothing against the infectiou spirit of Christmas cheer and good will which the Dutch brought into the new

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## The Hunting Grounds of the West.

| Summer, the days of the lazily floating Gossamer, you are due to get a call. It is the call that makes the wild goose go <br> North in the spring South in the fall, that makes the boy in the spring cut a forked and pinch an elastic band, and fall look longingly in the show w at the latest 22, the same call makes you get out your rifle, its stock against your cheek and il it whether it needs it or not. call may come unperceived, just mal instinct that you knew would you were expecting it. The call in this way to the wild thing, it | the woodman's axe, holds aloof the persistent tread of settlement. Far back from the ericroachment of the steel-shod roads of commerce, and the little frontier towns lies the wilderness, where the poor remnants of the persecuted redmen still find freedom, and where the magnificent wild animals of the north still roam in the threatened security of finest game lands of the modern day, though threatened by the march of modern time; the mighty moose and lordly wapiti still live and thrive. Though moose are kiled in great numbers to say each year it becomes easier for the sportsman to secure a trophy., It evidently the old proverb "familiarity |
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Moose Die Hard in Manitoba.
Comes this way to you because you
nurse it each year and gratify its longings each fall. To others this instinct has to be aroused by some external
cause; it may be the sharp acrid smoke of poplar burning, it may be the clear of popiar a white throat singing "Sweet Canada, Canada, Canada" or perhaps a long forgotten shoe-pack is dragged out by, a zealous housewife, wanting to
know if this thing is going to be around and collect dust for another ten years. Whatever way it comes, it arrives at this time, and woe to you if you heed
it lightly. It may not come again, it lightly. It may not come again,
thus you will lose your birthright, and with it the biggest part of your soul, the part that loves the great out.
doors, the "Tres, stones and running doors, the "Trees, stones and running
brooks." Possibly you are a new comer brooks." Possibly you are a new comer
to this great Western out-of-doors, and you are not quite sure you will be able to afford a trip to your old and happy hunting grounds, perhaps you are runMaganetawan, French River, Lake Rossignol, Moosehead Lake, and won dering who will have your last year's camp and whether that big bull you couldn't possibly have missed will be
brought in this year. You will be thinking there were never days like those, there was never a country for game like that. Perhaps yours was a great. well horned miramichin moose, or
cariboo from the hinterland of Quebec or a deer from the highlands of Old Ontario, but yours was never an elk, a wapiti, the greatest game of them all.
The elk or wapiti is the most impossing, the stateliest, the grandest type of It is a worthy and natural product of the meeting of the largest plain and most magnificent forest in the world The meeting places and the home of the
elk are the Riding, Duck and Porropine
Mountains, in Manitolal. Mountains, in Manitola. are the names you wif days to come, forgetting
over the northern half of
and and in marked contrathe silent, thinly settled away in all its wild
grandeur, and though

## COFFEE HEART.

As Dangerous as the Tobacco or "Coffee heart" is common to many coffee users and is liable to send the wner to his or her long home if the
drug is persisted in. You can run 30 rug is persisted in. You can run 30 or 40 yards and find out if your hear
is troubled. A lady who was once a is troubled. A lady who, was once a
victim of the "coffee heart" writes from Oregon: all my life and have suffered very much n recent years from ailments whica to the poison in the beverage, such as orpid liver and indigestion, which in
turn made my complexion blotchy and turn made my complexion blotchy and
muddy.
"Then meart became affected. It "Then my heart became affected. It
would beat most rapidly just after. drank my coffee, and go below norma my pulse vould go as high as 137 beats to the minute. My famil; were greatly alarmed at my condition and at las mother persuaded me to begin the use of Postum. I gave up coffee entirely and ab-
solutely, and made Postúm my sole table beverage. This was 6 months ago, and all my ills, the indigestion, inactive iver and rickety heart action, have become clear and natural. The improvement set in very soon after 1 made the change, just as soon as the coflee poison had time to work out
my system. "My husband has' also been greatly benefited by the use of "Postum, and we
find that a simple breakfast with Postum, is as satisfying and more vengthening than the old heavier m Name given by Postum Co., Battle
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to go very far in Manitoba．The jump－ to go very far in Manitoba．The jump－
ing off places for moose and elk in the niding Mountains are Elphinstone and Rossburn on the south，Birnie，Eden， McCreary and Makinak on the east and for both the Riding and Duck Mountains
Dauphin，Gilbert Plains and Roblin are Dauphin，Gilbert Plains a a the Roblin are
starting in points．For the Hills the best and nearest starting point is Mafeking．
Remember that the elk are gradually becoming fewer and shyer，not like the
moose，more numerous and bolder；their moose，more numerous and bolder；their


Riding Mountelin Bear are big and ahow fight．
adian Noithern Gypsumville Line and Mountains are with Riding and Duck
anception of a straggler or two elsewhere，the only
fairly common．
For the Manitoban or Westerner who
would hunt before the snow flies，let would hunt before the snow fies，let him go to New Ontario，more especially
the Rainy Lake district where moose and deer are abundant．The jumping of places are Atikokan，Banning，Mine Oen－ tre and Fort Frances；at these points
outfits and guides are easily obtained at outfits and guides are easily obtained at
very reasonable cost．

Dr．Jamieson introduce the brella in Glasgow in 1782．He brought the idea from Italy，where they were
used as a protection from the hot sun． But the sturdy，old doctor was hooted and jostled on the street，and was tak－
en to task by the neighbors．＂It was wicked；did not Providence send rain？ And was not he fying in the face of And was not he hy was trying．to
Providence，when he wain from falling？

## The Art of Christmas Giving.

By Marion Dallas.
M $\begin{aligned} & \text { ERRY CHRISTMAS!" What power } \\ & \text { that _old refrain has to stir our }\end{aligned}$ in sweet expectancy it sends through us as we hear the newsboy lustily calling
"Christmas Extra." We cannot an alyse the subtle feeling that comes again and again with perenial freshness rich, but it penetrates ininto the very darkest corners of this earth. At the old world is throbbing with love and kindness. The world is full of benevo-
lence, enough to , make us all happy, but the trouble. is, it is-not well direct-
ed (as in the cases of churches there is overlapping). There are homes wher they have too much Christmas and the result is headache and indigestion next day, while in other homes the turkey
and children have such a surfeit of mechanTcal toys that their play is wearisome,
other poor little folks know only the joy of gazing wistfully at the longed for motor and doll through the shop
dow. Some stockings bulge out others are pathetically empty
In recent years the use and conversion of power has occupied the minds of our
greatest scientists. The sun draws greatest scientists. The sun draws up
the water into the cloud, the rain falls filing the-streams that feed the mighty rivers. These in turn are made to serve man's purpose, to manufacture for him, heat which'are so essential to life. this 'be possible in the world of mater-
ialismi, surely' in the "emot on some such gathering emotional realm forces could be devised and some ex ression of love and good-will be direct nd not at all be diffused "hit.or miss", at the Yule-tide. Then would our Christ-
mas cheer be more evenly divided Charitabe and benexolent societies an
doing miech to divert the expression o good-will into right channels, but it
comes again in a forcible manner to the comes again in a forcible manner to the
individual to be a part in carrying out
the great plan of Christmas. Be a ndividual to be a part in carrying Be a
the great plan, of Christmas. Be days, in the power of kindness.

Selecting Christmas Gifts.
Don't wait until the Christmas rush
on to make your Christmas selections
and purchases, Standing at the book counter, in one of our departmenta
stores last Christmas, I overheard the stores ast Christmas, I overheard the Ler a book, here is one with a very
pretty cover," "but," suggested the pretty cover," "but," suggested the
friend, "she may have that one." "O, well," then rejoined the other, "buy
some of these selections," This, is a sample of the spirit that seems. to actuate the crowds that rush through the
stores the last few days before Christstores the last few days before Christ-
mas. Tact is the one essential in our Christmas shopping. Books are usually considered safe gifts, but in purchasing them the greatest discrimination, is needed. You Lay give a man a book, of
somebody's poems and he will certainly thank you bu* will he read them? You


A typical rural English cottage near Devoron, Cornwall.
may bestow a copy of Browning upon a
frivolous young lady and she will tell you that "you are tog sweet for any ching" but she does not associate with
Browning. "Gems from Ruskin," Jewels from Shakespe re" and "Bril liants from O. W. Holmes" might betler be left in the store, for people who know books, prefer their own "jewels," nyway in giving a book, and no gift gives more pleasure and lasting enjoy ment, take a look, at your friends' lib rary, or in the course of conversation ascertain, if he or she has read the
latest books (don't write in the name until afterf Christmas). Select with a view to helpfulness, look beyond the cover and title. It is a good plan to keep a list of books given and to whom they were given, and in this way sets of standard authors may be presented gifts bestowed up\$n Mother and Grand gitts bestowed upsn Mother and Grand-
mother-sometimes a new spectacle cesse, although she Already has two or sin, suers seom to be Grande's list. or slippers seem, to be Grandma's list,
Last year a friend was puzzled as to what to give Grandmother, she had every comfort. Her son, a lad full of life and fun, asked permission to "fix Grandma's only asked each member of the household for their card. Christmas morning Grandmother's plate was piled high with tissue paper parcels, all tied with dainty ribbon and holly. Trembling with ex citement and surprise, she opened her packages. There was-a box of dainty
bon-hons, a silver backed mirror, a botthe or perfume, one yard of real lace half dozen denty handkerchief's and a copy of Mrs. Barciay's "The Rosary"
and Mrs. McClung's charming stories and Mrs. McClung's charming stories
"Sewing Seeds in Danny" and the "The Second Chance." Merry Christmis, yes indeed, it was, Grandma confessed, sho
had not felt as young in vears. Peeping had not felt as young in years. Peeping
into her room late thas night spe was found weeping and laughing with "Pearl and Danny" and "The Pink Lady"

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Wasn't it worth the thought. What will- this Christmas mean to us? The made happy-we can make at least one poor little waif happy. Then at this happy season there are dear ones missed in many of our homes, there is a feeling of pain, when we think of the vacant
chair, but can we not think of them as near us. Is there no way of remembering them? Oh yes, carry their gifts to those still living who need the touch of human kinaness ere they go to their long home. The joy felt in so doing will
denial.
Plan just a little outside of your own circle of friends, surely you know some
lonely young man or woman who have
o family reunion to look forward to at, or the lavishness of your
A plan for some lonely one.
A friend of mine lost her mother just
隹 A tore the holiday season last year. The home was desolate and the bereavement of the father and daughter inexpressibly
sorrowful. Instead, however, of allowsorrowful. Instead, however, of allow-
ing the gloom of their grief to darken ing the gloom of their grie to darken
the joyful holiday of those about them, the joyrul hoirday of trimmed the house with Christmas wreaths and holly and invited six of the lonely girls who were living in boarding houses, to a Christmas dinner. If our friends in Heaven are watching us, surely
looked down on that festival with warm approval.

## Nimrod, A Christmas Story of

 a Blacktail Deer.By. Bonnycastle Dale. Photographs by the Author.


T was a truly beautihero was born in. Vancor-cad Island of rivals in climate or scenery. Nimrod was born within a few miles of where Fritz and I study, alas very imperfectly, the natura hin in walley where cedar and alder-clad bottoms were overtopped by high-flung hills of reddish hue, hills carpeted with gorgeous rock crop and waving on the lightly earth-clad
benches, with graceful ferns. It is marvellous to us who know, even so slightly, the habits of the great cats,
those sly, cowardly panthers, that in-
habit the hills, that so many of the bigeyed, trembling fawns escape.
To-day is the day before Christ mas." It was fully eight months ago that the timid mother of our pet, a slim-legged, gentile Black-tail doe, sought with anxious eyes for a bed so
sheltered and to her watchful eyes, where she might bring forth in security the bright ittle chap we wish to tell you about. where Nimrod first saw the glad light of day, you could see the distant
Straits of Georgia and far off across Straits of Georgia and far off across
their sparkling waters the snow-capped their sparkling waters the snow-capped
sunmmit of mighty Mount Baker in the State of Washington.
On this high level, where the spotted On this high level, where the spotted
fawn first essayed to stand, wandered


A slim legged gentle black tail Doe. the timber wolf, the common black bear and the sneaking panther, animals
all harmless to man, but terrible objects to a tiny fawn that could as yet to call forth man's deepest pity to see these gentle blacktail deer urging, by weak-kneed fawn along its first in weak-kned fawn along its first jour-
ney. This most gentle mother of all the hoofed animals, representing one of the most populous divisions of the forty-five varieties of the deer family,
was like all females of the deer family, was like all females of the deer family,
save only the Cow Cariboo, without save only the Cow Cariboo, without
horns. The tiny spotted fawn at her side was a buck, as the tiny hard knobs
above the eyes told. The watchful
above the eyes told. The watchful
mother would weigh about one hundred


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the great quantities of cold water he
drank, I thought it best to leave him in his sheltered pen and ór I sped on Christmas duties bound. stood awaiting Santa Claus' appearance in front of a well-laden Christmas tree, I mentioned to Fritz that "Nimmy" was not well. The jollity of the scene
made my; words fall almost unheeded. Now entered old Father Christmas, the loving remembrances were distributed with many a laugh and jest and pleasant word. The night sped apace and
soon Fritz and I, laden with our gifts soon Fritz and I, laden with our gifts,
started homewards. The night was cold and clear. No snow, except on the tops of the distant Olympics, told that it was winter, even the ground was soft,
unfrozen. As we entered the alder woods and came out on our own wee bit clearing, where the moon made all
things bright and distinct, I said to Fritz "We had better go and see how
Nimmy" is; remember I told you he Nimmy' is; remember I told you he
was ill this morning." I walked ahead entered the yard, undid the pen door, and threw the light from the lantern
ingide. "Nimmy" lay close to the door with his legs stretched out one glance Then, laying the lantern down, I lifted the body-there was life in him yet, as the great, black eyes looked up at me. I laid it on the dry, clean bed. With a
cry so loud and despairing that it rings in my ears yet o lad pushed past me and fell on his knees beside the
body and embraced it and fondled it, softly crying -He's not going to die!" So heartbreaking
were the lad's cries and lamentations, that I begged him, and finially: persuad ed him, to step out of the pen. Then a glance at the fast glazing eyes-my own were wet with tears-and left the pen. ${ }^{\text {ar }}$
"Ar'nt you going to put up the
door?" said "Fritz. To oblige him I did, although I knew full well Nimmy? would never pass through it again of his own motion.
"Never mind hanging up my stocking!" sobbed the lad, as he crept into
bed. II don't want Santa Claus to come to-night." But I did hang it up, as this sweet season comes but once a year, and alas! the boy will soon be too
old to so innocently appreciate it. old to so innocentiy appreciate it, Fritz
Early on Christmas. morning went, as was his custom, and opened the door of the deer pen. Nimrod lay with glassy eyes. 1 called to the lad, "Is he alive yet?" Unused to the "Yead presenee, his pet, he ansiwered, "Yes!" Then he entered the pen. Again came that heart-wringing cry-"He's
dead! Oh! he's dead!" and the sobbing lad came back to me.
Three days later I got a friend of mine to take the body in his boat When he was well out in the inlet, I called Fritz, and together we stood and watched the course of the cratt. At
last, when it was three parts way ast, when saw the rower stand erect,
aross, we sate lift a dark burden -then came stop, lift a dark burden-then came and we knew we had
our pet deer Nimrod.

All About Ants.
The brother of a scientist went to a bookshop to buy a present. assistant that he wanted a volume dealing with natural history to give to his ing with a zoologist. Could he recommend one? The assistant glanced over the shelves with a knowing air. At
length he took down a book. "This would length he took down a interest hime," "he remarked. "It is by one of our best authors." "Let me see it," said the purchaser. The assistant handed it to him On the back, in large," letters, was the word Anthologs.
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## Louis Riel's Parting of the Ways.

By John Richardson. Specially Written for the Western Home Monthly.
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A silent sentinel that tells a tragedy. Thousands
-or rather that portion of humanity
which had thrown open the hitherto Woich door and entered the lonely
both doth were good men, but Riel
switched his train into the wrong sidswitched his me met with the disaster
ing and he
which is the lot of all human locomowhich is the lot of all human locomo-
tives that leave the track in the way tives that leave the track in the way
he did. The way it turned out is part he did. The way it turned out human
of Canadian history, but the hum
别 oide of it will bear telling here,
In 1869 Riel roused the half breeds of the Red River Settlement to re-
bellion. Governor McDougall was forebellon. Governor McDougall was fore-
ed but of Fort Garry, and, setting up a ed out of Fort Garry, and, s defiance of dictatorship of his own, in deniance or down the Union Jack, and unfurled an ensign of his own making In Mon-
treal, nearly 2,000 miles away, Smith, treal, nearly 2,000 miles away, Smith,
who had risen from the bottom to the who had risen from the bottom to the
top of the ladder in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, saw that
British prestige was at stake. He set British prestige was at stake. He set
out for Fort Garry without a moment's notice.
There was no Canadian- Pacific Railway to take him to the seat of the
trouble in two days. He had to drive in a sleigh-mind you, more than twice the distance from London, England, to Berlin, Germany-and the winters we have now are milder than those of ormer days. For his pains the
Chief promptly put him in prison.

> A Picture of Riel.

1 like the description Lord Strath cona gives to his friends in London, when they chat about the rebellion.
"A small, stout man, with a large A small, stout man, with a larg
head, a sallow, puffy face, a sharp in telligent eye, a square cut, massive forehead, verrhung with a mass of long, clustering hair, and marked by well-
cut eyebrows-altogether a remarkable cut eyebrows-altogether a remarkable
face.' This is the mirror in which you get a glimpse of the rebel.
There were a few Scotchmen among Riel's followers, and they didn't like a fellow-countryman being kept wiel how
fout damp walls. They told Riel how four damp walls. They then felt about it. Even then, Scotchmen were fond of public meetings to air grievances, as they are to-day, and they erected a temporary platform.
"This," they told Riel "is the place for you and Smith to thrash the matter
t." Riel didn't like it, but he agreed. To Smith, anything was better than lying in jail memorable meeting. When Riel stepped on the platform, the French and half-breeds cheered. Some of the "Scotch ahd English settlers joined inj, perhaps througg policy, They did
not know that to make of Riel. Some openly admired him; a few were afraid. The greeting Smith got was as cold as the atmosphere rekezing
men's beards as they looked on.


St. Boniface Cathedral in whose churchyard the
When Lord Strathcona speaks to-day, the world listens. But that day at Fort Garry he made the most important speech of his life. In a sense, half a,
contine $t$ depended upon his single efcontine it depended upon his single ef he acquitted himself well.
There was a dramatic moment when

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Riel, seeing matters were going against him, interrupted Smith. An uproar ensued. Blood might have been shed at
any moment. Riel's followers exchangany moment. significant "glances. There was a ed significant fumbling in pockets, and a man named Tait whispered to his


Two old Winniper" Warriors who tought against neighbor that the French were well "And if it are we," was the reply. And if it comes to , a fight, my
shot will be for Riel."
net When Smith read a letter from Queen
Victoria, in whose esteem in after years he found so well-merited a place, there English and Scotch. One man named

States on the approach of the British troops under Col. Woiseley, but in 1894 brought over the Canadian border and ebellion. The murder of Thomas Scott was nothing compared to the savagery of the Indians among the innocent
settlers in the Saskatchewan Valley. Riel had a strange influence over the Indian chiefs and their tribes and at his call rapine and bloodshed spread ver the Western country. Riel was blood, we are after; it is a war of ex termination." The threat was carried out to the letter by the massacres of
Duck Lake and Fish Creek-but that's another story. Riel had to pay the penalty with his life. The Chief, "Big Bear." The death rol among the whites had risen to 36 , an nearly a hundred had been wounded.
Riel was placed on trial at Regina He was found guilty of high treason On November 16th, 1885, the man who faced Donald Smith, fell a victim to the hangman in Regina gaol. The man he for his courage and his patriotism is Lord Strathcona, who, amid the scenes of his former hardships and privations, has seen moulded that Wester Canada we hear. spoken of to-day a it was "The parting of the Ways."

In the State of Victoria, Australia the wool clip this year was eight
million pounds. The average fleece (unwashed) was 6.15 pounds.


Burke sprang up, and in the Queen's name demanded of Riel the release of his prisoners. Not now! exclaimed game. "Yes, yes!" was the reply from game. "Yes,
many throats.
At a given signal, as if to show that he was still master of the situation, Riel signalled to his men to show their
arms. There was a momentary indecision. The challenge was not accepted, and the meeting ended. Then came Riel's parting of the ways.
His influence with the French and half His influence with the
breeds was tremendous. Although he breeds was tremendous. Although he
had played with loaded dice, he would had played with loaded dice, he would
have made reparation if he had accepted
the the terms offered by Smithon behalf
of the Government. of the Government. So fir, he had
act ed genuinely, as he thought, in the acced genuinely, as he thougnt, in the
interests of the community of the Red River Settlement, and his motives were
inlluenced by the general good, and not
personal gain.
The Murder of Thomas Scott
But like many other men who are got dizzy and fell. One morning, when The temperature was 20 below zero, a Young settler named Thomas Scott, who
had played a part in the events of the and played a part in the events of the
ne, was led out of Fort Garry and nne, was led out of Fort Garry and
hat. Riel was the man who gave the
filer. It is said that young scott knelt order. It is said that young scott knelt
in the snow in amazement at Riel's in the snow in amazement at Rielts
cuiclty. The moment he toppled over cruelty. The moment he toppled over
vith the bullets of Riel's men in his
ody. Riel damned his own future, and
iwnel ody the bullets of Riel's men in his
odve Riel damned his own future, and
oned his own death warrant.
man aim in his heart to Let cery man ettle to fend for himAye nourish ye stern independence
I ettle whiles to spin, But wee, wee patterin'
Come rinnin' out and in, And then I just maun greet I ken it's a fancy a'-
And faster rows the tearFor they $a^{\prime}$, dwindled awa I' the fa' o', the year! Thomas Smibbert

0 , lass," will ye sell yer fiddle, And gang to Beltane Fair Far nae sic kind fiddle $o^{\prime}$ ware For nae sic kind o' w
Gin I soud sell my fiddle The folks wad say, I'd gane mad, Think o' the joyfu' days That I and my fiddle hae had: Old Song. Ye'll a' hae heard tell o' Rob Rory Ye'll a' hae heard tell o' Rob Rory son's bonnet; Twas no for itsel, but the heid that Gar't was andies tell o' Reb Roryson's Robert Tannahill.


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## Grul's Christmas Gift.

By Charles G. D. Roberts.
$\qquad$ HIS sleep the child sobbed with the cold.
The young mother stooped a white face over him, drew him
closer to her breast, and strove to cover
him more warmly obe of red fox skins which her cap tors had spared to her. She was as her bonds.
Her arms were free, indeed, that she might care for the child and save he cgptors trouble. She was sitting on a pile of spruce boughs, her back against
the trunk of a tree to which she was the trunk of
securely tied.
The fire, ir the centre of the circle of snow, had died down to a heap of glowing embers, the light of which, fall-
ing upon her face as she raised it and ing upon her face as she raised it and gazed about her in bewildered despair,
showed her to be a woman of English showed her to be a woman of engis.
blood and obviously gentle breeding. The hood of her cloak had fallen back, revealing a great abundance of ruddy brown hair, in part still pile $n$ a coifure somewhat hanging in rich wishevelment over her shoulders.

As she stared about her, bewilde ment passed into a spasm of horro as gravely sweet face grew pincher nacted itself in her brain
She saw herself and her boy, wel muffled in furs and blankets, driving in their roomy box-sleigh along the forest trail. Slowly they went, through the bells jingled loud on the harness, the horses were wiling, the morrow would be Christmas, and each hour brought them the nearer to a joyous meeting. front seat, his pointed hood of gray flannel over his head. She saw the orderly sitting erect beside him, the collar of his great coat edge of his bearskin shako. She saw Boy Jerry lift his laughing little face from the furs at her side to
"Disp. ${ }^{\text {D }}$ y y think we'll get there pretty soon, mamma?"
Then she heard again the heavy crash of muskets on both sides of thie trail, their reports thinning instantly into the wolfish, appalling war-cry of
the Micmacs. She saw the smoke spurt white out of the underbrush. She saw the big orderly fling up his musket with a violent, convulsive jerk, discharge it blindly, straight in the air,
and topple from his seat, a limp dreadful sprawl of legs and coat-skirts. She saw the driver lean forward, with screams and strange curses, to lash t horses into a gawop-b the painted red fiends swa forth, surround the sleigh, seize the horses, cut the traces, drag the driver from his place, and cut him down with Jerry to her arms, and bury his face as she crouched over him to shut out from the eyes of both the sickening butchery.
She felt again that icy numbness in the back of her head and neck, expect-
ing the crunch of the iron. But then, as she was pulled violently out upon
the snow, she recovered her senses, and stood upright. facing the butchers with
steady eyes. As she had not been killed at once, as Jerry had not been at once torn from her arms, she concluded that
they were reserved either for torture they were reserved either for torture
or for capt ivity, and with a strenuous elfort of will she resolved to think of nothing that might weaken her.
she should miss some chance offer of
that hope which lasts with life. She saw the savages rifle the sleigh,
while two of them disappeared into the woods, leading the horses

With a curious spasm of pity she saw herself and Jerry standing tnere in
the snow by the trail, waiting for their the sow by the train, waiting for their
captors to notice them the most miserable, the most infinitely alone, the
most hopelessly deserted, it seemed to most hopelessly deserted, it seemed to
her, of all the world's wretched. She re her, of all the world's wretched. She re-
membered herself soothing Jerry's membered herself soothing Jerry's
hushed but heart-breaking sobs with
the promise that "Mamma will take her heart translated itself into a wild prayer that God might make it good.
And then, again, she shrank with a physical horror as a savage suddenly came up to her , gave her some guttural
command which she could make nothing of, and struck her on the face with the flat of his reeking hatchet because another Indian had intervened in her behalf. ${ }^{*}$ He had spoken in a "patois" French,
of which she could gather the drift, and had ordered her to put on a pair of
snowsloes which the other Indian was holding. A New Hampshire woman by birth, slie was an adept with the woven
mooseliide: and she had therefore been apt to join in the marcl at once, carrying Jerry, and murmuring thanksgiv-
ings in hor heart for the bodily ings in whe heat for the bodent.
strength which now.-for the present.
at least,-saved her from she knew not at least,-saved her from she knew not
what indignities 11 wr captors had
struck off from the trin and struck off from the trail. and into what
seemed to her the pathless woods; and seemed to her the patlless woods; and
they had journeyed not only past sun-
 first time took note of, was a tin amphitheatre, dug by the Indians with their. showshoes. The walls were on snow, and about four the wind.
sufficing to keep off

Round the heap of embers and cha ring sticks in the centre sprawled the sleeping savages, con wraps from the
on spruce boughs, and on spruce bo. The two on guard sat
looted sleigh. The looted sleigh. The two on guard sat
bolt upright, close to the fire, motion
less as statutes. The stony profile of
the one nearest to her froze the the one nearest to her froze the
woman's soul with a deadly terror, which was succeeded by a wave of
half-animal ferocity.-the mother-fury It set her chilled blood racing agai Her strong white fingers clenched, and she muttere:
half pledge:
"Oh, God! as long as they leave me But if they take him from me, l'll kill some of them! I'll kill that one by
the fire! the fire!"
Soon she noticed a change in the
color of the night. An icy pallor stole color of the night. An icy pallor stole
upon it, and the coals began to turn upon it, and the coals oegan the tree-
gray. Looking up through the
tops far above her head, she saw the tops far above her head, she saw the
stars had faded, and the sky was whitening with dawn. Several of the
sleepers stirred, preparatory to wal sleepe
ing.
"Christmas! Christmas morning!" she
whispered to herself. "And so happy whispered to herself. "And so happy io hristmas we had looked for, Jerry and
The pity of it.-pity for the litule one's disappointment, - gripped he set but on till moonset. When bound to her tree beside the camp-fire she had
resolved not to sleep, lest she should resolved not to sleep, lest rescue; but
miss some chance of res red and anguish had forced upon
fatigue and fatigue and anguish had forced upon
her their own anodyne. She had slept in her bonds; and now she was so st
she feared she could not move. she feared she could not move.
The camp, which she now for
he set her teeth, and

And now a strange sound came echo ing solemnly through the woods. It
ing in French:
"Woe, woe to Acadie the Fair, for the hour of her desolation cometh!"
At first a wild hope of succor leape in her heart, but it sank again instant ly as she noted the attitude of the In dians. They awoke at the first notes
of that strange voice; but they did of that strange voice; but they did not
appear alarmed. They 'all seated them appear alarmed. They all seated them
selves gravely around the fre, and too, awoke and sometu. He ques
ing
forgo for his wide, blue eyes, and h That deep-toned proclamation was repeated thrice each time nearer and
louder; but its seund so pervaded the forest that the woman, seaching every direction when it came. It was follow ed by a minute of tense silence and then she could not telt how, a grotesque but impressive ran round the circle A murmur fan just the one word, "Grul! Grul repeated by different voices.
He was tall, and a high conical cap added to his stature. In the cap were
stuck sprigs of hemlock and of that stuck sprigs of hemlock and the fr
false mistletoe which grows in the
trees. From under it streamed long wisps of snowy hair, meeting and $\underset{\text { mingling with the long streamers of }}{\text { his }}$ his snowy beard. About his shoulders
swung a heavy woolen cloak, woven of swung a heavy woolen cloak, woven out
black and yellow in a staring but mystical pattern.
In his left hand, - and the woman noted with wonder the aristrocratio
fineness of the long, pallid fingers, -he fineness of the long, pallid fingers, -he
held a short wand of white wool, topped with a grotesquely carven head of vivid scarlet. His right hand he held outstretched over the fading em-
bers, into which he gazed fixedly. Hist face was turned half toward her, and ed the noble mould of the features, the high serenity of his forehead
Slowly he turned his face, and his yes met hers. They pierced like points pale, glancing steel, and her new a terrible and daunting white flame
seemed to dance within them, and she" seemed to dance within them, and she
shuddered, saying to herself, "Mad!" shuddered, saying to herself, "Mad!"
The next moment she wondered if she had spoken the word aloud, for, as if in retort, he came over to her, and
stood before her, thrusting the fanstood before her, thre She shrank in overmastering fear, and averted her eyes; but little Jerry
in her lap was not in the least afraid. With a cry of delight he caught the grinning scarlet head of the wand,
laughed confidingly up to that terrifying face, and asked: "Aren't you good Mr. Santa Claut
Have you come to Have you come to save mamma an me?" Slowly Grul turned his eyes upon the Slowly Grul turned his eyes upon
child, and slowly the white fire faded out of them. They softened first int
a sort of wonder, and then into mild compassion. Without a word, but very gently, he removed the child's grast,
from the wand. Then, with anothe and more human look at the mother' face he gathered his bright cloak close
about him, and glided off soundlessl about him, and glided off soundiessi
into the receding vistas of the forest into the receding vistas of the and the
Dawn was now fairly abroad, and Dawn was now fairly abroad, and thi
savages stirred the fire to cook thei savages stirred the fire to cook th
moose-steaks before resuming then march.
The sloping glacis of Fort Lawrence mantled with snow, gleamed in the
noon sun. From the flagstaff on ith noon sun. From the flagstan on thaty th
southwest bastion flapped lazily the southwest bastion flapped lazily the
red ensign of England, sentineling to
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Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, the Chinese Revolutionary
to their Christmas dinner, Major Ford, being a Warwickshire Englishman, the
dinner was an English dinner, with a dinner was an English dinner, with a
juicy roast in sight, and the round plum pudding, aflame with cognac, in neigh borly prospect.

Captain Sansom was a New Englander, but well inclined to see the Christmas, feast no less honored at the board
than his native festival of Thanksgivthan his native festival of Thanksgiv-
ing. He had praised the deep-shelled
Baie Vertie oyster as fit to grace a banquet of Lucullus. The Maderia had been especially commended, sipped and
savored, and sipped again, by all who savored, and sipped again, by. all who
valued the Major's good opinion-which is to say, by all the company. Nor in
this did any one compromise his conthis did any one compromise his con
science, for, indeed, the Major had a
nice palate for Maderia. The beef nice palate for Maderia. The beer,
carved with ceremony, had been pronounced a credit to the fat meadows of Maccan.
At this juncture an orderly appeared, The Major had a red, smooth-shaven The Major had a red, smooth-sittle irascille eyes which
served to mask a very amiable sort of


The passing of the Manchu Dynasty in China. He Prnce Regent with the child Empero:
soul. He looked up, and glared at the "If you please, sir," said the latter, saluting again, "some one houtsid
wants to see you hat once, -without any delay, sir." name? What does b want?" demanded the Major sharply. . "If you please, sir," answered the
man, "e won't give no name whatever man, "'e won't give no name whatever,
an' 'is business 'e says as 'ow hit's most an' 'is business e says as ow hit's most,
linstant! If I might make so bold, sir, I think as 'ow 'e's mad. ' $E$ looks queer;
,
steeple; an's and an' 'is 'at's like a steeple; an
'e carries a little stick with a most hextrayordinary 'ead, like a Punch-an' Judy show."
The Major had little imagination and much appetite. He was about
the stranger wait till after dinner; but Captain Sansom tactfully intervened before the degree went forth.
"I , have heard of this man, Major Ford," said he. "A very strange being who goes by the name of Grul.
doubtless, but with so far a method in his madness that he never appears save when something important is afoot. He
has a strange power in Acadia. He is has a strange power in Aarne. And he
the mortal foe of La
In the mortal no cheapen himself. I beg
does nothin to
you to let him come in!" you to let him come in!"
Explanations ran around the table indorsing the Captain's request. don't you think, Major?" lisped young Lieutenan renne, whose proud courage .wo tolerance for his affectations.
"Well, well, well," grumbled the Major. "If you like; if you like! More entertaining with the nuts and port, should say; but at once, if you like,
gentlemen. Show him in, Jenkins." gentlemen. Show him in, Jenkins.
The orderly disappeared like The orderly disappeared the tall fantastic form of Grul moved noiselessly into the room.
His eyes gleame jor's face. Then the coldy upon the seconds upon the dark, wide-awake countenance of Captain Sansom, and then, with an indescribable
Grotesque as was his appearance, no one laughed. No one knew till afterwards, in looking back upon the incident, that he was grotesque. Majo
Ford fitted his eyeglass to his eye, took

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a keen scrutiny, and muttered "Crazy; crazy as a coot! but a gen table he very courteously offered him
Thair. visitor waved it aside with a sort of civil scorn. It may concern you to know," said he, with penetrating slowness, "that not child are being carried into captivity child are be
by savages."
"I thank you for the information, sir, replied the Major, as if it had been
the most "Where are they ?"
"By now pey. their way north to the villagicoer, on Nepisigut," said Grul. "If you march from here straight toward Tidnish you will cross their trail."
"I am obliged to you," said the Major again, "it shall be seen to. Have a
glass of wine with-"" but he stoppe with an indignant snort when he found himself addressing the visitor's back. In a moment he was gone, as swiftly and noiselessly as he came jor, Pon my word!" ejaculated the Ma But clear! Come gentlemen, do justice to this good roast. Another cut, I beg
you, Mr. Wrenne. We must be stirrig you, Mr. Wrenne. We must be stirring
right after we have finished dinner!" But Mr. Wrenne was on his feet, preparing to protest against delay. Cap-
tain Sansom, however, was ahead of him. I entreat you, sir," he cried pas-
sionately, "let me take twenty file and go at once in pursuit. They will be already far ahead of us! "Tut! tut!" rejoined the Major impatiently. "They must travel but slowly,
with a woman. Our fellows will soon overtake them. Shall a dinner like this be spoilt for a matter of two hours' extra tamping? Sit down, sit down, Captain Sansom!

The Captain sat down, but instantly "Brang up again, in strong excitement I feel that it is most urgent. This morning, an hour or two back, when 1 was in the casemate, I distinctly heard a woman's voice call for help, some
where from the woods beyond Beaubassin. You may laugh, but I cannot rest a moment till we set out." The Major again screwed his glass
into his eye, and scanned the speaker. into his eye, and scanned the speaker,
"Totally absurd, Captain Sansom," said he. "The woods are two mile a way. And moreover, you were in the casemate, where you could not hear if
she had called from thie barracks she had called from the barracks win "I ${ }^{\text {d }}$ kn "But, sit down, sir!" interrupted the Major testily. "And you, too, Mr Wrenne. I know my business, gentle
men!" Both sat down, but rose again at
once, and this time the other officer once, and this time the other officers got up with ther.
The Me Major's face darkened; but before he could thunder, Captain Sanso
spoke again with vehement appeal:
"And we know our duty sir and will
obey you to the letter," he cried, "but let me beg you to hear me patiently,
How can we sit here, warm and safe, How can we sit here, warm and safe,
laughing over this good dinner, when countrywoman of ours, and a little child, are out there helpless and hopeless, in the hands of those red devil of La Garne's, being dragged to who
knows what fate? Think of it, sir. Why, how could we sit here guzzling The stuff would choke us. You have no child of your own,-no wife,-or you could not be so unmoved, Major Ford, at
the thought of it?" "No Cht of it?
no child," interrupted the Major grave Iy, and a little sadtly. "I thank God fore
itt Be thankful your "wn are sof Boston, far Boston, far away from the perils of a
soldier's life. I am not so indifferent,
however, as you think; only, impetuosity seemed to me needless in this be as you wish. You may go at once Captain, taking one of our officers with you, and twenty men. Let them put read and beef in their knapsacks. You
will select, of course, men who can use will select, of course, men who can use
these abominable snow-shoes. Whom do you wish to help you?"
All the company sprang up to volun eer, but Captain Sansom laid his hand on young Wrenne's shoulder.
"Thank you, Major!" he exclaimed
with elation in his vo "Ill te Wrenne, if he is willing. "I'll take rest of you will save a little of the pudding for us, you will see us back hortly to eat it, with good appetite and good conscience!"
"Who would have thought, gentle-
men," grumbled the Major; peering around upon the diminished company as Sansom and Wrenne hastily withdrew, "that my staff, would be threatening
mutiny in the very teeth of a Christma mutiny
dinner!"

Of the half raw, half burned moose meat, thrown to her by her captors as eat abundantly, fearing what might happen if her strength should fail. The child was by this time hungry enough to make a meal off the shreds whic
had chanced upon a fair roasting. had chanced upon a fair roasting.
At the first of the march the woma At the first of the march the woman
found herself so stiff that she could hardly take a step without groaning and tottering; but the dread of having
Jerry taken from her held her silant Jerry taken from her held her silent,
and presently her force came back and and presently her force came back and
she was able to march rapidly and easily.
This fact, however, she was astute enough to conceal. She realized that if haste were an object to her captors, de-
ay must be an object to the captives.

She therefore kept her fatigue in evience, and lagged as much as she dared finally convincing the savages that she was doing her bes Well on in the morning, when the sun was high over the ancient, im perturable fir-trees, the band crossed
narrow piece of open, jutting into the a narrow piece of open, jutting into the
forest from the mash-levels. Here ther was a 'moment's pause. The savage who spoke French came up to her and rabbed her roughly by the arm
"Look!" said he, grinning maliciously
English tnere!
Call them! Maybe they hear and come get you!". Jo Following his gesture, she looked blankly out across the marshes, but started and quivered to see the red flag
fying over the low ramparts of an flying over t.
English fort.
Her eyes blinded at once with tears, and her first impulse was to scream for succor. But she saw the folly of it for jeers. Only her heart, that cried out desperately, till she felt those in the ort must feel, if they could not hear the frantic summons.

Some while later they crossed the bed of a small tidal stream left empty y the ebb. It was a chaos of ragged nd mud-stained ice cakes, where the
ooting was painfully difficult. Carry ng her sowshoes on one arm, Jerry on the other, she struggled to keep up with the band, but in the effort she fel and bruised herself sorely. Jerry, too
was shaken, though not hurt, and he began to cry.
For a few minutes the sound passed unnoticed. Then fierce eyes turned
menacingly upon her, and she strove to menacingly upon her, and she strove tho
quiet him, but in vain. At last the nearest savage made a cruel pass, at the nearest
litle on
hatchet.
The woman swerved like lightning


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and caught the stroke upon her own brute a looks of ame rashing upon the that he laughed, and made no attempt aver, seemed to realize the need of and ever strove to choke back his
wrenching, voiceless sobs
From th sunken in a sord, of numbnes walknor hope te did not think, nor fear, hugged the child close to her breast, and aimlessly counted her steps. armeny acute; so that she noted, unas they passed through them. The bit. ing medicinal savor of the ceaar be folklowed by the thin pungency of the 01 the fir and spruce groves, the nutty curious legacy of that horrible march was a quite useless but remarkable
capacity for distinguishing different linds of forest growth when passing
through them in the dark all her life throug
after.

About sunset halt was called and a fire built, although, as there were no preparations for a camp such as Whey had occupied the night before, the
woman vaguely concluded that the woman vaguely concluded that the Jerry wad complained of hunger, and now a
Repugnant as it was, she forced herself to eat it, and tried to get the child to follow her example. He refused ob-
stinately, and at length began to cry for bread and butter.
In a growing panic she tried to soothe him conscious of the cruel
eyes of anger which the sound drew ypon them. With desperate haste she fairy story to divert his attention. the midst of the tale she was startied by a scattering volley of mussavages leaped up, some of them to fal back again and lie quite still.
Then came shouts and eries, English
voices rude but blessed English oaths and she sprang to her feet. The savages were fleeing. Fur capped, longcoated men were running toward her One of them, his dark face smitten with amazement, was far in advance, -was
close to her! Jerry struggled to escape from her encircling arms.
rrom her enircllg apa!" he cried; and
"Papa! Papa! Papa!
the woman, tottering forward, felt her the woman, tottering forward, felt her knees give way. She fell, blind with
joy, into the arms of Captain John joy, int
Sansom.

THE KINDNESSES OF A GREAT CITY.
Sometimes when in despondent mood we feel that the world is altogether bad or is going from bad to worse. Then when in more cheerful frame of mind,
we look at what is going on around us we look at what is going on around us
we begin to think that after all men and women are at heart good and kind. A proof of this kindness is well illustra-
ted in the charitable institutions of the ted in the charitable institutions of the
city of Winnipeg. In addition to the city of Winnipeg. In addition to the public. charity as well as by the government and city, there are no less than
thirity institutions for the alleviation of suffering or misfortune. Some of these are under the control of churches, some are directed by private parties, and some of them have developed in connection with the administration of justice or
education. It will be found that the moving spirit in every case wes some kind hearted woman who, with true missionary instinct, began the work of rescue or help in a small way. She joined herself to other persons with like in-
terests and sympathies until the underterests and sympathies, until the undertaking assumed considerable proportions.
Though these institutions have been doing the most useful and necessary work possible, there have been always a great many mendicants in the city makitg private appeals. Some of them who
appealed for aid were underserving cases
and in addition to receiving private
funds were receiving aici from some of funds were receiving aid from, some of
the well known chatisies. A few, years ago the Associated Charities was organized, and by working in harmony with
all the institutions mentioned and with the, city council, if keeps a close check
on all beggars and supplicants, and takes on all beggars and supplicants, and takes
care that the wants of the really needy are met. For clearness, it will be convenient to classify the mstitutions of the city. 1 .
Those for the very young or very old. 2. Those for the sick and suffering. 3. Those for the poor. 4. Those for the ignorant and unsupervised. There is overlapping here, but the division will serve all practical ends.
So we begin with the story of the institu It is particularly suitable that the Christmas number should contain the story of the institutions for children. During the year the story of other in stitutions will be given

The Children's Ald Society.
Everyone's heart goes out to the neg lected children. There are to be found in the city every year scores of children

who have no help and watch care. These are the fatheriess children, the chldren of deserters, the children of the intemperate, the immoral, and the lazy; the children without mothers, and the child these there exists in the city an institution known as the Children's Aid Society. it is organized and given power under the Children's Protective Act. Every year it takes charge of hundreds of chilto their needs. When a case of distress is found the parents are visited and threatened with prosecution unless more care is taken with the children. If this results in nothing, the children may be
taken to the shelter for a time and then taken to the shelter for a time and then
legally adopted by the society and in egally adopted by the society and in
due course sent out to some foster home. The total number of children actually cared for by the society since its in-
ception is 1,541 . This number is in adception is 1,541 . This number is in ad-
dition to the cases treated and dealt dition to the cases treated and dealt
with in their own homes. Of the 1,541 sheltered and cared for, 477 have been placed in foster homes. As an inustra-
tion of the way in which the society works a statement of last year's operations is instructive. During the year 260 complaints, involving. the interests of 507
children were referred to the society for
attention. Out of this number it wa found necessary to remove 205 children the whole these were extremely sad and needy cases. They ranged in age from five to fifteen years. Out of these 200
children, 83 came under the legal guard children, 83 came under the legal guard ianship of the society, and 55 of them have already been placed in
Most of these are now surrounded with every care and attention it is possible ance of the 250 have either been restore to their parents under supervision or placed in temporary homes pending the
improvement of their own. Of the total improvement of their own. Of the tota
507 children, 302 have been satisfactorily dealt with by continued visits to the homes, and oy mediation, advice and warning to parents through the officers of the society. It has not been the policy of the society to take any int the shelter until every effort had bee At pont the soiety has under its At present the society has under its
care not less than 336 wards for whom care it directly responsible. These, together with the 25 or 30 children that are to be found in the shelter at almost any time, throw a big responsibility upon the officers. Of those who have come before the society and gone through

Jane Adams: The largest room in

Dr. Grenfell: When people are alwaye running after pleasure they never catch it.

Andrew Carnegie: The man with health and good character is a capital.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward: . Fiction is as natural a food to the young mind as sweets are to the young body.

Emerson Hough: The pioneer industries of a new Western town are a land bank.
Arnold Bennett: The spirit of con tempt is dangerous; it destroys the bal. partiality impossible.

Elbert Hubbard: There is nothin more sickening in politics than the hy pocrisy of those who go about saying

One of Winnipeg's Many Charitable Institutions.
foster homes into the world, some have cellent musicians, others have gone into cellent musicians, others have gone into have children of their own. In every case they appear to be grateful for the kindness bestowed upon them in their earlier life. There have been a hundred applications for children during this last year, 67 being for girls and 35 for boys.
It would be difficult to concieve an organization that could fill a greater need than the Children's Aid Society. It has as its directors some of the foremost citizens of Winnipeg, and donations from outside parties have been liberally for warded because of
that is being done.

## The Month's Bright Sayings.

Thomas A. Edison: Dishonesty is primarily a want of intelligence or education.

Sir Oliver Lodge: Man rules nature by obeying her. He must first discover dominion over her.
W. J. Bryan: Patriotism is not boast
fulness nor the depreciation of other na fulness nor the depreciation of other na-
tions. The patriotism which tells is that which is felt, not proclaimed

Hon. George P. Graham: The fact that arockville Presbyterian church is us that Canada is already past the infant stage.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott: While the philosopher may take the world to pieces
in the privacy of his own study, he has in the privacy of his own study, he has
to call on the neighbors to help him to call on the neighbors to help him
when he wants to make a better world. -
Sir William Osler, M.D.: The lives of both Lord Strathcona and Mr. Bryc might be studied by those who are in
terested in the question of how to pro mote healthy longevity. Heredity was They came of Celtic stock. Donald Smith was born, at Forres, Sootland,
the son of Alexander Smith, a Highland merchant. The father of James Bryce
was Dr. James Bryce, a Glasgow man, who


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## The True Christmas Spirit

## By salite Joy white.

 whole of Christenkom is this month in commemoration of the birth of the Sav-
ior, who came as a ior, who came as a
little child, sent as little child, sent as
the first Christmas gift to a waiting world. There are few homes, however humble gladness does not creep, thanks to the
kindly souls who seek out the lonely, kindly souls who seek out the lonely,
the poor, the sad, and bring to them the poor, the sad, and bring to them,
out of their abundance, the thought and the gift which are a part of Christmas expression of good will. its height, city streets are crowded and country shops are filled with eager purchasers. Mysterious bundles ar smuggled past burning eyes into th house, and safely deposited under lock
and key. Everywhere there is expectation and curiosity
The custom of Christmas giving is a beautiful one when the impulse to give comes from the heart, and from a genuine desire to make somebody happy, but it is a custom that is far the observance when it is governed by a spirit of barter. How many are there who simply exchange remembrances each year, with just as much
sentiment as governs a transaction of sentiment as governs a transaction o spirit is shown by onough when thi is revolting when children display it There is revealed a selfishness of mo tive, a lack of understanding of th meaning of the festival, which is a forcible commentary on the parent and especially on the mother.
woman deliberately went about to the city shops and priced articles like those which the members of her family had received, made a list of the givers and the worth of the gift, and this year
presents are to be returned to each as presents are to bestowed. Worse still, the subject has been discussed before the children of the family, who have heard all the comments on the gifts and the givers, until the Christmas intention has been vulgar question of commercialism.
With this woman it did not matter that the friend who gave a gift smal in actual value had spent her money more generously in proportion to he acted by a selfish reason gave more lavishly. It was the mere outlay which was counted, not the comparative means of the two nor the sentimen behind the gift.
Who wants Christmas gifts made in It is simply an exchange of pocket books, a more modern fashion of /the "stand and deliver" of the seventeenth century highwayman.
The feeling the gift expresses makes would not rather have a simple card with "Merry Christmas" written on it from one who was truly a friend than the most costly and elaborate gift made because of a feeling of obligation, or as a consideration for some favor or
benefit to be asked for later? Christmas to many has come to be a season of dread, carrying nothing with it of the peace and good will and happiness which it was intended to
convey. To these it is not Christmas convey. To these it is not Christmas willing sacrifices either-for struggle for a hopeless endeavor to keep the pace set by those whose purses are onger, and for a dissatisfaction at the sary, so wrong. One can understand "the dergo to give their children a happy festival and a day of rejoicing. They little ones whose in the delight of the little ones whose gratitude and plea-
sure make denial worth while sure make denial worth while.
But all the self-denial, all the sacri-
fice should not be on the part of the
parents. Children should be taught that the value of gifts depends not so much upon their cost in money, as on what they represent of thought, and of personal labor. In making out the list of those to whom gifts are to be sent,
nothing should be even remotely sugnothing should be even remotely sug
gested of an expected return. As far as possible the children should select those whom they wish to remember,
and should be asked for the reason why and should be asked for the reason why they have such a wish. If it is a legitimate one the name should stand and
the little ones allowed also, under the mother's guidance, of course, to choose the gift. In a quiet way the mother may turn her child's attention to some less favored one who would be made happy by a present, but she should do it so subtly that the suggestions, will
seem to come from the child himself. While all this planning is going on, and the children are receiving their unconscious lessons in unselfishness and thoughtfulness, the mother should
explain to them what the season explain to them what the season
means; why they are keeping holiday means; why they are keeping holida Teachings of this kind are often neglected, not intentionally, but the it for so long, that they forget that it is not as familiar to the little ones. Above all, much thought should be given to the selection of the gifts. A


## Young Manitoba Rejoices,

what one wants, because the receiver is sure the giver has cared enough to
find out her desire. No matter hov small the gift is, make it something unexpected, something that in the
heart of hearts the recipient really de heart of hearts the recipient really de
sires, the possession of which will bring sires, the possession of which will bring
joy. It needn't be costly, if it is fo a child; children's wants are quite likey to be modest as to price, and the afford pleasure out of all proportion to their value.
Men and
Men and women are only boys and girls grown tall and put into grown-up ties which belonged to their childhood days, and still have cherished desires to be gratified just as when they wore short skirts and knickerbockers. Find out this pet desire, and, if possible,
gratify it. The highest pleasure in this Christ thas season comes from giving rather the season who radiate through their own unselfishness the spirit of peace
and good will to all God's first Christmas gift to man was sent to establish.
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## A Point of $\mathbb{K}$ nucklin' Down.

By Ella Higginson



Tore was the day be-
Ohristmas - an Christmas. It had rained mistily at dawn, but at ten oclock the cloud ed away reluctantly. blue and dazzling sky overhead. The raindrops still sparkled on the windows and on the green grass, and the last roses and chryanthemums hung their
beautiful heads heavily beneath them; but there was to be no more rain Oregon City's mighty barometer-the Falls of the Willamette - was declar ing to her people by her softened roar that the morrow was to be fair. Mrs. Orville Palmer was in the large Christmas making preparations for the of dainty loveliness in a lavender gingham dress, made with a full skirt and a shirred waist and big sleeves. A
white apron was tied neatly around her white apron was tied neatly around her
waist. Her husband came in and paused to put his arm around her and on the stove was stirring soss aside with one hand.
"It's goin' to be a fine Christmas Tmarine," he said, and sighed un
consciously. There was a wistfu and careworn look on his face. "Beautiful!" said Emarine, vivacious 17. "Goin' down town, Orville ?
"Yes. Want anything ?
Tm so whe cranberries ain't come yet I'm so uneasy about 'em. They'd ought cooked down an' strained to a jell. I don't see what ails them groc'rymen Sh'u'd think they c'u'd get around some time before doomsday. Then I wanthere, you'd best set it down.
She took a pencil and a slip of paper from a shelf over
them to him. "Now, let me see." She commenced stirring again with two little wrinkles between her brows. A ha' a pound $o^{\prime}$ citron, a ha'f a pound o' candied peel two pounds oo stunned; a pound $\rho^{\prime}$ suet make 'em give you some that ain't all strings; a box o Norther Spy apples a ha'f a dozen lemons, four bits' worth $0^{\prime}$ walnuts or a'monds-whichever's freshest; a pint o' Puget Sound, oysters
fer the dressin', an' a bunch o, celery You stop by an' see about the turkey Orville; an' I wish you'd run in's you hs soon as she can. She'd ought to be here now."
Her husband smiled as he finished the "You're a wonderful housekeeper, Emarine," he said, Then his face grew
grave. "Got a present for your grave. "Got a present for your
mother yet, Emarine?" "Oh, yes, long ago. I got her a be'n wantin' one."
He shuffed his feet about a little "Unhhunh. You - that is --- I reckon you ain't picked out any present fer-
fer my mother, have you Emarine?" fer my, mother, have you Emarine?"
"No," she replied, with cold distinct ness; "I ain't." There was a silence. Emarine stirred briskly. The lines grew deeper between her brows. Two red spots came into her cheeks. "I hope the rain ain't spoilt the
chryanthemums," she said then, with chryanthemums," she said then, with an air of ridding hers able subject.
Orville mad his feet again uneasily. Presently he said: "I expect my mother needs a black shawl, too. Seemed to me hern looked kind o rusty, at church sunday Notice it, Emarine?" "Seemed to me she was gittin' to
look orful old Emarine"-his voice broke; he came a step nearer. "It'll be the first Christmas dinner I ever eat Whe my mother
new the look that flashed at into her "You don't have to eat this'v' with.
out her, Orville Palmer: You go an
eat your dinner with your mother ${ }^{7}$ it you want! I can with your mother 'I you goin' to order them things? If you ain't just say so, an' I'll go an' do myself.'
He put
He put on his hat and went without *Mrs. Palmer took the saucepan from he stove and set it on the hearth. Then she sat down and leaned her cheek in the palm of her hand, and looked held a far-sighted look. She saw a pic ture, but it was not the picture of the blue reaches of sky and the green valley cleft by its silver-blue river. She aw a kitchen, shabby compared to her wn, scantily furnished, and in it an to eat her Christmas dinner alone Af ter a while she arose with an impatient "Well, I can't help it!" she exclaimd. "If I knuckled down to her this ime, I'd have to do ' $t$ ag'in. She might just as well get ust to 't first as last. I
wish she hadn't got to lookin' so old an pitiful, though, a-settin' there in front , us in church Sunday after Sunday The cords stand out in her neck like
well ropes, an' her chin keeps a-quiv'rin The door opened suddenly, and he mother entered. She was bristling with curiosity "Say, Emarine!" She lowered her ear. "Where d" you s'pose the un dertaker's a-goin' up by here? Have ou hear of anybody"No," said Emarine. "Did Orville stop by an' tell you to hurry up ""
"Yes. What's the matter of him Is he sick?"
"Not as I know of. Why?"
"He looks so. Oh, I wonder if it's one the Peterson children where the undertaker's a-goin'! They've all got the "How does he look
e looks so turrable."
"Why, Emarine Palmer! Ev'rybody in town says he looks so! I only hope "What does ail him ails him!" What does ail him?" cried out hintin' at ".
"Well" if you don't know what ails im, you'd ought to; so I'll tell you He's dyin' by inches ever sence you urned his mother out $0^{\prime}$ doors. Emarine turned pale. Sheet lightning prayed, yourd ongt to Zalk about my tornin" her out!" she burst out, furiously. "After you a-settin" here a-quarl'n
with her in'this very kitchen, an' eggin"'
me on! Wa'n't she goin' to turn you Wit of your own daughter's home? didn't turn her out anyowt I ont told Orville this house wa'n't big enough fer his mother an' me, an' that neither $o^{2}$ us 'u'd knuckle down, so he'd take his choice. You'd ought to talk!" "Well, if I egged you on, I'm sorry r 't," said Mrs. Endey, solemnly. Ever sence that fit $o^{\prime}$ sickness I had a month ago, I've felt kind ${ }^{\circ}$ old an no-account myself, as if Id like to let up like I ust to. No, he did'nt go to Peterson's-he gawn right on. My land! wonder 'f it ain't old Gran'ma Fliot; she had a bad spell-no, he didn't turn
that corner. I can't think where he's goin' to!"
She sat down with a sigh of defeat. A smile glimmed palely across marine's face, and was gone. "Maybee you'd go up in the attic you could see better," she suggested, dryly. "Oh, Emarine, here comes, old Cran' aa Eliot herself! Run an', open the door fer her
usual."
Emarine flew to the door Crandme Eliot was one of the few people she loved. She was large and motherly. She wore a black dress and shawl and a funny bonnet with a frill of white lace around her brow. Emarine's face
softened and when she kissed her, "Im

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so glad to see you," she said, and her voice was tender.
-Fren Mrs. Fndey's face underwent a Nhen Mrs. Endey's face underwent a
change. Usually it wore a look of
doubt, if not of positive suspicion, but doubt, if not of positive suspicion, but cordially with the guest and led her to a comfortable chair.
"I kiow your rheumatiz is worse," limpin' so. Oh, did you see the undertaker go up by here? We can't think
where he's goin' to. $D$ ' know I don't, and I don't want to neither," Mrs. Eliot laughed comfortably. "Mis' Endeyg you don't ketch me She sat down, and removed her black cotton gloves. 'T'm gettin' to that age dertakers go to so long's they let me alone. Fixin' fer Christmas dinner, "Yes, maam", said Himarine, in her
very gentlest tone: Her mbther had never said "dear" to her, and the sound of it on this old lady's lins was sweet Won't y
The old lady lavighed merrily. "Oh, dearie me, lou don't guess my son' spend ev'ry Christmas there. They most carry me on two chips. My son's wife, Sidonie, nearly rushed her feet of waitin' on me. She can't do enoug, fer me. My! Mrs. Endey, you don'
know what comfort a daughter-in-law is when you get old and feeble!"
to the table rand turned red. She went the older women; but her mother's gharp eyes observed that her ear "An' I never will," said Mrs, Endey, grimiy. "You've got a son-in-law, though in-law. He was such a good son, too in-law. He was such a good son, too,
Jest worshiped his mother; conln't
bear her out of his sight. He humored
" All right, 'she said; 'an'' $\begin{gathered}\text {, want that you } \\ \text { sh'u'd come? ? }\end{gathered}$ her high and low. That's jest the way Sidonie does with me. I'm gettin
reel cross an' sassy to her; but she reel cross an sassy, then comes an'
jest laffs at me an'
kisses me, an' T'm all right again. It's kisses me, an' I'm all right again. It's
a blessin' right from God to have a a blessin' right from God daughter-in-law like that." and she uttered a little cry. her mother and she uttered a little cry
"Hurt you ?" demanded hother,
sternly. Emarine was silent, and did not turn.
"Cut you, Emarine? Why don't you answer me? Aigh?"
"A little," said Emarine. She went into the pantry and presently returned with a narrow strip of muslin, which she wound around her finger.
"Well, I never ssee! You never will learn any gumption, Why don't you look what youre about? Now go tied up."
tied up." that'll be all right by tomorrow," said Mrs. Eliot, cheerfully. Won't it, Emarine? Never cry over body get wrinkles too fast. 0 ' course, Orville's mother's comin' to take dinner with you, Emarine?
"Dear me!" exclaimed Emarine, in a sudden flutter. "I don't see why them to hurry 'em up. I'd best make the foatin' island while I wait,"
"I stopped at Orville's mother's as I came along, Emarine."
"How?" Emarine turned in a startled way from the table
as I say I stpped at Orville's mother's as I came
"Oh!"
"She well?" asked Mrs. Endey.
"No, she ain't. Shakin' like she had the St. Vitus dance. She's failed lately. She
swelled up."
There was quite a silence Then
Mrs. Endey said: "What she be'n cryMrs. Endey,
in' about?"
"Why, when I asked her she jest "Why, when I asked her she jest
laffed kind of pitiful, an' said: 'Oh,
only my toomfoolishness, oo course,' She said she always got to thinkin about other Christmasses. chat a good cheered her up. had at my son's, an' how Sidonie jest couldn't do enough for me. An' I told her to think what a nice time she'd have here 't Emarine's tomorrow."
Mrs. End
Mrs. Endey smiled. "What she say to "that?" "She didn't say much. I could see she was thankful, though, she had sa son't to go to. She said she pitied all poor wretches that had to set out their Christmas alone: Poor old lady, she
ain't got much spunk left. She's all ain't got much spunk left. She's all
broke down. But I cheered her up some. Sech a wishful look holt $0^{\circ}$ her when I pictehered her dinner over here at Emarine's. I can't seem to forget
it. Goodness, I must go. I'm on my it. Goodness, I must, go. I'm on my
way to Sidonie's, an she'll be comin' way to Sidonie's, an she
after me if I ain't on time."
When Mrs. Eliot had gone limping down the path Mrs. Endey said: "You got your front room red up, Emarine ?"
"No; I ain't had time to red anything."
"Well, IIl do it. Where's your duster at?"
"Behind the org'n. You can get out
the wax cross again. Mis' Dillon was the wax cross again. Mis, 'I I had to hide up ev'rything. I never see chilhren up like hern. She let's 'em handle things so!"
Mrs. Endey went into the "front room," and began to dust the organ.
She was something of a diplomat, and She was something of a diplomat, and
she wished to be alone for a few minutes. "You have to manage Emarine by contrairies," she reflected. It did not occur to her that this was a family trait. "I'm orful sorry I ever egged her on to turnin' Orville's
mother out $o$ ' doors, but who'd ' $a$ ' mother out 'u'd break her down so? She ain't told a soul, either. I reckoned she'd talk somethin' orful about us, but she ain't told a soul. She's kep a

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wy misery I tried many -remedies said my misery 1 tried many remedies said one particle of good, and I fully expected I would always be afflicted in this way. At this time my brother came home on a
isit and urged me to try Milburn's axa-Liver Pills, and got.me a few vials. By the time I had taken one vial I began elish. I was greatly cheered, and continued taking the pills until all traces of
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stiff upper lip, an' told folks she al'ays
expected to five alone when Orville got married. believe the Lord Hisself must ' $a$ 'sent
Gran'ma Eliot here to Gran'ma Eliot here to ták like an angel unawares. I bet she'd go an' ask
Mis' Palmer over here to dinner if she wa'n't afriad ld laff at her fer kunck'. lin' down. Ill have to aggravate her.' She finished dusting and returned to the kitchen. "I wonder what Gran'ma Eliot 'u'd say if slie knew youid turned
Orville's mother out, Emarine? There was no reply. Emarine was at the table making tarts. Her back was to her mother.
bein' sorry I mean what I said about bein' sorry I egged you on, Emarine. m glad you turned
ort to be turned out."
Emarine dropped a quivering ruby of jelly into a golden ring of pastry and "Gran'ma Ellit can po talkin about her daughter-in-law Sidonie all she wants, Emarine. You keep a stifi up"IC can 'tend to
Emarine, fiercely "Well, don't flare up so. Here comes Orville, Land, but he does look After
After supper, when her mother had on her hat and shawl. Her husband
hat the night, Emarine put was sitting by the fireplace, looking whoughtully, at the 'bed of coals.
"I'm goin out," she csaid briefy. "Y'm goin' out," she, csaid briefy "Why," Emarine, it'sp dark! Don't you want I' sh'u'd go along?"
"No; you keep the fire up." , ht he
He looked at her anxiously, but He looked at her anxiously, but he
knew from the way she set her heels knew, from the way she set her heels
down that remonstrance would bei use: "Don't stay long," he said in a tone f havitual tenderness.
He loved her pasisionately, in spite of he lasting, hurt she had given him when she parted hm : rram his mother.
It was a hurt that had sunk deeper than even he realized. It lay̆ heary on his heart day and hight. It took the
blue out of the sky and the green o ont blue out of the sky and the green ont of the grass and the gold sout of the
sunlight. It took the exaltation anid the rapture out of his tenderest momne love never reproached her he never pitied himself: But he carried a heavy heart around with him and his few smiles were joyless things. For the trouble he blamed only him-
self. He had promised Emarine solemnIf before he married her that if there were any "knucklin" down" to be done,
his mother should be the one to do it. his mother should be the one to do it. He had made the promise deliberately, and he could no more have broken it of his eyes. When bitter feeling arises between two relatives by marriage, it is the one who stands between them-
the one who is bound by the tenderest the one who is bound by the tenderest
ties to both-who has the real suffering to bear, who is torn and tortured until life holds nothing worth the having. Orville Palmer was the one who
stood between. He had built his own cross, and he took it up and bore it without a word. Emarine hurried through the early winter dark until she came to the small wint por house where her. husband's
and per lived. It was of the main
mother mother lived. It was ofl the main
travelled street. travelled street.
Theré was a dim light in the kitchen; the curtain had not been drawn. Em-
arine paused and looked in. The sash arine paused and
was lifted six inches; for the night was warm, and the sound of voices
came to her at once. Mrs: Palmer had came to her at once. Mrs: Palmer had
company. ${ }^{\text {company. }}$ "It's Mis sentfully, under her breath. "Old gissentituly, under her breath.
sip!"’- roin' to have a fine dinner, I
! "-- Goin' to have a fine dinner, I key with oyster dressin, an, cranberries, an' minee an' punkin pie, an'
reel plum puddin' with brandy poured
 up on. Emarine's a fine cook. She
knows how to git up a dinner that makes your mouth, water to think
about.
You about. You, goin to have a spread,
Mis' Palmer?" a one," said Orville's
"Not muh a "Not much of a one," said Orville's
mother. "I expected to, but I c'uldn't
git them fall potatas sold off. FIl have
to keep 'em till spring to git any kind ch price. I don't care much about
Christmas, though-" her chin trembling, but she lifted it high. "It's silly for anybody but ehildren to build o much on Christmas.
Emarine opened the door and walked in. Mrs. Palmer arose slowly, grasping "O back of her clair
Orville's dead!" she said, solemnly Emarine laughed, but there was thic "Oh, my, no!" "she'said, sitting down "I rum over to ask yo to come to
Christmas dinner. 1 was too busy all Christmas dinner. I was to o busy all
day to come sooner, In a great dinner an rve cooked ev'ry single thing of it myself! I want to show daughter-in-law can get up. Dinner's at two, an r want you to come at
eleven. Will you ? Mrs. Palmer had sat down weakly Trembling was not the word to describe the feeling that had taken possession of
her. She was shivering. She wanted to fall down on her knees and put her arms around her son's wire and sob out
all her loneliness and heartache. But life is a stage, and Miss. Presly was an audience not
"Well, I'll be reel glad to come, Em arine. It's offul kind $0^{\circ}$ you to think of it. It 'u'd a' be'n lonesome eatin here all by mysel, 1 - Emarine stood up. Her heart was like thistledown, Her eyes were slinght she said; "an' I want that you sh';'d come just at eleven. I must furn right back now Good-night!"
"Well, I declare!", said Miss Presly. "That girl gits prettier err'y day glame' to-night!":
cofvile was not at home when his mother arrived ini her rusty best dress aftd shaw. Mrs. Endey saw her com-橧, Shy gasped out:
Yainer, Eod griarine! geve Here's Mis "Yes, I kinow"; aid Emarine, calmily. She opened thie dobr and: hhook Hanas with her Mother tiviaiv, jeving, het uipther Ta Took or defiance that rimos. "You set right down, Mo ther 'Paymer, an' let me take your things. Oryille
don't know you're comin', ani 1 Just don't know you're comin', hin co just
want to see his face when he comes in. Here's a new black shawl for your Christmas. I got mother one just like
 Orville."
She stepped aside quickly. When her husband entered his eyes fell instant-
ly on his mother, weeping childishly y on his mother, weeping childishly old splint rocking chair with the high
back. ${ }_{\text {Wother }}$ " he cried. Then he gave a frightened, tortured glance at his wife through tears. "Emarine ast me, Orville she ast
me to dinner $\mathrm{o}^{\prime}$ herself! An' she gave me to dinner o, herself! An she gave
me this shawl. I'm-cryin- fer-joy." "I ast her to dinner," said Emarine, "but she ain't ever goin' back again. both had enough of a lesson to do us.' Orville did not speak. He fell on his knees, and laid his head, like a boy, in his mothers lap and reached one
strong but trembling arm up to his $\begin{aligned} & \text { strong but trembing arm up to } \\ & \text { wife's waist, drawing her down to him. }\end{aligned}$ his Mrs. Endey got up and went to rat tling things around on the table vigorousy.
loonaticks!" ${ }^{\text {sever }}$ she exclaimed. ${ }^{\text {sech }}$ "Go an burn all your Christmas dinner up, if expect they'll both be fallin'. voer theirselves to knuckle down to each other from now on!
But there was something in her eyes, But there was something in
too, tliat made them beautiful.

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me. How little me. How little to see such a day? the eridence against you is as clear as daylight. The money you, a fact. you don't deny. No one else was in the office at
the time, and you say you loeked the the time, and you say you locked the the key home. In the morning the drawer was apparentiy intact, but the twenty-four hours had passed away you are known to have paid off a debt of your own for the exact amount stolen." "Father, I swear before God I know mothing of the money after lesk, as I have told you before, and I am as much mystified as you are," and Bernard Thompson faced his stern, unyielding old father without flinching, while truth seemed
feature of his face.
"Go, sir, before I curse you," thundered Mr . Thompson, "and remember it is only for your dead mother's sake that I do not have you arrested. By the memory of her love for you I give you this one more chance. Here is $£ 100$ an Allan ada; see that you catêh it, and never let me see your coward's face again." "You shall not see me again, sir, until this hideous charge against me is cleared up," he answered and taking the envelope
containing the money with a very uncontaining the money with a very un-
willing hand, Bernard Thompson passed out from his father's presence into the darkness of the night. As he paused on the doorstep of his childhood's home, he lifted his cap, and looking up at the silent stars, breathed an earnest prayer plain. At the same moment across the quiet stiliness of the almost deserted thoroughfare came the sweet sounds of the old Christmas hymn "Hark the
Herald Angels sing. Glory to the New Born King" bringing clearly back to the young fellow the face of his mother who had passed from their midst a year be ore. She would have believed in him he felt quite sure, and bracing himself up with this thought, after one long where he had spent so many happy years, he turned and hurried down the
itreet.
As he turned the corner of Park Ayenue, he, came into violent collision covering from the shock, assayed to pass Binwithout looking at the man, when a friendly hand was laid upon his shoulder and compahion in his father's office, Jack fallow where are you off to 'in'such fellow where are you off to
hurry at this time of nigh
"A variety of places, my boy, first I am going to say good-bye to Norah Wil. son, then I am going to look up my old nurse and as. her to take me in for a berth on board the 'Victorian' bound for Halifax and St. John." "Great Scott! What a programme," his friend replied, "in the name of all
that's wonderful. What is the reason that's wonderful. What is the reason
of this sudden departure? Come tell me all about it," and linking his arm in Bernard's he walked slowly up the street with his chum.
Bernard told his companion in simple,
straight-forward langu: straight-forward langui $3 e$ exactly what
had happened and as he proceeded with the recital his friend's face grew stern and dark, and when Bernard added in heart broken tones that he was now on his way to see his flancee, and that he
had decided after telling her all, to offer had decided after telling her all, to offer
her back her freedom, if she wished for it, before starting for Canada, Jack stopped suddenly and gripping his friend by the arm, muttered in horrified tones,
"You shall not go alone, old fellow "You shall not go alone, old fellow. I
will at any rate not desert you, if you will at any rate not desert you, if you
will have me," and so it was arranged two berths should be taken on the morrow instead of one.
Jack Carstairs slowly paced up and
down outside the house in Chester Square down outside the house in Chester Square
where Norah Wilson lived, while Bernwhere Norah wison lived, while Berns, went to bid a sad farewell to his sweetheart. After telling her all, he offered her back her freedom at which she was
very indignant, "Oh, dearest very indignant, "Oh, dearest, how can
you doubt me?" she asked. "As long as you doubt me?" she asked. "As long as
life lasts I am yours only. Do you think I question your innocence for one in stant. My king among men! I will try and bear up if you feel it is best to go, but I shall leave no stone unturned to prove your guilteessness, and mind," she me in a year's time, I shall come out to
"I thought I knew your faithfulness, my love," Bernard whispered as he held
her in a close embrace, " and now bitter though the agony of this parting is, I can go on in hope while I have the sweet assurance of your trust in me. grant us a re-union before many months have passed," and putting her gently
from him, Bernard blindly groped his way out into the street and rejoined his "What
friend. looking luck, old chap," Jack asked, are queer fish, so I suppose she has given you your conge, eh?"
"How dare you," Bernard exclaimed, "Norah is as true as steel and will be while life lasts. I thank my God for the love of a faithful woman. It is
clorious prize. May I prove worthy glorious prize. May I prove worthy of "I humbly beg your lordship's pardon,"
"but my experience in that line has no been similar.'
Final arrangements having been made for the next day, the friends parted
for the night, and Bernard wended his for the night, and Bernard wended his
tired fotsteps towards the home of his old nurse who received him with open arms.
Two days later the two friends stood together on the deck of the "Victorian" moment for leaving Old England's shores had come and Bernard seemed for the first time to lose courage.
"Take my advice and
"Take my advice and go below, old
fellow," Jack Carstars is sure to be much weeping and wailing on the part of the ladies and as you feel a bit blue it will make you worse." But his friend refuse' to do so although when the warning bell rang out and struck him with a shizer and seemed to wake him from the dreamy state he had lived in since his father's last terrible words, he ielt more like jumping overboard and forgetting his sorrows in afresh. calm waters, than starting life reached a pleasant journey the two chums by train to Winnipeg, and then began an earnest search for suitable work which
met a well-to-do farmer who engaged
them to go and take charge of a fruit them to go and take charge of a fruit recently bought. They felt quite elated recently bought. They felt quite elated,
for besides their pay, they would have many advantages, and be practically their own masters, as their employer lived on another farm in the southern part of the province.
Bernard went to heart, cheered considerably with a good loving letters from his sweetheart, and only one thing threw a shade over his contentment, and that was the strange alteration in his friend Jack Carstairs. He was no longer the jovial, bright turn and sometimes very short with Bernard, especially if he touched on old times and the trouble that had brought him to that lonely spot, far away from home and friends.
far from the Kicking Heautiful place not which Bernard took his pigs for Vancouver market, and often the scenery, which must be seen to be appreciated, poured balm on his sore heart and while plod-
ding slowly along he seemed Norah very near to him, and firmly believed things would come right in the end.
They had been at the farm about nine
months when Jack Carstairs took sick.

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At first his friend nursed him as best
he could, but then finding he got worse Bernard hitched the team to the buggy, and drove over the mountains to fetch the Doctor who lived thirty miles away.
When he came he looked ivery grave, Whook his cand, and pronounced it to be a bad case of typhoid fever.
Now Bernard tried to repay his friend for coming with him, and nursed hita with the devotion of a woman. At last his efforts seemed to gain ground for the fever abated and for a few days
the hope of recovery was great. the hope of recovery was great. But
something was keeping the patient back something was keeping the patient back
and Bernard was sorely troubled; when at last it became plain he was sinking fast, to him fell the task of telling his sick chum his hours were numbered, and a very bitter one he found it, and strong,
brave fellow that he was he cried like a brave fellow that he was he cried like a
child, when at the end of his broken sentences of sorrow the sick man turned to the wall and uttered not a word. He seemed without any hope, but Bernard knelt. beside him as the long hours dragged by and tried to rouse him to
prepare for the long journey he was prepare for the long journey he was
son soon to take. He lay quite still with his head sup, midnight when he was seized by a frenzy of fear and clutching his friend's arm with his wasted hand, he whispered, "Bernard, old chüm, I have been a villain and a coward. Can you ever forgive
me ?" His companion thought his mind must be wandering and answered, "Why you have been a true pal to me always, old fellow.' Don't fret about any little. tiffs we may have had. Think now only of making your peace with God,"
At the sound of that sacred name, a spasm of pain passed over the.sick man's
face. "Oh no, God will never forgive me; I have been too wicked," he muttered. "Ask him, old fellow" Bernard replied, I remember my Mother used to teach us God was always willing to forgive
if we were really penitent. Let me send Bob to fetch a parson. He could talk to you better than I can." "No, no," the poor fellow replied, "I don't want any parsons. I only want to hear you say, Jack, I forgive you
the great wrong you have done me as. the great wrong you have done me as man, don't interzupt me. My strength is going. At' ihe bottom of my old trunk you will find a sealed envelope add-essed to yourself. Read the letter after I am dead and send the enclosure to England, and say now that you forgive me",
Bernard bent over and whispered: "I freely forgive you, old fellow, whatever you have done, as I hope to be forgiven myself."
As the last word was uttered with a sad look of love and red way to stand before the Heavenly Tribunal.
To Bernard fell the sad duty of laying in the grave all that was mo mal of his chum. After the sad and simple ceremony was over he returne to thouse to fulfil the last wish ack hadk, exfaithful dog Rusty by his side he read with an almost broken heart, how his old friend, being sorely pressed, had yielded to the temptation and after his departure from his father's office on knew the money would be paid that day and with a key that fitted the desk had abstracted the contents of the bag and got away, never dreaming that Mr . Thompson would fasten the guilt on his own son. Then as he knew it would
be his Mother's death blow if she heard it, he had kept quiet, preferring ev' 1 to let his chum sufter in his place. Now indeed life was dark to Bernard when he realized Jack's treachery, but never for one moment did he mentally retract the forg ${ }^{d}$ dying chum for the present at the farm, until he could ttrink what could be done next, for his love for Jack and been so great he could not bear the thought of clearing his own name at the expense of his
friend's, because he knew that at home was Jack's widowed mother who would was Jack's widowed mother whew the truth, for she loved him so much. When Christmas Eve came round again, Bern-
ard was alone with the dog and hired


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elp on that far off homestead. What surrounding the wagon had subsided the lot of strange events had crowded yemselves into his life during the past last Christmas Eve and his parting with his proud old father, and then the sad farewell from his sweetheart. Then he thought of her last words and how she be with him again before another year was over."
"Another year is over tonight, sweetheart," he said standing alone on a bench overlooking the house, "and you are not with me." "I wonder what the old folks are doing at home?"
Rusty pricked up his ears and sat in the attitude of listening, as round the bend of the road came a wagon drawn by four horses, laden heavily with
freight and passengers.
reight and passengers. "Rusty! Rusty, have you gone mad my boy ? called Bernard, as the faithful old dog ran forward to meet the wagon, and come to ask for a shakedown for the night." But he might as well have
talked to the wind for Rusty, usually so talked to the wind for slightest notice of his master, and as the passengers, an old man, feeble and bent with age, and a young lady, alighted from the wagon, the dog nearly had a fit, and ran round and round each in turn.
the strangers, but when the cloud of dust
surrounding the wagon had subsided, he
stopped suddenly, rubbed his eyes, and stopped suddenly, rubbed his eyes, and
thought he must be dreaming. "No, Bernard, it is no dream. Your faithful Norah has kept her word, and is with you again on Xmas Eve,"
Oh, what a meeting was that, in the
lonely homestead, and what greetings lonely homestead, and what greetings
were exchanged. Norah had to tell how she had coaxed Mr. Thompson to bring her to keep her promise to Bernard, and what a race by steamboat, rail, an
wagon they had to get there in tim
Rev. Dr. Bland: Every action, base or noble, leaves its mark on the brain.
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that the farmer should get every cent possible out of his low grade that the farmer should get every cent possible out of his low grade
grain, and there is only one way to do this. Ship your own grain grain, and there is only one way to do this. Ship your own grain
and get a reliable commission merchant to handle it. Get one whose experience guarantees that he knows his business. This is
 pelled to ship this year through the grade being so low that he can-
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## Elementary Agriculture.

## By McNeal. C. James.

Birds
Few things in nature have given man more pleasure and have been of more in terest to him than have birds. They are
to be found in alt parts of the world and at all times of the year. Their habits of feeding, nesting and migration
have been the subject of prose and have been the subject of prose and
poetry for ages. Their song has been poetry for ages. Their song has been source of pleasure to man from time immemorial. I birds were of no use
other than the pleasure they afford they would be worth preserving. Their economic use to the farmer, however, is yery great. For this reason, more than any ther, they should be protected. The damage done by injurious insects
was discussed in the article on Agriculture in the October number. It was said there that an authority on insects has declared that they cause an annual loss of over $\$ 300,000,000$. This is more money than is spent for all educational
purposes in this country for the same purposes in this country for the same
time. Authority claims that injurious insects would soon destroy all plants if insects would soon destroy all plants if
their enemies were held in check. One of the most efficient enemies of insects is the bird. Not all birds can be classed as useful


## The Last Feed.

much harm. These, however, are very 1912, caused by mice gridling the fruit small in number. They should be de- trees, was over $\$ 100,000$. In one apple stroyed as any other pest, but no in-
orchard of 480 acres in Kansas,
pocent bird shoutd suffer for the sin of
trees were killed in one winter by thes his cousin. Among our most beneficial
birds are the robin, prairie-horned lark, pests. The most effective enemies
of these harmful creatures are the hawks birds are the robin, prairie-horned lark, meadow lark, woodpeckers, swallows,
and many hawks and owls.' The robin often eats fruit during berry or cherry season and for that reason is sometimes destroyed. But the harm he does in this way is far overbalanced by the injurious insects he kills. Fartier south he, does some harm and is slaugh-
tered in immense numbers. In one small town in Tennessee where large tracts of cedars grow, whose berries'at-
tract robins, 120,000 robins are killed and sold each year ${ }_{2}$ for five cents a dozen. The larks are the most distinctly enencial of any of our feathere
friends. Tney eat a great many infriends. They eat a great many in-
jurious insects of the field. All know the meadow lark by his cheery note and by his yellow vest and black. neck-tie. Seventy -three per cent. of his food is made up of insects. The prairie horned lark is about the size of the English
sparrow. He is one of the few winter sparrow. He is one of the few winter
residents in this state. He is usually to be found in the open field in the winte:
He is a gravish brown bird with black He is a grayish brown bird with black
Harkings obout the eves. He feeds up-
Mar markingsaabout the eyes. He feeds up.
win some of our most injurious weed '.n some of our most injurious weel
seects during the winter montls. seepls during the winter months.
The woodpeckers are often destroyed
 the bark but they do little harm, while
if the insect were left alone, he would in many cases destroy the tree. The vhow bellied sapsucker is the bir which really harms trees by pecking holes in them to get the sap. He is a
migrant here, and he should be destroy ed. But the red-headed woodpecker flicker, or yellow-hammer, and the other members of this family should be pro tected.
The birds spoken of above catch in sects from the ground or from trees but the swallows catch their food from the
ir while on the wing. They are ir while on the wing. They are very
benefieial, never doing any harm. They hould be encouraged to build their nest in and about the barn.
More dangerous, often, than injurious nsects in North Dakota are field mice and ground squirrels. The first-named animals often destroy meadows, trees, ereals and vegetables. In Europe there have been many real plagues of meadow
mice. There have been great numbers of them in America. The writer has seen much clover destroyed by these little animals, and has seen hedge fences kill ed outright by them. It is estimated that the loss to the nurserymen nea and owls. No other class of birds suffer more as a class for the wrong doings of Cooper's hawk than do these birds. The hawk are very dcstructive to small birds and game birds. But the sparrow hawk, the marsh hawk and in fact all we have here as summer residents are very beneficial. The same thing can be said of
the owls. These two families of birds are so often destroyed, because they sometimes are caught killing chickens. But chickens form a very small part of hawk diet. This is not all. Only a few tarmers tarmers are prejudiced against all be.
cause of a few. The chief. food of both ause of a fev. The chier food of both urious insects.
A very common little hawk which should be protected is the Sparrow hawk. It is a summer resident here. It is tore sociable than most hawks as it
stays close to dwellings and along lic highways. When scientists wish to find whether a certain bird is beneficial or injurious, he has many of these birds eollected over a wide range of territory The during every month of the year The stomachs of these birds are exam.
ined to find out exactly what these
lind ined to find out exactly what these make now mistake. Out of 320 stomach
nine contained mice, while twenty-four hirds had been eating insects of the grasshoppers, crickets, beetles and cater pillars. One stomach contained 30 crick ets; another a gopher and 38 insects; an other, 35 grasshoppers and 24 crickets. The marsh hawk is a large hawk and he is orten seen has a distinct white rump which aids in recognizing him. This bird feeds upon meadow mice, rabbits and ground squirrels, mainly
Much less often seen, but as beneficial, are owls. These birds fly at night so are little known by most people. They have a very peculiar habit of swallowing
their food in large chunks; hair, bones, skin and all, are eaten. After the digestible part is taken from this mass eaten, the bird throws up the indigestible parts. These have been rolled into balls by the action of the bird's stomach and are cawl peliets 1123 skulls of mice were found. Fifty stomachs of the long eared owl contained 114 skulls of meadow mice.
A great many more figures might be given to show the value of these birds, but enough has been said. Such birds as
the English Sparrow should be destroythe English Sparrow should be destroyful. But before one makes war upon a bird he should be sure that that bird is largely harmful. By all odds most of our eath
protected.

The Effect of Feeding on the Dressed Carcass.

The most valuable part of the car cass, from the consumer's standpoint,
is the lean meat, but not all the lean meat is of the same quality nor is it all equally valuable. The lean meat of part of the body of the live animal. The most tender lean meat comes from the muscles that are least used-those along the back from which the sirloin and porterhouse steaks are obtained. for the tender white meat come fram the breast, the muscles that are
little used in life. The loin and rib oasts are the most valuable part of he carcass and together will probably make up about 30 per cent. of the ersht of the dressed carcass. Butch also tell us that about 65 or 70 pe hese cuts.
It is well understood that feed:n? wil fissue of thaty increase the muscular pecially true of the mature animal, but not to the same extent with young hey .Young catle fer feeding is always hey grow, and proper fear development. In feeding two and three-year old steers, if they have not good muscular development to begin with, no amount or kind of feeding will make any decided in rease in we mustar have the natural mus ular development, feeding will interpose fat within them and between the lay ers of muscular tissue and produce that marbled" appearance in the cuts of meat that is so pleasing to the butcher. In this way the weight of the animal is nereased and the in taste and keeping qualities. The carcass of a well fed and finished animal will ripen in the cool and improve in texture and flavor, while the poor animal will yield a carcass of poor quality and one which will decay fattened animal will expand and become heavier by means of the fat cells deposited within and around them. This produces what is termed "marbled" meat

- when a muscle is cut crosswise the streaks of fat are seen interspersed hroughout the piece of meat. In an nimal inat hat seen fed, the lean or no fat within the tissues, consequently it is usually tough.
Different types of animals will deposit fat in different ways. Heifers and cows usually are not so heavily muscled
as steers, and also, when fed, develop a same thing is true of dairy animals. Their meat may be just as well flavored,
of just as good texture, and just as
tender, but they wiH depsit tender, but they wilh deposit a grea muscular development is too their tota Jersey steer might have as great a per centage of loin steak to total carcass as an Angus but his total amount of meat is small and he is therefore not a de sirable butcher's animal
So much in general for feeding. We 1 and Steer No. 2. Steer No. 1 when slaughtered weighed 1,330 pounds, his dressed carcass weighed 800 pounds, thus giving a dressing 1,000 pounds when slaughtered, his dressed carcass weighed 526 pounds, giving a dressing percentage of $521 / 2$ Bot
were shrunk for 24 hours before killin Steer No. 1 when placed in the feed lot Jast fall was practically of the same quality as str No. ${ }^{\text {slaughte }}$ at time of slaughtering and weighed about the 1 would be classed as a good to choice export animal and worth on the Win nipeg market about $51 / 2$ eents per pound. Steer No. 2 was bought two days before killing for $43 / 4$ cents and was just an average fair butcher steer
the kind which are most the kind which are most in evidence a bunch of others of the same type, had been fed on oats, barley and bran in the proportion of 5, 3, 2. Also, corn fodde and a little hap were given for rough-
age, feed which every western farmer age, feed whin enery western farm an have in abundance
The weights of the various cuts in now charged the consumer at the Win nipeg butcher shops, are as follows: Hind Quarter.

From these figures it will be seen that feeding not only greatly increased the weight of steer No. 1 but that the valuable cuts in steer No. 1 are almost double in weight those from stee No. 2. For instance, there were 23 pounds of porterhouse in steer No. pounds of sirloin in the former and onl 23 pounds in the latter, and these steak etail at from 18 to 22 cents per pound, depending on the quality. Because so many people, 70 per cent. it is claimed has difficulty in disposing of the cheape parts of the carcass. For this reaso he must charge a high price for the good cuts and sell the poorer ones much more cheaply. Winnipeg butchers pay the abattoirs $81 / 2$ to 9 it a pound for the retailers are not making an especially large profit.
The butcher wants the animal with the largest percentage of edible meat. Feeding improves the quality of the meat, increases the dressing percentage t , is estimated that the average butcher's animal that reaches the Winnipeg per cer not dress above will dres per cent. The export stee
around 60 to 62 per cent.

A writer points out that tourists go abroad, while they can have equally as fine scenery-and much more comfor
in the Scottish Highlands. and with in 12 hours' journey of London.

Gey thrawart. After the evidenc had been given against a man in
Police Court, he said, "I can't hear but I deny every word that has been said!'

Glasgow has now 98 miles of "tramway" open and in daily use. The
city owns it own tramway system.

## Whatat, Oals, Bariey, Flax

Owing to so much unfavorable weather, many farmers over Western Canada have gathered at least part of their crop touched by frost or otherwise weather damaged. However, through the large shortage in corn, oats, barley, fodder, potatoes and vegetables by the unusual heat and drought of last summer in the United States, Eastern Canada and Western Europe, there is going to be a steady demand at good prices for all the grain Western Canada has raised, no matter what its quality may be.

So much variety in quality makes it impossible for those less experienced to judge the full value that should be obtained for such grain, therefore the farmer never stood more in need of the services of the experienced and reliable grain commission man to act
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## The White Man.

By W. R. Gllbert. <br> \section*{} <br> \section*{}
 pally that of the
$\begin{aligned} & \text { banker, who received the stakes of the } \\ & \text { district. For years he had dealt with all }\end{aligned}$ liture, a blighted past, and a sorry
furesent, he stumbled down the unchainsorts and e nditions of human nature in $\quad$ ed track which lost itself at the first the raw state. And now, Fit Sims had
dared to turn rusty and rebellious, when
arn
 Clucky burst on him the announcement
that his "beans" were done and the
atter ay, his brain began to clear
again, and his mutterings gradually
ceased Well, after all he didn't mind slate was clean.
It hurt Clucky to think a loafing out-
ceased. Well, after all, he didn't mind
it much. If it hadn't been Clucky it


Photos by Lafayelte, Dublin
Queen Margaret of Sweden, the married daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. cast like Fit should doubt his word. So would have been someone as bad. ,But he expressed himself unreservedly.
"'Think I've been lambin' yer, eh? $\begin{aligned} & \text { there was something that Clucky had } \\ & \text { said which haunted his memory with a }\end{aligned}$ Well, yer can do a roll-up and pad the strange persistence. Something about track. There ain't an ounce of man- an ounce of manlood! Ah! he had it
hood in the whole of yer weather beaten carcase! Not an ounce of manhood! And yer can champ the bit on that."
It was a matter of three weeks since Fit arriyed one evening at sundown, and
dumping his swag down on the ricket: dumping his swag down on the rickety. sapling seat at the end of the verandah,
stalked into the bar and flung down his cherque. It 'represented many weeks' hard toil,
and Clucky held it with a mortgage and Clucky held it with a mortgage
grip. grip. When steady Fit was a crack shearer
 had it. he had been boss of the board
more than once more than once.
But drink would master him and hold $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ilis lwots were cut and useless. His } \\ & \text { feet were sore and bleeding His. }\end{aligned}$ him down. So he howed to the incrit.
alle. and loafed round, were were and bleeding. His hands
and fact
 in the whole ov yer whather-beaten carhad left a sting which And somehow it As he entered the box flat a big black crow cawed at him, mockingly, then the
bush magpies took up the refrain, while the twalpees apook up the refrain, while
twittered it inces ane apostles twittered it inces.
santly. .Not an ounce of manhood, not n wince of manhood!!" manhood, no It was giving him the blues. It dog cellaneous crowd at the Dead Finish, "He theught of his wife, whom he had
not seen for-it must be three years. Then there was young Fitwell, called ter thing of life than his father had done. And there was little blue-eyed Nellie, who could just say "Dad, dad," when he started on the road. He could almost hear her now. Perhaps she had forgotten that word. Dad had only been
a short-lived memory in her life. Ah, "I never wish to set eyes on you again. You've spoiled my iife. I wish you were dead!" His wife had said with world of bitterness in her voice.
Poor Annie! Poor girl! It was all Poor Annie! Poor girl It was all
true, every word. She'd had a rough and tumble time of it with him. No wonder she grew hard and bitter. The wonder was sne'd stuck to him so long. Yet he would like to see her once more
her and the l, le ones. But, "not an ounce of manhood." He was stabled through and through by his own con-
science. science.
knew it. He had seen many sights like But the bush. ferent this time. The utter hopelessness of the birds c.pealed to him strangely. The, odds were too heavy. The puny efforts were so pitifully unavailing. It seemed somethng like his own tie. The whip-cords. He felt a sudden tremor through his blood. In a moment he had seized a branch, and hit the brute sav He saiu it Only one phrase would come "Not an ounce of manhood, you brute Not an ounce of manhood." sed emotion at each telling blow. It di Fit good, cleared the sting right out of When the iguana lay at his feet a shape less mass, he smiled grimly.
"Good iron mate. "Good iron mate. Go it! Death on


Princess Patricia. who will join her parents the Governor General and the Duchess of

Hard, strangling sobs shook him from
head to foot. The tears began to course down his sand-rasped face till they fell on his scrubby beard.
"I wish you were dead!" she had said. It had come to that, then. That the it had come thing he could do for her was to die. Well, he could soon settle thatover there by the clump of wattle. A few weeks of hot, blistering smm, and
the white bones would be unrecomizthe white bones would be unrecomiz. to the long list.
Suddenly there was a quick movement among the dead timber. The dry leaves
crackled protestingly. With a rush a big "pfella" iguana sprang up a tree to wigere a nest lay cunningly lidden" in a protecting fork. There was a terrible "utcry when the galahs and the apostios
saw the danger. The air became alive saw the danger. The air became alive
with plaintive cries. The parent birds faced the marauder gamely. But it was no use. The iguana showed fight, open-
iniz lis ngly jaws, and snapping them ing his ngly jaws, and snapping tomstra-
threateningly. The birds' demonst

Fit looked round quickly. There stoo another member of the great, "tramp"
family. His rags were so ventilated that he seemed almost clothed in sunsline. He looked hollow-eyed, and limped painfully. Fit briefly explained. "The lrute was tackling the birds, and
ther wasn't his own size. That was they, wasn't his own size. That wa
all."
The new-comer nodded sympathetical14. Then he threw himself full length on the ground, and prepared to chum up.
He yarned away mostly about himself He yarned away mostly about himsel
and Jenny. And Fit had no, desire to check him. Anything that could break momotonous silence was welcome.
The story the stranger had The story the stranger had to tel
was not particularly refreshing. He had was not particularly refreshing. He had
really. hard luck. "Took "iinfluenzy" inst as the shearing season started. And he knew whips of sheds that would jump at him. His tally took some beating.
But he had no show now, and he was But he had no show now, and he was
"broke." That was the worst of it. "broke." That was the worst of it.
I! didn't care for himself. He was


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used to roughing it; but there was Jen- blue-eyed Nellie, just as if he'd been together these two, till they reached ny. She was his little girl and blind. through it all laty. It was great! the big Branch two, He had had a small selection once away on the Mudgee road and a fire broke out, and-his wife was burnt-to death-and
Jemy-she was a baby-and she's never seen since. She lives with her old granny now, And some chap had his
boy cured in Sydney, so he wanted to get a few notes together to pack Jenny and her granny off. That doctor could cure Jenny. That was a certainty. Only for the pesky "influenzy" he'd have
a big cheque now, and they'd be off right enough,
Then Fit started and told his mate about Annie and young Fit, and little

All the bitter strife and shameful experience of the past few years seemed wiped out. Hunger, and stiffness, and swollen feet, and the buzz of the mosquitoes, an. even Clucky Brown's taunt, had no power to hurt now. Then Fit
went on to tell his mate of a likely patch ent on to tell his mate of a likely patch hey might strike over the blue range ut Bo. It only looked a stone's throw, but Booralagi was ten miles as the crow flies. However,
could tackle it.
Fit had worked there last year. The Fit had worked there last year. The
tucker was first-rate, and would set
them up in no time. And they'd stick
 So the two struck out for Booralagi t sunrise next morning. The country was rough and broken. As the day rew on the air blew scorchingly. But hey "padded it" cheerfully. They had aken a powerful fancy to each other.
Fit's heart swelled with hope. His pulses beat rapidly. He felt quickened pulses beat rapidly.
ito new manhoód.
His mate yarned on about Jenny, and hat the doctor could do for her, and what a grand thing it would be when self growing quite interested in the little self growing quite inte
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They met the overseer at the Goose's
Neck. Neck. Fit knew him at once. Yes, he
wanted a man-only one though. looked critically at the two men; neither of them struck his fancy. They seemed
as if they could do anything saver as if they could do anything save hard
work. "H'm!" he said shortly. "Not much to choose from; neither of you look fit Either of you ever worked on Booralagi before? Old hands get the first show.
What about you?" turning to What about youq" turning to Fit.
Fit's mate looked at him. And Fit read the look. It was the eyes of blind Jenny's father that met his.
In a flash he thought of Annie, and In a flash he thought of Annie, and
his boy and little blue-eyed Nellie. A his boy and little blue-éyed Nellie. A
great longing came over him to hear great longing came over him to hear
her say "Dad! dad!", again. He knew he looked more the thing than his mate.
that weighed with the overseer. He That weighed with the overseer. He
had only to say "Yes." And yet-oh, had only to say "Yes." And yet-oh,
God! "Not an ounce of manhood," Clucky Brown had said.
His nostrils had quivered; he grip-
ped himself haru, and stifled hope. ped himself haru, and stifled hope. "Are you deaf?" said the overseer
angrily. "Can't you answer a civil angrily. "Can't you answer a civil ques-
tion." And a heavy frown gathered on his forehead.
"No, ain't deaf, and I wouldn't graft à Booralagi under you," said Fit,
scowling. scowling.
The wor
The words and the tone were sullen "Then you can Fit intended.
"Then you can take your brake (be off. And you," turning to the other,
"can make a bee-line for the homestead. Ask for Johnston. Say I sent you, and
that he's to tucker you up a bit, and rig you out decently. Now, put some hurry in it," he shouted, cantering off.
They watched him for some time, past
the slip-rails, till the clouds of dust hid the slip-rails, till the
both horse and rider.
Then for a measureless moment the eyes of the two men met again. "I hope then!" doctor Fit, a bit unsteadily, ennys eyes alright!"
out his hand, he said then. Putting Say, mate-will, yer shake-y'ere the first white man I've struck this side the us year earmark-yer see-little Jenny -she sez prayers and all that kind of thing-and when I tells her wot yer
done-she'll want ter-yer know-." done-she'l want ter-yer know-.
Seeing Fit hesitate, he went on hurriedpray fer the white man-little Jenny will-fer the white man wot done her daddy a good turn at Booralagi-and-"
I guess-God'll know the brand-mate!" I guess-God'll know the brand-mate!"
Then the two hands knotted, and seamed, and horny, met in a close grasp. And Fit went down the long bush track and made for the ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ranges, where the
quivering, misty haze hung like a pall.

Two Compliments.
When the present King 'of Portugal was a youth of seventeen he visited London, and there met Sir Edwin Land-
seer. Being very fond of natural history seer. Being very fond of natural history,
the young king was delighted to meet the great animal painter, and said so. King Carlos spoke English very well, but like all persons who have learned a
language by grammar and dictionary, language by grammar and dictionary,
he used words in an equivocal sense. "I am so glad to make your acquaintance, Sir Landseer," he said, with much enthusiasm. "I am so fond of beasts!" Landseer accepted the compliment as that with one exception it was the greatest he had ever received. The "exception" came from a dog-seller, who
was walking along a London street with was walking along a London street with
a terrier under his arm. Landseer was a terrier under his arm. Landseer was
attracted by the bright little, face.
"His ears are not cropped," he observed.
"No, sir," replied the dog-seller, "Landseer says ears ought not to be cropped."
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## Journey of a Soldier from Quebec to Fort Garry.

## How a Royal Engineer reached the Red River.



RANSPORTATION is civilization. The differ-
ence between the ence between the state
0 of North America sixty years ago and its present conditions
may be gauged by comparing gauged by weeks and the days, ious and tortuous travel, and its de lays, difficulties, discomforts and dangers with the few fleeting minutes and hours in the smoothly speeding modern hostelries on wheels now operated by the railways.
Opponents
Opponents of the grand old pioneer
ur traders may rant of the obstacles placed by them in the way of settlement on the Red River; but it was na-
ture herself which made the wilderness, ture herself which made the wilderness, Thomas, Earl of Selkirk, planted a colony, surrounded by such physical difficulties of access and distance of the digging for diamonds unremunerathe digging for diamonds unremunerawere provided. When a settler deliberately goes and immures himself in
a :onely location, far from any railway a lonely location, far from any railway
or immediate prospect thereof at the or immediate prospect thereof at, the
present time, while we may admire his adventurous spirit, and he may be the pioneer of nations yet to be in that region, few would be disposed to agree martyr to a sensible government which refused to construct thousands of miles of roads for his individual convenience and private benefit.
Lord Selkirk had been able to obten shillings sterling, and in consideratian of his placing, within the space of ten years from the date of the grant, 1,000 families of settlers thereon. To ful-
fil the latter-the main-condition befil the latter-the main-condition be-
came his object, and he ransacked the Scottish Highlands and Ireland to procure emigrants, employing for the purpose agents, who appear to have grossly misrepresented the prospects and
to have made promises, for the fulfilment of which no provision was made, to the poor people, who were thus in-
duced to flee from known evils to encounter greater ills in an unknown and the victims of these misrepresentations and unfulfilled pledges should now forgive and forget them, and be anxious to raise a monument to the would-be
feudal lord of Assiniboia, is fresh proof of the Ghristian spirit which has ever actuated them and their fathers before them.

The Oregon Dispute.
In the year 1846 our A merican cous-
ins were determined to extend their ins were determined to extend their
northern boundary on the Pacific to latitude "Fifty-four forty-or fight" Grearsions which might have been made on the Red River Settlement, Colonel Crofton was sent with a wing of the 6th Foot and detachments of
the Royal Artillery and Engineers to Fort Garry. From Cork his force came by Huason's Bay to Red River ingabout two and a half months, arriving on 18th Septembeir, 1846, and departing in
the summer of 1848 , after the danger the summer of 1848 , after the danger
was over, by the same good, oldwas over, by the same good, orofton was relieved in the summer of 1847 by
Major Griffith, and it was to join his command that the two young officers under
ed.

Quebec to St. Pauls.
In June, 1847, Lieutenảnt Browne,
R.E., and Captain Darling, of the ComR.E., and Captain Daring, of trem the garrison at Quebec to join that at Fort
Garry. By the steamboats of those old Garry. By the steamboats of those old Kingston, Toronto, Niagara to Chicago,
where they arrived on the 9th of July From Chicago they sent on their bag gage by wagon to Galena on the
Mississippi, following it by stage
which which, travelling day and night, ac complished the distance of 180 miles be ween two o'clock a.m. on the 14th an
p.m. on the 15th. p.m. on the 15 his At Galena, which Browne says was place he was ever in, they waited for the steamer coming from St. Louis bound for St. Peters. Meeting two Red were made. to join company with them
arrangent and have their baggage freighted from St. Peters to Red River.
Gladly leaving Galena by the steamer Cora on the 17th, they arrived at the the 2lst, and disembarked, as St. Pauls eight miles below St. Peters, and on the east bank was more convenient for the Red River people
"St. Pauls," says Browne, "is a
wretched place and its inhabitants are wretched place and its inhabitants are
about the greatest known blackguards There were a goo many Sioux Indians about, generally drunk."
On the 22nd they called on Captain Eastman, in command of Fort Snelling, who gave them the mail which had
come round that way for the Red come round that way for the Red
River garrison. They then visited Mr. Sibley at the American Fur Company's establishment, where they were civilly
and hospitably received. and hospitably received. The good dinner was very acceptable, as there was
nothing but salt pork at St. Pauls. After mailing letters at the last post office on the route at the fort, they returned to St. Pauls.

On the March to Fort Garry. The party, consisting of eleven men and a boy,with fifteen Red River carts wagon, left St. Pauls on the marche's to Fort Garry on the 23rd, but camped, after making nine miles, at the Falls of St. Anthony to a wait the steamer with steamer freight for Red River. The steamer arrived on 27 th July, but not the freight; so next morning they re
sumed their journey without it, Browne and Darling on horseback.
Passing Drunken, Corn, Rum and Elk Rivers, Bear Island, and the Chain of Lakes on the afids on the 30th, and next day forded the Mississippi, about 50 miles above St. Peters, in safety. A few miles beyond the ford they met a large party of half-breeds whose
carts were laden with dried buffalo meat from a hunt near Lake Travers. These hunters told them they would fall in with buffalo and elk on the trail, and that a large party of traders from
St. Pauls for Red River were three days St. Pauls lor Red River were three days
alhead; also that one party of Sioux of 180 and another of 72 warriors had crossed the trail going eastwards on the warpath against the Chippeways.:
Delayed by carts breaking down, by Delayed by carts breaking down, by
Captain Darling falling ill, and wet Captain Darling falling in, and wet
weather, they only: crossed the Sac River on the 4th August. Darling having become too unwell, with fever and
agme to ride, the seat of Browne's agge to ride, the seat of Browne's
waggon was removed and a bed made waggon was removed and a bed made
for him, which he used the rest of the journey, They reached the edge of the great plains and the Sioux country; and set a night watch for the first time. The Height of Land between: the
Mississippi and Red Rivers was reached on 7 th August, and they crossed the trails of several war parties of Sioux
on that and the following day. Next on that and the following day. Next
day they came to what had evidently day they came to what had evidenty
been the encampment, a week before, of Clippeways also on the warpath
against the Sioux. That evening against the sioux. That evening a
terrific thunderstorm came on and the terrific thunderstorm came on and the
rain lasted all night, much to the discomfort of Browne, who had given up pitching his tent, and adopted the
$\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { voyage } \\ \text { cart. }\end{array}\right.$
Browne a keen Sportsman.
All the way Browne had been on the Aok-out for game, bagging chicken and
low ducks successfully, but unable to over-
take a buck elk on horseback. They
now entered on the buffalo hunting now eutered on the buffalo hunting
grounds, and, after breakfast on the rounds, and, after breakfast on the
Mimence Prairie, two men went ahead Wimence Prairie, two men went ahead
owards the Otter Tail River to look or buffala Sighting objeets which seemed to be Indians off to the right,

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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| stand against some of the party who |  | on nearer approach they turned out to

be three red deer, and, giving the man $\begin{aligned} & \text { stand againsted to search for the lost hiunter, } \\ & \text { object } \\ & \text { wishing to push on because of the }\end{aligned}$ nearly everything but his gun, Browne wishing to push on because of the dashed off in pursuit, but his horse danger from Indians on the warpath. floundered into a swamp and fell, Browne aways saimness on this occa-
throwing him over his head. Both life to Darling's firmes scrambled out unhurt and again gave chase, until the deer crossed swamps where they could not be followed. Giving up the chase, he was returnmeeting Miller, Captain Darlings man, with his master's horse, and getting yiew of the deer again gave chase. Then the largest deer, evidently fagged, ran
into and lay down in a swamp. Miller, dismounting, followed him into the swamp with a horse pistol, which missed fire and started the animal away again, till Browne catught and shot him wad. He was a very large specimen
with fine antlers. $\begin{aligned} & \text { two miles from camp, instead of buffalo } \\ & \text { they found a party of traders, under }\end{aligned}$

till camping time at the bend of Goose River. Large herds of buffalo were now
all around them. By this time they were all as tired of bull meat as they
had been of salt ing of the 20 th, Browne. and Kitson, with several of the men, sallied out after fat cows. Each of these gentlemen
secured one, cow, but no mention is secured one cow, but no mention is
made of the number which fell to the "men," who were professional hunters. In the evening Browne got his sixth bull, and the whole country being cov-
ered with animals, he regretted not ered with animals, he regretted not
having two or three more horses to: run them. "A wounded bull will often charge if a man gets too close and his
horse is not well trained, but," he adds; "the principal danger is from your horse putting
and falling."

Nearing Fort Garry.
On the 21st they camped on Turtle River, near the pace where Mr. Thomas Sounson, slain in October, 1841. By the
found
23rd Captain Darling had somewhat re23rd Captain Darling had somewhat recovered, and, the principal danger from
war parties being left behind, the two war parties being left behind, the two
officers, with Miller, the Sioux interofficers, with Miller, the sioux inter-
preter, Campbell, and two brothers
named Spence, pushed on ahead of the party, with the waggon and two lightly
laden carts, hoping to reach Fort Garry laden carts, hoping to reach Fort Garry
in four days. Dining at Little Hillock in four days. Dining at Little Hillock Creek that day, they crossed Turtle
River and reached Pembina on the 24th,
having been detained by the waggon
and cart breaking down. Next day and cart breaking down. Next day
they passed Grand Point and encampthey passed Grand Point and encamp-
ed at Scratching River. On the 26th ugust Browne rode ahead to Fort
Garry to send back fresh horses for his ompanion. He made the forty mile ride between 5 and 11 a.m, and was joy-
fully welcomed by Major Griffith and the garrison. Captain Darling arrived the next day, and the baggage four days after.

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26 th August. 26th August.

Military Record of Lieutenant Browne. was born in Dublin, 24th April, 1823. His father was Dean of Lismore, and mother being daughter of Viscount Frankfort de Montmorency. Military
He entered the Royal Man Academy in 1838, and received a commission in the Royal Engineers in 1842 . March 1845, he was sent to Halifax,
Nova Scotia. Promoted to lst lieuNova Scotia. Promoted to lst lieu-
tenant in April and moved to Quebec tenant in April and moved to Quebec
in 1846. In June, 1847, was sent on special service to Fort Garry, from which he returned in the following summer to Quebec. Returned home to Ire-
land in 1851, was promoted 2nd Captain land in 1851, was promoted 2nd Captain
1854, and took command of 1st Company Sappers at Chatham. On 5th January, 1855 , he embarked for the Crimea, where he did arduous duty in the
trenches. Promoted 1st Captain on trenches. Promoted lest Captain on-
Ist June, 1855, and rendered conşicuIst June, 1855, and rendered conspicu-
ous service in successful attack on the Quarry covering the Redan. Captain
(now Field Marshall Viscount) Wolse(now Field Marshall Viscount) Wolse-
ley of the goth regiment acted as his ley of the 90th regiment acted as his
assistant engineer on that occasion, and Captin Browne reported highly of hi
conduct. Was twice mentioned in de patches, 8th and 9th June, for gallan try and zeal, and in July obtained a brevet majority. After the repulse at
the Redan, Major Browne acted for two months as R. E. director of the right attack on Sebastopol. On 24th August
he was severely wounded and was in-
valided home. For his service in the Crimea he was created C. B. and Knight Crimean, Sardinian and Turkish medals, and the Order of Medjidie (5th class), and was gazetted, 26th December, 1856, Brevt Lt.-Colonel. A pension of $£ 200 \mathrm{a}$ year was also awarded him for wounds. Recovering from his wounds he was
quartered in Dublin till July, 1859, when he went to command the Engineers in Bombay Presidency. Commanded R. E. at Mauritius March, 1860
to August, 1861. Returning home he to August, 1861 . Returning home, he
became Assistant
Commardant at Chatham, Brevet Colonel, 26th December, 1864, and Regimental Lt.-Colonel on 2nd May, 1865. On 1st January, 1866, Colonel Browne became Asst. Adjutant
General for R. E. at the War Office, and in 1871 Deputy Adjutant General. He became Major General (antedated) 2nd February, 1870, 2nd June, 1880, ap pointed Governor of Royal Military Acaseven years. Lieut-General, 13th Aug ust, 1881, Geteneral on 12th February, 1888. Retired on pension, 5th May 1888. On the 6th April, 1890, he was Royal Engineers, and on the 26th May 894, he was created a Knight Com mander of the Bath.
Thus full of honors and of years, he died at his residence in London, on th
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## The Natural Lords of the Prairies.

## Joseph Price.


$T^{\mathrm{HE}}$ a ccompanyin photograph shows heads of thirteen buffaloes, which have been splendidly W. Darby, of form what may now-a-days be considere an almost unique collection. These animals were formerly members of the
"Pablo" buffalo herd in Montana, and were shot by their owners last winter, owing to their refractory conduct whilst a further number were being rounded up from the herd for delivery and sale
to the Canadian Government. passing of the American Bison, for although commonly known as the "buffalo" among Anglo-Saxons, it is quite a distinet zoological species from the true and other places, is an interesting subject for reflection. As the only living specimen of the ox family indigenous to

the North American continent, save the advantage of by the wily Indians who musk ox of the sub-Artic regions; would quickly get ahead of ${ }_{\text {w }}$ a big bunc roaming as they used to do all over the
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they used to stampede them and rushing the buffaloes over a precipice secure great numbers. Save in the herding season
the male and female buffaloes lived apart in separate herds, the latter, however, usually being accompanied by a few aged bulls.
Quiet and inoffensive in the ordinary a most formidable opponent, and it re quired a tremendous amount of dexterity and pluck upon the part of a hunter to escapee with his life when attacked by a
wounded animal. wounded animal. 7 ne bulls in the herd
would often fight among themselves, but would often fight among themselves, but
it is said that the grizzly bear was the only other "wild animal that would ever venture to molest a buffalo in his prime, although the very old and consequently of wolves in winter.
Apart from the excitement of the chase it gave him, the buffalo was indeed of an inestimable economic value to the lar in appearance and texture to a somewhat coarse grained beef, was tender, juicy and of good flavor. The buffalo
ongue and marrow-bones were considered the great delicacies, whilst its hump rom which the finest pemmican was made was most highly esteemed. The Indians
rendered down the buffalo fat into tallow, and from its bones they made various domestic articles. Buffalo skins provided them with clothing and with coverings for their tents and their
canoes.
From buffalo hair they manufactured cloth. The passing. of they the buffalo-there is a certain tinge of sadness in the thought. This noble anial one time indeed the natural lord of the western prairies, older in origin,
so the scientists tell us, than even the redman himself who played so active a part in its destruction, now practically
extinct, deserves a better fate. xtinct, deserves a better fate.
But it was once again the enacting of
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ttest" and the buffalo had to go and give way to the wide forward sweeping The buffalo's wild
The buffalo's wild free ranges were order changeth and giveth place to new." order changeth and giveth place to
One can only say, "It had to be."

## A Rapid Conveyance.

By Owen Olive


LINT," said Stone.
"Stone," said I. We are Flint and Stone, Solicitors, of
Millbank, England Local wits call us the Millstones; but "I have bee
ing." I rubbed my hands
ing." "If we had an enemy-"
"No!" I protested.
of animosity towards us; and feelings of animosity towards
we had declined further correspond whon He looked at me over his eye glasses. "If we had occasion to, approach him
in the way of business," I suggested in the way of ousiness,
"of course-"
"We should forgive him!"
 good man."
"Andrew Mckenzie did not helawe wel in the matter of that land. Sur ... shook my head.
"His last letter wes scarcely pmlite."
"Almost offensive "Almost offensive. He insimuated wn were lacking in truth :hin ill-will:" "None whatever.""
"The offer that we wath him wat
"The "iberal." offer th


I said warmly. " $£ 2,100$ indeed!" "He cannot help being a Scotchman," aid my partner soothingly, "and this a season of good-will." It was within a week of Christmas. I nodded approvingly. "If you would like
to make him an offer-shall we say £1,800?" " " at him in 100 " said Stone quietly. I looked at "It is barely worth $£ 2,000$ !" Stone held up his finger.
"If the Slowdown and Golightly "If the Slowdown and Golightly Rail-
way should propose to build a good
station there ?" station there?" "Oh!"
"Ah!" I said. "Oh!"
"A little bird," he remarked playfully, "has whispered to me that they do. I fear Hey will have to give at least $£ 2,500$." ahem! -little bird. "I should be sorry," I observed, "for any malice. Suppose we offered him
t2, 2,000 ." Sto L2,000." Stone shook his head.
"He would haggle till after mas. T-I do not want any weight on
my mind at that happy season." He oughed apologetically. "One must not carry sentiment too "Tras linkin", "how "I was thinking," he remarked, "how
people talk "wer the festive hoard. If
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 "I was an ideaIf I can d relations, "Highly
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"I was wrong to question your kindly
instincts, Stone," I admitted. " I had an idea of visiting Slowdown today. If I can do anything to establish friendiy. elations, it will be gratifying.
"Highly gratifying, Flint; especially
at this season." I went over
I went over by the 11.15 train. McKenzie became civil as soon as I ex-
plained the object of my visit, and assured plained that there was no ill-feeling on his part. "We'll deal with the matter in a generous speerit on baith sides," he said.
"An' mak' it $£ 2,150$ ?" He is a man with no conscience whatever!
"Stone would never agree to a penny more than twenty-one hundred," I d
clared. "It's out of the question?" clared. "It's out of the question?"
"Ye'll mak" it a free conveyance?" "No, no! But we'll do it cheaply, and quickly."
"By the New Year?"
"By Christmas," I promised. So we "By Christmas,
closed the bargain.
Stone rubbed his hands when I told him.
him. $W e$ will take it over for signature on Tuesday," he pronounced. the previous negotiations. I saw to the matter myself, as Stone was busy trying a new motor-a form of conveyance of which I do not approve. I was reading
the document for the last time, on Monday morning, when my partner rushed into our room.
"The conveyance?" he cried.
"Just finished." I held it up. He snatched it from my hand.
"Put on your top coat an
come." I looked at the clock.
"We're just too late for the train."
We'll go on the motor." that "Umph!" I must confess that I did be in such a hurry."
"His brother is
train. He has heard something by the train. He station."
The meddlesome ass!" I rushed into my coat. "How did he find out?" office. He ought to be dismissed." "A gross breach of trust, I agree,
putting on my gloves.
"Come on!" Stone clapped my hat on my head and we went out.
The motor was at the door, puffing and rattling in an unpleasant manner. I did not like venturing on the thing, he turned a wheel and it bolted forward with a jerk that threw my hat into the
road. It was nearly a new hat and road. It was nearly a new hat, and
some small boys were playing football with it when we turned the corner:
"Why didn't you stop?" I demanded. "We've barely time to beat the train." "T shall catch my death of cold. bead," he suggested.
I commenced knotting my handker-
I chief at the corners; but Stone turned too sharply at the end of the High
Street, and we ran against the curb. In Street, and we ran against the curb. In
catching hold of the car to save myself I let the handkerchief go. Stone's umbrella went also. I will not say that I was glad, but I hoped it would be a
lesson to him, and I told him so. "One must take these little things philosophically," he said. "I've a spare handkerchief that I'll lend you." It was a large silk one, and made an excellent head covering, 1 it was bright red in color, and excited remarks from people we passed.
"It goes," he remarked, with satisfaction. "I shall be glad when it stops," I replied. "roper control." proper control."
"My dear Flint, I can guide it to an
inch. See me run over that piece of inch. See me run over that piece of orange peel; and that fragment of paper.
Now round that old woman-Good Hew rens!"
He had overlooked a heap of stones, and we mounted right over them. I turned a backward somersault on the
seat, and only saved myself from going seat, and one car by clasping him round the neck with both legs.
"You've knocked my cap off!" he com-
plained. "With this cold wind I shall plained. "With this co,"
"One must take these little things philosophically,"-I reminded him. "You had better ma


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"You just turn it the way you want
to go. It's quite easy. The road is
wide enough.".
"It's wide," I agreed doubtfully. "But
I don't know if it's wide enough!" How-
ever, he insisted upon my taking the

wheel, while he fumbled with a muffler-
a yellow one spotted with green.
"It's a mile off. Mind the boy!" I
tried to mind the boy, but the thing went straight at him. However, he got out of the way somehow. "Keep to the
left. You'll be into the trap!" There was a youting into the trap man in it was a grating sound, and the us.
"You turned the wheel the wrong
way,"Stone explained. "You've smashed way," Stone explained. "You've smashed
"Why don't you finish the cap, and steer yourself,"I I demanded.
"It takes all my time to look after you. Where are you going? The right, man, the right! You're going into Break we "were already in the Lane. "It's the quickest way," I declared. "Quickest!! It's unrideable. Look at the policeman!"
A constable was standing in the midshouting to us to stop. "Put on the brake!" I cried. Stone grabbed at a lever, but without effect. "It won't act,"
run him down!" dectared.
We rushed We rushed upon the policeman like
an avalanche. He bolted for the footpath, shouting something about the County Council and ten miles an hour.
"You will be su:moned," I warned Stone.

Mischief.
"We shall be summoned," he corrected, "if we are not killed." He made a furi
ous attack upon the brake, but only suc ous attack upon the brake, but only suc-
ceeded in upsetting the steering. We seraped along a wall, snapped off th projecting branch of a tree, and uprooted a mile stone. Then we turned an angle of the road upon a milk barrow. "Hi!" I shouted. "Hi! Get out of the

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The man got out of the way but he ant the barrow. We dashed through ter hit me in the face and another black ed my pirtner's eye. I could not see the pieces were too small! "Carts!" I shouted warningly. "Any number of them. Blow the the fog. horn!" He blew it, and the carters drew up hastily on one side or
most shocking language.
"They've ascal "They've escaped from an asylum,"
cried a lady as we passed. "Look at their caps. "We shall never hear the last of his" I reproached Stone. He smiled with sort of foolish satisfaction
"If we arn't smashed, we shall beat the train by twenty minutes. It mean four hundred pounds."
"Less damages," I corrected. "If weOh!" The car skipped over a roug place, and I nearly went out. "Hold tighter", he told me. was holding as tightly as I could. It was necessary. The machine was no longer running, but taking long leaps, and whenever we turned a corner we went up on one wheel. When we came to
Slowdown Road we were going forty miles an hour.
"The last half mile!" he said cheer fully.
"And the steepest!" I groaned. "It will bring us almost to his door". There was a soft thud, and the remain of a cow were bundled out of the way "More damages!" "It has checked us a little," he condisposition! "It is up-hill when we reach disposition
the pond.
Just as
Just as we came to Slowdown Green, a brewer's van galloped out from the
yard of the "Three Keys." Stone turned hurriedly to avoid it, and we reached
the pond-at the deep end reserved for the pond-at the deep end reserved for
swimmers! There was a terrifo splash, We were swept from our seats by a
torrent of water. I do not remembe anything more, except a violent explo sion, till some clumsy yokel got me ou with a pitchfork.
When I had got some of the waterand the fork-out of me, I looked round
and saw Stone wring and his hands.
"The conveyance is "Get it out of your pocket," I cried before it's too wet!" ${ }^{\text {pocke stared a }}$ me for a moment. Then he pulled it out. It was scarcely hurt at all. "Come along," I commanded. "The
train isn't in ye", train isn't in yet." "Fint!" he said warmly., 'Your presence of mind is invaluable.
We toiled up the hill as fast as we could, and reached McKenzie's just as the train was whistling in the distance.
"Guid Heavens!" he cried, when we entered his room, dripping and breathless. "Weel, weel!"
"We came by motor," Stone explained. "I thocht ye'd come by sea!", He aughed loudly. Persons of his nationality have a preverted notion of humor.
"We had an accident. If you will sign the conveyance-"
"Ye"ll change first," he suggested, pre; tending that he was trying not to grin. "Thusiness before pleasure," I reminded him, trying to laugh. "Some folk tak' their pleasure sadly!" "Some folk tak' their pleasure sadly!"
He laughed, as if he had said something He laughed, as if he had said somethig
funny. "I don't see anything to laugh at,
Mr. McKenzie," said my partner with dignity. could see yersels, mon!" he cried, holding his sides. Luikin mair soleecitors!" I was about the reoks-he is a great perity upon res raded and red-bearded man-when Stone waved me aside. man-when Stone waved me aside.
"We want to get back by the 1.40 ,"
he said. "If you will call in your clerk he said. "If you will call in your clerk
to witness the document, we shall be to witnes
obliged."
"But we mun hae a wee drap fist tae keep oot the cold," he proposed affably So he called in his two clerks. They were ill bred, young men, and giggled
audibly when they looked at us; but audibly when they looked at us; but we affected not to notice them, and hurried through the business. We had
barely concluded, when Donald Mc Kenzie rushed in
manded. "It is"
"It is," we tol him.
"Thieves!" asaid of thieves!" he roared clerks. "You heard that, gentlemen?" "Yes," they said, leering idiotically. "Disreputable, underhand, lying, pet
tifogging scoundrels!" he shouted. "And you heard that, gentlemen?" said I.
"We did," they assured us.
"There is such a thing as libel,"
mentioned. "And false pretences," said Donald McKenzie. "When you proposed to buy the land -...
ave bougt it," I pointed out "You have heard that the Railway Company wanted to build there." $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{t}}$
zubbed our hands. zubbed our hands.
We keep our ears open," said Stone "I told you this morning that I ha heard something about the Company and the land.
"We are obliged for the hint," Stone "Otherwise you woul
Littlebury and-
"Keep our ears open," I suggested joculariy. He banged whe lable. heard that the Company have decided to build -" we rubbed our hands-"elsewhere." I looked at Stone and Stone looked at me. "We will go, Stone,"
will go. Flint," said he.

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"You will go!" they said.
When we picked ourselves up at th bottom of the stairs, Stone was in favo
of an action for libel, and I for assault of an action for libel, and I for assault.
Ultimately we decided to bring neither It is also our endeavor to benefi in question we would add that the land in question has lately much increased in
value, and affords an exceptionally favorable opportunity for investment. The price which we put upon it is merely nominal- $£ 2,500$, and any offer ad dressed to us, care of the Editor, will receive prompt consideration.

## Wit and Humor.

A well known public man in Maine ome twenty-five years ago, used to tel had two or three days to spare, and inquired of the hotel clerk where he could find some good *shooting. A countryman who stood near by said he "ought to go out on the Scarborough road, about
six miles over the bridge, and he'd find a pair of bars on the left hand side. Put the bars up again, because the critters might get out, then go up the hill and that will bring you out right by he'll be around there himself; he's most always around." "But I don't know Squire Risley's,", said the stranger, "and don't." "Oh," replied the any other barn," "Oh," replied the countryman,
"you'll know him the minute you set eyes on him. Everbody knows him. He'll have on nankeen trousers at this season of the year. His wife makes them for debt. And when you see him once you'll know him, for he's pleats all overthat's the way his wife makes them. He's like the morning sun-all rays." A dozen years ago there used to come a rusty old dealer in farm produce to
Boston. One Saturday night having sold everything but a keg of apple sauce, he exchanged this in a tailor's shop for an
overcoatt. which the tailor told him fitted him perfectly. Next morning, on the meeting house steps, all his friends began to disparage his purchase. "Why,
it's all plucked up behind; it don't touch "I couldn't see it behind when I bought it, but I took his word for it; he seemed
to be a nice sort of man. But I guess

1 ain't got much the worst of the trade,
after all. I guess when he comes to eat well down into that air keg of apple sass, well down towards the middle, I guess he'l find i,
as this coat is." The staid Yankee sees the difference
between things as they are and as they ought to be as quickly as any man in
the world, but he would dread the character of a professed joker. In a. Vermont village a tall and awk
ward beau called to see his young lady and found her engaged with other company. To set matters right he gave riddles. "There was two boys playin" on the sidewal., ana a man asked one of
them whether they were any relation. The boy replied, Sir, that there boy's
mother and-mine was twin sisters, and mother and-mine was twin sisters, and
yet we ain't cousins.'" The girls guessed at it for hal an hour and gave it up,
"Is there any solution to it, Mr. Brown?" one of the girls asked. "Oh, yes," he replied, "it's easily explained. That there
boy lied." boy lied."
Enraged over something the local newspaper had printed about him, a
subscriber burst into the editor's office in search of the responsible reporter. "Who are you?" he demanded, glar-
ing at the editor, who was also the main stockholder

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reply. And who are you?" he next inquired, "And who are you?" he next inquired, turning his resentul gaze on the
chocolate-colored office-devil clearing out the waste-basket.
"Me?" rejoined the darky, grinning
from ear to ear.
cul'ud supplement."
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Journey of a Soldier from Quebec to Fort Garry. (Continued from Page 45.)

Compiled from article by Colonel R. H. Veitch, C.B., late R.E. in the Royal Engineers Journal by saac cowie.
Note.-Captain Darling married Margaret, daughter fo Chief Factor William Einclair, at Fort Garry. They went
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Christmas is the most widely celebrated and dis tinctively Christian of our holidays, It is the feas
of kindness. Of kindness there is, of course, abun dance at all seasons of the year; but it is rather to the credit of humanity that it is practised more than it is talked about. A man will boast of his cour age or his cleverness, but he would be ashamed to make a parade of his domestic affections or friend mark of weakness. He sometimes likes to say a kind thing in a rather gruff or jocular way, but a Christmas he "lets himself go." Needless to say
kindness is of the very essence of Christianity kindness is of the very essence of Christianity
This does not mean that kindness was first pro This does not mean that kindness was first pro
claimed by the Sermon on the Mount. It has alway existed in abundance, like friendship, air and sun shine. But what Christianity did was to draw at tention to the vast possibilities of kindness as a
regenerate force, not a mere amiable weakness. The regenerate force, not a mere amiable weakness.; The giving," "benevolent," that moment we pierce the cor of Christendom. Christians, in the word of the $\Delta$ pos tle, are a community "kindly affectioned one to an and doctrine and prohibitions. Christianity says "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." Fresh air and suinshine we have always with us. It is only in recent years that we have realized fully their curative
power in tuberculosis and other diseases. Science power in tuberculosis and other diseases. Scienc
tells us that all nature is a vast laboratory o strengthening and healing agencies, and that all we need to do is to use with intelligence the simple hings that are provided for use in such abundance Christianity does the same in the moral and spiritual courage, of justice, of honor, are divine, just as all physical force is borrowed from the power of the un-and its teaching is what we should get into and the soulight. This is the significance of Christmas,

## CHRISTMAS GIVING.

There is a species of crank who insists that people should be given at Christmas exactly those things
which they would receive in any event. He is utilwhich they would receive in any event. He is util that the beautiful is as useful as the useful, he would reduce the hoinay season to the drab monot ony of every-day life. Fortunately he is an insignifi nt minority, and his grumblings are lost amid th is that which combines usefulness with appropriate ness, being at the same time of such excellence as to rank as a luxury so far as the every-day require ments of the recipient are concerned. But who will
question, especially at the Christmas season, those question, especialy at the Christmas season, thos
nappropriate gifts which bear, despite their use ssness, a message of love which money cannot uy? Many a mother will be moved to tears of Chankfulness by the ill-tied parcel-inappropriate,
perhaps almost ridiculous-which carries with it the perhaps almost ris of her growing boy. Christmas, after all, is supremely a time of sentiment; and among the gift on Christmas Day there will be those chosen with care and admirably designed to please, which will are the tributes' of duty', rather than of love. And here will be others, ill-chosen, but with a mark of affection upon them, perfectly useless but perfectly

## THE SOLID GROUND WE LIVE ON.

The hero in Tennyson's "Maud" on one occasion hoped, in his anguish, that the solid ground might ground, as a general rule, he, like everybody else,
entertained no doubt. Nor would his certainty have been seriously disquieted by reading the report of
the Canadian Chief Astronomer and Boundary Comme canadian ous Astronomer and Boundary Com missioner, though that report has much to say of
tremblings of the ground, imperceptible to our senses. rembings of the ground, imperceptible to our senses,
The casual reader may be inclined to express surprise, by the way, as to why the functions and duties pertaining to star-gazing and boundaries not neeessary here, however, to enter into explanations of the fact that, on land as well as on sea, scientific observations having to do with the measure nents of the earth's surface must depend upon a tudy of the heavenly bodies. In' addition to his other duties, the Chief Astronomer must also keep
his eat to the ground. That is to say, it is his duty o record and classify earthquakes. He is our national cataloguer of disturbances of the actual surface of the globe we live on. During the twelve months from
April 1,1908 , to the same date in 1909, covered by his latest report, there were 49 earthquakes. The seismograph, of course, reeords earthquakes that occur anywhere in the world, no mater where.
Fory -nine of them in one year would seem to cast Forty-nine of them in one year would sem to cast
serious reflections upon the solidity of the ground; serious reflections upon the solidity of the ground;
not, , oweer, that there is anything ot be seriously
alarmed about. Besides these thin earthouakes there

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were a great number of almost imperceptible tremblings, of which the scientific name is microseisisms. These, it appears, go on almost continuously. To
read the scientific explanation of them would almost give you the idea that the earth is like a big mould of jelly. The gentle disturbances with the long and ormidable name are not produced like sure-enough earthquakes, but are due more to changing air pressure and atmospheric disturbances generally angerous-in fact, we would not know anything about them if it were not for the extreme degree of minute perfection to which the instruments that cord have been brought. To return to real hich occurred in Quebec and lasted some six months ff and on. Since that disturbance Canada has been a very steady portion of the earth's surface, and is egarded by scientists as well outside of the earthprairies. On this, as on other continents, the great sea-like expanses which appear to have been rolled smooth by Dame Nature's rolling pin, are declared by scientists to have the most stable and solid foun-
dations under them, and to we entirely free from any danger of earthquake.

## WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

Champ Clark is undoubtedly probably quite right when he says that nine men out of every ten men in the Republic would like to see this country joined to the United States. Why, indeed, should not nine
out of every ten men in the United States desire to out of every ten men in the United States desire to
see so fine a country as Canada forming part of their see so fine a country as Canada forming part of their
country? But what would such an expression of desire mean, any more than that if, for example, a public man in Manitoba were to declare that nine out f every ten men in Manitoba would like to see the boundaries of Manitoba extended so as to take in the
States of North and South Dakota and Minnesota? The people in the United States who would like to see Stars and Stripes flapping over this country do not ream of "annexation" by force-or, if any of them o, they are indulging in dreams of sheer craziness. States when they say they would like to see Canada oin the Union, is that they would like to see Canada "come in." But Canada has not the slightest desire o do anything of the sort. Mr. Jones may desire reatly that Miss Smith should arry him; but if ility of becoming Mrs. Jones, that settles it does it not? Annexation is not a possibility. It is absolute$y$ out of the question.

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

The world is waiting to see what China will do when the Oriental version of the French Revolu-
tion is over and a new state of affairs emerges tion is over and a new state of affairs emerges
from the ancient state of affairs in that vast empire, with its teeming millions of people. Let us hope that the result will be freedom and order, and the development of the great resources of that
empire. What kind of a man is the Chinaman? empire. What kind of a man is the Chinaman?
On this continent we know very little of him. He On this continent we know very little of him. He
is seen only as the laundryman, the cook or the is seen only as the laundryman, the cook or the domestic servant, and these employments tell
against him. Moreover, all the Chinamen on this
continent come from one province only of the continent come from one province only of the
eighteen provinces in the Chinese empire, namely the eighteen provinces in the Chinese empire, namely the
province of which Canton is the chief city. Chinese merchants and financiers have a high reputation for honesty and good business principles. The Chinese laundryman whom we see in this country is not
deficient in these respects. He is courteous and gooddeficient in these respects. He is courteous and good-
natured. At the Christmas season he loves to present his customers with tea, nuts, preserved ginger, Chinese lily bulbs, and sometimes even with silk handkerchiefs. Butchers and grocers say that Chinamen are very satisfactory customers. When the world at large, outside of China, knows the Chinese people better, there is reason regard them with well-founded respect.

## POLITICS NEAR AND FAR

The year 1911 has been an eventful one in Canadian public affairs. It has also been an eventful weeks, who knows what great world events may happen before the bells ring in the New Year. The political pot is boiling ever more and more busily in
Great Britain, and next year will see general elecGreat Britain, and Rule, Lloyd George's plans for
tions, with Home Rut tions, with Home
sick and disability benefits and old age pensions,
Tariff Reform, and who shall say what else Tariff Reform, and who shall say what else.
The sweeping success of the Democrates in
the United States, too, 1912, will see the Presidential the United States, too, 1912, will see the Presidential
elections. 'The sweeping success of the Lemocrates in elections. The sweeping success of the Lemocrates in
the Congressional elections last year seemed to portend the return swing of the pendulum, but last
month's elections did not bear this out as much as
might have been expected. Still it is certainly tru in say that low tariff sentiment is steadily growing living is driving home its lessons in regard to tariff exactions. In Germany there will be general elections in the first month of the new year. With German politics the average Canadian has little concern, per
haps, but, as the London Times said recently German elections in January will be sensational enough to compel the attention of the whole worl The Socialists, expect to achieve unprecedented suc cess in January. That they can win a majority seats in the German Parliament seems hardly pos
sible, for the cities and industrial towns where ther strength is are grossly under-represented, no redi tribution having been made for forty years. Still, they elect 115 members in a chamber of 397 , which is considered by unbiassed observers to be withi the range of possibilities, the Government will hav
diffiulty in massing a "bloc" from the other diver parties. And should the Socialists hold the balanc of power, they may compel the war barons to curb their extreme militarism and may force a cessation of the piling up of naval armaments. This possibilt ing elections in Germany interesting to Europe and
the British Empire.

## A "SINGLE" TAX.

The little German principality of Russ-Greiz made a bold decision, that set Europe talking, when it decided to tax bachelors and spinsters. Drastic a the legislation appears to be, the original resolutio posed to include all. unmarried folk of It was pro fifteen years, and even childless widows and widower who did not marry again. One of the members o the legislature of Russ-Greiz, defending those whose preference was for a single life, wanted to know i
women were to be fined for making women were to be fined for making every year leap
year. In spite of his opposition; it was decided to impose a 5 per cent. additional income tax on all un married persons of both sexes, more than 30 years old having an income of from $\$ 750$ to $\$ 1,500 \%$ and a 10 pe fears in Russ-Greiz that all the bachelors auld spin sters may cross the frontier, for in the city of Greiz alone there are 76 bachelors, with a total income of $\$ 150,000$. It may be that the spinsters and bachelor will organize, and that in the social intercourse that might be found of defeating the legislature. Curious ly, the original proposer of the measure is himself a bachelor. Whether he is on the brink of matrimony or defying the taunts of his married friends and de-
claring his willingness to pay heavily for the privilege of bachelorhood is not known.

## WHEN THE UNITED STATES BROKE AWAY.

From the department of history and political and economic science in Queen's University, Kingston
Ont., the Philosopher has Ont., the Philosopher has received an historical mono graph dealing chiefly with the attitude of Lor It is written by Professor W. L. Grant, son of the late Principal Grant, who did such excellent work for Can ada in his day, notable among those services being his writings about Western Canada in the years when
the spanning of the Dominion by the railway tracks was only a project. The present production from the pen of his son raises a question of perennial in terest, though, it may be said, of not the least practi which declared their independence in 1776 , have been which declared their independence in 1776, have been ciliatory policy, such as Lord Chatham, looking at the substance and not at forms, favored? If he had been able to have his policy acted upon, would the presen
United States be under the British flag? Who shal undertake to answer that question? Those who would answer it in the negative can point out that the
American Colonies that revolted would soon have American Colonies that revolted would soon have
exceeded Great Britain in population, and that the difficulty of forming an Imperial federation in the been immeasurably greater than in modern times, a here were no cables and no steamships to bimes, the
parts of the Empire together. But however that may parts of the Empire together. But however that may de Coverley's famous view that there is a great deal to be said on' both sides, there can be no question now that Lord Chatham's policy of conciliation and liber wisest, more foreseeing, and most statesmanlike view Had that view governed the policy of the British Government, the American Colonies that broke away
vould either have remained in the Empire, or the would either have remained in the Empire, or the
connection would have been severed peaceably, withconnection would have been severed peaceably, with-
out any severance of friendship. Under the policy
that was adopted by the advisers of George III., the
severance was made by war.

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## THE YOUNG MAN AND HIS PROBLEM.

## the Universe a unit.

Christmas is a Christian festival which has projeeted itself into the social realm and having permeated
mercial, for, from the retail standpoint "Christmas mercial," is something which is as certain as the tides and as sure as gravitation. The truth is that the
umiverse is a unit. There is only one room in uniferse is a unit. There is only one room in Gods
house and everything is in that room. You cannot house and everyt line between science and theology or
mark a dividing line religion and morality. Henry Drummond tells us, in his preface to Natural Latw in the Spiritual World," that for a long time he kept his science
and his religion in distinct compartments of his mind and thought he would lecture continually on both.
 symptoms of giving way. The two fountains of
knowledge also slowly began to overflow, and finally their waters met and mingled.

## MEMORIES.

How Christmas kindles a fire in the throne room of the soult For on the walls of that chamber there memory. And these pictures-scenes of departed days-seem to take on new life and reflect a strange unthought of beauty when Christmas chimes and Christmas musie, once again, go ringing through the
worla. Said Dr. Alexander Maclaren, once, to his congregation: "But let me bring the thought a
little that has not been sat in by dead people. As Istand here and look around, I can repeople almost every ${ }_{\text {your, the }}^{\text {pew }}$ same, and can look and think, "Ah, he, used to sit there, she used to be in that corner." And I can
remember many mouldering lips that have stood in remember many mouldering lips that have stood in
this place where I stand, of friends and brethren that this place where 1 stand, of friends and brethren that
are gone. "Your fathers, where are they?" "Graves are gone. Yiour fathers, where are they." "Araves
under us, silent," is the only answer. "And the prophets, do they live for ever ?" No memories are
shorter.lived than the memories of the preachers of shorter-lived
God's word."

## CHRISTMAS 1911

Christmas is the world's universal holiday, observed, alike, by all the nations and international the advent of a world-conquering hero. Christianity is a world-religion, with ideals for the world, redempfor the world-Christianity is the only religion with a world-program. Old religions are dying-a new re-
ligion is conquering the earth. In the early centuries, ligion is conquering the earth. In the early centuries,
when an humble Christian preacher was preaching in when an humble Christian preacher was preaching in the bazaars of the glories of the ascended Chist, $\mathbf{a}$.
representative of $a$ false philosophy and false rerepresentatio an
ligion approached him, with a a sarcastic reference to
Christ as a carpenter, and said: "What is your Christ as a carpenter, and said: "What is your
carpenter doing now?" Quick as a flash, with a carpenter doing now ?" Quick as a a flash, with a
thought of inspiration, the humble preacher answered;
the "Making coffins for the false religions on the earth."

## WORLD HHOUGHTS.

On Christmas morning, 1911, have a thought of sympathy for the whole world. Remember that a the fragrance of tender thought mused upon in Canada is felt in China, just as the health of an obscure village in Africa affects the health of the entire planet, and thinking kind thoughts for the or we shal be nearer planning some not darkness. Oh, needy world! Henry T .
for tho Chapman, of Leeds, England, quotes the author of a book on India as saying, "One day
I stood near one
of the great temples (of India). With me was a friend. While we stood there there came a native woman carrying a little echild in her arms. She took no notice of us. But when she got to the foot of the temple steps she threw herself prone on the
ground, holding up the baby in her arms. We looked nd saw that the baby was ill-shapen, and had none of that beauty and loveliness which characterize infant life. Then she prayed this prayer: 'Oh, grant
that my child may grow fair as other children; grant that it may grow comely, grant that it may grow strong! Oh, hear the ery of a mother, and of a mother's breaking heart!' And her prayer was finished; she arose and was passing away when the missionary said, 'Friend, to whom have you prayem:' where there must be someone to hear the cry of a
mother's heart, and to keep a mother's heart from mother's
breaking."

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.
The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love. Our
throne, ruling by east-iron laws and wielding a septre throne, ruling by cast-iron laws and wielding a septre
of chilled stepl--our God is a God of love. Christmas enthrones the thought of love. And love is the opposite of hate, meanness and selfishness. Let us measure the distance of two thousand years between
the commerce of ancient Rome and the busines the commerce of ancient Rome and the bysiness
habits of our modern life. Let us enthrone the spirit of Brotherhood. For meanness listen to this: The man ready to make gain out of his neighbor's misfortunes is of long descent. In Mr. Warde Fowl
erfs "Social Life at Rome," it is related of Crassus, capitalist with an eye for "business," that ob serving (in Sulla's time) "the accidents, that were familiar at Rome, conflagrations and tumbling down of houses owing to their weight and crowded state,
he bought slaves whe were architects and builders he bought slaves who were architects and burders
Having collected these to the number of more than five hundred, it was his practiee to buy up houses on fire, and houses next to those on fire; for the owners, frightened and anxious, would sell them
cheap. And thus the greater part of Rome fell into cheap. And thus the,
the hands of Crassus."

## a VIEW POINT.

A Frenchman onee said that no man can study A Frenchman onee said that no man can study.
a pieture while standing. The body must be ta rest.
We must sit or recline. We must be at ease. So also we must sit or recline. We must be at ease. So also must not be too high or too low or too far away. Everything depends on the view point. Christmas is
a point of view for the soul. The Incarnation is the a point of view for the soul. Whe reseannation thists
highest point in listory. Rest there and the mist roll away. And to these cogitations I add a thought which has helped me. "The reason some men think they know so much is because they know so little
The world of an ant is a circle about an inch and half in diameter, and that is all it is able to see at one time. An animal eight and a half inches high would have a world whose circle is two miles across. The eagle has a better conception of things as they
are. The man whose education will cover the area of a cirele whose radius is three-fourths of an inch touches only about five inches of ignorance surround ing the circce, and he makes the mistake of thinking that five inches is all he doesn't know. If the radius is a mile he discovers tha
six and one-half miles of ignorance. As he learns more he discovers that he knows less. It is that way
clear inp the scale, more he discovers that
clear up the scale."

## No. 1.

Sin is selfishness. And selfishness is a universal sin. I find it in the capitalist and in the laborer, in the mistress and in the maid, in the preacher and in
the parishioner, in the man on the street and the man on the carpet. 'Selfishness as between man and man! Can a man sin against God? May be and perhaps but man's chief sin is against man: "From the beast
and the number of his name." Dr. Matheson, the and the number of his name., Dr. Matheson, the
blind preacher, who died a while ago, says that the blind preacher, who died a while ago, says that the
name of the beast in Selfishness, and the number of his name is Number One.

## RETURNING GIFTS.

Send a gift to somebody-where there is no possibility of return. Gift for gift and present for Surely there is an empty hand and an outstretche arm reaching your way. Dr. Grenfel, the saint of Labrador, when in this country last July, told ho when he was in one of the hospitals at home in
 in his cot with his hands outstretched. One day
sister was asked why he sat like that. She said sister was asked why he sat like that ta shio said,
«He hopes someone will come along and take hold of
"his hond "He hopes,s so

## YOUR INSPIRATION.

An inspiration is the soul's lightening flash. An inspiration is caused by a breeze from off the eterna thought. That lightening flash gives you, in one moment, a new and vivid view of life. May the pic ture never fade from your memory. Next to a de throned ideal is-a lost and forgoten inspiration
An English writer remarks: "The blind poet, Mar ston, once had a tragic experience. He sat down a sion onee had typewriter one day, in a frenzy of inspiration As he wrote, he gloried to find that he was at the
very top of his creative bent. He wrote on and on very top of his creative bent. He wrote on and on
fervidly for hours. At last he finished, and was sit. ting spent with the long-sustained effort, but still in the glow of achievement, when a friend came in.
Marston told him that he had just finished the finest thing he had ever done, his masterpiece, and asked th friend to gat her up the sheets and read, and tel what
he thought of it. The friend picked up sheet after
sheet until he held them all in his hand, and at last hee had to tell the poet that he saw no poem, nothing but blank sheets. The ribbon had been removed from Marston's typewriter, and he had absolute
nothing to show for his inspiration and his toil."

## ven. ARCHDEACON FORTIN.

Thirty-six years marks the span of a splendid ministry. What memories must gather about such a pulpit and what holy meditation breathe in such
a life. What infant lives have been blessed, what aspirations of maidenhood and resolutions of youth have been confirmed, over how many graves has the final benediction been pronouncee" "Earth to earth dust to dust-ashes to ashes," and how many of ed and comforted. We never pass the rectory of edoly Trinity without a feeling pa profound rectary of
gratude for such a life. Here are our congratulations to the Venerable Archdeacon and the queen who presides at his frieside. We know. something of the tears and life, but we never had faith enough in ourselves to believe, that we could stand before the serutinizing gaze of a modern congregation in the heart of a growing city for three decades and a half and sus-
tain a reputation for scholarship and fervor. Behind such a ministry there must be secret of strength and source of power and it is to be found in that word-
CHARACTER CHARACTER.

## be generous.

Be generous! The meanest reputation is a repuBe generous! Me meanest eputation is a repu-
tation for being mean. After you have onee built
upa r reputation for being mean you can never remove up, a reputation for being mean you can never remove
the memory of it in the minds of your fellow citizens. A reputation for meanness is built up on a ten cent A reputation or meanness is buit up on a ten cent
basis and even a gift of \$500,000 to a public library will not drown the jingle of those original ten cent dimes, the battle for which caused men to class you as "close,", "mean" and "too economical." "A lawyer once asked the question, 'How can one get rid of so
many appeals for money? The reply was, 'That is easy enough; just stop giving altogether, and in a little while the public will find it out, and will let you severely alone, as they do many others.' 'Yes,' said the lawyer, 'I suppose that is so; but what,
would be the effect upon me if I should stop giving? Why, your soul would grow small just in propor-
tion as your bank account grew large. You would become practically dead to the world.?

## CHAINS OF habITS.

Thoughts are things. We live by thought. Love feeds on thought, affection is rooted in thought. A man's principles generate the radium of thought.
We are building a thought-body. In that thoughtWe are building a thought-body. In that thoughtbody we must live and move and have our being for
all eternity. Thought is the finest thing on earth. (So fine you cannot see it) and the divinest thing in the realm of spiritual beings. You are thinking yourself into a character, and character is eternal. You remember that 'in Dickens' Christmas Carol, Ebenezer Scrooge was visited on Christmas Eve by the ghost
of his former partner, and counterpart in character, Jacob Marley. He had a long, heavy chain wound Jacob Marley. He had a a ong, heevvy chain wound
around him, made of "cash boxes, keys, padlocks,
ledgers deeds ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses," wrought in steel." it link the chan forged in life," said he. "I made it link by link, and yard by yard; I girded it of my,
own free will, and of my own free will $\cdot$ I wear tit."

## THE 20th CENTURY.

The twentieth century is God's last gift to humanity. In it we sing Tensyson's songs and think
Browning thoughts. In it ocean steamers out.dis tance each other on the sea and airships possess the sky. In it kings conspire to serve the race and men Grifthe the universal gooa. Rev. David Baines Girifithts says: Mr. D. L. Moody went to Kansas City
in November, 1899, for an evangelistic mission. Just as the work was well begun Mr. Moody's strength failed, and he was hurriedly taken to his home in taassachusetts, where soon afterward he "yielded his pirit to Captain Christ, under whose banner he had Iought so long." I shall always regard it as one of
fle outstanding privileges of a lifetime that I could be with my old teacher and friend during his stay in Kanssas City. On the Friday when he was to be taken to North field I spent some time with him alone. And
in the course of that unforgetaile conversation, Mr. the course of that unforgetable conversation, Mr.
Moody said: "Well, a man ought to be willing to Moody said: "Well, a man ought to be willing to
give up the work," and then he added wistfully,
Sbut tid "uat Pa the work," and then he added wistfully,
He lhelievel a chance at the Twentieth Century, He believed that great spiritual movements would
be takinq place in this decade. Said he: "Fifty-nine
is nothing to ity"

## What the World is Saying.

## merger-made wealth.

The fortunes being built on cement: are concrete instances reinforceing the demand for investigation.-Ottawa Journal.

## bank cleriss and marriage.

 Banker Rowley, of Calgary, says bank men shouldmarry earlier. In this he is endorsed by some of marry earlier. In this he is endorsed by some of
the wwee youmg thing in our village--CaIgary
Rustler. the swe
Rustler.

GOOD things to have.
The first gold coins, coined at the Ottawa mint, were made from Porcupine gold. They are guaran
teed to be the pure quill.-Fort William Herald.

## ar appetite that grows.

It will be noticed that British members of parliament will te paid less than our members which goes
to show that an appetite for salary grows by feeding.

- Montreal Star.


## MARVELLOUS!

It is estimated that of the $25,000,000$ gallons of whisky manufactured in Scotland last year, $5,0,0$ of,
000 were consumed in the United States.-Richmond oio were cons
News-Leader.

## "TOR THE PUBLIC GOOD."

That Ilinois legislator who confesses receiving a bribe says he took it "for the public good," but does
not deny that he banked it for his private benefi.not dey that hee ba
Boston Transcript.

## not 4 MATTER OF ELECTRIC WIRES.

 "Wizard" Edison was unaole to invent an answerwhen asked by Mr. Lloyd George how to get When asked by Mr. Lloyd George how to get
Parliament Bills passed in-a hurry.-London Daily Parial
Mail.

## THE BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS

Austrin's first Dreadnought is affoat and before the last one is launched the peasants in Bohemia and
Croatia will have less to eat than they have today.Montreal Witness.
true attributes of ieadership.
A leader who does nnt equivocate upon public
issues, who does his duty as he sees it, regardless of issues, who does his duty as he sees it, regardless of
consequences, is a leader the country will delight to consequences, is a leader lonor.-Edmonton Journal.

## NONE TOO SOON

The C. N. R. is to build into Western Ontario, and will not ask for a subsidy. We are arriving at the stage where it is regarded as a privilege to
permitted to build a railroad.-Toronto Star.
high wire-walking politicians.
A trained rat in Ontario does a high wire act. The rodent feat is nothing compared with the balancing
stunts some of the polticians perform.-Vancouver stunts so
Province.

## ThE CEMENT MERGER KNIGHT

Edward Blake, W. S. Fielding, R. L. Borden, and
ome other great Canadians never received knightsome other great Canadians never reeeived knight-
hood; but Canada would not like to place them in hood; but Canada would not like to place them in
the same class as Sir Max Aitken.-London Adverthe
tiser.
s.

## solid as gibraltar

The bank of England is carrying the heaviest relative cash reserves known for the season in more than a decade. This should mean that financialiy ${ }_{- \text {Wpall }}$ Street Journal.

RUDE JIBE AT FEMININE FASHIONS.
The London fashion journals say that Queen
Th's clothes do not fit her.' This is a tribute to Mary's cothes do not fit her. This is a tribute to her modesty and good sense, considering what
of the fair sex regard as a fit.--Ottawa Citizen

WILL HE SIT ON THE SAFETY VALVE?
The premier of New South Wales was formerly a boilermaker. He keeps a watchful eye on the polit-
ical gauge and can easily tell when an explosion is imminent.--Victoria Colonist.

## THE SEVEN WONDERS

A Grandview sehoolboy who was asked to name the seven wonders of the werld, answered by giving the
names of the seven members for Br.tish Columbia Grandview Times.

THE BACKBONE OF CANADA.
The men who till the prairies are the backbone of the Dominion. J Saskatoon Capital.

WHERE THE FUN iS.
There is a deal more fun to be had out of opposing a govern
Herald.

## politics.

Why not be honest about it and admit that the ideal is ont the practical-for a party orgain? Goo Men, forsooth! The issue is not good men, but "What is their politics?" The shame of it is that
all have so little backbone.-

EXCEPTIONAL, BUT SAD. "Hailed out" is a sad story when general crop
conditions are so good. It is only the exceptional
individual who suffers and not the country generally, but this does not make it any easier for the man who loses his crop.--Saskatoon Phoenix.

## GEORGE

Naturally, George is now a favorite name for the
Naturally, George is now a favorite name for the
boy babies of England, but in the early days of the House of Hanover the name was such a symbol of party strife that some of the clergy refused to be slow it in baptism on the ground that it was an "indecent and pagan name."-London Daily Tele graph.

A COSTLY MATTER FOR MEXICO.
Chinese killed by foreign mobs now come high, if it be true that the Chinese Government has demand ed from Mexico about $\$ 16,000,000$ for the 323
Orientals massacred in the recent Mexican revolution. This is almost the European price.-New York Times.

THE CRY IS "STILL THEY COME:"
Canada is the Mecca for touring British and resources of a nation in the making they are in position to inform their readers of the prosperity
and development of a country of which, heretofore, and development of a country of which, heretofore,
they had a very imperfect conception.-Montreal they had a very imperfect conception.-Montrea
Herald.
holding humman life cheap.
At the Chicago aviation meet the death of one performer did not stop the programme, nor is it said that the game was called when the second
perished. This sort of thing is noted at automobile perished. This sort of thing is noted at automobile
races also. It is not evidence of healthy sentiment. People are thinking more of sport than of life.People are think
Montreal Gazette

## ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

It is getting very common to publish announce ments of engagements in the newspapers. How
would it do to make this publication obligatory? It would attain the object of publicity in the matte of marriage sought for in the Church of England -Stratford Beacon

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS.
Each of Canada's 221 constituencies heard on in average of at least a dozen speeches of an hou in length during the recent campaign. The aver Thus a verbal summarize of the campaign (221 by
12 by 60 by 150 ) amounts to $13,068,000$ words.12 by 60 by 150 )
Toronto Telegram.

SAME WAY IN THIS COUNTRY
Among certain negroes of Africa orators must weakens the speech ends. But in this country is not infrequent for orators to keep right on talk.
ing after they have not a leg to stand on.-Miling after they

## A GIBE AT PARLIAMENT

It costs the country $\$ 5000$ a day while the Ottawa house is sitting. It seems like extravagance when a
first-class circus could be run for less money. / Calgary first-class
Herald.

THE RIGHT RING.
A traveller in Regina asked the runner for the lead-
ing hotel a very usual question: "Is your hotel Ameri ing hotel a very usual question: "Is your hotel Ameri-
can or European?" "Neither,"came the prompt reply can or European?", "Neither,"came the prompt reply, him an hour or so to recover. Such wit as this does more for the country than half a dozen anti-progress
speeches. Calgary News-Telegraa.

## A WORLD OF MYSTERY.

 Experiments with underground wireless telegraphy indicate that wireless electrical waves can be picked p after passing through a mile of intervening nd down another a mile distant. Even the material and will soon be too great a mystery for the inforite mind to comprehend.-Nineteenth Century.
## REINDEERS FOR TRAFFIC.

It is to be hoped the Dominion Government will It is to be hoped the Doninon Governat reindeer
pay heed to Grenfll's suggestion that
be introduced into subartic Canada. The introduction of reindeer into Alaska and Labrador has been wonderfully successful. They provide food, clothing and means of swift travel, and will do more to other agencies at the service of the Government.Monetary Times.

## SALARIES FOR BRITISH M.P.S.

A letter just discovered in England, written in 1422 discusses the payment of members of Parliament in such a manner as to show that the quesion was what might be caled a and eighty-nine ye at that date. Four hundred and eighty-nine years later, in this year of Our Lord, 1911, the de-
ision to pay members of the British Parliament was actually reached. They are in no hurry in England, but they generally get
time.-Toronto Mail and Empire.

## AUSTRALIA AND CANADA.

Australia is casting covetous eyes iv the direction Canada and is planning to attract immigration rom here to her distant shores. The effort is a compliment to the ster -g quainies of the Canad an preciable number can be induced to abandon the ertainty of comfort and the reward of energy and industry to venture into a distant land where the chances
Journal.

THE TREATMENT OF CRIMINALS.
Public sentiment is certainly monin in the direction of dealing with criminal on a different basis ust possible, however, that we are moving ton fast in the latter direction. Crime is not well defined n our laws, and judges have too much ' titude in meting out, punishment. This is where we should tart in making a change.-Toronto Nevs.

## CHARITY NOT OVERLOOKED.

The widow of a Washington millionaire, in petitioning the court for a larger income than the will had pro-
vided for het, asks that she be allowed $\$ 120$ a month or theater tickets, $\$ 60$ a month for candy and $\$ 15$ a month for charity. Why lug in charity? J Chicago Tribune.

THE ENGLISH AND THE SCOTCH.
Volleys of poetry and prose are being fired in the ocal press in the defence of the valor and supremacy of the English and Scottish races. History is being ansacked for evidence of racial superioy. Both nationalities will not be permitted to intervene. The casualties, so far, are light, and the internal peace of he Empire is in no immediate danger. J Vancouver
Vorld

## WHY INDEED?

The Duke of Sutherland, who has just purchased vast tract of land in Alberta for the purpose of converting it into tenant farms, is probably mistaken in his opinion that tenant farming can be carried on in
Western Canada as successfully as in England. We don't believe it can be. Why should a man be content to farm another man's land when he can easily get land
of his own to cultivate? Kingston Whig. his own to cultivate? ) Kingston Whig

FIRST EMPLOYER OF WOMEN CLERKS.
The announcement of the death of Benjamin Frankin, of Saco, Maine, serves to recall what a far-reaching 185.5 he employed in his dry goods store women celerks, thereby creating a tremendous sensation, and causing he women to boycott the store. Now this is regarded
as a "fixture" in modern retailing the as a "fixture" in modern retailing, the women cle rks far outmumbering the men. What makes one genera-
ticn hold up its hand in holy horror is accepted by the hest age as a humdrum commonplace. Thus spins <br> \title{
MAY BE HERE!
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MAY BE HERE!
}

YOUR NAME

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY



Nearly 12,000 names were sent in from all over America, and the interest taken by the public and the valuable suggestions received are greatly appreciated by us. Prize cheques are now being mailed. The name "Coquitlam" must be retained, however, because of the decision of the Canadian Paciicic Railway designating the new terminals as the "Coquitlam Terminals." We have been notified that the new station will be called Coquitlam. The townsite must certainly have the same name as the station and terminals to prevent the great confusion otherwise sure to arise.

## Everbody Wants a Lot in the Townsite!

OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY'S PACIFIC COAST OPERATING TERMINUS AT COQUITLAM.

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The second division is not to be opened for ninety days.
Gigantic as was the success of the opening sale, considering the little advertising done, it does not seem so vast when measured by the foot rule of KNOWLEDGE of the Coquitlam situation-of the purposes of the greatest railroad corporation in America, whose activities are about to transform Coquitlam from a dot on the map to one of the greatest industrial centres in western Canada.
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work. We would be foolish not to make it so, after the assurance given us by the Canadian Pacific Rail-
way that 12,000 people will be living in Coquitlam way that 12,000 people will be living in Coquitlam
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thus identifying our interests with those of investors and demonstrating our confidence in the new city.

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## Christmas, 1911.

Greeting to Western Home Monthly Readers from Principal John Mackay, Westminster Hall, Vancouver

Christmas 1911. The words bring a
double message to all thoughtful minds. double message to all thoughtful minds. They remind us of the swift passing of 1911, a year fraught with great con-
sequences to Canada. It has seen the rise of the tide of immigration, both as to quantity and quality, to a height
never before dreamed of. It has seen never before dreamed of. It has seen
the completion of hundreds of miles of
railway and the growth of thoussands railway communities in every part of
our great Westland. It has witnessed our great Westland. It has witnessed
one of the most unexpected political one of the most unexpected political
changes in our history. For good or
ill we have announced once and for all that we mean to work out our own destiny in our own way,
as an integral part of the British Emas an integral part of the British Em-
pire, as good friends, but as in no sense pire, as good friends,
political partners with our big neighbor
to the to the south. The recent election was
not so much a victory for any party
or policy as an emphatic pronounceor policy as an emphatic pronounce-
ment, at the beginning of our real development as a great netion that we
are proud of our British origin and men. Side of them lived their lives
and did their great work for humanity in poverty and those to whom great
wealth belonged held it a a sacred wealth belonged held it as a sacred
trust for their country them won his place by vulgar display or lavish prodigality. True it is that
in the past, as in the present, worth. in the past, as in the present, worth-
less upstarts purchased titles and soless upstarts, purchased titles and so
called honors, but they have rotted with their titles and only men of real worth live in the pages of British history. So must it be with us. We are
rich beyond the wildest dreams of our ancestors in material wealth, but if we are not rich in manhood we are poor indeed. With much shouting and waving of flags we have claimed to be
British, and in doing so have laid claim to the history, the traditions, the to the history, the traditions, the
arhiriors, the sof the statesmen and the
warints and the maty warriors, the saints and the martys, the poets and the sages, yes, and of
the common men of Britain whose sturdy manhood has made her what she


Rev. John Mackay, D.D.
mean to remain British in type and in is. Are we worthy of such a heritage? affliation. Not that we welcome to our shat we mean to perpetuate, in this new land, old European political feuds. We welcome men from every European country to make their home here and
we believe that Briitish justice, British liberty and British regard for law will make of them loyal Canadian citizens,
and help to a better understanding beand help to a better understanding be-
tween the nations of Europe. Britain herself stands. where she does among the nations of the world because she has drawn so largely from, the best elements of nearly every European na-
tion, and we believe that Canada tion, and we believe that Canada can
welcome citizens from every part of welcome citizens from every part of
Europe and still reman loyally British. But far more than mere flag waving and lip loyalty is needed if we are to be worthy parts of that mighty Empire.
We must cling with all our might We must cling with all our might to
the old British simplicity of living, with its reverence for home and country, with its eager quest of knowledge and
its willingness to make its willingness to make any sacrifice for
the sake of the things that are worth we sake of the things that are worth
while. In this period of great prosperity, when fortunes are being made in a day, and undue emphasis is placed on the value of money and the things which money (anl huy, we need to bie Christian, hut Oriental and Pagan. The men who stand high on Pritains roll of
honor are men who lat ve served great

Will the future find us loyal in charac-
ter and conduct to all that is highest and best in the genius of the Empire, vulgar lip loyalty the last resort of traitors? I have faith in Canadians that they are sincere, but eternal vigilance And the very word Christmas reminds us that we are, at least, in name a Christian people and that the life and
teachings of the Nazarene and our guide, in thought and life.
To the readers of the Western Home Monthly I can bring no finer greetin than the wish that they may be worthy of our great heritage, for character is
its own reward, and we its own reward, and we will each one
be as happy as we deserve to be on Christmas, i911.

John Mackay.

When Sir Walter Scott was a boy at school, the Dominie asked his class
what part of speech "with" was? Gue what part of speee,"
"You roung blockhead!" cried the
master "what master, "what exam
of such a thing?"
Scott came to the rescue. "I ran
tell you, sir." he said. "You
cell you, sir," he said. "You kmiw
there is a verse in the Bible which

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## The Young Woman and Her Problem.

By Pearl Richmond Hamilton.

a CHRISTMAS LESSON FROM THE SISTINE MADONNA
The Sistine Madonna is remarkable for the beauty of symmetrically developed
womanhood, marked by a perfect poise of womanhood, marked by a perfect poi sse of
character. One writer. says of this masterpiece of all Madonnas: "Not one false note, not one exaggerated emphasis jars upon the harmony of the body, soul
and spirit. Confident, but critirely unassuming; serious, but without sadness; joyous, but not to mirthfulness; eager, but without haste; she moves steadily forward with steps timed to the rhyth no burden, but a part of her very being The two are one in love, thought and purpose. Art can pay no higher tribute how her in this phase of motherhood We sympathize with her maternal tenderness, lavishing fond caresses upon her child. We go still deeper into her ex- when we see her bowed in sweet humility before the cares and duties she is called upon to assume
But we are admitted to the most cherished aspirations of her soul, when we see her oblivious of self, carrying her child forth to the service of ha manity." This word description of the rue Christmas spirit-one in love thought and purpose-oblivious of sel -carrying service to humanity. I wish every girl who reads this page
might have a copy of the Sistine Madonna in her room. To live in the at mosphere of such a picture would create character in any girl. If you have not a copy, cut one out of a magazine. Every of the Sistine Madonna in a magazine What a beautiful little story we have about the two dear little faces at the bottom of the picture. While Raphael wo little children came every watch him, and when he had finished the Madonna he painted the likeness of the two little faces, and there they are a part of the magnificent work of artof the great artist until they became a part of his inspiration. In this part of the painting we have another Christ dren watching earnestly, pathetically or a sign of recognition. Let us make
their interest a part of the character painting we are creating from day to day. Let us express our Christmas gifts in the spirit of the Madonna-one in love, thought and purpose-oblivious
self, carrying service to humanity

THE CHRISTMAS ENGAGEMENT RING
We hear of young men and older
men being sentenced to the penitentiary men being sentenced to the penitentiary
for stealing, burglary and forgery and then bitterly, when in nearly every case a girl or woman is the real cause of the crime. Girls demand too much from young men. They expect expensive pres entertainment in the way of theatres and suppers, and the young men steal in order to keep the girls satisfied. gaged-one received an engagement ring given a ring set with a large diamond. The girl who wore the large diamond laughed at the other girl and ridiculed
her for wearing her inexpensive ring. saying: "If a young man could not give
me $u$ larger diamond than that, I would not accept his attentions."
The girls, true to their engagements, The young man who gave the girl the inexpensive when they were mar-
cold afford, and when
fried they followed the same plan-they
lived within their means, and now he his family enjoy comforts and luxuries The engagement diamond was small but his manhood was big. The young man who gave the large diamond gave what he could not afford and began his
married life in the same extravagant way, and now he cannot afford the necessities of life. Foolish girl to mensure a man's heart
diamond he gave! diamond he gave!
During the Chi
During the Christmas season many young men will buy bought. Some stalment plan, others tim on the in selves things they actually deny them they may have tone money, while still others will gamble or procure
money by questionable methods. I know a young man who denied himself a heavy winter coat because the diamond engagement ring was expected
that Christmas. He caught a cold that never left him as a result. Of course many young men can afford to give ex pensive rings, and it is an ideal pres-
sent when one can afford it, but I am referring to the young man who cannot afford to buy, extravagantly
I know that some of I know that some of my readers are looking forward to the Christmas en gagement ring. Mary and Kate have
talked over their engagement and have discussed the promised rings. Mary
wonders if her stone will be larger that wonders if her stone will be larger that
Kate's and if it happens to be, per Kate's and if it happens to be, per
hays a chilling difference will creep be tween the two girls after Christmas. Meanwhile, Mary's sweetheart spends wakeful nights over his prospective pu chase. He wants to give Mary a large
diamond than Kate will have, beaus diamond than Kate will have, beaus
he feels that Mary expects it he feels that Mary expects it self
Ah! diseased ambitions sh en rivalry!
Girls,
Girls, weigh the matter carefully and
tell your sweetheart that you thin it wiser for him to buy an inexpensive ring this year, that you regard far more than its commercial value, th love that it symbolizes. The young
man will see in your face the true love man will see in your face the true love wife will increase in value a hundredfold in his estimation. Your kindly consideration will ad much toward
making his Christmas a happy one.
"HIS" CHRISTMAS GIFT. It is only a short time until Christ mas and many readers of this page are for a Christmas gift.
First, do not give "him" an expensive will value the gift because it come from you, -not because of its value in money.
It is bad taste to give a man an ex pensive present. Many girls lose their
friends just because of this mistake. young man of my acquaintance received from his ing set and a locket set with a diamond -all on one Christmas. He had he present bought, but when he receive his present he "was dewier better," as he expressed it, and in order to do so, he borrowed the money. A short time after Christmas he ceased his attentions He told me that he felt as if she we The next Christmas his girl friend gave him a handkerchief with his
initials embroidered-lier own work. He and this girl were married las summer. put him you give a man a present, you man cares to te placed in that position Do not think of giving a man a Christ-
mas gift unless your friendship is
great cough to warrant your doing so great enough to warrant dour doing so
Then do not give presents promise $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { cuously. There are young men who re } \\ & \text { ceive presents from so many girls that }\end{aligned}\right.$
they sometimes decorate their rooms
with them for an evening of sport;
naming each present after the girl who
pres presents it. Men like girls who do not ${ }^{*} \stackrel{*}{*}$ *wINDOW WISHING There is a line of Christmas shoppers every year their whole interests seem t be concentrated in an absorbing study of store windows. The decorating ar
fist has carried out successfully his tempting display of Christmas gifts and the eyes of the window wisher are fix ed upon something that she does not is determined to get. It is always something just out of reach, but which she is sure in the end to make it her own, though she cause unhappiness and
trouble in her home before gaining her own,
trouble
end.

A HINT TO NURSES There are nurses who are gentle and patient a feeling of restfulness, and there are nurses who talk so incessantly
that they tire the patient or throw her into a nervous collapse.
I have in mind two nurses; one goes into the sick-room in such a sympathe soothes her patient; the other enter the room with heavy step and hardened expression and performs her work in patient becomes restless that he feverish The first nurse regards he patients with a reverential feeling of sacred responsibility. The second nurse when out of their sight, and regards her

## THE FARMER IN BUSINESS

$T$ HE farmer needs to know some thing of business customs and business methods. He has business relations with the merchant, the implement company, the insurance com pany, the railway, the elevator, and hal dozen other agencies. He can only ac or himself and protect himself by being posted. Here is where a drilling in bus ness customs, business law, commercial arithmetic, letter writing, spelling, etc. would be of great value. Write us fo particulars
services simply as the performance o never repeats any of the family affairs. The second nurse repeats everything she hears and a nurse is in a position or a time in the very heart of the for a
fay.
Now,
Now, the first nurse has so many calls that she cannot accept half of them and the second nurse complains because

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Right here let me offer a hint the sick room at Christmas time. The friends of a patient are usually profuse
in their offers "to help" and the nurse in their offers "to hile" and the nurs
might accept some of these offers and might accept some of these offers and
suagest Christmas remembrances Florence Nightingale
gave this bit of wise counsel: "The ef variety of objects beautiful objectst, of brilianey of color, is hardly at all ap pure of fever patients over a bunch of my own case) a ness. being sent me, and from that mowent recovery becoming more rapid. A small pet animal is orten an excellent com
panion for the sick, for long chronic is sometimes the only pleasure of ag ihvalid confined for years to the same

A COURSE OF READING FOR AM BITIOUS YOUNG WOMAN.

Since I have had a great many re quests from young women for a list o
books that would be instruetive heipful to those who desire to follow helpful to those who desire to follow
out a course of good reading, I give
give here a list that I haye used, It is real-
ly a very serious thing for a girl to waste her time on poor books, because
Bhe forms weak ideals in her mind from she forms weak
the portrayal of impossible characters It is just as necessary to have good in tellectual nourishment as it is for the body to have food that will create paysical strenghth. 1 believe that mos appetite for trashy, sentimental read ing I well remember an attack I had and the first dollar I ever earned I used day after my purchase they very mys teriously disappeared. From the grave expression on my mother's face realized I had not far to search for the
thief. In a short time I realized my thief. In a short time 1 realized my
indebtedness to her for destroying my silly library.
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gulated families have been brought un on Scott. Read first The Lady Thackeray-Read all of Thackeray
Begin with Vanity Fair and Henry Es Begin
mond.
George Eliot.-Every girl should read her books. Adam Bede, Romola an
the Mill on the Floss are among her best. They are stern books and sad, but
everyhere noble. and you will want to read the others 2nd
Dickens is the first revealer of modern
life in fiction. He makes us see the life in fiction. He
world he watched.
of good English; he is a painter of word pictures. Read Ethics of the Dust Mordern Painters, Seven Lamps of
Molitecture and Sesame and Lillies. chitecture and Sesame and Lillies.
Stevenson. - Read all of of The stories of of most interest are of
The modern romance; his verse, essays and
letters are valuable. If you read Stevenson you will learn how to write good letters.
Matthew Arnold.-Get his collection
of Wordsworth and his Essays, in Criticism.
Charles Kingsley.-Westward Ho Bacon.-Read all of his essays.
Carlyle.-Heroes and Hero-Worship Caryle.-Heroes and
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Coarles Lamb. Essays of Eliai
Goldsmith.-Vicar of Wakefield.

Charlotte Bronte.-Jane Eyre.
Jane Austin. - Pride and Prejudice Jane Austin.-Pride and Prejudice,
Sense and Sensibility and Northanger Sense and Sensibility and Northanger
Abbey.
Macaulay.-Essays and History of

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Apowman.-A great master! Read Apolgia pro Vita Sua. Do not read
Newman until you have formed a taste for heavy reading.
Gray.-Elegy.
Milton.-Paradise Lost
Misen.-Prowing.-A Drama of Exile. Every young woman should have a
Ward's English Poets in four volumes and also The Golden Treasury. Be,
come familiar with the great poets. come familiar with the great poets:
comad a poem every day. Learn
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speare is full of helpul lessons for speare is fuil of helpulul lessons for
voung women, especiall in King Lear
In this list I have not mentioned nodern fiction in England nor have mentioned all of the writers that really should be read, but I have given you
a list that will create a desire for good reading, and a knowledge of these books will be a great education for any one.
At a future time I will give a list of
 mirdern English fiction. If in tre every
girl to begin a library. If in your
lime library contain the books in this list you will have a valuable collection. It is quality not quantity that con
stitutes a good library.

## canadian literature.

Canadian writers possess the ambi tion, mental vigor, and gifts of imagina-
tion common in, the British race, and tion common in the British race, and
their literary productions rank high in their lietarary productions rank high in
the field of literature Every
Canadian girl should know the literacure list her it is own ecessary for me me o give the modern writers as well as hae early authors. One cannot follow
successful course in any literature without a thorough study of the his tory of the country that produces it.
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thors wrote history. Canada has been hors wrote history. any
blessed with many poets. Just now
ler literary people are producing novels her literary people are producing novels
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resoores. our cosmopolitan opulation, and the influence of an ad enturous environment,
the world will look to Canada for its greatest novelists.
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annot have the advantage of college cannot have the advantage of college
education, to take up this course of reading, In the the end they will be better ducated than most coilege graduates. A book is the best Christmas present a girl can give or receive. While 1 do
not expect one to read all of these books, a careful study of many of them will make a young. woman feel that
hhe is indebted to great men and she is indebted to great men and
women who have and are making history and literature, and a student of this course will be filled with sueh noble aspirations that she will in turn
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ate War between Great Britain and the United
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Chien Boule Dog. A humor).
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Robert $w$.

## A Chisistmas beggar

The problem that concerns many country girls at this concerns many
the lack of spending money for year If mas presents. One girls says she begs her father every year for just a little
money to spend in this way and if he money to spend in this way and if he
hands her: out a litte it is accompanied with ugly oaths and a miserly remark of "I don't believe in this Christmas giving," and yet parents wonder why
girls leave the farm. One father, who
who owned acres of land, made the Christmas season the most miserable time of the year in this way. As each member of the family who had been instrument.
al in helping him make his money, ap. proached him for a little Christmas money, he turned every one away with an angry denial. Christmas day dawned and reddened eyes watched the sleighs
of the neighborhood $j$ ingle past, happy of the neighborhood jingle past; happy
voices shouted "Merry Christmas," but the miserly parents grunted a sickly
response ; his bank account swelled, his response; his bank account swelled, his acres increased in number, and his chill
dren left home.
One year they all dren left home. One year chey al
came back; they bought $a$ Christmas tree, loaded it with presents for the entire family, and for the first time in the history of that home they had a
"Merry Christmas." ${ }^{\text {The father sat in }}$ Merry Christmas." The father sat in tramblingy the neat packages on his
trap, packages that bore the label "For lap, packages that bore the label "For
Father," he wiped the moisture from hat his., he wiped the moisture from his glasses and exclaimed in a voice
trembling with emotion borne of deep regret-"How much I have missed! How much $\bar{T}$ have missed!"
This is a tre
This is a true story. Other fathers may read this page. If so, spare just a
little for the daughter to spend at Christmas time. She does not want it for a selfish purpose-she wants to
make others happy. Then in after make others happy. Then in after years you will have no chance for re
gret, when she has gone from the old
俍 home. You may not realize,
"the road will turn some day."

## Gone.

"Gone!" wildly shouted the excited individual who was perpetrating acro-
batics in the middle of the street. "Gone Gone!! Gone!e
Ten strong men emerged from under a sheltering awning and offered their "Did your cashier skip with all your unds?" queried one.
"What, worse? Lose your watch or
pocket-book?"? "Nay, nay!"
Then, what in the name of thundera "Why, yesterday, my friends-yesteray! And before to-day is gone you
slould take out a life insurance-" But he got no further, for the ten But he got no further, for the ten
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## The Women's Quiet Hour.

By E. Cora Hind.


This will be the last number before Christmas, and I have no doubt that, all through the West, women on the farms Christmas. busy as possible are as Christmas. busy as possible making
ready for the greatest festival of the year. I picked up the
quaint little verse at the head of this quaint little verse at the head of this paragraph in an old Book of Days which things it dwelt on the fact that the Christmas Tree, which is so familiar to
all of us in Canada, was really introduced all of us in Canada, was really introduced
into England by Prince Albert, or Albert
the the Good, the husband of Queen Victoria.
The Christmas tree was originally a German custom, the Germans more than any other European nation making the Christmas festival one for the children; the Christmas tree and the presence of
Kriss Kripgle to distribute the gifts is one of the great features of the German Christmas. Prince Albert had a Christ-
mas tree for the Princess Royal mas tree for the Princess Royal when, Buink, she was only three years old.
But royalty could not have made the Christmas tree so popular had it not been for the assistance of Charles Dickens. Christmas had always been an English
festival, though, during the time of the Puritans, it received a very serious setback, and from that time onward it seems to heve been marked by graver
and less serious celebrations. and less serious celebrations. I think almost everyone will agree that Eng-
land, and the whole world in fact, owe to Charles Dickens a very great debt for the popularizing of Christmas and mak-
ing it a time of family reunion, and ing it a time of family reunion, and more especially a time of joy for the
children. I notice that there are this year no less than three new and beauti-
ful editions of the "Christ ful editions of the "Christmas Carol," per-
haps the best evidence of all of how haps the best evidence of all of how
the English-speaking world connects the the Engish-speaking world connects the
idea of Christmas with the great English novelist.
There is nothing new that I can say to the women readers about the keeping of Christmas, but would like to emphasianger within our gates, and especially to the strange children, by the There is a great dane at this season. There is a great danger today of getting
away from the real spirit of Christmas, and making the presentation of gifts almost a commercial business. And too often we hear someone say: "Oh, well,
I must give her something this Christ, I must give her something this Christ-
mas. She sent me such a beautiful present last Christmas." That is not the spirit of giving, and of Christmas giving especially. Christmas giving
should be much more largely to those shou able to give in return than to those
not arel who give to us something as good as or possibly better than we give to them. I am sure that every woman, if she will
look back over the presents that she received at past Christmastides, will find
line that the ones that gave her the greatest pleasure through the years were not the most costly, but the ones which showed pleasure and her comfort. I have, in my own possession, a teapot tile which was given to me five Christmases ago. It
was a very inexpensive gift, but I had broken one that I had had in use, and. as so often happens, had constantly
forgotten to replace it. The one that was given to me for Christmas was pretty, and it showed that the friend who gave it had noticed my need, and had
planned for something which would be useful to me every day. I pass this little suggestion on to those who are preparing Christmas gilts for the present
vear, and in closing this paragraph about
Christmas let me wish every reader of Christmas let me wish every reader of
the Woman's Quiet Hour a truly happy Christmas.


MRS. CHARLETON SALISBURY hold Science section of the Manitoba Agricultural College this winter, and one which I feel will be very popular with
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the rooms the other week, and anything more inviting than the little white iron
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which is a large, comfortably furnished and beautifully lighted sitting room which will be the exclusive property of the girls. Beautiful plants for the windows had been
over from the greenhouse. over from the greenhouse. There
were simple but dainty curtains; the furnishings are all plain, but they are good; there was an air of brightness and home comfort about the place which will be very acceptable, I am sure, to
the girls, many of whom are leaving the ge for the first time. I had a little chat with Miss Kennedy, wno came to the college at the same time at Miss Juniper, and who has special charge of
the sewing classes. Miss. Kennedy is enthusiastic over the class of 1911. They bad only been in residence a week, but slie said that already they had shaken down
into their places, and were showing the into their places, and were showing the
greatest eagerness and keenness for their greark. The girls will take their meals in
work. the same dining room as the boys, and I am sure that the presence of 25 or 30 of their sisters will have a refining in-
fluence on the boys, while the meeting together will be equally pleasant and profitable for the girls. I am a strong believer, and always have been, in coeducation. The outlook for this section
of the Agricultural College this yer $r$ is very bright, and I am sure, when the girls go home next spring, they will be able to show that the money has been well and wisely expended.

The Congress of Farm Women, which was held at Colorado Springs during Farming Congress, was $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The Women's } \\ \text { Congress } & \text { orings of women which }\end{array}$ American continent, and I think that all my readers will be interested in knowing that next year this Congress will be held in Lethbridge, Alta. Many of the cities in the United States competed al Dry Farming Congress, but Lethbridge was the only city which was wise enough and courteous enough to include with their invitation an equally cordial one the the Farm Womens also. The president elected for the year is Mrs. Stavert, who, though an American by birth, is now resident in Winnipeg. They also did the writer her on the executive. The gathering in Lethbridge next autumn should be a thing for which every woman on a farm
will plan. It is not so much the value will plan. It is not so much the value of the papers that will be read, or the
addresses that will be made, but the great value to the women will be the coming together, the exchanging of views, and the getting acquainted. It
will do the Canadian women good to meet the delegates from the States of the Union to the south of us, and I do not think that it will do the women from the south any harm to come into closer conwho have done so much to build up on this half of the American continent a strong and virile nation. Of course the plans for next year's Congress are very indefinite at present, but en now some
steps have been taken towards the stermulation of a programme, and it will be carried on with vigor all through the year, so that nothing that can be done to make this next Congress a success will
be omitted. It would certainly be very humiliating if it in any measure fell below the standard set by the Congress this year, when it is held on Canadian
soil. The Congress this year consisted of soil. The Congress this year consisted of
six sessions. For three days the women met morning and afternoon. Mrs. met morning and afternoon. Mrs. speaks, well of the way in wihch the
women responded during the various diswomen responded during the various dis cussions, and the wonderful interest
which they seemed to take, especially in such questions as sanitation for the home and the care of young children.
Questions of this kind were dealt witl Questions of this kind were dealt with
by women doctors and women experts who had spent years in preparation for
this work. I shall hope from time to
time time, as the year goes on, to give my
readers information about what is being
prepared for next year's, programme. prepared for next year's programme. from South Africa to attend this
Congress. Congress.

I know that many women in the Can adian West will be glad to know that equal suffrage finally won out in Cali-
fornia, and I think Woman's Suffrage many of them will In California. be interested in thi clipped from the Spectator of Oregon. It says: "Probably women's suffrage
would not be as good for the women as would not be as good for the women as
for the State. The Spectator believes
that the hand that we know rocks the that the hand that we know rocks the cradle, and which we say rules the world, is competent to cast a ballot for
the best interest of the child in the the best interest of the child in the cradle, and the larger children of the
world. The big cities of California voted against women's suffrage; towns, villages and rural communities voted
for it. In the opinion it for it. In the opinion it expresses
through the ballot box, the country is usually right. It is more frequently right than the city. Intellectual and political revolt begins in the country;
When New lork or Illinois or Pennsyl When New York or Illinois or Pennsyl-
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the women of Oregon desired the balthe women of Oregon desired country.
lot, they should appeal to the count First, however, they should be certain they desire the vote. If woman can convince the men that equal suffrage is the thing that she wishes most of ance
she will get it, and we havn confidence enough in a woman to believe that when she gets it she will make good use $r$ the
ballot as does her brother, her husband ballot as does, her brother, her husband
or her father." or her father.

I have one or two requests for a reliable recipe for Christmas cake, and I
will give one which has been used for many years; and then some Christmas modifications of it which
Cake. may be helpful to those who find it difficult to make $11 / 2$ lbs.. of fresh butter; 2 lbs. brown sugar; 2 lbs. currants; 2 lbs. raisins; 1 eggs; $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. lb . dates; 6 large or 8 small eggs; $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. candied peel, orange, citron
and lemon mixed; 1 cup black molasses 1 cup sweet milk; 1 teaspoonful each of ground cinnamon, cloves, allspice and nutmeg; and enough flour to make a
batter than can just be stirred and more. The 'butter and sugar are and no creamed together; the currants and raisins added in the usual way; but the figs and dates are stewed together in the black molasses until they are tender; before being added to the cake and just before stirring them in, beat into them $11 / 2$ teaspoonfuls of baking soda; this Whey make them foamy and easy to pour. the eggs are put in. The eggs should be beaten and added in small quantities, alernating with the milk and flour. It is a good plan to beat the eggs separately, ny own use $I$ always put about half a easpoonful of red pepper in a fruit cake, and a few teaspoonsful of marmalade any thick, rich jam. This helps to uires to bake about $41 /$ hours. It may be steamed for an hour, and then baked, f that is more convenient, though peronally I prefer the cake to be baked reless cooker is an ideal place to bake cake of this kind. I have kept cakes rom this recipe for an entire year, and when first moist and really better than when first made.
There is a mo
hich mas be useful to some readers nd which really makes a very nice cak or children to take in their lunch to school. It is sometimes known as farm a number of my readers, but it may be helpful to some new comer. It is: 1 lb ooking figs or 1 lb . evaporated apples;
lb. currants or raisins; 2 cups of black molasses; $1 ;$ cup brown sugar; 1 cup
sweet milk; $41 / 2$ cups flour; 4 eggs; $11 / 2$

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each of the spices; $11 / 2$ cups butter, or,
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any kind may be used. The dripping from a roast of beet will give exeellent results, and so also will the dripping
rom a roast of pork, provided sage has from a roast of pork, provided. sate has
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Althought the recipe calls for four eggs
it Althought the recipe calls in
I have succeeded in making it very wevil with two. I know that, in many of the
newer homes on the prairic eggs will be newer homes on the prairie eggs will be
very scarce this winter, and where the fanilies have not begun keeping poultry
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made after this latter recipe and kept in a cool place with an apple in the
low will last well through a month for the cliildren's lunch, when they take it to scliool. The figs are better than the
apples, but the apples really give very gool results. If currants are not avail without them. I hope these recipes will without the
be of use.
I promised, last month, to say some thing about "The Hell, which is supp
posed to be the best boys' story since About Books. "Tays, Brown's School ed by the book. It it is a charming book from the first page to the last, and 1 can stirred up to better tlings. The great public schools of England, Eton and
Harrow, have given to the Empire some Harrow, have given to the Empire some
of her best men; and this book deals with the life at Harrow, just about the
time of the South African war. The time of the South African war. The
description of the gathering of former pupils of the school for the graduating to many a man in the Canadian West. think, also, that for Canadian boys to read a story of this kind will give then
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were set by their fatherss and grand Empire what it is today. "I can think of no better Christmas box for any lad fach from "ourteen', to twenty tha Anong the books being offered for Christmas this year: is a n hew and very
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be formed in almost any community, with profit. The secretary helps in the selection of the books to this extent that le or she writes to publishing houses for catalogues, and also appeals
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secretary, who wrote me recently for a list of books.

## Onward Canada.

By Christopher James Byrne.
0 'er the wide and level prairie Where the hungry coyettes cry,
Where the sun in all its splendo Turns to gold the western sky, Comes the weary, grim surveyor, Like an ever faithful guide.
Vith an unfurled banner bearing, "Onward, Canada our prid Scarcely had his work been finshed,
When across that western pin When across that western plain
Comes the low and rolling rumble Of a heavy rail-road train,
Bringing with it new ambition Wealth and progress, side by side, Imigration of a nation.
"Onward, Canada our pride!"
and the weary, grim surveyor
Presses onward every day Presses onward every day,
And the shining steel rails follow, And the shining steel rails follow,
Onward, onward, all the way, From Atlantic to Pacific
From each lake and mountain side Every echo seems to whisper;,
"Onward, Canada our pride!" onward, onward, ever onward! Stopping not to wait or rest Meart and hand in one endeavor,
Onward, onward, East and West ! Of we wonderigration coming o the "Maple Leaf" for
And to Canada, our pride
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Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem, And all the bells on earth shall ring Ond all the bells on Christmas day On Christmas day in the morning. nd all the angels in Heaven shall sing Ond all the angels in Heaven shall sing On Christmas day in the morning. And all the souls on earth shall sing, mid all the souls on earth chall das On Christmas lay in the morning. Then let us all rejoice again On Christma- day, on Christmas day

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## Young People.

## A Song for the Wes

By Christopher Robert "Stapleton.
Oh, that a singer would rise, And sing us the song of the Wes With the eagle's glint in his eyes,
And the lion's soul in his breast!
Greater of heart than of head, Stalwart as primitive man; Son of a race that is dead The pioneer Titan clan.
Knowing from childhood days The trails through the cumbered hills, Skilled of the searching gaze
For the well the rare rain fills.

Riding the deserts that blench As scorched by the angered Guide of the men that wrench
From Saharas the verdant sod.
Deft with a reeking team
To gallop a headlong grade;
Careless where bullets scream; Of nothing from God afraid.
Foremost in forest lore; Swift on the lurking foe O'er highlands heaped below. Proud of the garden-lands, Where beauty And kindred beauties rise.
Such must he be who would sing The song of the unsung West, And the note of his lion's breast.

Twice Blessed Work
"Happy? I should think so! The very thing 1 needed
stagnation, and to bring out what little good there is in me, to say nothing of the fun of it!"
Indeed, Julia was happy. She had reIndeed, Julia was happy. She from college to her old home, and the place she had left when she, went away had closed up, and there was no room for her. Not that she was un-
welcome--far from that; but the home welcome--far from that; but the home
duties had been assumed by others, and the church work had no pressing need of her, and everywhere in church and Sunday-school a younger set had come to the fore
"A new king has risen that knows not
Joseph," she said, as she returned from a meeting of one of the church societies; and when she went out to the first party after her return, she declared cloud" amid a s.warm of youngsters "hom," she had always regarded as "kids," and who had had the impertinence to grow up in the four years
of her absence. It is a time of trial for young people who return home and have no immediate and compelling duty, and Julia's problem was that of many an "If I were a man, and had to go in business or a profession," she said, "or if I were engaged to be married, or were compelled to earn a living, it wholly useless, but a sort of half-homeless wanderer, dimly recalling the times when I was on earth before, and feel ing alternately at home and a strang
${ }^{\text {er., }}$ For a time she dropped out of Sun-day-school and stayed away from Christian Endeavor, and began to grow moody, dispirited and critical; but her good sense and real character re-acted
from this mood, and she went back again.
On the very first night she attended
and the Christian Endeavor meeting the superintendent of the mission Sunday
school that met down in the mill dis trict made an appeal for teachers. It was hard, he said, to get competent teachers for classes that required study
discipline, and the sacrifice of Sunday ${ }^{\text {athenday }}$ Sundar rather lonely time for Julia; and it wa
more the impulse to dispose of that part of the day than any serious de sire to help that impelled her to offer
her services. It was a class of boys, and an untamed
lot they were; but she won them on the lot they were; but she won them on the
very first day, and loved them, every very first day, and loved them, every
dirty-faced one of them. It proved the dirty-faced one of them. It proved the
very thing she needed; and she gave to
the day, but many an afternoon and even ing during the week. She became an unpaid missionary, visiting often in
the homes of the boys, and bringing them often to her home.
"Miss Summer," said the superinten"Miss Summer," said the superinten dent, "I cannot tell you what a com-
fort you are. It is simply heroic, the "Oh, - please don't thank mé!" she cried. "If you only knew how much good it is doing me! And to think how
near I came to missing it!"

## Good Work or None

It is a rule that a workman must follow his employer's order, but no one
lias a right to make him do work dis-
well-known jurist living near Cincinnati, loved to tell this anecdote of a
young man who understood the risk of doing a shabby job even when directed
He had once occasion ${ }^{3}$ to send to the illage after a carpenter, and a sturdy
joung fellow appeared with his tools. "I oung felow appeared whis tools. out the cattle. There are some unplaned boards-use them. It is out of sight from the house, so you need not ake time to make it a neat job. I wil The judge went to and a half. The judge went to dinner and com planing each board. Supposing that he was trying to make a costly job of it, e ordered him to nail them on at once just as they were, and continued his were all planed and numbered ready for nailing.
"I told you this fence was to be covered with vines," he said angrily; "I "I not care how it looks."
"I do", said the carpenter, gruffly carefully measuring his work. When it
was finished, there was no part of the was finished, there was no
fence as thorough in finish.
"Hew "How much do you charge?" asked
the judge. he judge.

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2 It tells how the earth was dreaming, $3 \cap$ night of celestial brightness!

And all the waters slept,
While stars in their orbits moving A silent vighl kept;
When lo! on the brow of midnight
A sudden lustre shone:
The sky was arrayed in glory From God's eternal throne

O songs that rend the air!
With a manger lying,
The years, while they bear us onward Along the sea of time,
Are chanting the same old choral
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He Made Search.
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A Farmer's Picnic in Winter By E. Leora Waldemen. The invitations to this novel picnic waper made into little books about five inches square, covered with birch bark
and tied with bright, red ribbons. They and tied with bright, red ribbons. They
invited us to "A Farmers' Picnic" to be held in the grove at Chestnut at eight oclock to come arrayed in picnic garb,
asked
and certainly the surroundings for such and certainly the surroundings for such costumes were not lacking when the
evening of the picnic arrived. The
"grove" proved to be the three princi "grove" proved to be the three princi
pal rooms in the house decorated to re present woods. The costumes were many and odd
Red bandannas were numerous. The Red bandannas were numerous. They
masqueraded as ties and head cover
ings and were also used for their more ings and were also used for their more
legitimate purpose. One young fellow was unusually imposing. He was six
feet tall, and wore blue denim overall reet tall, and wore bue denim overall
that belonged to a man a foot lower i the world than himself. A blue-check
ed farmer's blouse, a hat, through the ed farmer's blouse, a hat, through the
crown, of which his abundant crop o
blonde hair protruded itself, and the in blonde hair protruded itself, and the in
evitable red bandanna completed his evitable red bandamna completed his oqvergrown farmer lad. There were
others with big lats, boots, and full suits of bue denim. One youth wore
a beshy, false red leard which seemed
especially appropriate to the oceasion. Old-fashioned ginghams, calicoor, etc.,
and big picnic hats distinguished the and big picnic hats distinguished the
farmer lasses of the party.
evening) the dinner was served. It dif menu except that lemonade was served instead of coffee or chocolate.
There was one cake on the menu of
which I am sure all readers of this which I am sure all readers of this
article will want to have the receipt and once tried they will never-allow their cooks to forget it: One cup of brown sugar, two tablespoonfuls of but-
ter two-thirds of a cup of sweet milk, ter, two-thirds of a cup of sweet milk,
two eggs, one-third of a cup of grated chocolate melted with a little hot water, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little hot water, one teaspoonful of baking powder, one teaspoonful of
vanilla flavoring and two cups of flour, wanilha flavoring and two cups of flour,
with almond frosting. It is called "devil's food," but under any other
name it will taste quite as good. The name it will taste quite as good. The
sandwiches for this winter picnic were sand wiches for this wecter a round cake-citter in disks to
cut with represent tennis balls; others, for which
a special cutter had beer made by the a special cutter had beer made by the
local tinsmith, represented tennis rackets; a tiny olive pressed into the wies were polished until they shone, and were served from baskets. Altogether, there was a decided flavor of summer picnic in the air.

A Móonshine Party
By Edith Wheaton
Consult the almanac for a moonlight evening. D, or if you live in the coun-
moonflower, moonflower, or if you live in the coun-
try perhaps you can get some of the
herbs called moonwort, sometimes known as honesty. Provide each one of your guests with a blank card and pencil, and give them
fifteen minutes in which to record a list as long as they can make it of the
poems, songs, stories and other literapoems, songs, stories and other litera-
ture in which the moon is , given a
The authors' names prominent pe given.
should also be At the end of the allotted time let
several or all of the company be called upon to read thei list give to the one or calendar in the form of a dainty or cale with the moon's phases il-
booklet,
lustrated in gilt. Give a toy lantern lustrated in gilt. Give a toy lantern for the booby prize. Some one can
look over the lists and award the prizes during the rendering of the music which should be appropriate to the occasion. The hostess might call upon
one or two of her guests to relate the one or two of her guests to relate the
story or legend which is noted on their story or legend which is noted on thei
cards, and which promises, from the subject, to be short and entertaining. This idea might be utilized for a ses
sion of a literary society, by elaborat
ing the programme with ing the programme with more music
and other exercises. The members should respond to roll-call with a quo-
tation about the moon. Or. member tation about the moon. Or. member
might have a biographical paper about Doctor Moon, of Brighton, who gave
light to the blind by the present con-
venient system of raised print. There should be a short scientific talk explaining a lunar eclipse, the tides or the
phenomenon of the harvest moon. Assign this to some one who will be care-
ful not to be too prosy, and who will il lustrate it with large, plain diagrams. The last literary number shuld be some
thing humorous, in which the moon thing humorous, in which the moon
shall have a prominent part.

The Compensating Way Caroline Leslie left the doctor's office,
the doom of his warning ringing in her ears. For he was a great specialist, and
he knew. "Above all things, Miss Leslie," he
had said, "since you are olliged to had said, "since you are obliged to use
your eyes daily at your profession, you
must spare them all additional strain. You must not read at night; you must not read on the cars. I only wish that rest." "The completest rest." How could
that ever come to a busy private secre was neded at hinme? And how, tho
was she, with leer active mind to she
the daily, dragging car ride without the the daily, dragging car ride without the thought of, brooded over, until at last
she spoke her concentrated grief to her she spoke her concentrated grief to her
nearest friend, a woman ten years oldnearest friend, a woman ten years old-
er than herself, and full of the keenest, quickest sympathy in the world. "I feel like a cowardly wretch to be complaining this way," she ended. "I
know it's a positive mercy that I have know it's a positive mercy that, I have
any eyes at all left. Only "Only you love to read so much, and all the rest of it, Carol, dear. I know. But you won't let the discouragement
master you. I'm sure, wise little virmaster you. I'm sure, wise little vir
gin that you are! I'd as soon expect the sun to stop shining as to see the flame of your spirit burn low. Just
try, child, and try again, and then try try, child, and try again, and then try
once more. You will surely find the once more. You ,will surely find the friend on the car, in the midst of one of those tired, late, disheartened crowds, a crowd that never seems to do
anything but hang wearily to straps nor to live anywhere but at the farthest end of the route. Yet in all this jumble of fatigue Caroline Leslie's face was contented, radiant.
woman, as she struggled to her friend's
side. Angela, I've found the 'compensat ing way!' And such a funny one as it
is! Listen, and I'll whisper it, because if people heard me they'd think I was
inember before this how razy. You remember beroreds? I loved my people in books, not in real life; I didn't know
how interesting they could be. Even how interesting they could be. Eve of "I mustn't read, you know, so instead just try to imagine to myself how Shackeray would have drawn that corner, and what Dickens would have said about that tired shop-girl opposite
or how Trollope would have described that prosperous politician. When I get people, of making up stories about the eope, I stare out of the window at ald
hose little surburban homes where $\begin{array}{ll}\text { every light } & \text { seems to say, } \\ \text { and happy! } \\ \text { Safe and happy }\end{array}$
laug "You may yet.find me a great realist ou know. You'll think me crazy, too hut sometimes I get so interested in my iting book that I simply hate to leave
it which is what I must do this very moment. Gracious," with frantic gesture to the conductor, "I ought to have left the car two streets ago!" Sh
nodded a quick farewell to her friend. nodded a quick farewell to her friend.
"Angela," she whispered with hurrie humor as the car jerked to a final stop, "You see one has to walk, back even on

## All Book Names

Just as her car was coming, the new lowers to the solemn gay bunch of black baby on the door-step, whose "Yo, Algy, stop suckin yo' thumb an mother, a ly," admonished the child's dress in immaculate plaid gingham. lady, nodding pleasantly as she hailed the car.
"No'm," rejoined the mother, proudly, escorting her to the curb, "she ain't a There was no time for explanations,
but next time ffie lady met the friend who had recommended Mrs. Jennifer's lanudry-work, she related the brief
dialogue, and asked if she could have heard aright.
Her friend assured her that she had Moreover, there were seven little Jenni-
fers in all, and they all had what their mother proudly called "book names." Mr. Jennifer was a janitor in a small
branch litrary, and on the arrival of
the first baly, his wife had bidden him ask the librarian, a good-natured and fun-loving young, girl, to pick out for it
a. "book name"--something melodious
and flowing and imposing, and above and flowing and imposing, and above
all, unusual. all, unusual. She had obligingly named over
she chaneed to think of them, and he he
had reported back as many as he could had report. After some hesitation be. remen Fedalma and Esmeralda, they
twees the longer name, but ree eneted chose the longer name, but reverted to
the other when a second bahy came. the other when a seoond baby came
The first boy they proully christene Richard Coour de Lion, and the seeond Nicholas Nickleby. The twins were Amyas and Ayacanora.
Then came the seeventh haby, and the
friendly librarian had beeal renlaeed friendy
during an ininness, by a
and sour tempered person of whom favors could not be asked. So Mr. Jennifer, instead, asked a student, whom he found poking about in him -he did not explain why-the titles of few of the books there. The young man did so, but without promise, until he reached the word "Algebra." There Mr. Jennifer stopped him, and
hastened home to report his euphonious discovery; and that is why the six distove Jennifers are followed by one lone picaninny in mathematics.

## The Family Photographs

There had been a succession of babies in the Perks family, and every baby had
been fond of the photograph album. Baby Dan, indeed, learned to stand and walk by virtue of his frantic desire to reach it, and Baby Nay
more than one oceasion, on taking it to
bed with her. When they ceased to be bed with her. When they ceased to be babies and "began to be children," as little Mrs. Perks said, their interest did not flag. On Sunday afternoons and
stormy holidays the album was an unstormy rosource.
failing rether father and mother had laughed at
The this, and thought no harm. But it chanced that, when his youngest child
was four vears old and his oldest had was four
reached the age of sixteen, Mr. Perks reached the age of sixteen, Mr. Perks
had occasion to consult the album. He was a gentle and long-suffering parent,
as the father of a large family should as the father of a large family should severe. but found "Can't they enjoy their bread and molasses unless they eat it over the al
bum?" he asked, querulously. Little bum ?" he asked, querulously. Little
Mrs. Perks was dumb.
"I pencil and marked mustaches on one of Dan's baby pictures," Mr. Perks added with a ghastly grin. Still Mrs. Perks said nothing.
graphs of Bessie? There's not one graphs of Bessie?
here!" was Mr. Perk's next outburst.
"She has them Perks explained. Perks explained.
"Has, eh ? W'ell, you go and get 'em! Every one of em! Roight now!
"What are you going to do, Rufus?" Mrs. Perks asked, anxiously.
"''m going to make sure of getting the worth of my money-and keeping dren must have photographs to play with, I'll go to some photographer and
buy 'em a bushel of old samples. These buy 'em a bushel of old samples. These pictures are valuable to to the ninth generation, and I won't have them destroyed." Perks confiscated the pictures in Bessie's perm, every photograph of rom the album every photograph o
himself, his wife, and their children and the father and mother spent a long evening, one filled with pleasant
memories, too, in arranging them for memories, too, in arranging
preservation. They cleaned them as well as possible. On the back of each photograph
they marked the subject's name and the date, exact or approximate, when
the picture was taken. In the case of snap shots," they noted the background, and sometimes the name of the amateur artist. The whole made a pretty complete photographic history
Then Mr. Perks emptied one of the drawers under his bookcase, and care-
fully packed away the pictures and fully packed away the pictures and
locked the drawer. at on proper occasions and under favor mauled to obliteration. And that's," "ure as my name is Rufus H. Perks.
"I think. Rufus," little Mrs. Perks
said, softly, "some day the children will

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A Party Programme
A good menu for a luncheon would be: Clear tomato soup with croutons, rotatoes potatoes, green peas, lettuce salad
with French dressing, frozen straw
strer berries, sponge cake and cotfee. De-
corate the table with roses. For place cards, cut out pieces of carboard the slape of large rose petals, touch these
up with pink water-colors, and write up with pink water-colors, and write
the names of your guests across the card. After luncheon you can play "Who Knows the Flowers," for which you can provide the following list of questions, leaving a blank space for the
niswers. A dainty prize may be pro answers. A dainty prize may be pro-
vided for the one making the largest number of correct answers:
Whom did she dislike most before her marriage? Cockscomb.
What was she at her
What was she at her first ball?
Harebell. What did she look like on hier best What was her object in matrimony? Marigold
What
What was conversation like? All
What was his rank and surname Marshall Niel
Where did
Where did she reside, and
What disposition? London-pride.
er? Blush-rose.
How far did he come to court her? What did he declare his love to be Everlasting. Everlasting.
Who were weed and Jack-in-the-pulpit. What did they wase of her favorite friend? May-blossom. Who was the lawyer? Jonquil.
What was his money invested What was his money invested in Who tried to make mischief between them? American Beauty.
What did she apply to his wounded feelings? Balm.
What time was the wedding? Four oclock. Bluebells What was the wedding gown made of? Queen Anne's lace.
Who gave her a way? Poppr. Who was the Who made the music? Sweet-william.
What was on the bridegroom's hands? Foxgloves. What did. he renounce? Bachelor buittons. hair.
What was her bouquet? Pride's roses


From where did they begin their Journey? The dock.
What were thrown after them? Lady's-slippers.
What did they have forever after Heatsease

## The Boyhood of Radisson

Never had a boy more stirring ad entures than young Pierre when he became a man, explored the region about the head of Lake Superior, and is believed by some historians to have been the first to discover the up,
per Mississippi. Radisson was but per Mississippi. Radisson was but
seventeen years old, and had been but a year in America when, in 1652, he was captured near Three Rivers by a war party of Iroquois Indians. The lad was out hunting ducks along the St
Lawrence with two comrades when hey discovered signs of Indians. It was more ignorance and foolhardiness than courage which made him
refuse to go back to the fort with them refuse to go back to the fort with them
but to the Indians who, hidden in ambush, heard the conversation, it seemed like the type of bravery they most ad mired. When they shot at him and he
returned their fire before fleeing, their returned their fire before fleeing, their
admiration increased, and they did not kill him, as they did his companions. but took him up Lake Champlain and Lake George to their village, where he was adopted. His conduct as a prison lept so soundly between his guards that he had to be wakened in the morning, and he was ever one of the most
To
To test his prowess, he was sent on
a hunting trip with an Algonkin captive and three young Iroquois. The
Algonkin killed the Iroquois against Radisson's protest, and the two fled, but before they could reach Three Rivers they were overtaken. The Al. gonkin was killed, but Radisson, as a
traitor to the tribe, was brought back traitor to the tribe, was brought
for torture. This time his sufferings were terrible.
There were many other prisoners, some There were many other prisoners, some
of whom were tortured in most horrible fashion while the boy was compelled to look on; but he displayed no emotion,
although he was trembling inwardly. He was reserved for the second day of
torture, and was left bound among the torture, and was left bound among the est for the children to amuse them
selves with. One gawned his fingers. Another cut them with a stone. Others burned the soles of his feet and shot arts into his body.
He bore it all without flinching, howver, and made neither protest nor out-
cry, when a warrior thrust his thumb cry, when a warrior thrust his thumb
into the bowl of a lighted pipe and
held it held it there. The result of this was
tremendous admiration tremendous admiration among the
Indians, and when the chief who had formerly adopted him made a plea for his life, his petition was granted. For a year Radisson remained a
member of the tribe during the horrible nember of the tribe during the horrible
war of extermination carried on by the Iroquois against the Hurons. With a war party he made a long journey up yond Lake and into the country be Hurons was exterminated. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ vadisson manased to save one woman from the Iroquo and lead her back to the ame his sotter-mother's slave,
The boy soo sickened of the hor of the savage life, but the forest had

n Pastures Green
a never-ending fascination for him. He gave him the best possible equipment learned it as the Indians knew it. He was taught how to make and to use
bark canoes, how to follow a trail, how to read signs by which the presence of enemies or friends might be known,
how to tell Indians of the different tribes apart, and how to speak their tongues. Indeed, he learned the very things that, when he finally escaped to
the Dutch. settlements. on the Hudson,

old, and played round the mill among the men while they worked during the day. But one day a weasel came upon the scene, and at once declared war on the rats.
One by one the rats became victims only one very large, strong fellow was left- of the once numerous colony. The weasel attacked the big rat several
times, but each time the rat proved times, but each time the rat proved
more than a match for his slender anmore than a match for his slender an-
tagonist, and chased the weasel to a hiding-place.
One day the weasel was seen busily digging under a lumber pile near the n.ill. He was engaged for some time, but later appeared again in the mill,
seeking his old enemy. He soon found seek, and at once renewed hostilities. As usual, after a lively tussle, the rat proved too much for him, and he ran, pursued closely by the rat, straight to
the hole under the lumber pile. pursued closely by the rat, straight to
the hole under the lumber pile. $\begin{aligned} & \text { in a place where he could not t } \\ & \text { round, finished him at his leisure. }\end{aligned}$



























He ran in, still followed by the rat almost immediately reappeared round the end of the pile, and again dodged
into the hole behind the rat. Neither into the hole behind the rat. Neither
was seen again for some time, but the weasel finally reappeared, looking no worse for the fight.
The curiosity of the men in the mill The curiosity of the men in the mill
was aroused, and they proceeded to inwas aroused, and they proceeded to in-
vestigate the hole under the lumber pile. They found that the weasel had dug the hole sufficiently large at the first end to admit the rat, but had gradually tapered it as he proceeded,
until at the other end it barely allowed his own slender body to pass. large end of this underground tunnel, large end of this underground tunnel,
he quickly slipped on through, and while the rat was trying to squeeze his large body into the smaller part of him, and catching him in the rear and

## Dainty Embroidered Aprons.

This is the season of the year when and are quite different in design and the cool days (which always seem to finish. Fine sheer lawn is the material come upon us suddenly) bring with them the thaught that Christmas gifts busy brain which every year has to find something new," so we have planned to show in this column some suggestions which are attractive and yet will not sure our readers will be interested in the pretty aprons illustrated on this age, and it wil be seen that they hav in which the first three have een embroidered, and the Butterfly-deign, No. 1426, is extremely dainty, the ame idea being carried out in the bib. The sample illustrated is embroidered
in dainty shadow colorings of pale dainty shadow colorings of pale
inks, blues, mauves and green, the pinks, blues, mauves and green, the
scalloped border being white. The wings are worked in long and short or ings are worked in long and short or
ipping stitch, and the dots in solid tipping stitch, and the dots in solid and loops finishing this apron are of

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soft pink ribbon, and it would be hard $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { as the "work bag pattern" and has a }\end{aligned}\right.$ to imagine a more novel apron than
this. $\begin{aligned} & \text { deep hemstitched pocket which forms } \\ & \text { the lower edge, and soft ribbons are }\end{aligned}$ this.


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No. 1428 has a very pretty design of $\dot{\text { run twice through the hem; the upper }}$ fine French embroidery which has been portion of the apron when not in use carried out in white and shows an ef- colds back the article into a deep work soctid work. Long eyelets form an in- bag. One of the advantages of this ertion effect which run right up to the apron is that it launders casily, and the ib and through which pretty blue eyeleting pattern (which is the only


No. 1428-Stamped on Lawn, 40 cents.

satin ribbons are laced. Dainty bows work needed on this apron, comes al complete this pretty apron. ready hemstitched and made up), ${ }_{\omega}$ No. 1427 shows yet another idea very easily embroidered. which has been carried out in colored One of the most useful varieties of \begin{tabular}{c|l|l}
embroidery, for the dainty polka dot \& aprons is what is known as a <br>
design has been embroidered in piniks

 "travelling apron," and anyone who has 

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a dith the white button-holed edges. \& tried to dress in a crowded wash room,
\end{tabular}



Ribbon bows complete this charming where one cannot find a place to lay little apron, and strings are embroider- down many articles which are indised to match. Any of the three aprons
illustrated above may be finished with $\begin{aligned} & \text { pensabe one's, comfort will ap- } \\ & \text { preciate the fact of being able to keep }\end{aligned}$ illustrated above may be finished with $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { preciate the fact of beeng able in keep } \\ & \text { the needed articles each in its own }\end{aligned}$ a soft frilled lace edge nader dressy
button-holing, and makes a very finish. These aprons are suitable to wear at the afternoon tea table and on many occasions upon which the woman
of dainty tastes loves to wear these atof dainty tastes loves to wear these at$\begin{array}{ll}\text { and }\end{array} \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { apron, No. } 1424, \text { is bound with }\end{aligned}\right.$ lawn, and has not the rubber-lined ore usefure

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terials. There are only the under-arm seams to be sewed up, yet a dressy effect is obtained. If narrow material, is used the joinings can be made beneath th tucks so that such a model as this one
becomes available for fabrics of al


7148 Fancy Tucked Blouse 34 to 40 bust.
widths. The yoke is a novel and pretty one and can be made from all-over lace,
fancy silk or tra terial. In one illustration the blouse
is finished without the collar and under is finished without the collar and undersleeves, in the other both are shown
The two styles are equally correct. The blouse is made in one piece and
closed at the back. The yoke with the closed at the back. The yoke with the extension at the front is joined to the
upper edge. The under-sleeves, when apper eatgetached beneath the trimming
used, are attacher of the sleeves.
For the medium size will be required $21 / 2$ yards of material $27,1 \frac{13 y}{4}$ yards 36
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ure, and by the Fashion Department of this paper on receipt of ten cents.

## CHILD'S APRON, 7143.

with Square or High Neck, Short or with Square or High Neck, Short
Long Sleeves, with or without Belt.
This apron that is made in peasant
style is a pretty, attractive and pactical one. It is simple and it means sery little time and lathor for the making.
In one jillustration it is shown with square neck aunl without a blolt, in with the and with a belt contining the funllineeves at
the waist line. The tro traitments ari
essentially different in effect, ${ }^{\prime}$ yet the model is the same for both. White linen banded, wit all those that are used for children's; aprons are appropriate. The apron is made with front and back portions. ${ }^{*}$ The neck can be made


7143 Child's Apron, 2 to 8 years. square or round and the apron can be cut high and finished either with a turred over or standing collar. The lines. 6 year size will be required For the 6 year size will be required
21 $21 / 2$ yards of material 27 or 2 yards 36
inches wide with $1 / 2$ yard 27 inches wide inches wide with $1 /$
for the trimming.
The pattern, No. 7143, is cut in sizes for children of 2, 4, 6 and 8 years of age, and will be mailed to any address by the Fashin Department of this paper on receipt of ten cents.

What To Read and How A young man found that he could read The best books were placed in his hands, Tut they were not interesting. One afternoon, as he was reading a foolish story, he overheard someone say, ny thing that
great reader; does he read any is worth reading?
"No," was the reply; "his mind will run out if he keeps on reading after his present
fashion. He used to be a sensible boy till hashion. He used to be a sensible boy ti", The boy sat still for a time, then rose, threw the book into the ditch, went up to the man who said that his mind would rum out, and asked him if he would let him
have a good book to read.
"Will you read a good book if I let you have one?",
"Yes sir."
"It will be hard work for you."
"Well, come home with me, and I will lend you a good book."
He went with him, and received a volume of Franklin's works. There," said the man, "read that, and" The lad kept his promise. He found thard work to read the simple and wise sentences of the philosopher, but he per he talked with his friend about what he had read, the more interested he became.
Ere long he felt no desire to read the Ere long he felt no desire to read the
feeble and foolish books in which he had eeble and foolish books in which he grea
formerly delighted. He derived a deal more pleasure from reading good
books than he had ever derived from reading poor ones. Besides, his mind began to grow. He began to be spoken
of as an intelligent and promising young man. less books, and who read good books, real
them histily, and with very little atten herm histily, and with very little atten-
tion. They seem to desire to be able to

## Bess's Column.

By Mrs. Todd, Aldersyde, Alberta.

Gifts for 'Xmas Tide. The glad and joyous Christmas tide we must start betimes to make our Xmas gifts, a few suggestions may not come amiss. Many of the Western
Home Monthly readers will have scraps Home Monthly readers will have scraps
of lace and of pretty satin lying by that they think vaguely they "can make something of," but they do not know ow to do it
A Satin and Lace Photo Frame.
Let me suggest your making a photo frame. must cardboard for the photy it can be shaped from another frame, by the edges. The shape of the oval opening in front can be taken ca. the fron of a photo frame on thin paper and drawn through it on to the cardboard fix the lace on then button stitch all round it If. the satin underneath is colored, sa yellow or pink, button stitch on the lace with that color of silk thread. When the lace is in place (and, by the way, it
will save you lots of bother about finishing edges, etc., if you keep it away from where the oval is to be cut), cut out ihe oval neatly from the centre, and fix satin and lace on the cardboard with glue, seccotine or stikeen, or any of the of glass cut to size, then a piece of cardboard for a back. Glue this on to othe (satin covered) cardboard on the plai side, at top and Next cut a "log" of cardboard for the back, of a suitable length, affixing it in place with sticking plaster which wil act as a hinge. Color the back with water color paints to match che liked, the two pieces of cardboard can be sewed together instead of nising seccotine, the join being hidden by silk cord slip stitched in place. Another use for Handkerchief Sachet.
Sew the lace on the satin in the man ner above described. Choose a suitably colored lining. quilt on to it a thin layer
of cotton wool, sprinkle it with sachet powder-the receiver's favorite perfume if she has a preference. Sew the satin to the lining and hide the join with silk cord. From scraps of linen needle manufactured.

An Ivy Leaf Needle Case
This is made of white linen cut into ivy leaf shape. No cardboard need be if none is used the outside edges must be neatly and closely button stitched to prevent fraying. This and the veinings are best done in green silk. The leaves
for the inside must be cut the least bit smaller, also ivy leaf shaped, and the edges neatly notched. These should be of flannel of different colors, all sewed together at the top. all sewed along the top, or eyelet holes can be pierced through all, being sewed in eyelet stitch first, then the book put inside finally yed through and tied in a brief knot.

Linen Remnants
Which can be bought, a large bundle for manufacturers, make very many useful gifts. I invested last year in a 5 s . (\$1.25) parcel from Robinson \& Cleaver. Belfast, Ireland, and I cannot tell you the multitude of hemstitched handkershiefs (with initial marked in corner), a set of three for six different people. These I made from the tiny scraps and odd corners cut on avereal corset cov-
other things; slip-over-head other things; slip-over-hela
ers of some of the lovely scraps, of which there were many, a yard or a yard and a half long. These 1 did in
shadow work, and exceedingly pretty
and dainty they looked. Other things I
made were sets of table mats from scraps of damask, cut square and hemstitched, then some larger pieces of damask and fine linen I hemstitched, and ace edged for afternoon tea cloths. One
or two pieces of damask were small or two pieces of damask were smal
table cloth length, these I hemstitched for breakfast cloths for my married sis-
fer.
Dresser Scarfs
Could also be made, also pin cushion rush and comb bags. A pretty table over could be made out of four square
ieces, large handkerchief size. These pieces, large handkerchief size. These with two long pieces of insertion down and across, forming one large square,
finally finishing it off with an edging of ace. Dutch collars, button stitched with white or colored thread, jabots and belt lengths, and many other things will also
suggest themselves to the ingenious suggest
worker.

Hints on Present Giving.
Most of us, old and young, are fond still of receiving them. But the claims, and drains, on our pocket grow with the years, and few amongst us but finds a difficulty in reconciling suitability, good-
ness and prettiness with cheapness.
and prets it
Sometimes it is Wrong to Give
present, and that is when we cann a present, and that is when we cannot
reasonably afford it. You will say, "we must do it," or "tt is expected of us;" but that is no real excuse if we are not in a position to give. The worst form one gives it, and owes the money for it or when one has borrowed the money
from a friend to pay for it. This kin of present giving is little short of rob bery, and did the receiver know of the method in which it was obtained, would tend to make her feel "cheap," and the present giver. Some girls think they must give very expensive gifts to
their lovers to keep that same love, and their lovers to keep that same love, and
never was there a greater fallacy! I read never was there a greater fallacy! I rea
the other day of an instance when a gir the other day of an instan a
gave

Young Man a very Expensive Gift.
He was not even a lover, merely (let
us call it) an admirer, who had seen the us call it) an admirer, who had seen the girl home from one or two social even
ings. Christmas, falling soon after one of these meetings, the girl presented the young fellow with a set of gold vest buttons and sleeve links, a most expen-
sive present, as the crestfallen young sive present, as the crestfallen young
man at once saw. He wondered mentman at once saw. He ward it, partly guessing, and correctly too, that she must have borrowed the money to buy
it. Such an expensive gift disgusted it. Such an expensive gift
the young man, whereas a simple gift the young man, whereas a simple gift
of a book or something of that kind would have pleased and touched him, warming the budding love in his heart
into bloom. The gift gave him an idea into bloom. The gift gave him an ide,
somehow, that he was "being bought," somehow, that he was "being bought,
and he thought he had just had enoug of a "girl like that." He could not
"Be Behind Hand"
With a girl, so he bought her a diamond brooch, having to borrow the wherewithal from a chum, the paying back on months, this fact not helping him to look any more favorably on "that forward girll He gradualiy but decidedly dropped her acquaintance, and the girl learn that our
Present Giving Should be Adapted to Our Purse
That duty belongs to ourselves, No one will thank us for expensive gifts that they know well we canno hind.
bought without a struggle of some kind In the giving of presents, as in other

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have it, and have no "arriere pensee" as
别 to "what we went without" to buy it for her. With Xmas now. at hand our
thoughts turn towards thoughts turn towards

Xmas and Xmas Presents,
And, girls, let me give you this hint: Start early with your presents, make as
many of them as you can yourselves, and you will see how very much further the money at your disposal will go. Settle first, how much money you can draw out a rough sketch of the receivers and what the gift might be for each. Many of the gifts can be made at home with the exercise of a little time, care
and forethought, and thus will not cost and forethought, and thus whave to be bought can be bought to a greater advantage when one has plenty of time to look around and make a good choice. It may console those the most
give to know that the
Costly Gifts do Not Give the Most Pleasure.

Commonsense, and a little loving thought, will enable us to give a presen that no money without these can buy.
Suitability is always to be aimed at The person with a hobby will always joyfuly welcome a book dealing with it, or a new appliance for it. Perhaps we see a pretty scarf, and think how "nice
that would be for sister," then we think of her longing for a certain book, and knowing that "dry book," as we call it, will give the "little book worm" more pleasure than any article of personal adornment, we pass the scarf with
backward look and buy the book. And are we not repaid? "How did you ever know it was just what I wanted? How
can I thank you for it $\%$ " can I thank you for it?
Carving, Fretwork or even Ordinary Carpenter's Tools
Make most acceptable gifts for the handy boy, even a good saw and a plane
are not to be lightly passed over are not to be lightly passed over, and
are what every youth ought to possess are what every youth ought to possess
and know how to handle. Books on articles connected with chemistry or science form most acceptable gifts for any one whose tastes run that way.
Articles of clothing are often give Artices of clothing are often given ase
presents and are always acceptable, the only drawback being that they are soon used up, and that kind of present is best which is always in use, perpetually reminding one of the
person who bought it.
Work Boxes Writing Cases, Inkstands Are articles of this kind, and will last lifetime. The girl who does pyrography
carving or marqueterie can carving or marqueterie can produce ar
ticles of that nature that look exquisite and cost very little but her own work. Anything that helps to beautify the home always makes an acceptable pres decorative needlework are always accept able. Table centres in drawn thread
work, edged with "hair pin" lace, placed work, edged with "hair pin" lace, placed
over a slip of pale yellow or blue silk or over a slip of pale yellow or blue silk or
sateen, look exceedingly well and cost sateen, look exceedingly well and cost
but little. "Shadow" work on white muslin can be made into many useful and beautiful gifts, duchesse sets, table
centres, cosy covers, etc. "What is worth doing at all is worth
doing well," So when money is an object, would it not
L.e wise to give less often? be wise to give less often? Bestow care and thonght bill be a suitable gift sith and ing clearly that love and loving thoughts
led the choosing of it, thus receives more pleasure than a hastily
bethought of gift is likely to bethought of gift is likely to do.

Christmas Dainties.
The lengthening evenings and the dull uroaching. and that we must begin
the festive
we will place
Shortbread-Reliable Recipe.
Take seven ounces of flour and one of rice flour, one quarter pound of butter,
one quarter pound sugar, and one half one quarter pound sugar, and one half
teaspoonful of baking powder. Put all on the table or baking board and, taking the butter in floured hands, knead all the
sugar into it, and then flour gradually sugar into it, and and keeping the lump firm in both hands. When all is worked in, divide into two or three pieces,"and make each piece round, square or oval as
you desire. It should be half an inch you desire. It should be half an inch
thick. If you possess a mould, duist rice flour over it, and shake it well out again, then press the shortbread neatly into the mould. Turn out of the mould on to a tin covered with floured paper, and bake
in a slow oven till it is of a light brown color. If you have no mould, then pinch the edges according to taste, and dust some sugar on top. Bake always in a slow oven

Scotch Currant Bun.
Ingredients for the paste. Rub a quarter of a pound of butter into three good teacupfuls of flour, then mix in powder. Mix into a paste with water, and line the four sides and bottom of a square tin which has been previously well greased, with it; keep back what will cover the top of the cake-it is
safer to roll it out and see if you have left sufficient. In the fruit, take $11 / 3$ pounds of currants (cleaned), 2 pounds stoned raisins or sultanas, 4 ozs. blanched almonds chopped small, $1 / 2$
pound of candied peel, finely minced, $1 / 0 \mathrm{oz}$ powdered cinnamon, $1 / 2$ pound of sugar and 1 pound of flour, a teaspoonful each of baking soda and cream of tartar, and
milk or water sufficient to just moisten milk or water sufficient to just moisten
all. When all is thoroughly mixed all. When all is thoroughly mixed, put
it into the tin which is already lined with the paste, wet the top edges of the paste, put in the cover, prick the top,
brush over with beaten egg or a little milk, and bake in a moderate oven two to two and a half hours. This cake will keep good for months.

Ifince Pies.
Make some good puff paste, roll it out to the thickness of about a quarter of with it, fill them with mince meat, cover with paste, and cut two slices across the top. Bake for nearly half an hour, brush over with the white of an egg,
sprinkle with white sugar. Serve hot Mince meat: Ingredients-Three large apples, one pound of stoned raisins, half a pound of currants, half a pound of suet, three lemons, one pound of sugar,
two ounces of candied citron peel, two ounces of candied citron peel, two of
candied orange peel, and two of candied lemon peel, one teacupful of brandy, one tablespoonful of orange marmalade. Chop the suet finely, grate the rind of the lemons, squeeze out all the juice.
Bake the apples in their skins till tender, take out the pulp, and add to the suet, lemon, etc. Then add the currants, raisins and candied peel chopped all also the sugar and marmalade. Mix in the brandy. Mix this well in, put the mince meat in a stone jar with a close lid, or tie a piece of brandied paper
over. The mince meat should be occasionally stirred. By adding a spoonful of brandy every three months, this mince best to be made at least a fortnight before it is needed.

Christmas Plum Pudding.
Ingredients: One pound and a half of aisins, half a pound of currants (the
aisins should always be in excess of the currants), a quarter of a pound of mixed candied peel, thiree quarters of a
pound of bread crumbs, half a pound of suet, six eggs, one wine glassful of brandy. Stone and cut the raisins in
halves, wash, pick and dry the Tht the caandied pick and dry the currants, grate the bread crumbs finely. Mixices and
the dry ingredients movisten withgredients the eggs beaten up in the moisten with the eggs beaten up in the
hrandy, stir well that everything may
ha thiroughly mixed. Press tightly into ...n. Amall mould or for this quantity, tie quantity, tie
and boil for
six hours. This pudding is generally made a few days before Christmas. pot, hang it up immediatsiv and put a pot, hang it up immediatsiy, and put a
plate under it to catch the water that wil drain from it. The day it is to be eaten, plunge it into boiling water, and keep boiling for two hours, then sauce. Put a sprig of berried holly in the top of the pudding, pour a little brandy on the dish, and set it on fire before taking it into the dining room. Less egos may be used in this pudding if instead.

The Man Whom Women Like.
Women, above all else, admire manly men, even more than they do the goodlooking ones. They like a man they can look up to, one who can be strong when trouble comes, who can be decided and They have no respect for the weakminded individual they can "twist round their little finger," and for whom they have to decide all questions. "They have
a decided contempt for the "old wife of a decided contempt for the "old wife on
the male sex" who persists in meddling with the affairs of the house, who will go poking his head into the kitchen, ask ing questions and interfering.
Women like the man who
Nomen like the man who is sympa
thetic as well as manly. They like husband wno notices if they look pale


King george v
This mighty vesel was safely launobed in October
or tired, and who is not above giving a or tired, and who on ocasion. They like him to notice their dress, say whether he likes it or not, notice any little extra adornment donned for his benefit. He
would have noticed it in a sweetheart, would have noticed it in at sweetheart trying to a wife to plan some extra ornament, a bit of lace or knot of ribbon or to make herself a new blouse, all
look nice and please her lord and master and never to have it noticed, much less commented on! The words, "How smart you are to-night, little woman, that quite a nice blouse, and suits you dow oo the ground, will raise a a hush of pleasure to her face, and repay her for
They like a husband who is unselfish. How many men there are, who, once the knot is tied, weary and are constanty rushing out litle hard-
some life," while the poor litt working wife, brought, perhaps, from a happy home circle, is left lonely at home to a wait his return. Then when there are cliildren, it is even worse. The hus-
band bolts his supper, and hurries off to spend lis evenings elsewhere, while the spend ins evenit home to nurse the
wife is lef at
children and brood over his neglect and
her disappointment. How happy the feels that the the husband comes in, "the children are always so good with
fithe father, and our evenings are so comfortable and happy!" He, at least, carries out his compact of loving, cherishing and protecting.
They like, too, the husband who is tender and true, who gives them a tender protecting care, which is like the
"shadow of a great rock in a weary land." They like men who speak well of all women, who are always courteous and kind, who do not dispense with the little eivinities they used in the courting
days days. They ike men who trust them,
who give them their household allowance ungrudingly and freely. They have a contempt for the man who asks them unblushingly to economise in household or personal expenses, while he himself
abates not one jot of his own personal abates not one jot of his own personal
luxuries, his cigars, gloves and amusements. If retrenchment has to come, the true woman will retrench at once, ungrudgingly and freely, but she feels
that retrenchment, to be retrenchment, must take place all round, not just in her own little particular corner
And also, women like a man who is sincere, whose motto is to
With calm undrooping gaze. Always To mean the high and trưthful thing Never to screen
Behind the unmeant word, the shar surprise
of cunning, never tell the little lies of
look
Or thought. Always to choose between
The true and small, the true and large, serene
And high above lifes cheap dishonesties
The soul that sters hy this The soul that steers by this unfading
Needs never other compass.
Lastly, women like the men who have an undying and ever increasing respect for themselves, who claim her personally as their dearest comrade, truest friend then life by his side would be truest happiness, fullest life. Trials migh
come, but they would be trials shared, and age for them would have no terrors, death no partings.

A Very Homeiy Article.
How to Knit a Stocking.
Almost evey girl, in Scotland at least, can knit her own stockings, and we do not need to be told that it is more eco
nomical to knit these than to buy them ready made. Shop made stockings do not wear well unless one gives a good
price for them, and after they have been price for them, and after they have been
darned once or twice, they are useless. darned one or twice, they are useless.
Now home knitted stockings are quickly done, pleasant to work at, and when too much darned to be comfortable can be
re-footed again and again, eachy time re-footed again and again, eachr
being as good as new. being as good as new.
Five ply fingering make a pair of cosy
 ing, thus more suitable to the season The Knitting of a Stocking is suitable work for any time of the year. In the summer or autumn we can
take it side, and in winter it seemis the right sort of work for the cosy firesid.
beguiling the tedium of a long railway journey, there is nothing like knitting
a stocking, and it is not so trying to a stocking, and it is not so rying
the eyes as reading, which is to most people the sole resource when travelling. work, as she can knit, and read at $t \mathrm{e}$ same time. A cheerful fireside company seems even more social when the radies have knitting in hand, as their with the bright wires. Knitting is recommended by some doctors as a

Cure for Nervousness,
the rythmical movement of the wires seeming to calm the nerves, while as a
headache banisher, there is nothing to equal the motion of the steel wires.
Now, I shall give a few hints as to number of stitches, intakrs, length, etc.

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stocking kno cast on 28 stitches on each of the three wires making 84 stitches in all, and knit about two inches of ribbing, two
plain two purl, or two plain one purl: plain two purl, or two plain one puri-
A stitch more or less may be added if needed for the pattern. In four.ply
wool, cast on 91 stithes, both these wool, cast on 91 stitches, both these
numbers being for a full sized stocking. numbers being or a foll sized stocking.
In all cases knit two to to and a halif In all cases knit
incles of ribbing. The rest of the stock-
The ing ean be knitted either plain and pur
or all plain as desired. Now, knit about or all plain as desired.
four inches of plain knitting, keeping the odd stitch of the 91 as a sean
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with, and purling it

> Narrowings or Intakes.

Knit till you come to three stitches knit one, purl the seam stitch, then knit one and take two together This gives a plain stitch on each side of the purl. Some people to get the intakes to
slant the same way, namely towards the seam stitch, do it slightly different, in fact I always do this myself. Kinit to one stitch, knit one, draw the slipped stitch over, knit one. Knit the seam stitch knit one plain, cill se the ogether look very nice. There must be iefght or nine of these narrowings, say nine, which
will leave 71 stitches now on the wires. Between the first two intakes knit thre six, seven, eight, nine, then knit $11 / 2$ to
2 inches without any intakes for the inches without any intakes
ankle. Now we are ready for

The Heel.
Divide the stitches in four, not count ing the purl stitch. Put 18 on each sid 18 on each of the two small wires. You
will now have 37 on one and 18 on each will now have of the others. The large wire is for the heel, which can be knitted plain or
thickened. For the thickened heel start on the purl side knit one, slip one and so on to the end, knitting the purl stitch
either plain or as it comes in the wire Knit the next row plain, then on the purl side knit one, slip, one again till you have done an inch and a quarter.
Now we are ready to "turn over" the Now we are ready to "turn over" the
heel. Start on the purl side, knit to heel. stitch beyond the seam stitch, then
one take two together, knit one and turn, knit these three stitches plain on the one side, then purr the stich, knit one,
take two together, knit one and turn. Purl these three stitches, then do the seam stitch, knit till you come to the space where you stopped knitting, purl two together, one on each side of this
space, knit one, then turn. Now, knit
 on the plain sisterne stithes together, one on
gap, take two
each side of it, knit one and turn. Knit each in this way till you take the two
on last stitches together, and finish on the
plain iside. If the seam stitch has been plainped, drop it also in turning the heel. Now we have to

Take up the Stitches
on each side of the heel This is done by taking up each, stitch in one needle and
knitting it Knitung it up with the wool.
you have the one side of the heel taken up, next knit the two short wires on to one, and pick up the stitehes on the
other side. other she heel on these two wires where
from the you picked up the heel stitches, and you are ready for the foot. Intakes have to
be done at the end of the two heel be done at the end of the swo way
wires. They are done in the same whe wires. They are Adter knittiny the big
as the leg ones. An wire knit once round plain
the big wire, then start

Narrowing the Foot
Knit one stitch then another, slip one and draw the slip stitch over. Now
knit plain till you come to the end of the other heel wire next the big wire. Knit tir you have knit one. Do these intakes
together and every alternate round, and take in
you have the same stitches on as when you started the heel, viz., 2 or 1 for the knit plain till you are ready lor wire
toe. It is ready set, 31 on the long wire and 18 on each small. Start with tre
first heel wire, knit two, slip onej draw
the slipped stitch over, then. knit till you
come to the opposite end of the second heel wire, also next the big wire. Kn till three left, take two together, knit one. In the big wire, knit two, slip one,
draw the slipped stitch over, then at the draw the silppeat stich oget, Do these every alternate round till you have eight, ten or, twelve on the large
one according to taste, then put the one according to taste, then put the
two small ones together, and knit the two small ones together, and
two wires
hus lett together, and cast of. Dar.
bottom.

Comfort for the Winter.
Winter is the time for warm garments as everybody admits. The shops r re now showing, not gauzes and musins, but
woollens and furs, and the customers, thronging them, buy according to their needs.

2he Feet.
It is impossible to keep well in winter unless the feet are dry and comfortably warm. has likewise an important office, that of promoting and preserving the natural
heat of the blood within, and guarding against cold and damp from outside for winter wear, and deserve to be uni versally adopted. They are warm and cosy, and if the feet are warm, it ma terially helps the rest of the body
Hand knitted stockings are greatly su perior to those woven. Silk stokings, coo, are warm, but those who know the ing stockings will not readily abandon them for winter wcar even in piace oo
silk. Inside soles of felt or knitting or cork are comfortable and useful, while even a couple of folds of brown paper
shaped to the boots add greatly to its even ad to
shaped to
warmth.

Wet Shoes.
Whatever shoes are worn outside in coming into the house. They may not feel damp, but after a time, they wil continue cold for hours, without the cause being suspected. Several colds are is a thus originated. In traveling, is a prudent thing to wear warm usual
shoes or Alpine boots over the boots, and woollen or felt gaiters ar also a protection. Elderly people and
those liable to rheumatism will find great comfort from knee caps. If night socks are worn, they should be loose and large, and they will ship off when the feet have become warm.

Flannel Next the Skin
In winter time especially, whatever is to be worn next the skin, as it is an important preventative of cold. It acts as a non-conductor of heat, and it also it in throwing off superfluous matter Elderly people particularly, and those who have to take violent exercise, so as to produce frequent perspiration, like-
wise infants, should wear flannel next the skin. Thin. flannel is best. wool, suiting all purposes. Flannel worn next the skin during the day should be taken off at night, and spreas on a chair that. Remember that flannel next the skin keeps the body warmer, than any amount of furs or heavy woollens put and fishermen who are much exposed to advantages of wearing flannel next the skin. In the case of children who are in any degree delicate, its employment is extremely important. Some people have the idea that by dressing them scantiy,
they "harden" them. Certain it is that many hardy children may be seen who have been reared by this process, but a good many have made an untimely exit
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warm without it, as its tendency in that case will be a determination of the blood to the brain, thus rendering the wearers much more liable to take cold when exposed, as they necessarily are, to draughts in the daytime.

## Shoes.

Thin soled shoes should not be worn at all in the winter time, as with them the feet can be neither dry nor warm. comfortably shod. Winter boots should always be made to order, as ready made ones are more or less pointed at the front, forcing the toes together, and pro-
ducing deformity of the foot Corns, bunions and in some cases diseases of the feet are thus brought on, and long cone tinued walking becomes an agony. The
sole of the shoe should be made with the sole of the shoe should be made with the
inner side nearly straight, and not
pointed so as to force the great toes over the others. Always be fitted for winter shoes with fairly thick stockings
on, and in the afternoon, as then the on, and in the atgernoon, as then the
foot is a little larger than in the morn ing.

## Food in Winter

In winter, too, one should take more heating foods than in summer, more fat steamed puddings and other warming foods. A basin of hot soup is excellent for heating the blood, on coming in
chilled and tired, and a drink of hot gruel on getting into bed or hot lemon water will turn off many an incipient cold. Remember to remove wet clothes before sitting down. While moving about, they cannot be helped, and do not
do so very much harm, but remove as soon as you can, and do not sit down in them, as they will undoubtedly strike a chill to your blood, and lay the founda tion of a bad cold or even something
worse.

## The Finding of Jamie Reid.

## A Story for Children. By A. B. E.

"Did I ever tell you the story of little Jamie Reid ${ }^{\text {P }}$ asked Grannie, as the children drew their chairs round the
fire, coaxing for a "true tale." "I don't think I have, and, as it's a short one, I'll just have time for it
young folk go off to bed." "One night, when I was quite a little girl, I well remember how some neighbors came to our house to tell us that
Jamie Reid was lost. That seemed a Jamie Reid was lost. That seemed a
terrible thing to us, for in those days there were no big towns and cities; no police and telephones like you have now, but just a few houses built here
and there with wide, empty spaces beand there with wide, empty spaces be
tween and no means of communication tween and no means of communication
How easy it would be for a little boy


A Spruce Tree.
to get lost on the prairie, and how
difficult it would be to find him! "A thousand questions sprang to our as the men got a chance to speak, the told us that Jamie had gone off shortly after dinner to pick berries and did not come home at six o'clock. This did not worry his mother, as the boy often
came in a little late for tea if he came in lots of berries, but when bed-
found lat time came and brought no Jamie, she grew alarmed, and she and Mr. Reid searched the near neighborhood until
dark without finding him. At last Mr. Reid collected a small company of men, who intended to search the whole "My uncle and father joined the
party and all night long they rode shouting and searching, returning rode the morning tired and worried, to say
that no trace of the little fellow had that no trace of the little fellow ha
started out again, this time with the daylight to aid them, but again they returned baffled, and hardly daring to Mrs. Reid of their non-success. For us women, who remained at home un-
able to take any action in the search able to take any action in the search,
these hours were very trying. We all hese hours were very trying. We al
oved the merry, little boy and pic tured his little figure trudging about ired and frightened by the dark, tryng to find his way back to home. We
could but pray for the boy's safety and do our best to comfort his mother. She, poor lady, was well-nigh mad with nxiety, and for her sake the search as kept up for three successive day "By the had been given up this time all hope to settle down upon the village. Every one thought that the child had strayed been swept away by the swift current Only the mother refused to believe that he was dead, and I am sure that it was this that kept up her strength, for pense and anxiety very hard to bear "About three weeks after this, Mr Reid had to leave home for a few days in order to see to some of his
more distant fields. He took with him more distant fields. He took with him leaving his wife at home. During the trip the men slept out on the prairie and on the second night Mr., Reid
awoke suddenly with a start. He stood awoke suddenly with a start. He stood
up and listened intently, trying at the same time to peer through the darkness. All was quite quiet, so he lay down again, but could not sleep. That
strange cry he seemed to strange cry he seemed to hear kept
echoing in his ear and would not let him rest. At daybreak he told the others of his bad night, so they deter mined to drive south and try to discover the meaning of the cry. For occurred and they felt inclined to give up the search and return to their proper road, when suddenly there darted
up in front of them a queer, littl up in front of them a
creature, that hesitated
a staring at them, and then scurried fuickly into the bushes. The men out a word, Reid other, and then, with from the wagon, and started jumped suit on foot, leaving the horses with the servant. For some distance the ollowed the terrified little creature till and crouched there garte intor hadger hole with wide, frightened eyes, at the the poor child-for it was none other solitude of the grown so used to the soss of wild animals and the nearand distrusted human that he feare persuasion that he permitted gentle father to take him out of his rough wagon. His fright, combined with the noise of the horses and the rattling of

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they drove home, where Mr. Reid went they drove home, where Mr. Reid went
in first to prepare his wife for the shock of finding poor, little Jamie in such a pitiable condition. Those three weeks of
life on the prairie, with no other home bife on the prairie, with no but the badger hole, no food but the
roots and berries he eould pluck for himself, no friends or parents to care for him, had made a sad change in the bright, little chap. His skin was rough
and blackened, his hands wounded and and blackened, his hands wounded and
scarred from tearing at the roots, scarred from tearing at the roots,
while from his thin, dirty, little face all the boyishness seemed to have been taken. But to the waiting mother all this made no difference-she saw only
her little boy, brought back to her as from the grave, sick and needing her love, and with a sob of thankfulness she reached out her arms to claim her
darling from the man who carried him. darling from the man who carried the
"For days Jamie's life hung in the balance and it was doubtful whether he would ever regain consciousness and reason, but he had three great advan's tages on care, and the heartfelt prayers of all his friends, so, very slowly and painfully, he came back to the sweet old life of home and health. His mind was a complete blank concerning that
terrible time on the prairie. He was terrible told that he had been very, very ill, but was well again, aad that was quite enough, for the little chap, whose happiness at home, and absolute devotion things to see."

A Slumber Song.
E. K. Stevens.

Sail on, little boat, o'er the river of
rushes,
With waving of water weeds long and lush; rom silvery ripples a lullaby gushes,
A murmurous lullaby, "hush, a-hush." Sail on little boat, where the wind and the willow
Whisper a ripple to river below, A breath. and a hint of the lift of the Whillow, waters so dreamily flow. Sail on, little boat, to the arms of the The oeean, $\begin{gathered}\text { or-away slumberous ocean of }\end{gathered}$ Rolling and falling in undulous motion To lull on her bosom the rivers and
streams

Farewell, little boat, for the shadows have found thee, the deep; Tenderly, softly they gather around Float thee away and away into sleep

## He Had Seen them Dug.

Many a child who has grown up firm in the faith that codfish are born salt and that tomatoes grown of the world rudely shattered by a visit to the country. A newsboy just back from a fresh-air excursion, says the New York
Tribune, was stopped one day by Mr. Tribune, was stopped one
Henry W. Oliver, the Pittsburg philanHenry W. Ohiver, thed to test his intelligence. "How were those stones made, my "How were those stones made, my
son?" he asked, pointing to a pile of them. "They wasn't made. They growed," was the ready answer. "How
"How do you mean ?"
"Why, jes' de same as pertaties. seen 'em dug in de same field out de country.
Mr., Oliver shook his head. "No, my
boy," he said, "stones cannot grow. If boy," he said, "stones cannot growe five
you were to come back to these years from now they would be just the same size." "Yes," said the newsboy, with a
"Yearned sneer, "and so would pertaties. learned sneer, "and so would pertaties. Dey've been ends it. Dey can't grow no
and dat end more. But you cant fool.'
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Wasteful Way of The West.
By Chas. F. Roland
Western Canada has Money to Burn and Burns it. Vast sums go to waste straw. Utilization era at hand. Flax straw to be made into cloth and
twine. twine.
Beyond a doubt, some ways of the rich, harvests are so The land is so so good and the demand so sharp, that the Western farmer feels no compulsion to economy, or even to utilization, and
has the general disposition of mankind to take things as easy as may be. As a rule, then, he throws away the manure that farmers in less favored lands, hoard with care or must buy at considerabl He burns thousands of tons of straw because there is no market for it and
sees thousands of tons of hay grow up sees thousands of tons of hay grow up,
ripen and wither for lack of cattle or horses in sufficient number to eat it. Time these things in yeafs to come but for the present there is a deal of waste going on in the West, and, bountiful a mpared with what the prairie provinves will produce when agriculture shal have been reduced to a science and util zation of wastes is made a part, o arming processes.
farming wastes in the West will un doubtedly be made by setting up a fac ory for making textles and twine from ax sising. Recent ringly show that there are 300,000 acres unde flax in Western Canada-Manitoba, Sas the average yield of straw per acre is not far from two tons. This gives a
total 600,000 tons of flax straw, all of which could be collected at a given point at reasonable cost-the more enormous product of unsalable material is wasted. Thus, any price which would pay the farmer for gathering the straw be so much clear gain to the farmer and, at the same time, give the manufacturer
an abundance of raw material at the lowest, possible cost. The exact figures of this cost can be determined only by
actual operation but a careful view of the conditions which surround the pro-
duction of flax straw the West, warrant the statement that a cost of not
more than eight dollars a ton, delivered more than eight dollars a ton, delivered
at the factory, will be within the facts It has been contended by makers of
linen fabrics in the old land, that there is no way of making these fabrics from flax that has been grown from seed or
cut instead of pulled-that the only way cut instead of pulled-that the only way
to get flax fibre for weaving into cloti is by pulling the straw immature
while the plant is in an immate
state as to the seed. If this were true, as it probably is if only
fine linen fabrics are considered, there
fould would be no prospect of utilizing the waste flax straw of Western Canada
The plant is grown here chiefly for the seed and makes a profitable crop. Flax
seed is in great demand. The price
 year is forty per cent. greater than that
of last year and there was so little seed

straw for textile use must not produc straw for textile use must not produce
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of the New World have invented mach of the New World have invented mach
inery which takes the flax straw of Western Canada just as it comes from
the threshing machine, cleans it, retches the threshing machine, cleans it, retches that, while they lack the fineness and finish of the linen fabrics made in Ire land, for instance, are yet good, mer-
chantable and usuable materials for domestic and commercial purposes.
This machinery is ' not an intangible dream, existing only in the mind o some visionary, but a substantial work ing fact, so real that a committee of
the Winnipeg Industrial Bureau report ing on investigations made last Febru ary, said:"James Brolin, manager of the Wesern Linen Mills at Duluth, showed $u$ s the machinery in use, has cost the men who engaged in this enterprise about $\$ 50,000$. Mr. Brolin went into the mat ters of material, processes and produc
tion with us very thoroughly and gav us every opportunity to see the plant in actual operation. We were thus able to see the flax straw as it was taken from the threshing machine, treated and worked upon wholy by mached ery, unti
it was turned out in finished products of yarn, twine and linen fabric. Stated briefly, the processes of the Western
Linen Mills comprise mechanical operaions which take the place of the slow tedious work that is done by the hand Country. We saw these processes actually worked out and brought back sam ples of the products which are on file
here for inspection. Mr. Brolin also gave us figures which enable us to report tern Linen Mills take 70 per cent. from the flax straw in the first operation, 50 second process, and a furthe
reduction of forty per cent. in th third process, finally producing 108 pounds of yarn from a ton of flax straw pound, or $\$ 23.76$ per each ton of straw that is put through the machines. Besides this, there are by-products of tow and mattress and paper material which
are worth $\$ 15$ more or a total of $\$ 39.00$ derived from every ton of flax straw treated. The cost of this flax straw laid down at the factory in Duluth is $\$ 12$ per ton. "The bearing of all this upon our own agricultural and industrial life is very important. Bear in mind that the pro
cesses of the plant which we saw cesses of the plant which we saw
Duluth take the flax straw just as it comes from the field, cut by machinery threshed by machinery and in all the
disorder into which it has been thrown; n $u$ pulling nor any costly hand work
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cesses we investigated at Duluth prove cesses we investigated at Duluth prove
that our flax straw. that is now wasted in such enormous quantities is a good, of being converted into goods for whi we have an unlimited market at hand Linen Mills' processes have attracted the no less a man than John D. Rockefelle is a stockholder in this concern, together
with several New York men of high standing in the financial world."
Mr. Brolin has already made invest
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How To Keep the Boy on the Farm. By Eagar G. Menizer.
Not all farmers' boys should be farmers. the farm has always been
the reeruiting ground for business life the recruiting ground for business life
and the professions. The doctors, lawand the professions. The doctors, law-
yers, politicians, ministers, college proyessors, engineers and captains of indusitry of the next generations are largely the country boys of to-day. To insist that every boy whose father was a as his father, would be to introduce the caste system of India, and would be utterly contrary to Canadian principles. Many a farm bred boy has talents lying in an entirely diferent dire
would be a failure at farming.
However, there are many country boys
who foolishly rush off to the city, to who foolishly rush off to the city, to
get a job as bookkeeper, clerk, telegraph get a job as bookkeeper, clerk, teleg,
operator, carpenter or factory hand, who
would be much better off if they had would be much
stayed on the farm. They are dazzled stay the apparent charms of the city, the by the apparent char of the streets, the amusements, and the general air of smartness
which is lacking in the peaceful rurai which is lacking in the peacefal rural community. bivit, in the city, the small opportunity of advancement, and the danger of non-employment, combine to reduce the one time farmer's boy ty, at
position of dependence and poverty, at position of dependence and poverty, at
an age in life when, if he had stayed on an age in life when, have been independent and prosperous.
This heedless rush to the city should which parents and friends can bring to which parents not for the benefit of the young man, but also for the good of Canadian agriculture. The influences that will help to keep the boy on the
farm may be classed as threefold, social, financial and intellectual. The parents fhancial make country life enjoyable for the boy, they should make it financially
possible for a young man to start farmpossible for a young man to start farm-
ing for himself, and they should interest him in the scientific aspects of agriculture.

1. Parents Should Make Country Life Enjoyable for the Boy.
It is during his teens that a boy is
making up his mind whether or not he making up his mind whether or not he
wants to beome a farmer. If he is worked too hard and deprived of the opportunities for play natural to a grow-
ing youth, he will decide against farming. The father who gives his son frequent holidays to attend circuses and ball gamess, and to go fishing and swimming, is a wise parent. Likewise the
boy should occasionally be given a short vacation from the constant round of


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daily chores. Allow him to spend a
week or two in the city in the winter week or two in the city in the winter
time, seeing the sights. Send him to spend ten days in the summer, camping at a Chatauqua, let him take a trip to the coast. occasionally. No one is better entitled to a moderate amount of pleas-
ure and travel than is the farmer, and he is wise if he does not neglect these opportunities for change and recreation for himself and family.
The mother can do much to make the farm home an attractive place for
the boy. A comfortable sitting room, a piano, a gramophone, games and inter esting magazines, will bind the boy's heart to the family circle. Farmers should co-operate to make the rural community an attraetive place socially
for the young men and women. No where can young people have more thor oughly enjoyable parties, socials, and picnics, than in the country. Provide for your son the best horse and buggy his own in the esteem of his young friends. Debating clubs in the schoolhouses and lecture courses in the villages will give the young people a place to go, their life. When the boy is convinced that the loneliest place in the world is the large city, and that the best and
truest friends are to be found in the truest friends are to be found in the
country, his desire to go to the city will disappear.
.The Farmer should make it Financial ly Pos far his Son to start

It requires considerable capital in hese days to operate a farm. Probably $\$ 1,500$ to $\$ 2,000$ is necessary to equip a farm properly with horses, live stock,
machinery and seed. If the young man must first earn this amount as a farm hand, he will become discouraged and go to the city where he does not need is not a very satisfactory occupation for an ambitious young man, and if he is doomed to this until he is thirty or more, his spirit will be broken and he
will be less fitted to be a successful will be less fitted to be a successfu
farmer. The father should lend his so the necessary capital, even if he must borrow it himself, or he should retire and turn over the management of the farm to his son. Many a father, by fin-
ancially assisting his son to settle iñ a new western country can enable the young man to get a rapid start in life. The graduates of an agricultural college are often criticised because they do not
immediately return to the farm. But in many cases they camnot. They have no capital with which to begin. They are obliged to go to work on a salary
for a number of years at least, as they for a number of years at least, as they
are barred from farming by lack of cap are barred from farming by lack of cap
ital. Men of means, who are interested in seeing bright, intelligent young me take up farming, could often with profit to themselves as well as to the young man, assist him to take charge of a
farm, by advancing him the necessary farm, by advancing him the necessary
capital, or by employing him as man ager or foreman, at a respectable salary
2. The Farmer should Interest his Son in the Scientific Aspects of Farming.

Some fathers think their boys are too young to know anything about crop ro
tation, fertilization, breeds of stock stock feeding, leguminous plants, and similar subjects, so they avoid discuss ing these topies with them, and simply
send them out into the fields day by day to do the manual labor. Conse
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tutes. The boy should be interested in Che corn growing contests. should ac-
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casionally by his boy, than not to have him use or uoy can be made to feel a
If the boy sense of ownership in the farm and to
experience the joy of seeing crops and animals grow under his care, he will develop a love for farming. To secure
this result it is often desirable to give him a piece of land to cultivate for himself, or a cow or horse that is his very
If he makes money for himself, own. If he makes money for himself,
so much the better. He should be allowed to keep the money and spend it or himself. The best the farmer boy, father. Let him impart the theory o farming to his son, along with a practi-
cal knowledge, and the youth will see the nobility of farm life, as the graduate of an agricultural college sees it. Upon the parents rests the responsi-
bility for making the boy like or dislike farming. Let them make it attractive way, and their son will realize before he has been compelled to learn it by unhappy experience, that farm life to-day, in most cases, holds out the
tunity for the country boy.

Farmer Has Two Investments
A farmer has two investments. He buys or rents and machinery for its conduct. Then he gives his own time, which must be counted in the same way as the mer-
chant figures his salary. The difference is that the merchant fixes his own salary and sells his goous so as to pay it. The sells his goods at whatever price, margin or profit he can. At every turn it less of what it cost him to produce hi surplus, or how many bushels of high priced grain or how many tons of ex pensive hay huch care and risk they required, he cannot sell for more than the buyer chooses to pay. Like situations obtain as to every farm product. It matters
not how hard the farmer worked plownot how hard the farmer worsed pow cultivated, how much of his crop was destroyed by water, winds and insects, how much his machinery cost and deteriorated, or how much he paid for
labor the grain men and millers and hay merchants and packers all set the price he must take. This will never be chang ed until the farmers, through intelligent organization and co-operation a:rest and protect themselves, wave unaccountably, not yet
doing.

At the Mercy of The Middleman.
A careful study of actual conditions leads to the single conclusion that it is the distributers and never the proproducts. That is the business condition of the times. Demand may increase the price but not necessarily the profit of the prost necessarily pay more for the things he uses, as do others. He does not know whether he will make a profit or not. All the farm work and expenses are calculated together and a a surplus over the expenses at the end of the year it goes to pay off the mortgage and buy more comforts. The farmer likes and desires such comforts as
well as does the middleman, but he is well as does the middeman, but he is
often deprived of them simply because often deprived of them simply because
he has to take what the distributor wants to pay him for his products, rather than. what they cost.

The Science of Dry Farming
By Frederick J. Haskin.
rom the Canadian border on th ith to tne Rio Grande on the south
the Rocky Mountains westward al it to the sea, lies the great strip
land known by the geographers as land known by the geographers as
id America. Twwelve hundred miles $g$ and 1,300 miles wide, it comprisan area equal to about one
continental United Stas
of Alaska. Here lie vast domains of
public lands, $600,000,000$ acres in sides railroad grants and school lands, and $70,000,000$ of these acres are known as desert land 3. Stretches of dazzing white sand, overnung at times with alpurple mountains, bare and and there by this so-called desert land has Lien condemned tor a century by settlers because of its inhospitable aspect and its unreponsiveness to the ordinary methods of
farming. Hopeful men have come in creaking. prairie schooners of the East, have built little homes on the desert rim, have tried the old methods of tilling this dry soil, have seen their wives
and children grow sad-eyed and hungry and children grow sad-eyed and hungry
when crops failed, and have gone creak when crops failed, and have gone creak-
ng back into the East again, discouraged and disheartened, cursing the desert that lured them on with its mirage of harvest seasons, only to disappoint them.
Yet in this desert country there lies, so scientists and practical farmers tell us, the possibilities of fulfiling the the biblical prophecy that the waste places
max be made glad and that the desert may be made glad and that the desert
will bloom as a rose. It will need no miracle to prove this, and a little outside influence will bring it about. It will mean only a scientific use of the materials nature has already at hand
In ordinary agricultural methods, it was demanded that nature be prodigal in her gifts of rain and moisture, and when na-
ture was kind personal effort decreased ture was kind personal effort decreased,
and the crops were satisfactory. Be cause of this old dependence on rain those who went to the west and tried grew discourg in "land of little rain" soon nual precipitation in the foot-hills of the Rockies is only 14.93 inches. Yet in the light of newer experiments it has been found that crops can be raised on ing this raciaitation inches, mak ing this precipitation nearly three
inches over what is needed.

Principle of Dry Farming.
This new method by which the desert land is to be redeemed is known as dery simple one of conserving every particle of moisture that falis during the year sive concrete dams, but in the soil itself. A year before the crop is planted the farm land is plowed deeply with special machinery. Strong dise plows not only pulverize the subsoil but pack
it into a firm bed through which the it into a firm bed through which the
conserved water may not sink, and conserved water may not sink, and usually lie four or five feet below the surface may not rise by evaporation to burn and blight the vegetation. On this subsoil the surface soil is
pulverized to such a fineness by special pulverized to such a seems that it must have been done by the fingers. This makes a mulch through which rain and melted snow may percolate to rest on
packed subsoil beneath, but through packed subsoil beneath, but througn
which no moisture can rise. It demonwhich no moisture can rise.
strates the law of capillary attraction, for moisture most easily rises through channels, just as oil rises more quicky
in a lamp wick that has been saturated in ail than it does in a dry wick. Lecturers in demonstrating their theory have represented the damp subsoil with
a lump of sugar sprinkled over with the a lump of sugar sprinkled over with the
powdered sugar. When the lump is wet powdered suged sugar remains dry.
The pioneer dry farmer of America, and of the world for that matter, was H. W. Campbell, of Lincoln, Neb. Over
twenty years ago he evolved this twenty years ago he evoved has
theory, and having the courage of his convictions, put it into practice. From
the James to the Arkansas rivers he has the James to the Arkansas rivers he has tried it on all the former waste places,
and has made good. Others have followand has made good. Others have follow-
ed. In the wake of his disciples the Spanish bayonet, the yucca greasewood and sage brush are disappearing, and wheat, corn, alfalfa, barley, grasses,
fruits and vegetables are springing up in the most satisfactory and lavish in the fact that the dry farmer must never stop work. In the older fields of
the east and the south there are periods the east and the south there are periods
of indolence that follow the "laying by time" of the harvest, and the farmer may turn his thoughts to barbecues, fishing excursions or simply go lie out


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seeds thirty five acres of land in a working day of ten hours at a cost of about ninety cents per acre. By the old meth-
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remain many millions of acres untouched by the irrigation plan, inaccessible
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look to that day when the young men
of the nation will have learned and
on adopted their plan and see in the days of the golden future $35,000,000$ people comfortably housed on the now vacant lands of the far west. It has been prov-
ed that forty acres of this land will support in modern comfort a family from three to five
It has been only a few years that the department of agriculture has made
practical experiments in dry farming practical experiments in dry farming,
following on the heels of private enter prise and setting the seal of public approval on the plan for great internal de-
velopment. Men were sent to Russia velopment. Men were sent to Russia
to study the wheat felds to study the wheat fields near the sea
of Azas, where rain is scarce and where the general conditions are not unlike
those of the arid west. It was decided those of the arid west. It was decided
to experiment with durum, the wheat to experiment with durum, the wheat
from which macaroni flour is made. The United States each year produces 2,500 ,000 pounds of the manurfactured produet and many pounds of the durum wheat
flour, so the plan had a commercial sig nificance. In 1901 the first crop of durum was harvested on the dry lands, 1oo,coo
bushels in all. Lalt year the harvest was well. up toward the $30,000,000$ mil-
lion mark. It is clai ..ed that manulion mark. It is clai eed that manu-
factures have opposed the raising of durum wheat, as it is a harder grain and
requires stronger maclinery than other $\underset{\text { grains. }}{ }$

Practical Demonstrations. It is difficult to interest the old farmers of the west in the nien wrons
of agriculture and the
convince. It is on the young men of the convince, It is on the young men of the
west that the hopes of scientists rest for the development of their new idea.
The Young Men's Club of Cheyenne The Young Men's Club of Cheyenne
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satisfaction. The Pomeroy Model Farm ot Hill City, in western Kansas, got glorous and careul work. The eastern Colorado Fair association of 1 1005 has one
of the most interesting state agriculof the most interesting state agricul-
tural exhibits that this country has known, and the giants, of the vegetable kingdom that appeared there in all their fullness and pride were grown without irrigation.
The Fort a substation Hayes Agricultural Station substation of the Kansas State $\frac{\text { Agri- }}{}$
cultural College, has proved that four cuts of alfalfa are possible on the dry farm lands, whil, the experiment sta proved it possible to a get a yield of proviry-five bushels of wheat to the acre,
the fifty of corn, 200 of potatoes, thirty of rye, sixty five of oats, two tons of millet, and five tons of cane for forage.
The Campbell Dry Farming Association of Denver, the Scientific Farming Asso: ciation of - Bennett, Col, -the Business
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Some time there ben a lyttel boy That wolde not renne and play, And helpless like that little tyke, Ben allwaiz in the way.
"Goe, make you merrie with Goe, make you merrie w
His weary moder cried: But with a frown he catcht her gown And hong untill her side.
That boy did love his moder well, Which spake him faire I ween;
He loved to stand and hold her hand And ken her with hiz een: His cosset bleated in the croft He wolde not goe, but, tarrying soe Ben allwaiz in the way.
Godde loveth children and doth gird His throne with soche as these,
And he doth smile in plaissannce while And he doth smile in plaissannce while
They cluster at his knees; And some time when he looked on earth
And wat
And watched the bairns at play,
He kenned with joy a lyttel boy He kenned with joy a lyt.
Ben allwaiz in the way.
And then the moder felt her heartHow that it ben to torne-
She kissed each day till she ben gray The shoon he use to worn No bairn let hold until her gown Nor played upon the flooreGodde's was the joy; a lyttel boy
Ben in the way no more.
Ben in the way no more.

## Christmas Night

$t$ last Thou are come, little Saviour: An song; Thou art come to us, gentle Creator
Whom Thy creatures have sighed for Whom Thy creatures have sighed for
so long. Thou art come to the beautiful Mother She hath looked on Thy marvellou Thou art come to us, Maker of Mary:
And she was Thy channel of graee.
Thou hast brought with Thee plentiful
pardon,
And our souls, overflow with delight; Our hearts are half broken, dear Jesus
With the joy of this wonderful night We have waited so long for Thee, Art Thour! come to us, dearest, at last? Art Thou come to us, dearest, at last
Oh, bless Thee, dear Joy of Thy Mother!
This is worth all thie wearisome past Thou art come, Thou art come, Child of

Mary
Yet we hardly believe Thou art come New Brother! wither to have Thee, Thou wilt stay with us, Master and Thou wilt stay with us now evermore We will play with Thee, beautiful On Eternity's jubilant shore

## Chrlstmas Suggestions

To begin one's Xmas gifts early in burd all adds more pleasure Christma burden to the wee brighter and happier and we feel much brighter andious to
on that day, if the days previon strain on that day, if the days have not strain and worry.
For the busy housewife, who has not time to work fancy work, it is a good plan to give the allow them to do their
your friends and own work during the long winter even ings. First of all, buy a yard of linen,
or more if you require it, then puror more if you require it, then pur
chase a perforated, pattern of a pin-
cushion, costing about ten cents. Stamp chashion, costing about ten cents. Stamp
cus many as the linen will allow and
send a skein or two of floss, also ribbon
for lacing with each gift. Centrepieces, tray cloths, scar̂fs, etc., may be stamped
in the same way' but-they are a little in the same way' but they are a litle
more expensive. Tan linen worked in more expensive. is very pretty and less expensive
colors than the white.
Very few people go to the hardware
merchants when investing in Xmas gifts merchants when investing in Xmas gifts
but it is from the hardware store that I purchase many of the foundations for my gifts. Wire coffee strainers make very pretty hat pin holders, buy the ones that are four or five inches in
iiameter, sometimes they have two diameter, sometimes dispense with one and leave the other for a hanger. Take a yard or more of silk or ribbon, place lace the
same width over this and frill togethe same width over this and frill together,
then sew to the edge of the strainer then sew to the edge of the strainer,
This is the most convenient holder I have ever used.
My next investment is a coat hanger,
the wire frames can be bought two for the wire frames can be bought two for
five cents. Pad the frame and cover five cents, Pad the frame and cover
with ribbon of any shade you desire, dresden is ver, pretty but more expen-
sive. Make three small bags of the sive. Make three small bags of the
ribbon and fill with sachet powder tie ribbon and fill with sachet powder, tie with narrow rib
with the wider.
If you are fortunate in having a pyrography outfit, buy several plaques and after they have been burnt, place screw
eyes around the edge and you have eyes around the edge and you have a
useful key.rack. If you do not do this work, two clothes pins slipped together,
gilded with paint and tied with ribbon olso make a good key rack, or a small woyden ring trimmed with ribbon and
serew: eyes is equally pretty. Glass test tubes covered with ribbon are used for hatpin holders and talcum pow
boxes gretcovered in the same way. boxes gree covered in the same way.
If you can purchase a pretty brat If you can purchase a pretty braid,
two yows sewn together make such odd two rows sewn ifogene from the common
belts and so different frem ones thiat every one admires them. Handkerehiefs, collars, tea spoons, auto veils, embroidered stockings, dainty cor-
set covers made from flouncing are all very acceptable to the country daugh ter or wife who has not the opportuter or wife who has not the opportu-
nity of visiting the departmental stores.

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with violet sachet powder. The four boards were then covered with China
silk. $T w$ circles for the end pieces of
the. the bag were formed
stitching
the the other two rounds. The hemmed ends of silk were then sewed around
each of these two circles, the stitches
ent each of these two circles, the stitches
being taken, of course, on the iniside of being taken, of course, on the inside or
the bag. To one of the end circles was fitted a bag of the silk, three inches in depth; the ruff at the top forming a
casing for the elastic to be inserted. casing for the elastic to be inserted,
This little pocket being inside the bag
hel This ittte pocket, being inside the bag,
holds scissors, thimble, ete., securely. At the opening of the bag, at the top of the circles or end pieces, were long loops
of red ribbon, and artistic bows of red of red ribbon, and artistic bows of red
intermingled with the green ribbon were intermingled with the green ribbon were
fastened on: If desired, the ribbons might also be arranged to pull up and close completely the top of the bag. Penwipers.
There were penwipers of various kinds; one a cupning, little bisque doll representing Miss Columbia, on top of
her solden hair a blue and white Lib. her golden hair a blue and white Lib
erty cap, underneath her gown a full erty cap, underneath her gown a
red felt ${ }_{\text {skirt, }}$ and in her outstretched arms a wee red-and-white pencil, with a miniature flag waving from the top. A penwiper that will gladden the heart of some one was a butterfly of brown
velvet, the body a tight roll wound with tinsel to resemble rings, the eyes smal beads, and the antennae fine wire. After shaping the wings they were button-
holed around the edge with yellow silk,
a lighter shade of kid. At one end,
solididy embroidered in gold thread, was the monogram of the youngster. Rings covered with the gold thread completed this very pretty gift.

Collar ane Belt.
This collar and lovely belt were made of purple and lavendar ribbons four inches wide. The belt was laid in folds with back and sides stiffened by feather
bone. On the back, four inches from bone. On the back, four inches fore
the feather-bone at each side, were three large rings buttonholed over with laven: dar silk. For lacing them together nar row purple ribbon tied in loops was used
The crush collar was of lavendar, having attached to the front narrow ribbons of different lengths, the ends tied in tiny bows, which extended in a cas-
cade half way down the bodice. Here, three shades of wavndar and two of three shades of avendar and
purple were effectively combined.

A Watch Holder
On a brass easel rested a polished board panel made by the man of the
family. It was five inches in length and three in width, and my young friend, who was skilful with the brush and pen, had painted a mass of violets
on the lower part. At the top, just beon the lower part. At the top, just be-
low the ribbon bow fastening it to the easel, she had printed:
Tick-tock
tick-tock

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Thick tock, tick-tock } \\
& \text { Sayeth the clock, }
\end{aligned}
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Sayeth the clock,
moments I measure are not of a size. The sad ones shall haste,


## Alone on the silent river.

veined with black and dotted with tin-sel-the under wings were of chamois,
buttonholed with black, and the top buttonholed with black, and the top
and lower wings were sewed on butter-

B
A
w
w But never a moment of all shall I waste.
A little above the centre of the board as a fancy hook on which to hang the vatch.
The tiniest tot in a certain family is
receive $\mathbf{a}$ rubber ball having to receive a rubber bail having a
crocheted cover of red silk. From the top spread out five short streamer bearing at the end little bella
An exquisitely beautiful cushion, sure to bring joy to the heart of the recip
ient, was of white mull sprayed with ferns. On one corner was a graceful
arrangement of delicate ferns the arrangement of delicate ferns, the
longer ones reacling almost to the cenlonger ones In the other corners only a single
tre. branch was used. The sprayed ruffle
with its hemstitched border and small with its hemstitched border and small
ferns at intervals, ierns ate a male green silkoline. The
was over a Was over a pale green sikoine.
whole gave a realistic effect of moss and
ferns. This result ferns. This result was produced by mond dye ink, tacking the mull firmly to a board and pinning the ferng secure-
ly in place, lightly dipping a toothbrush 1y in pace, itighty brushes cut down half the
that had its original length, into the dye, and rub-
bing it softly but briskly over the fine
Ater several part of a dressing comb. Atter several
times repeating this operation, the ferns
were removed and their imprints shated heres repeating and their imprints shaded
were remove
with a fine brush to the desired tints. A Boy's Purse.

## The purse was bag shape, six inches

 long, and mate of of brown kid. Theopening in the eentre was bound with
$\longrightarrow$ A Clover-leaf Pincushion. This dainty affair was cut in the
shape of an enlarged clover leaf, and was meant to carry in the pocket.' Two cardboards were covered with green
chamois, overcast together, edged with chamois, overcast together, edged with
green-headed pins. The veningo was put
With it was len card reading
When you see a pin and pick it up
Soon will come a streak of luck. Soon will come a streak of lut
Cards and Photographs. There were a number of cards hold ing Cristmas greetinges, all worthy of description, but 1 will tell only of the
one she will send to a friend of her
ohidhood dus. It wis one she will send to a friend of her
chillhood davs. It was on a blue-tinted
square card bordered with blue forget-me-nots painted in water-colors; and
lettered in blue, edged with

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Dinna forget me
Dinna forgyt me, me,
''m thinking of yout
Im thinking of you:
Wishing you happiness
To one who had shared her racation in
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The Western Home Monthly. hospitality, she has made a dozen place cards, and has put in the corner of
every one a monogram of the person
on who is to receive them, done in. pink and gilt to blend with her china. These
lovely cards were on a white watered oovely cards were on a white watered
silk bag, on which was painted a sprig silk bag,
of holly.

Christmas Sweets.
My inventive friend is to make a quantity of Christmas sweets, and for It is really difficult to select which of
enem she had mece these to write about.
A cornucopia of tinted green cardboard was ornamented with a ${ }^{\text {and }}$ painting
of Santa Claus laden with gifts of Santa Claus laden with gifts. Form-
ing an arch above his head was a ing an arch above his head was a
Christmas greeting in red. This bonboniere was eight inches square, and so folded that one corner formed the top Which was closed by holy-red ribbon The two sides were puncture
holes and laced with red ribbon. Now I am going to tell how she
makes her fondant in a porcelain kettle two pounds of granulated sugar, one cup of water one-fourture is allowed to heat rapialy
this mixtur to a boiling point, and is not stirred ex cept to. Wipe off with a soft brush the sides of the kettle where the crystal form.
After ten minutes she begins to test bhen the mass formed can be moulded
wher into a soft ball she considers it suff ciently cooked, and pours it in on When cool enoug large spoon until too stiff to stir, then turns it on a platter and kneads it until smooth and creamy. She then puts it in glass jars until
needed needed.
Just before the holidays she makes her fancy beatos hor more a frolic than a
this will be to task, as she will have her fun-loving brother to, help her
In a basket enamelled pink is a lining of rose-colored tissue paper, a a flufy
ruffle falling over the sides, and an inruffle
ner lining of oiled. paper:', This is sto ne piled high with pink, brown, and white ereamed walnuts. Into three dishes is to be put the needed amount of fondant, strawberry juise, another
pink with pink with stred brown with melted chocolate,
col colored the third will remain white.
while There will be ready some Englishwalnut meats which have been dipped in a syrup made' of a a teaspoontuil of
sugar and a teaspoonful of water boiled sugar and a. eeaspoonf The creamed fon-
about five minutes. dant will be shaped into oblong balls and placed between two haves of the $\begin{array}{lll}\text { nuts. } & \text { For Neapolitan candy } \\ \text { layers } & \text { of the coral } \\ \text { lat }\end{array}$ lapers with a small rolling-pin into
formed one-third inch layers, piled one upon the other, pressed together, and cut into
squares. There will also be fudges of all squares. There will also be fudges of all
kinds concocted by creaming together Kinds concocted
two coffee eupfuls of sugar, butter size of a walnut, and two-thirds cup of milk, placed on a stove and stirred enough to prevent the milk from scorching on the
bottom of the kettle. Boil the mixture bottom of the kearde. in water, flavor
until it will harden with vanilla, turn into a dish, and stir it rapidly until it begins to thicken.
Then pour it evenly on to tins lined Then pour it evenly on to tins lined
with waxed paper, and let the fudge with waxed paper, and let the fudge
stand until it becomes hardened enough to cut into squares. This plain fudge is the foundation
for all other fudges, and can be varied in many ways. Indeed, there are few
forms of candy in which the ingenuity forms of candy in which cen thy
even of an inexperienced cand $y$-maker even or allowed free exercise with so
can be all
little danger of disaster. If the mixture is cooked too hard it can be put back in the kettle with a little water and a little fresh sugar, and cooke in
over. of possible combinations in
or over. ond fillings there are many, and
flavors and part of the pleasure in fudge-making is
it must be confessed, the delightful sur it must be confessed, the delight ful sur
prises that a little experimenting gives prises that a little experimenting gives.
While cooking, a square of melted
co chocolate may be added or the founda-
tion may be flavored with strawtion may be flavored with straw
beiry juice. It is sometimes mixed with nuts chopped fine. Shredded cocoanu
mixed with chocolate is always liked

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by this treacherous he the triber if you keep on ne-
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glect glecting catarrh, later on it's sure to mean dange
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Catarth. It makes you an object of disgust Catarr. . It makes you a a object of disgust
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to kind to tell you so.
fact fact your hawking and spitting and con-
stant nose-blowing fairly makes them sick. They turn away nauseated by your foul, fetid breath. Such things hurt you tremendously, not only at home but also
with outsiders-with the people you meet with outsiders
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| + | cows came up in the evening to be milked, he went down to the barnyard | do so want to grow up and be a soldier and wear red stripes down my panties,". | what a hollerday really and truly is, for I've hollered all day long.: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | with | Gladys, whose father was ac- | ttle Nell-Johnny, what is a philher? Brother Johnny (a little |
| - | is their custom at that time of day, |  | older)-A feller that rides a philosopede, |
|  | were contentedly chewing the cud. The | G" when he feit well and happy, was |  |
| nade | boy watched the milkmaids at work, | saying her prayers one night, and she closed her prayer by saying, "Dear Lord, | Teacher-John, of what are your shoes ade? Boy-Of leather, sir. Teacher- |
|  | on the ceaseless grind | ep | madere does leather come from? Boy- |
| ing with | At length he turned to his host and | A little boy spent the day in the | From the hide of the or. Teacher- |
| other called him and | said: "And do you have to buy gum | his grandmother's not long | What animal, then, supplies you with the shoes and gives you meat to eat? |
|  |  |  | Boy-My father. |
|  |  |  | Boy-My father. |
| know I am |  |  |  |
| - |  | repose. "Oh, grandma!" he cried as he | it wasn't for one thing! Little Willie- |
| was spending y. When the | soldiers ways. "Oh, grandma, she sighed after dress parade one day, "I | repose. l kissed ger good night, "now I kno | What is that? Little Bob-I'd fall off. |



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A Christmas Hymn. Tell me what is this innumerable Singing in the
song?
These are they who come with swift
and shining feet
From round about the throne of
the Lord of Light to greet.
Oh, who are these that hasten beneath As if with starry sky,
if with joyful tidings that through
The faithful shepherds these, who
greatly were afeared
When, as they watched their flocks by night, the heavenly host ap-

Who are these that
hills of night
star that wight
star fields of light?
Three wise men from the East who
myrrh and treasure bring
To lay them at the feet of Him, their Lord and Christ and King

What Babe new-born is this that in a manger cries? bed His happy mother lies.
Oh, see the air is shaken
and heavenly wingsis the Lord of all the
this is the King of kings.
Tell me, how may I join in this holy With all the kneeling world, and I of all the least? Fear not, $\mathbf{O}$ faithful heart, but Bring love alone, true love alone, and lay it at His feet.
-Richard Watson Gilder.

A Helpful Sabbath
By Rev. D. S. Hamilton, Winnipeg.
In seeking to decide how best to spend the Sabbath in order that the
day may be helpful and cheery, one faces an important problem. Neither the stern, puritanical idea of the day nor the frivolous continental way of
spending it can rightly guide us, except spending so r as they suggest how not to spend the regularly appointed day of rest. The puritan placed so much emphasis upon the spiritual life that he almost forgot that man's deserved consideration on the Sabbath day. The belief in the continental Sabbath, with its round of light pleasures, goes to the opposite
extreme and leaves too little room for extreme and leaves nurture of the spiritual life. The danger in our time is that the love of pleasure and the greed of gain will
cause men to forget the design of the cause men to forget the design of the Creator in instituting a day of rest.
The day of rest was intended to be for man's highest benefit, and consequently the state is perfectly justified in preserving the day in such a manner as that the greatest possible number servation of the Sabbath" is a better
term than the "observance of the Sabbath," in that it looks toward giving to all the liberty to rest and the op-
portunity to worship without prescribportunity to worship without prescribthe day. It is up to the individual,
who has the freedom to choose, to dewho has the freedom to choose, to de-
eide upon what will be helpful and cide upon what will be helpful and
cheery for him and consistent with a wholesome influence amongst his folhows. Let one keep in mind the three-
fold nature-body, mind and spiritfold nature-body, mind and spirit-
and so spend the Sabbath that the and so spend the Sabbath that the
whole being will be ministered to by whole being will be ministered to by
the exercise engaged in. People of difthe exercise engaged in. People of w
ferent trades and professions w
naturally find refreshment and cheer naturally find refreshment and cheer in
different ways. The course which one different ways. The course which one
conscientiously follows as being the conscientiously follows as being the
most helpful may not be the best way for one of an entirely different occupaion to adopt.

Try to spend the day in such a man-
ne that at its close the body will feel a renewal of strength, the mind be more restful and the spirit refreshed. The whole question of detail as to how much of the day will be given to pub-
lie worship, how much to social fellowship and how much to social and religious service will need to be settled according to individual circumstances, gifts and opportunities. The day inspiration and gladness, and exert such an influence over one as to send one forward to the duties of a new week with strong courage and buoyant
hope. Our duty to ourselves, to our hope. Our duty to ourselves, to our
fellow-men and to Him who graciousy instituted the rest day for man's
benefit, requires us to use the day for the building up of noble character-individual and national

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By Miss H. Fender.

## Wordsworth says:

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Preserve |and from age to age; more precious far
Than that accumula And Orient gems, which for of day of need, The Sultan hides deep in ancestral
tombs; These hoards
The literature of the English and

American most priceless possession. By their inheritance from their ancestors and by the work of their own genius, they are the work of their own genius,
in this respect the richest people on the globe. While we give all credit and honor to the great poets and philosophers of Germany and the historians and novelists of France, the sweetest songs and most noble poems, and the ster, have been written in the English language. To know English literature is a liberal education in itself. I notice with pleasure in the issue of the
Nor'-West Farmer of December fth, that one of the objects of this organizaion is to furnish travelling libraries for Manitoba. We could have no better object nor one that could benefit our
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our boys and girls should be that their taste be not perverted, so that in the maturer years they may learn to love
the poems of Milton, Longfellow and Tenyyson. To see with Dickens th
whimsicial side of common life and fee with him the pathos of want and suffering; to long to be in touch with the
greatest souls that have ever lived; to greatest souls that have ever lived; to
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family as much as he owes them food or clothes-a good newspaper, a good
dictionary, a good atlas, and a good cyclopaedia." "Have any of you ever
lived near the woman who runs in t ask for a few newspapers for her cup board, saying she "did wish ohe a paper so she could have some to
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the genuine heroes, if we like that kind he genuine heroes, if we like that kind
So I say, let us have good books-the best books, and plenty of them - and
with Eugene Field wish for "Books, books, books, give me ever more books,
for they are the caskets wherein we humanity-words-the expressions of live forever!"

Wound Up and Going.
By Mrs. H. M. Sweet, Emerson, Man An imperturable cloud of gloom and fault-finding had settled on the heart
and life of Mrs. Ellen Reid. It refused
to be dispelled even by the cheery
 brightest member of the Women's Mis-
sionary Society.
"We should love to have you attend "ur meetings," Annie said, as she
buttoned her glove, after a lengthy
periond of wnsuccessful pleading fer period of unsuccessful pleading for the
laims of the heathen.
"I don't care for oome of them that run things
ed, noddin
the church.
"You believe in the work, don't yo
Annie asked.
Mrs. Redid admitted that she did.
"But not in some of the workers, Mrs. Reid admitted that she did. that it?" Annie continued, smiling. Well, none of us are perfect, that' ure, but when you think how the dear Lord has to put up with so many im you and I can put up with a few o them?"
The hard lines round Mrs. Reid's mouth relaxed slightly for a moment "I had my feelings hurt once, in that
tightend again. society, and I decided I was done witn th" "'Mrs. Reid said bitterly. "I'll have to go, Mrs. Reid," said Annie, looking at her watch, and feel
ing her visit had been in vain. As she stopped to pick up her handkerchief, the watch fell from her belt on Mrs. Reid's softly-padded carpet.
Annie picked it up quickly and held
it to her ear.
"It's all right, is it?" asked Mrs. Reid, taking it from Annie's hand and listen ng attentively to hear it tick, "I don't think it is a bit the worse," she con
tinued. "A wateh will stand quite a jar you know, if it is wound up and going. Annie looked at her steadily and
"It seems to me that more laughed. "It seems to me that more than watches need to be wound up an
going to stand the jars of life," Anni said, as she turned to go, but a sudden impulse brought her back.
"Mrs. Reid"" she said, her face glow ing, "Inn't that just what's the matter
We all love you, but you are makin We all love you, but you are making
yourself and the rest of us unhappy by yourself and the rest of us unhappy by
your attitude. Won't you come back to church and to our meetings, read your Bible and pray, and get wound up fo
the Master's work?" Tears sprang into Mrs. Reid's eyes but her voice was quite steady, as she
answered, "Yes, Annie, I will."
answered, "Yes, Annie, I will."

## Lullaby.

y darling baby, whom I love, In the pure, tender self a dove;
Take off thy frock with sweet Take of thy frock with sweet cares
Exchange it for a dreaming dress. My darling baby, whom I deem In thine own little self a dream, Jst kiss me once before you take
off tiny shoes at Dreamland's gate.

My baby dear, to mother cling Thy soft white arms around her fling Then follow swift the golden beams
Now quiv'ring to Land o' Dreams.

## Shivering Saints.

"Do you know, Sir, I think there be amazing lot of shivering saints!" this very cold weather must sorely try many of the Lord's poor, and we
see what we can do to help them." "Lor', Sir," said Betty, "I did not mean that. I dare say some on 'en
have shivering bodies, but it was their souls I was a-thinking on."
Ketty Smith was a veteran in the bers of the Church, though not often was living very contentedly in an almscome for me whenever I was able to call
upon her in the course of my pastoral visitation." "Wellt," I said, "I dare say I "Well, Betty," I said, "I dare say
know what you mean, but just for the
moment I do not quite see the applica tion of your par ple. ," To what in par ticuiar do you refer? the elorious da
"Do you remember the we had last summer at the sea-side?"
$\qquad$ "Well, Sir, I remember soring some of
the young folks going into the water to plunged right in, and commenced to kick about and have a fink lot of fun;
but I minds one lal a had momereel

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strikes me, Sir, there be a lot of shivering saints like him."
"Bravo, Betty!"
said. "Capital! I see.
Stand lingering, shivering on the brink, And fear to launch away.
"Wait a bit, Sir," said
Betty. "Don't you remember the last siocial you giv' in the schoolroom? Mrs. Robinson
would have me come, and I mind how would have me come, and I minds how
it was all warm, and beautiful magicit was all warm, and beautiful maic-
lantern pictures, and hot coffee and buns, and cake, and it was all free, and you wanted the lads to come in, and most of them did, but just one or two
of the biggest wouldn't. But though they of the biggest wouldn't. But though' they
wouldn't come in they wouldn't go wouldn't come in heoy wouldnt go
away from the door, but just hung around and laughed, and made out they didn't like cofifee, and buns, and pic-
tures; and while the others were having tures; and while the others were having
the warmth and the good things, they the warmth and the , good things, they
shivered outside. Lor,', Sir, there be a shivere shivering saints like the boys!"
lot "Really Now don't you think "Really, Betty. Now don't you think
those boys outside were more like poor those boys outside were more like poor
sinners who will not come to the Lord Jesus, than like saints? I think so." "May-be, Sir. But don't you think there be a lot of God's people who gets no more real comfort out of their re
ligion than those boys did out of coffee ligion than those bogs
and buns? They only look and long and bunss They only,
and shiver all the time."
"I
and shiver all the time.
"I daresay you are right, Betty; we
none of us live up to our privieges.
not none of us live up to our privileges,
But let me know a little more definite But what you mean. We will not talk evil one of another, but whom do you know now that you would describe as a shivering saint ${ }^{\prime \prime \prime}$ " be lots on 'em. Why
"Why, Sir, there be there is dear Mrs. Robinson. One of the best souls as ever was born. Many a lonely hour she has passed for me,
and many a little treat ghe has brought and many a little treat she has brought
me; but she is a shiverer. ©h, Betty, me; but she is a shiverer day, 'When
she said to me the other day can read my title clear to mansions, in the skies! Ler', Mrs. Robinson, 1 said, 'you'll never read no title clear
You ain't pot one! The Lord Jesus has got the titile, and that's enough for you got me. How do I know, if I got up to heaven and took possession of one of them mansions, but what some angel
might say, Here, you Betty Smith, you might say, 'Here, you Betty smith, you
get out of this mansion at once; your get out of enise? But the title which
title's defectiv? Jesus has can never be disputed, for it is His Father's house, and He is ap
pointed heir of all things; and when
 get there for does He not say, 'I appoint
for me unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed Me'? But, Sir, she can't, see
it. Oh, she's a dear saint of God, but she is a shiverer; more's the pity," "
I could not help feeling a littie chill run down my own spinal column. True I was sitting with my back to the door ${ }^{\text {so }}$ " I Only said- , dear Mrs. Robinson is one of the excellient of the earth, is ${ }^{\text {but we cannot all be strong in faith 'like }}$ you, you know.
"WNell, Sir, theres Deacon Brown. Many a kindness he's shown me, and he
never lets his left hand know what his never lets his left hand know what his
right hand does, but he's a shivering saint, and he is the first to confess it poor man. How I've heard him pray
for the ioy of God's salvation." for the joy of God's salvation."
"Ah, that is what we all want," I observed parenthetically. observed pare," said Betty, "and 'the
"Of course, joy of the Lord is your strength'; and
stronig men don't shiver, but are full of strong men dont
life. Well, Deacon Brown always seems to live on the shady side of Mount Sinai. He comes to the shore of the
great sea, but hess troubled because he great sea, but he's troubled because he
don't just plunge in. Oh, these waters don't just plunge in. ine waters to swim
of everlasting love are wind of everlasting iove are waters river, and
in. Our peace is to like a river
rigt our righteousness like the waves of the
sea, but Deacon Brown seems afraid to sea, but Deacon Brown seems arrai, ato
'Venture on Him, venture wholly' and 'Venture on Him, vent we wimming,",
so he shivers instead of swin ${ }^{\text {so }}$ "And then," continued Betty, "there is my son Tom. Good, steady yad, fond
of his wife and children - feared the of his wife and couth up. I am sure
Lord from his yout Lord foo of the matter is in him, but he
the root is just like the big boy at the seaside,
he's took off his clothes, and now he won't go in. He's done with the world, and ant he won't put on the Lord Jesus so as to have Him
glory and beauty.


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Mid you ever notice, sir," said
Betty, warming to the subject with
simple eloquence, "what a lot the bible says about clothes and being clothed upon? Why, Sir, what do we wear
clothes upon?" Betty answered her own question. "Why, to keep ourselves warm." I thought of Carlyle, but really when ne mercury is in the neighborlood of
zero one wonders whether "Sarto Resartus" might not have been written during a tropical summer.
"To keep ourselves "To keep ourselves warm," repeated
Setty, half wondering at my silence; "etty, half wondering at my silence know that, as the apostle says, 'If so be that being clothed upon we shall not be found naked.' Oh, Sir, won't
you preach a sermon about it there preach a sermon about it? For
thany as haven't got into the secret place, and it's there under the wings and covered by the feathers that You'll preach a sermon God's salvation. you?" said Betty as I rose to go.
"I'll see, Betty," said II "but I really think that you have preached me oni this afternoon.
I went on my way. "There in ears as shivering saints." Too true, I thought and I sadly fear I see one most morn ings in my shaving glass!


Marjorie L. C. Pickthall.
hearts, beat home beat
Here is no place to rest,
Night darkens on the falling foam And on the fading west.
little wings, beat home, beat home
Love may no longer roam. Love may no longer roam.
Oh, love has touched the fields of wheat, And love has crowned the corn, And we must follow love's white fee Through all the ways of morn.
Through all the silver roads of air We pass and have no care.
The silver roads of love are wide.
$O$ winds that turn, $O$ stars that guide. $O$ winds that turn, $O$ stars that guide.
Sweet are the ways that love has trod
Through the clear skies that reach to
God;
But in the cliff-grass love builds deep A place where wadering wings may

The Joy of Sacrifice.
By the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, D.D.
Who, for the joy that was set lefore
2. Surely this note is new. It stirs the

Surely this note is new. It stirs the
sense of wonder, that joy is associated
with sacrifice, and victory with self-
surrender. From infancy we have be
taught that pain and sorrow go wi
sacht heart-break is the companion of self-immolation. Yet, it seems that we have been all wrong. Paul is one of the
wisest of teachers, and he tells us that wisest of teachers, and he tells, und its
the heart of sacrifice is joy, and its genius comfort and delight
there is perfect quiet at that centre of
the tornado called the axis. Pierce
through the coarse husk of a grain of
through the coarse husk of a grain of
wheat, and you come to a golden spot,
Yuick and vital, and not otherwise is it,
with sacrifice. It is painful without,
with sacrifice. It is painful without,
but holding within the secret of victory. Not that the sacerifice, however, is un-
real. All surrember costs. Pain hurts,
always. The sarifice of self often


remedy. Witness the mother, who even
in the hour when the child is dying, sacrifices herself in service, and in
sacrifice finding the beginning of the acritice finding the beginning of the
ure. What strong man, what noble woman but has proven in personal experience
this joy of service and surrender? his joy of service and surrender? Sel
fishness embitters. The tears we shed fishness embitters. The tears we she
or ourselves poison the cheeks, while the tears we shed for others heal like medicines. All these, therefore, whose
tives have been wicarious, need ives have been vicarious, need no sym
pathy from us. The angel of ioy hal pathy from us. The angel of joy has
been their companion and has wiped all tears a away.
Francis
Francis Xavier asks our admiration, but not our sympathy. He resigned his title, left his castle behind, gave up his
gold. He made his way to India, and was called the "Light Bearer." Enter ing the village, he tinkled his bell to
call the multitudes about him. He wa teacher by day, he was physician by
night, he was the nurse at all hours, washed the garments for the sick; the people recalled him as an angel, who
had visited them. Dying on the seahad visited them. Dying on the sea
shore, he called upon the winds to blow Nevertheless he said, "There is jo within my breast." Not otherwise is it with all the heroes who have stained
the battle fields with their own blood: the battle fields with their own blood
with the patriots, who have made the banners and flags bright with the stars of hope; with the reformers, who have
risen in spirit out of their dungeon; with the martyrs, whose bright spirits
have risen on wings of flame and made their way into the blue empyrean, as if the flames of their fires kindled by enemies had gathered themselves into a
star, to alide forever star, to abide forever. All these have
been sustained by the joy that is in sacrifice.
This revolutionary, of course modifying our philosophy, sweeping a way the mediaeval theology. In his
"Crucifixion" Ruebens conceals the sepulchre under the vines and flowers of the garden. The art critics condemn the artist. They say that there should
have been some revelation of the tom have been some revelation of the tomb,
some hint of the skull and bones. some hint of the skull and bones. But,
after all, Ruelens was right Death is hidden by life, there is a joy in sacrifice, a delight in surrender, a reward
that comes from the overthrow of self. And the great painting is symbolical oi
a world where God things to berome light and sacrifice itself to burst into joy.
Consider the universality of this Consider the universality of this law
of sacrifice, and the joy that comes
the therely. Some youth, misunderstand-
ing, may say that the experience Christ is waigue, that His standard lesser one of earth. Mighty, above all hisse who are majestic; a mountain
through excess all foothills; the sun that,
thiglt exting through excess of light, extinguishes
mens little candles. But Christ took our life upon Ilim, was exempt from no tempted in all points like as we are
Whatever was trae may be true in ours, His life is not supernatural, and ours natural, Mighty and mysterious indeed this law part of nature. The suns throngh every intregrates that its rich stimulants may vegetable, and the deathe of the for mineral
becomes the life the the fern plants die, that the hard when the may live, and the death of the low or newer and higher one. The leaf falls
in October to enrich new leaf of Aprit may have richer glose The bough and the swoculent hranclong
die, that the beast may live. The Man comes and the comererson hitte blood and hrain, the thumbt di,
that the affection may



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self and gave it back to God And what shall we more say save
this, that for three and thirty years He met every person, every duty and every His happiness to gain the happiness of
others, lost His good name and fortune to promote the fortune and name of others, and, being in the form of God,
became obedient even unto the death of became obedient even no man think that
the cross. But let no the joy of His sufferings. The temper and spirit of His career are happiness and victory. How unwise that word
"He was often seen to weep, but never known to laugh." If there is a joy of the teacher, if serving the poor, lifting
their burdens, wiping away their tears, their burdens, wiping away their tears ecstasy of happiness how much more det
this tide of joy run deep and sweet through the life of Christ, "Who for the joy that was set before
His cross." Abstract principles are impotent for
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cause this theme, the joy of self-sacricause exceeds in importance all economic
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consideration.
Here are the great men who have made the history of our country. Th
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father was ambitions, but over-tasking himself, falls on death. If the ration
found it hard to support the family on
his income the mother supports family on oune quarter the same amount come:
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bitions of the father to the child: she risers up early to plan for him, and sits
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all these conceptions are feebleness itself in comparison with the supreme tenderness and sympathy and comfort and friendship that

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urement clothes His tive One. Sweet alfor tue transgressor throne. It is easy as for the traveller lost go toward God, go toward the warm room and the winter's fire and the wife's welcome. When the king enters his city all the tioned all the bells of joy and hope and
then gladness and love ought to sound out loved us and gave Himself "Unto Him who In view of this great truth, consider the compensations of life. "For the joy that was set before Him He endured
His cross." Gethsemane to-day, and His cross." Gethsemane to-day, and
Olivet and the open heaven to-morrow. To-day the cross, tomorrow the woridly throne, and the name above every name. To-day the surrender of self, and to-
morrow the millions for whom He died morrow the millions for whom He died
surrendering themselves in love for surrendering themselves of cold water,
Him. You give a cup
you will receive the river of the water you will receive the river of the water
of life, for your thirst in the hour of of life, for your thirst in the hour of
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your reward will be such as to astonish you. In that parable the righteous said that some mistake must have been made. They could not believe that they had, visited Christ in prison, or fed
Him when He was hungry, or clothed Him when He was naked, and they were astounded that their sacrifice should have been attended with such success and reward. It has always been true that men who have sacrificed
unconscious of their influence.
unconscious of knew that he was to re-
Paul did not know write all the constitutions in his plea for liberty. The father, the teacher, the patriot, the obscure worker, do not known that they have started a moveBut God knows it. And He sees to it that nothing good is lost. Therefore, have the courage of the future, and with joy and gladness sacrifice
With aching hands and bleeding feet, We dig and heap, lay stone on sto
We bear the burden and the heat, Of the long day, and wish t'were done. Not till the hours of light return,
And we have built do we discern.

## My Bible and $I$.

We've travelled together, my Bible and Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh,
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp Thy friendship unchang
and my psalm. We've travelled together, my Bibile and When life had grown weary, and death But all through the darkness of miṣt and of wrong, song
So now who shall part us, my Bible Shall ism, or schism, or new lights who Shall shadow for substance, or stone for $\underset{\text { Supplant its sound wisdom - give folly }}{\text { good bread }}$ instead?
Ah, no! my dear Bible, Revealer of Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight;
And still through life's jcurney, until We'll my last sigh,

## Always Profitable.

You may worry when you're weary, You may worry when you're well, You may worry when life's dreary
Or when buds begin to swell; Or when buds begin to swell
You may worry in December You may worry in December But in any case remember
That you can't make it pay. You may worry when disaster You may worry when your maste You may worry when
Has declined to treat you right;
You may worry when they've taken You may worry when they've tak
The last chance you had away, The last chance you had awa
But the fact remains unshaken
That you can't make it pay. -Chicago Record-Herald.

Principal Schurman: It takes a man twenty years for preparation and then he has two twenties for work.

Harmar Greenwood: Thrift means not only self-respect and self-reliance, but happiness and comfort in the home.
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believe instead of upon what you know.

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## In Lighter Vein.

mother had given her. Some people laughed, but not me." "And why did not you laugh, dear?" asked her mother. "Because" said the child, with trembling lip-"because the little girl was me."

As it Seemed to Him "Doctah, I gwine ax yo'fo' anudder of
dem ermetic powders dat yo' gib me las' week w'en I done b'en sick wid de' spspsys." "Then you have another attack, have you, Jasper! 'zackly, sah, but I' done drap mer pipe down de well, sah, an' fom de way dat powdah pufform in de case er
merse'f, I gut der right ter t'ink dat ef I merse'f, I gut der right ter t'ink dat ef I
drap it down de well hit gwine bring dat drap it down de weil hit gwine bring dat
pipe ter de sufface in erbout fo' seconds, pipe
sah."
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A Reformer "After all," said the thoughtful girl, "the presentation of an engagement ring is a relic of barbarism, a reminiscence
of obsolete conditions." "Quite true, dear," was the enthusiastic
rejoinder of the other girl. "I wish it rejoinder of the other girl. "I wish it
were the fashion to give bicycles." were the fashion to give bicycles."

## Pointed Answers

The French excel in those pointed witticisms which prick but do not inflame. A Parisian artist was painting the portrait of a pretty but vain woman, who, when-
ever he worked at her mouth, kept screwever he worked at her moun, apt sossible "Don't distress it yourself as madam, "Don't distress
said the painter; "if yourself maish it, I can draw you with none at all." Englishmen and Yankees have also made rejoinders whose aptness and point have caused them to be chronicled in
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hapsit, would, if it didn't smokeso much." There is a story of a gentleman when dvocating the utility of public school saying,-
"What was a Harrow boy." "Burns was a ploughboy."
Equally neat and raboy." Equally neat and ready was the woman's
answer to an inquirer, who, seeing "Thi cottage for sail" painted on a board, po litely asked a woman in front of the house when the cottage was to sail. can raise the wind," was her quick who A youth asked at a city restaurant "What have you got?" "Almost anything sir," was the reply" "Yes, give me a plate of that." down the speaking-tube. More good-natured and quite as much
to the point is the following. A man wa o the point is the following. A man was whrrying along the street the other night, rushed out of an alley, and the two col ided with great force.
The second man looked angry; while the polite man, taking off his hat, said,
"My dear sir, I don't know which of is to blame for this violent encounter but I am in too great a hurry to investigate. If I ran into you, I beg your pardon f you ran into me, don't mention it;" and Well matched in politeness and readiness was a gentleman whose button caugh
hold of the fringe on a lady's shawl.

## His Business

There is a man in our neighborhood Who was lately discovered to have mar-
ried half a dozen different women in one month." "Good gracious! He must be a regular Bluebeard."
"No; he's a minister."

The Old Man's Fortune "Old man had his left leg cut off by a
Tailroad" "You don't say!",
"It's a fact; an" he made enough out o' it to paint, the house take the mort-
gage, off the mule, an' buy Sue a pianner. "Myl but ain't Providence on the side
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can keep me from talking!" "I can!" came a voice from the crowd. Tillman turned and glared about him. Then his
eye caught the speaker. He pretended eye caught the speaker. He pretended the critical situation was saved. The man who had hurled the defiant "I can!' was Dr.
dentist.

Correct English
Professor Lounsbury, the noted grammarian of Yale, has democratic and liblanguage. He strenuously the English displacing of simple terms by others of pedantic character. Recently he told this story while discussing the subject:
"There was a little boy who began to keere was a little boy who began to
keep a diary. His first entry was: 'Got up this morning at seven o'clock? He showed the entry to his mother, and she horror-sticken, and said: ‘Have you been pression! Does the sun get up? an exrises,' And she scratched out 'Got up at 7 ' and wrote 'Rose at 7 ' in its place. ed the entry for ed the entry for the day, with the sen-
tence, 'Set at 9 o'clock.'

A Pause Follows
There is a certain small boy who re-
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[^3]time ago, and the teacher had quite an
experience in finding out his name. "What is your name?" she asked, as
Waite took his seat. "Waite," said the boy promptly.
but-said nothing for rather surprised, but said, nothing for a few amoments,
thinking, perhaps, he was frightened, then she, asked again:
"What's your name?"
"What's' your name?"
"Waite," said the possessor of the
After another few minutes' silence the teacher, becoming impatient, excliamed:
"Well, I have waited plenty long "Woll, I have waited plenty long That made the boys laugh, and finally

## Misinterpreted

The story is told of a young oregon poor and had to take care not to get he was limited. At a dance not long ago a great, big, red-faced, perspiring man
came in and asked her to dance. wore no gloves. She looked at the well and thought of the immaculate back; her waist. She hesitated a bit, and then she said, with a winning smile:if you don't mind won't you please but your handkerchief?"
The man looked at her blankly a mo ment or two. Then a light broke over "Why, certainly," he said.
And he pulled out his handkerchief and blew his nose.

A Goth's Inquiry
"I see," said the artistic person, "that
Saint Saens has
piano."
"What's the matter?" asked the man who knows nothing of music. "Was he
buying it on the instalment plan?"

No Joke, After Aill
"I went to my husband's office yesterday
afternoon to get some money," said the
litre woman in the gray gown, as she settled doack in her chair to teill her "dear est frien"" the latest family joke. ""
was down town hhopping, and had spent "Of course," said the dearest friend
"Thatr" the way I always do, too. Did he "Nrumble about it?" where the joke comes in." I should have thought you would hav been mad "I should have been mad enogh "I was at frimst," dammitted the little
woman in trat " But when they told moman in gray. ""But when they told
me he had gone home early, I got over me he had gone home early, I got over
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home to have a quiet litte ohat with me
before dinner and that hed be as before dinner, and hat he I wesn't there
as a hornet when he found It made me laugh to think of him stand ing around the house swearing because
I wasn't home, after he'd left the office early to go home to me. I didn't hurry,
either. I took my time because you know ither.
it does a man good to have theses little disappointments once in a while. If he half appreciate it."' "Was he very mad?" asked the friend
" "Was he ver
with interest.
"No
"No that's the funn part of it."
"Io; that's the funny part of it."
"don't see what there is funny about
"Why the servant told him I'd gone
down town, intending to go to his ontice down town, intending to go to his office,
and he said it made him laugh to think how mad I'd be when I found he had gone home. So he had just sat there and chuckled all the time till I came home., "It was all right then, I, suppose? " the dearest frien,
"But you were both in, good humor?" "No, we weren't; that's the very fun-
neiest part of the whole story. When we that the other thought it was a good joke we were both so mad that
didn't speak for a whole evening."

## A Rattlesnake's Gratitude

Edward B. Haymond, one of San Franciso's barristers, has been a close student
of natural history, and has suceeeded in
gathering some very interesting infor-
mation regarding the birds of the air, the
beasts of the land, the fishes of the sea beasts of the land, the fishes of the, sea
ncidentally, he has been able to collect ew small snake statistics, says the San
"I onace knew a case," said Mr. Hay nond to some listeners," "wherein a snak is affection, but a great deal of courage It appearr that some years ago a professor of natural history from an eastern uni Yersity was sent to the southern part o
Yucatan to investigate the snakes of that ection. I might state that he was a very humane man and frequently displayed
i. One afternoon while walking over a desert, thinking of little but the time a desert, thinking of little but the time
he would arrive at camp, he heard a pe uliar rattling sound that seemed to come from under a pile of rocks. He at once
made an investigation and was rewarded made an investigation and was rewarded
by the discovery of a mastodon rattle snake, which he was on the point of de spatching so as to put it out of misery, as the rocks had so fallen that a portion
of the snake's body was badly mangled and torn. In the matter of taking the reptile's life he hesitated, owing to the
pathetic and pleading expression in the wounded creature's eyes. It quite un nerved him, so he rolled the rocks off an
awaited results in the shape of very proounced gratitude.
The delighted and thankful creature wriggled over to him and rubbed his leg
with a grateful air that was bound to last. The professor was moved by this exhibition, and, having some cotton in his
valise, he bound up the wounded part and left the snake as comfortable as pos Guatemala and was gone for over fiv years. On his return to ryucatan he again had occasion to pass over the desert and, greatly to his surprise, encountered
the same reptile a few mites from where
the previous incident had occured. The the previous incident had occured. The recognition was mutual, and the joyiu
rattler coiled about his leg, licked his hand with a friendly tongue, and showed marke professor took up his march again th snake followed him and even insisted upon etting into the wagon and becoming "Look here, Edgar, ain't you going a
ittle too far with that yarn?" inquired a little to
friend.
"Not
"Not as far as the yarn?" inguired friend.
continue: He finally got bot back east and had for a traveling companion the snake, which was allowed to wander at will. A his dumb companion became the best
chums, and it was a common thing to see chums, and it was a common thing to se
the naturalist walking out in the roa the naturalist walking out in the road with the snake gliding along beside him
Well-now her comes the real point o the story-one night after the professo
had retired and left the snake down stair in the dining room he was suddenly a wakened by the crash of glass followed
by the falling of a heavy body. He ros up in his bed only to hear a groan and
the crushing of bones. In a flash $h$ a the crushing of bones. In a flash $h$ bounded into his dressing gown and
paired to the room whence came the
sounds of strife. Imasine his horror striking a light to see his pet snake coiled around a man's bleeding body. which it had lashed to the stove and was huggin
violently. On the floor was a burglar's dark lantern and a kit of tools, while the snake in order to display its presence of What for?" inquired a listener in breathless excitement.
"Rattling for a policeman."

A positive old lady. An old lady in Forfarshire had been very positive in disclaiming some assertion that had
been credited to her; and on being ask been credited to her; and on being ask
ed if then she had not written it, or ed if then she had not written it,
something very like it?
She replied "Na! na; I never write onything of
consequence-I may deny what I say, consequence-I may deny what I
but I canna deny what I write."
Confide ye aye in Providence; for Providence is kind;
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A Saskatchewan Homesteader. Gerowville, Sask., Nov. 6, 1911. Dear Sir,-I have been a subscriber
to the Western Home Monthly for over one year, and must say that I have deone year, and must sanefit from its pages. I have written once before, but did not
see my letter in print, so it must have see my letter in print, so it must have gone astray. But 1 am going to meet with better success. I have been living in Canada for two years and I think it is a good country for a young fellow to start in to make a home. I like.
very well up here, especially for a farmvery well up here, especiatry offers many opportunities. I enjoy reading the correspondence columns of the Western Home Monthly very much and think some of the letters are very good and
interesting. Well, I think I had better tell what kind of a fellow I am. stand five feet eight inches high, weigh 175 pounds; have dark hair and blue
eyes, and, as for looks, I will leave that eyes, and, as for looks, I will leave that
to some one else. I have almost forgotten my age, but it is somewhere near
25 . Well, I must give the editor thanks 25. Well, I must give the editor thanks for the space he has let me have in his "Fair Play, No. 1." She can get my "Fair Play, No. 1." She can get my and sign myself, $\qquad$ A F
Improving All The Time
Manitoba, Oct. 31, 1911.
fair curly hair, rosy cheeks and lips, fair complexion and pearly teeth; weight about 100 lbs; height five feet
two and qne half inches; age from 17 to 20. Would be pleased to hear from "Little Willie," Mortlack, Sask., "Happy Go Lucky," "Grand Forks, B.C., thy Teck,", 'Brock, Sask, all from the October issue, if they will write first. October issue, if the success, I remain,
Wishing the editor
"A

Just the Kind Wanted
British Columbia, Oct. 25, 1911. Dear Editor, Wow! Look who's here,
bad man from the wild and woolly west. I'm on the warpath, so every. body move, for I have a six-shooter in each hand and a knife between my teeth. Bad as I am, nothing gives me
more enjoyment than to read that good, more enjoyment than ore Western Home Monthly. "A friend in need is a friend indeed." How. I laugh to myself when
I read of some of these girls remarking I read of some of these girls remarking
how they detest smoking, chewing, how they detest smoking, chewing,
drinking, etc.! What do you want, girls? An angel or a sky-pilot. Guess
I am out of, the rumning but believe I am out of the running, but believe me, I'm not so bad as some of you
would believe. Most of the letters would believe. Most of the letters
which appear in the correspondence which appear in the correspondence
column are well worth reading. Of
course some may be termed silly, "I course, some, may be termed silly. "I Am Weary" in the August number
writes a good letter. She says she was


The Single Life-Trochu, Alta.
reading the Western Home Monthly,
especially the correspondence column. My father has taken the Western Home Monthly for a long time, and we think it is improving all the time. I am a farmer's daughter, and I am very fond
of animals, especially horses. As for a of animals, especiaself, $I$ think it is un-
description of mysel necessary; it, seems too much like advertising one's self. Now, don't think I am an old maid, for I am only
eighteen. I am very fond of skating, eighteen. I am very fond of skating
music and drawing.
Drawing is my mobby. I play the piano, I am organist for the Methodist church, which is the
only church in our village. I would only church in our village. I would like to correspond with any young per
son of either sex, who does not dance or son cards, and is a Christian, and I will try and answer all letters. I will close, wishing the Western Home Monthly every success. I will sign my
self
Rosa Bonheur.

Among the Hops:
Dear Sir,-Just October, 27, 1911. alling into a little autumn leaf column, which I find so interesting live in that beautiful place one read so much about, British Columbia. The district which I live in is the hop district, where one can see acres upon acres of beautiful hops trained up on
the trellises. In the fall when the hop the trellises. In the fall when the hop
picking begins, one hundred, and quite often two hundred, pickers are hired the half of them being Indians. Per-
haps it would be a wise idea for me to haps it would be a wise idea for me to
describe myself, so here goes. I am a describe litle girl, but am not so voung
dear like. I imagine most girls (according
as I look, have large, dark blue eyes, brought up in her mother's kitchen. I also like the letter written by want. Play, No. 1," in the October issue. Guess there is no need to describe myself vers fully. I am a young man, not out of
the twenties yet, might look bad from outside appearances, but just the zame Well, guess good and kind disposition. Vell, guess I had better be on my way
Yip! Bang! Bing! Boom!

Carries the Banner
Sask., October 16th, 1911. Dear Sir,-As I have been a subscriber and a reader to your paper for
some time, I can say it is the best some time, I can say it is the beyt
paper of its kind I have ever taken. I am a subscriber to two western papers and four periodicals, but must say the Western Home Monthly carries the lanner. I find the contents very in-
teresting from cover to cover. Wou'd you kingly permit me to say a word or two? I have often wondered if these
jolly members could meet some suiny jolly members could meet some suiny
fternoon what a time we would have. Iternoon what a time we would have.
daresay the Doctor and Archibald would be so quiet no one would know they were there. I, like a great many mey were there.e. I, hike a great many course, you can't blame me for being so,
as I hav'nt seen a lady for six months. Yesterday an automobile passed by-I.
noticed a couple of willow plumes fluttering in the breeze, so I imagined there were ladies there, but as they
passed quickly I didn't have time to get out to the gate to see what they looked
like. I imagine most girls (according

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selves) are similar to angels, but minus the wing. Well, I suppose, I must give a brief description of myself. it height,
years of age, 5 ft. 10 ins. in heig years of age, 5 ft. 10 ins. in heige
weight 170 lhbs., and have hrown hair and eyes. I indulge in no bad habits, ex-
cept one, which some of the fairer sex term bad. When my chores are finished
Wher
 he stove, open up the Western Home Monthly to "correspondence," close one
eye and smile, and say to myself, "Coneye and smile, anc say to myself, "Con-
tented Joe." Batching isn't so much of anted pienic as some people think it is, but
a if we can content ourselves, what more
could patiently for these better are ways coming.
pat I would be pleased to hear from young ladies who would write for the purpose
of driving dull care you, Mr. Editor, for the valuable space you have given me, I will sign myseli,
"Contented Though Single."

A Reader for Seven Years. Wadena Sask., October, 1911. Dear Sir,-I have been an interested reader of your highly esteemed paper
for seven years, and look forward to its for seven years, month. Not only is the
coming each mond
correspondence column interesting, but correspone so many valuable and useful
there are hints, also a large number of short
stories very nice for evening reading. I stories very nice or evening read my luck
have often thought of trying my in writing to your paper. I am a home-
steader thirty miles from a railway, steader thirty miles from a railway,
and although progress is slow at preand although progress is sow at pre-
sent, I hope, in the near future to see
s. sent, I hope,
better conditions. I was born in On-
tario cond came out here ten years ago, tario and came out here ten years ago,
and I do not hesitate to say, I would not live in Ontario again. In your September issue, I see a letter from
"Oh You Kid." I agree with her in some things, but I do think there are many more harmful things than dancińg. I have been to quite a number of
iances, and invariably every one went dances, and invariably every one went
home happy, having spent an enjoyalle evening. There are ever so many girls
who seem to think that ${ }_{\mathbf{a}}$ western who seem to think that a western
bachelor has no redeeming qualities. If bachelor has no redeeming qualitites. If
he happens to mention getting a wife, they immediately pounce upon him, and say he expects her to feed the pigs, milk the cows, etc.,
work as well. I know of a large number of bachelors
well, and Im sure the young girls would well, and Tm sure the young see them-
think so, too, could they see only they cannot leave their farms to
go and seek the partner they desire. go and seek the partner they desire
Hoping my letter will escape the w.p.b. Hoping my leter will esceape the wip.
I will wish
your paper ever sucess
"Cliefden." and will sign myself $\overline{\text { Correspond? }}$ Will You Correspond?
Cottonwool Sask., October, 1911 .
Dear Sir,-I hhve been a reader of
the Western Home Montlly for many the Western Home Montllyy for many Years, and a aw with two little girls,
it am a widower
and I have a good farm in Saskatcleand I have a good farm in saskathe
wan. I would very much like to corres pond with anyone wishing to know
more about farm life. My address i, more about farm life. My address, ${ }^{\text {in }}$
mith the editor.
widower.,

Another Criticism for "The Doctor." Penloold, October 10th1, 1911. Dear Editor,-We have taken your paper in and I have been a constant
of years and
reader of same. I consider the Western reader of same. 1 consider the Nestern
Home Monthly to be a very, valuable and helpful paper. The nice, clean stories,
leme , page, and last but not least, the
corres correspondence columnt I enjoy very
much. Until now I Ilave been a silent reader, and perilaps would have leectl
still, had I not noticed " "The Doctor's letter in your Octoler number, which
cannot allow to go uuclaillengel. says "there is no use anyone telling me
that a man can make more mut that a man can make more on a farn
than in a city,", and lie yives as his rai son for that statement, "Mectulus, I lhave
proved that it is not so." Now, I think,
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$\square$ ing the farm. Now, Mr. Editor, I hope
you will not think this letter too long,
just a word, and then I close. Might I most of their provisions. Where
would "The Doctor" get his porridge or just a word, and
suggest as a topic for discussion, "town
life versus country life," from a plea-
sure standpoint. I won't describe myself any more than to say, I am,a [We shall be pleased to publish any
Editor.]
$\qquad$ Gilbert Plains, Man., Oct. 16, 1911.
Dear Editor, - Your interesting
$\qquad$ the correspondence columns. If you
will allow me, I will give a brief de-
$\qquad$ our province, I have never found a more
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had to give $x p$ my business. I tried yarious, remedies, butt nothing seemed aSome two yeare gzo 1 was advised to try Mother Seigels Syrup, which. I folt relief after taking twe or three doses. The pains in my stomach left
good. In all I took two bottles and
am now a cured man and feel that I am now a cured man and feel that
owe the result to nothing but Mothe Seigel's Syrup."
It is not an uncommon thing, but it is a terrible thing, all the same, to suffer for twenty-five years from the
tortures of indigestion! But when, in addition to thisis complaint, you have headaches, bilious attacks and constipa
tion, when you can't sleep and you tion, When you can't sleep and your
nerve" has gone, you may well look nerve has gone, you may wel
anywhere and everywhere for relief!
But you won't look far, if you look first to Mou wont look feigel's Syrup to help you. The herbal extracts contained in the Syrup tone and strengthen the
tomach, stimulate the liver and stomach, stimulate the liver and
bowels, aid digestion, expel the evil bowels, aid digestion, expel the evil
products of indigestion from the system, and thus restore your lost heaith. Not housands of cases, Mother Seigel's Syrup, has cured even after other
remedies have miserably failed. It is this unequalled success in curing stomach and liver disorders that has made the Syrup popular all over the
world and has earned for it the title of "the and has earned for it the title and stomach troubles."
In sixteen different countries, Mother Seigel's Syrup is the regular family
medicine in hundreds and thousands of homes. Keep it in yours.

## WEARY DAYS <br> AND WAKEFUL NICHTS OF INDIGESTION

When you rise in the morning fagged out, and dreading your work; when your head is dull and heavy, your tongue furred, and your bowels costive; When you have pains in the chest, stomach, back, all over-your stomach and liver are out of order. Indigestion is poisoning your blood and sapping stimulate the action of your liver and bowels, clean your tongue, renew your appetite and your
digestion, and give you new strength and energy !

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#### Abstract

Mother Seigel's Syrup, the favourite other of more than ten different roots, barks, and leaves, which in combination possess, in a remarkable degree, the power of toning and strengthening the stomach and regulating the action of the liver and bowels. This is the secret of its great success in curing dyspt psia, pains after eating, headaches, blicus attacks, siments. It cures in a natural red ailments. maneutly. Take it daily, after meals.


Mr. James McPhee, Boulardie Cape Breton, says:-"I suffered for years with severe stomach t:oubles and sick headaches. could not eat without having most agonising pains, and would often vomit after taking food. My appeor wight, I tried all sorts of medicines, but nothing seemed to do me any good until I took Mother Seigel's Syrup. I continued taking the medicine for about two months and to-day I am entirely cured. -Feb. 17, 19 II.

MOTHER SEIGELS SYRUP
place, and they were only Indian
ponies at that. More than once my father said, when asked to
take in some simple pleasure that meant take in some simple pleasure that mean a day or evening away from the ranch
"Why, now do you suppose you will "Why, now do you suppose you, will
work any better for it next week," and we always did. It is thirty years ago since dad and the little mother began their struggle with the quarter section
of wild land. They had no money, bu of wild land. They had no money, but
youth, a splendid courage, and a love for each other that makes life a joyful
thing. It is no easy task to rear and thing. It is no easy task to rear and fit ten children for a place in the world but they did it, and the hardest tot was to get the boys away at the trades they wanted to learn or were fitted for, In due time I married, and here I am on a stump ranch, but-I get
the egg money for my wants, and if the egg money for my wants, ${ }^{\text {inn't en }}$ say so at once perhaps John hands out five when want twenty, so I say politely, "more,
please." Now, why Ann Jemimma please." Now, why Ann Jemimma should you wear a creased frock and
four year old hat? A man has no right to economise on his wife. He owes it
to himself to see that she has becoming and suitable clothes. If he doesn't, why it's up to her to see that he does
any way. A good many women suffer any way. A good many women suffer
and are very unhappy over things they could better if they only had the spirit to speak out, and, once having spoken, abide by what they say. And, then,
the way some women wait on their husthe way some women wait on thear in
bands would develop a selfish streak in an angel. Imagine getting John's socks
for him when they are in plain sight for him when they are in plain sight in the wall pocket, and he knows as
well as you do that his shirts are alwell as you do that his shirts are al-
ways in the third drawer of the dresser. ways in the third drawer of the dresser.
I am a farmer's wife, but unless my
John' is away I don't dream of milking cows, feeding pigs, chickens, and the
rest of it Why should I? I have my rest of it. Why shound there are times when that is more than enough. Women are not able, usually, to do chores, and they are very foolish to begin it. A
woman who has cooked, washed, mended, to say nothing of keeping her house ed, order, is just as tired at night as the man who has worked outdoors all
day. I like farm life and am willing to day. I like farm life and am willing to do my share of work, but I want to rest
when I need it, a chance to visit my neighbors, to attend any local gather-
ing but most of all, do I demand time ing, but most of all, do I demand time
in which to keep up the acquaintance of in which to keep up the acquaintance o
my own husband. When people on a my own husband. When people on a
ranch get so busy that they haven't rame to enjoy each other's society, it's
 haven't quite so many dollars, and
there other things worth while? Now, Mr. Editor, I wish to say that the devotion to her husband's interest that underlies such drudgery as endured by
Ann Jemmima and others like her is heroic, but men are only appreciative selfishness of the worst kind that permits the sacrifice. Husbands, like the
rest of the world, usually take a wife rest of the world, usually take a wife
at her own valuation. Yours very at her
truly,

## The Two Roses.

Tyran, Sask., Oct. 12th, 1911. your Western Home Monthly and would very much like to join the happy circle.
Rose No. 1 has dark hair and dark blue Rose No. fair complexion, height five eyes and fair complexion, height five
feet. Rose No. 2, dark hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, height five feet four
inches. Our ages are between 10 and inches. Our ages are between 10 and
30 As for our looks, well we have been 30 . As for our looks, well we have been
told that we would pass in a crowd. told that we would pass in a crowd.
We are fond of dancing and music and all out-door sports as well as farm life. No. 1 would like to correspond with
"Happy Willie" and No. 2 with "Texas
Turk" in October issue, if the will Turk in October issue, if they will
write first, as we are rather backward in coming forward. Wishing the West-
ern Home Monthly every success.

Very Valuable Hints. Payton, Sask.. October, 1911. Dear Sir,-I have often folt as if
should like to write a short letter to your monthly magazine of which I I am
very fond, being a subscriber. I have your monthly magazine of which I am
very fond, being a subscriber. I have
been reading your paper for a number

Winnipeg, Dec., 1911.


## Fishing in Grandmother's Rain Barrel.

 delighted to give descriptions of anypart or the Emerald Isle which I know to exiles from any part of the British Empire or to native Canadians. I would be pleased to get a copy of. the Western
Home Monthly in which this epistle apHome Monthly in which this epistle ap-
pears, and I would send some Irish papers in return. My address can be had through the Editor. Thanking him for the space in his valuable and widely known papé", and wishing him every
success.

A Great Inducement.
Summerview, Alta., Sept., 1911. Deader of your valuable magazine for a number of yours, I thought I would join the happy circle. I think the columns
devoted to "The Young Man and His Problem," also "The Philosopher," are very interesting and highly instructive, not forgetting the many cuts of Can-
ada's beautiful seenery, which must be ada's beautiful scenery, which must be
an inducement to those abroad to make an inducement to those abroad to make" I came out here from southern Manitoba last March, am not a homesteader,
but own a lalf section of the best wheat land in southern Alberta. The greatest-drawback being the absence of
the fair sex. Now, as to the customary
description description of one's self. I am five feet
nine inches tall, weigh 155 lbs., fair
respondence columns very much. I have never come across a paper
so many valuable hints for farmers; we farmers want to learn all we the West. I have a homestead here in the Battleford district, and I feel proud of my home. There is only one thing lacking
and that is some one to cheer me up, and that is some one to cheer me up,
I should like to correspond with "Q. T.," or any other young lady who will take pity on a. lonely bachelor. I shall fee greatly honored and will answer anch in height, weigh 140 lbs., age 29 years, light complexion and blue eyes.
smoke, but never chew or drink, but like a game of cards as long as there is music and can play the organ a little. Wishing your valuable paper every success, I sign myself,

## DOCTOR ADVISED OPERATION

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sufferer for five years. One doctor suld me it was ulcers of the uterus, and another told me it was a fibroid tumor. Noone

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complexion, with a profusion of curly
hair-as for looks, I will leave that to others. I would like to correspond with some jolly girls if they will please write first. I am a lover of all clean sport,
and do not use tobacco or liquor in any and do not use tobacco or liquor in any
form. Wishing yqu every success, I wil sign,

## News from Alberta

Czar, Alta., Oct. 14th, 1911. Wear Eait, We hern the Western Home Monthly for over a year,
and I have been very interested in the correspondence column. Not seeing
any letter from this part of Alberta, I I will not tire you further with my
views, but will close by saying that if any of you who have read this, think
that you would like to know me better by corresponding with a girl who has a
decided liking for writing letters, let

Position Wanted.
Ontario, Oct. 22nd, 1911. per to see if would your readers would know of a place that I could get for the winter as housekeeper. I have to little girls, one is going to school. So if any of your
readers knows of any place that I could get would they please let me know. Thanking you for your space and wishing your paper every success, remain, "An Eastern Friend."

Lord Robert Cecil: Germany has found out that it is cheaper to keep men alive
and well than to allow them to die or be ill.

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## Household Suggestions.

## A Collection of Appropriate Littie

Verses to be placed on
Christmas GIfts.
Half the fun of receiving a gift lies in taking off the wrappers, And even if the gift itself be small there are ways
of "doing up"-there is no other phrase of "doing up"-there is no other phrase
that so exactly fits-so that its value to the recipient is enhanced by the care and tenderness that goes into the doing. One pretty thought is to enclose with the gift a verse pertinent to the gin verse-maker yourself you may incorporate some little personal touch with the lines. Write or print your verse on the card enclosed or upon the wrapper, and you have added a touch of verses to the most prosaic girt. or amended to suit a particular occasion. For instance the rhyme containing the words "Somene" may have the recipient's name sub-
stituted, making the personal note more direct.

Teacups and Saucers
The cup that cheers And clears
To-day of
And tears.
(ushion
Needles and pins! Needles and pins! begins.

A Copper Tray
Copper is down,
so the value is small,
But love has gone up-
You have cornered it all A Box of Cigars
Why a film of fairy fancy
Goes up in smoke each year, I can't see
see dream-chrysalids are here A Chocolate Pot
Foamy and rich be its contents, Creamy and luscious and brown;
Sometimes toward me let your thought fly, A Blotting-Pad
A happy lot is this of mine, Though but a blotting-pad to be, To feel the pressure, fair and fine, The record hold, reversed, apart, Of Someone's words within my heart A Boa
A fluff of airy thistle-down I send to you, and wish my arms Its blissful lot might share. An Ink-well
Who'd ever tlinnk, to look within What mighty power for good or sin May from those few drops flow?

## Hair Brushes

Go forth on pleasant errand,路 Just play you are my fingers
Caressing Someone's hair! Calendars
May all the days
"Throughout this year , To you, my dear.
May all the jeweled beads Be gold without allo This is my prayer for thee Handkerchiefs Twelve bits of white fluff to my lady' As many as months in the year; Here's hoping that- never a month no mill hold for that lady a tear.
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## Christmas Shopping

The housewife who realizes the importance of betting her shopping done
early in the season can, if she makes a def ite effo.t, so arrange her housenold work that she will be able to do all her holiday purchasing before dife malty of the task. I would suggest that the housewife make as careful an estimate as possible of the amount of time it will take her to do her shopping, and
then arrange her work so that she will then arrange her work so that derote to
have that amount of time to dere it during the last week of November and the first two weeks of December. Various ways of curtailing the time neces-
sary for doing the housework will be sary for doing the housework will be
found especially if the co-operation of the entire household is secured.
For instance, it would be no great hardship for the family to have for the
evening meal such things as have been evening meal such things as have been enable the housewife to spend a long afternoon in shopping without worrying about getting home in time to get dinmore than compensated for by saving the nervous strain which hurried shopping
at the last minute produces, and if a
plan something like this were generally plan something like this were generally
followed it would save not only the housewife but also the clerks in the stores.
Another advantage of this arrange rent is that it leaves the housewife
free to devote the days immediately preceding Christmas to household affairs and gives her ample le:sure to prepare
for the Christmas dinner. Here, too, foresight and method will do much to simplify matters. If as much of the preparation as possible is done before Christmas Day the housewife will have the maximum amount of time to enjoy
the festivities and be free from some drudgery which might otherwise seriousIy mar her pieasure. I would like to urge eyery moth.er to have the children do their shore of the domestic work at a
time like this. Many women think that the holiday season is a time for children to be free from duties or responsibilities of any sort, and hence they bear more than their share of the burden of festivities. The children wif not enjoy lhe less if they relieve the mother of such tasks as setting the table, clearing away the dishes and running errands.
A housewife who is noted for the successful way in which she manages he
household says: "I believe that one of the best ways to make the holidays happy time for the helper is to arrang

## H ITSerry Cbristmas <br> and a <br> Thappy IAew Dear. <br> 



Expectatiou.
to give her as much tree time as pos. tunity that sho may have an opporto other little personal matters. I have learned by experience that if helper and housewife co-operate and make mutual oncessions, the Christmas season may arrange to have the family I frequently some night during Christmas week on allow the helper to entertain her friends in some simple way.
A woman of wide experience in domestic matters declares that the housewife who selects a purely utilitarian gift for something in the nature of a little lux-
sind ury is much more acceptable. Particularly does this housewife protest against
gifts of dress goods for helpers, because gifts of dress goods for helpers, because
it is almost impossible to suit any itse exactly in such matters, and it is a
els and pity for the helper to spend money to have clothes made of material that does ot perfectly suit her.
Wholesale Inexpensive Goodies
Why not let the children try making some other sweets for Christmas this year-goodies which are not the usual
Christmas candies. The all-sugar sweets soon make themselves felt in the resulting fretful and out-of-sort moods. of
course, they will want some kind of candy, and a good one is always found in the hard, peanut variety which cannot be swallowed hurriedly or without mastication. The very best recipe for
it is this one, and it has to recommend it, besides its excellence as a candy, the simplicity with which it can be made.
Peanut Brittle-Shell, skin and chop Peanut Brittle-Shell, skin and chop
fine one quart of peanuts or enough to fine one quart of peanuts or enough to
make one cup of nut meats. Place one cup of sugar in a saucepan without water and heat gradually, stirring all the time, until the sugar is completely melted. Mix the peanuts in thoroughly, pour ouape into a square with two broad knives. When the candy begins to hold its shape, mark it in small squares and continue $t$ shape shen it it until it hardens. Set it
Stuffed dates are quite ordinarily used but stuffed figs you may be less familiar with. Boasy to make. For the children a mixture of nut meats all cut in tiny strips, some small bits of candied cher ries, candied sugar, or any candied fruit. Have a variety and use only the best
figs for the filing figs for the filling.

Another sweetmeat of the oriental style is made by chopping together dates and figs in equal quantities and rolling them well in st gar, then shaping them
in balls with a half nut on each side or rolling a nut into the centre before sugaring.
Maple Bonbons-Cook two cups of maple syrup until a little dropped on fire and add two tablespoons of cream. Beat until thick and creamy and then mold into the form desired, either with nuts
Butter Scotch-Cook in granite pan 1 cup water, 1 peund brown sugar, 2
tablespoons butter and boil until a drop hardens in cold water. Pour into but cools.

Candied Fruit-Make a syrup of 1 pound sugar and $1 / 2$ cup water. Bons the fire; set in pan of boiling water; add to the syrup 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Hith fork dip each piece of fruit in the hot syrup and lay on wayed paper to

Sea Foam-Boil 3 cups sugar, $2 / 3$ cup syrup and $1 / 2$ cup water until a drop hardens at once in cold water. Beat-
whites of two eggs stiff. Turn hot syrup over it in thin stream, beating all
the while. Add one cup nut meats and the while Add one cup nut meats an pour on buttered plates.
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