

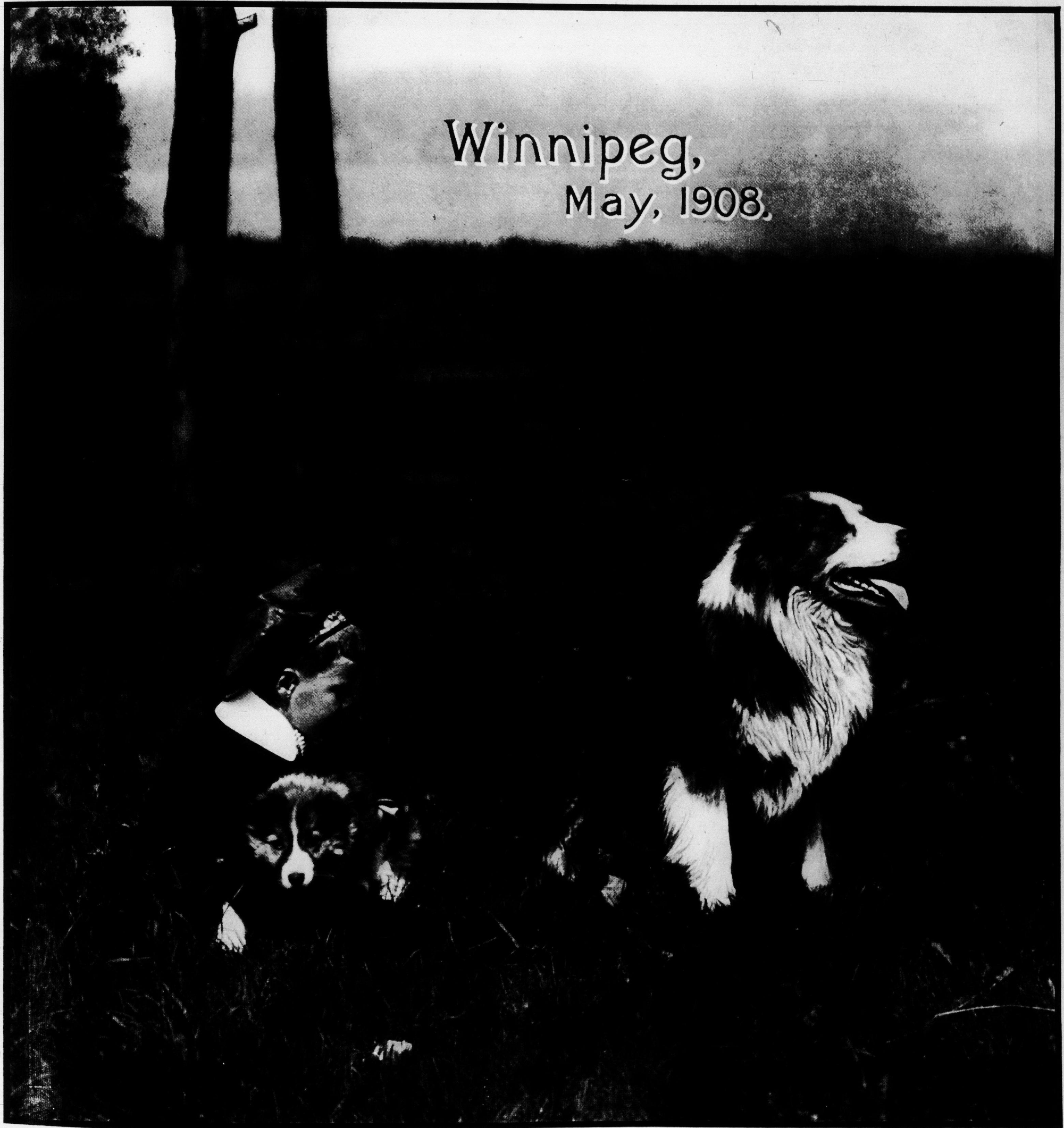


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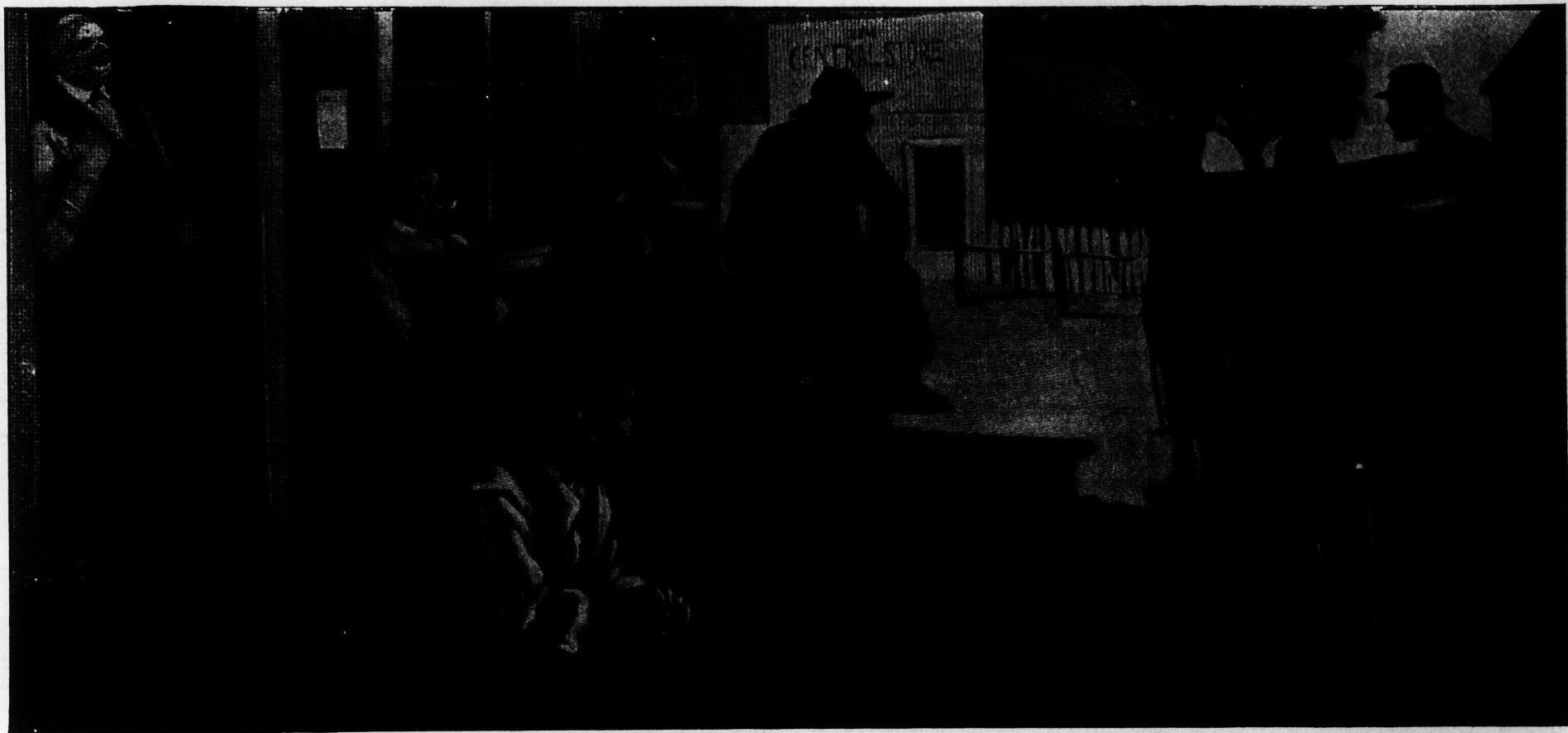
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"Good evening gents," said Carter, with an easy nod, as he drew rein in front of Buckeye Bridge's general store."



"GOOD evening, gents," said Carter, with an easy nod, as he drew rein in front of Buckeye Bridge's general store. "Howdy," responded two or three of the loungers on the platform, without so much as batting an eye.

"Will you tell me where your hotel is?" asked Carter in an affable tone.

"Fust house to the left, straight ahead," said one.

"Organ," commented the serious-faced individual on a nail keg, sizing up the covered object in the back of the spring wagon as Carter drove on. "Sewing machine, said the lank one in the door. Too small for organ."

"Humph!" snorted the serious one. "Stiff hat, hangin' black mustach, spotted tie, biled shirt, paste stud—organ, I tell you."

Carter, J. A. Carter, as it stood on the register of the Commercial Hotel, was the only guest at supper.

"Fine farming country around here," he remarked to the landlady as she passed him a plate of fried eggs and bacon.

"Yes, sir, it's purty fair country," she replied.

"Some pretty rich farmers around here, I suppose?" he asked, casually.

"Yes, sir, there's some that's tolerable well off."

"Who do you consider the most wealthy farmer in the community?" he asked carelessly.

"Well, I guess Billy Houck is about the best-to-do man in this neighborhood. You wantin' to buy a farm?"

"No, I hardly think so. Just looking around, what sort of fellow is this Billy Houck?"

"He's the cleverest man on top side of earth. There ain't anything he won't do for a body in trouble. I don't know how this country'd get along without Billy Houck. There's mighty few people around here he ain't helped one way or another."

"He's liberal, is he?" commented Carter, apparently interested.

"He's the freest-hearted man you ever seen. I've knowed him to keep a stranger a week and I never knowed him to charge a cent."

"I suppose he's kind of careful, though, who he takes in," suggested Carter.

"Not one bit. He's the trustin'est man in the world. He takes 'em all in. Says if they are saints they're havin' hard enough time of it, and he'll

give 'em a lift. Says if they are sinners they'll have a hard time hereafter, and he'll comfort 'em what he can while they're here. He's powerful droll," she added, laughing.

"Pardon me, gents," said Carter, as he drew up to the store after supper. "Can one of you tell me the way to Billy Houck's?"

The farmer on a nail keg took the tobacco out of his mouth, pitched it over the end of the board platform, took out a plug, and bit off a fresh chew, then pointed to the bridge.

"Take the road across the bridge there and go south to the first turn, then take the left hand and the first place on the right is Billy Houck's."

The farmer was in the yard as Carter drove up.

"Good evening, Mr. Houck," he said, pleasantly.

"Howdy," said Billy, getting up leisurley from his chair. "Get out."

"My name is Carter, Mr. J. A. Carter, of Chicago," he said, holding out his hand as Billy approached.

"Glad to meet you," said Billy, taking the proffered hand.

"Could I get a night's lodging with you, Mr. Houck?" asked Carter. "I have a little business matter to talk over."

"Guess we can keep you," said Billy. "Go in and make yourself at home.

and I will put up your team."

"Had supper?" asked Billy, when he returned from the barn.

"Yes, thanks. Had supper over to the Bridge."

Carter studied the farmer closely as he ambled slowly to the porch and brought another chair out onto the grass.

He was a little under height, but rather heavy set. Had grayish hair, well tousled, and the mildest of blue eyes, with a slight squint in the left one.

"Never like to set on wood when there's grass growin'," remarked Billy.

"I see where you are right," said Carter. "Fine place you have here,"

he said, looking over the stretches of meadow and corn that sloped away toward the creek.

"Middling fair," said Billy, modestly.

"We manage to make a livin' on it."

That night before going to bed, as Carter stood before the "dresser" glass in the spare room, twirling the ends of his mustach, he winked at his image and smiled admiringly as he tapped his forehead.

"Mighty nice young fellow," said Billy to his wife as they went to bed: "smart as a tack and powerful friendly."

"Now, Billy, don't you go and do nothin' foolish," was the only reply.

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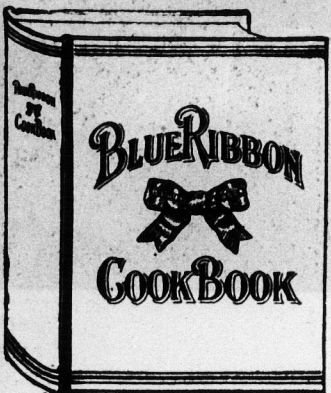
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"Yes, I'm an inventor," said Carter, growing confidential at the breakfast table. "I invented that new car coupler you've read so much about; and I invented a new steam engine that is just coming into use. But six months ago I said to my partner who manages our factory. The food and the clothing of the country come from the farmers. The hard work is on the farms. The inventor that is to be of lasting benefit to the race must invent something to make farm work lighter. There's the money, too," I says, for of course we could not be expected to turn out machines without profit.

"So I began to study farm needs and the first thing I invented was a churn."

Yes, he had one with him, and would show it to them after breakfast.

It was a remarkable churn. It was easy and quick, and brought out ninety-nine and two-fifths per cent of all the butter.

You could fasten it to the cradle and churn while you rocked the baby. You could connect it to a rocking chair and churn while you rested, or you could attach it to the windmill, or a little water wheel at the spring house, or pretty near anything. It would almost run itself.

Billy examined it with great care. "Pears to be a mighty fine thing," he said, when through.

"Are you selling them?" asked Mrs. Houck.

"Oh, my, no," laughed Carter. "I haven't time to be selling churns. I merely wanted to show it to a few of the leading farmers of the state, and I may get them interested to help push it."

"You see, I have it patented, and we intend to sell the state and district rights. The men who buy can then sell county and township rights and appoint agents."

"There's a mint of money in it. I've already been offered fifty thousand dollars for it, but even a hundred thousand would not touch it. Why I was offered three thousand for one district in this state last week, and refused."

Carter stayed a week, studying the needs of the farmer and taking notes for future inventions.

"I say, Billy," he said confidentially, as he handed the farmer a cigar and took one himself, "you've treated me mighty nice and I'm going to let you

in on this thing big. Your name will be worth a whole lot to me, for you have lots of influence in this part of the state.

"Now, there are two districts with twelve counties in each of them, down in this end, and I'm going to let you have the patent right on that churn for four thousand dollars."

He paused until his generosity took full effect.

"It means a cool ten thousand clear money to you," Carter added, holding his cigar between his fingers.

"Let me show you," and he drew his chair up near Billy's and tapped him on the knee with his pencil.

"There are twenty-four counties with an average of fifteen townships to the county. There are three hundred and sixty townships. Now I could sell every one of them for one hundred dollars, if I had time. But say you only average fifty dollars, that gives you eighteen thousand dollars. Deduct four thousand dollars that you paid, and allowing four thousand dollars for your work, you have a cool ten thousand clear."

"Do you think I could sell them for that much?" asked Billy.

"Think? Why, I know it. I'll guarantee it."

"I'd shorely like to have the ten thousand," said Billy, with an interested smile. "I'll talk it over with the old woman. I don't like to be hasty, you know," he added apologetically.

"Certainly, certainly," said Carter, waving his hand indifferently. "Do as you think best of course. I may be called away, however, to-morrow or next day. Better decide pretty quick."

"The trouble," said Billy, as they sat in the yard after supper, two days later, "is we ain't got the money. It does look like a paying investment, shorely, but we can't raise four thousand dollars. That's all the whole place would sell for."

"That needn't bother you a minute, said Carter easily. "I'll take your note for it. You can give me a mortgage on the place as security. I'll give you six months. By that time you will have taken in any where from ten to twenty thousand."

"If I was only shore it could be done," said Billy, hesitatingly.

"Why, I'll guarantee it," said Carter. "Let me tell you what I'll do. I want to see more of farm work anyway.

I'll go with you twenty days and show you how, and if at the end of that time we haven't sold three thousand dollars' worth of territory, I'll give you back your note."

"Would you mind makin' a written contract to that effect?"

"Certainly not."

"Then I guess we can trade. We'll go to town to-morrow and fix up the papers."

"We needn't go to town. I have some blanks. We can fill them out here and go before a justice of the peace to sign them."

"Just as good as any. You fill 'em out to-night, all exceptin' the dates and names, and we can sign 'em to-morrow or next day."

The next afternoon Carter suggested they better fill out the papers, as his time was valuable.

To the farmer who has never known debt, the giving of a mortgage on the homestead is as tragic as a funeral.

They were in the squire's office at Buckeye Bridge. The papers were all spread out ready for them to sign; a four-thousand-dollar note due in six months, secured by mortgage on a certain quarter section of land.

Then there was a sale authority given by Carter to sell a patent churn in twenty-four counties, named, and a written contract whereby Carter agreed to assist in the sale for twenty days, guaranteeing three thousand dollars as the result of the sales.

"Now they are all right and square, are they, Mr. Carter?" Billy asked.

"Certainly," said Carter.

"I ain't examined 'em, as I'm trustin' you as man to man."

"You can trust me," said Carter.

The justice had given a warning cough, but Billy had not heeded.

"It dont pay to sign no papers till you've carefully examined 'em," blurted out the justice.

Billy hesitated. Carter looked blue flames at the justice.

"You may be sure they're all right, Mr. Houck," he urged persuasively.

"I'm trustin' you," said Billy, looking up at Carter.

He picked up the pen and his wife began to cry.

"It's all right, Mrs. Houck," said Carter, turning to her. "It means ten thousand dollars to your husband."

"All right for you to sign, ma," said Billy, getting up from the table.

She reluctantly signed, wiping her eyes as she laboriously scrawled her name on the papers.

Carter picked up the note and pocked it together with the mortgage. Billy took the patent right and the contract.

"I must drive to the county seat to-day and send some telegrams, said Carter, early next morning. "Will you catch my team for me?"

"Your horses are in the back pasture," said Billy. "You can ride in with me. I'm going that way."

They took two or three, and then went up until Carter ran upon an old friend.

"Well, what in thunder are you doing here, Carter?" asked the friend.

Let's have one," was the only reply.

They took two or three, and then went up to the friend's room to have a chat.

"Here's to the Rubes, say I," toasted Carter, as he tipped the bottle again.

"Been workin' the Rubes?"

"You bet, said Carter. "No more of the city for me. A man has to work too hard for what he gets. Let me show you. There's four thousand in cool cash and two weeks' board thrown in. It's too easy," and Carter laughed exultantly.

"I intended to cash it to-day but the Rube loves me so he wanted to drive me in. I cash to-morrow and then fare you well my bonny hayseed. It's to the red lights and a flowing bowl for Johnny."

"What did you sell him?"

"A right on twenty-four counties to sell a patent churn."

"Good Lord!" and they laughed until tears ran down their faces.

"Whose churn?"

"Oh, the Lord only knows. One I picked up at a second-hand store."

"This thing comes in handy, too," he said, tapping the note. "I've only twenty left."

"Ma's been takin' on somethin' awful," remarked Billy, as the two men sat on the lawn that evening.

"Oh, she will get over it," he replied, rather lightly.

"To tell you the truth, I'm a little uneasy myself," said Billy.

"You see," he continued, "we think a powerful lot of this place. We commenced when we were first married in the little log cabin you see down there."



The Farmhouse Attic

By Frank Wakcott Hull

Oh, a day indoors when the tempest pours,
And the farm-roads run like rivers,
And the warp and woof of the gambrel roof
In the wild wind throbs and shivers!
Let the storm's full tide with its fierce broadside
Run its heedless course erratic,
I've a mind to stay where the children play—
In the ample farmhouse attic.

Play the old games through, as they used to do,
Oh, a century and over;
Wake the songs, my dears, of a hundred years—
Little Billy, Bell and Rover.
Shall we ever fail of the Red Man's trail,
Or, the ocean voyage piratic,
And a score or so of the joys we know,
In the brown old farmhouse attic?

With a what care we for the storm's decree,
With our wholesome fun and laughter,
Let the rattling rain beat the window-pane
And the winds search eaves and rafter.
We are all storm-bound, but we're safe and sound,
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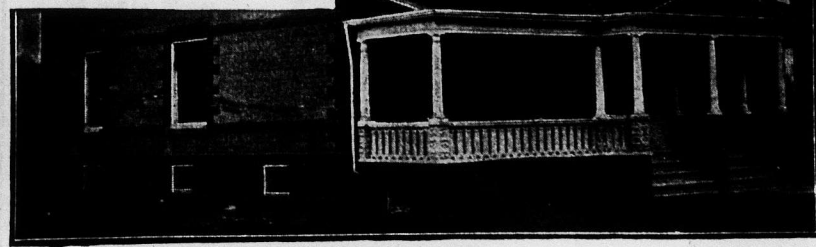
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"Say, Mr. Carter, I want to ask you, for her sake, if not for mine, to rue back. Let us off."

Carter tried to reassure Billy, but Billy still persuaded. At last out of patience.

"I cant do it. That is not my way of doing business. The trade is made and it stands, whether it suits you or not."

"All right then said Billy, quietly.

He arose and went into the house. Directly he came back.

"By the way, Mr. Carter, your board is due to-day."

"Very well," he said crisply. "What is the bill?"

"Bout twenty, I guess, for you and the team."

Carter hesitated, then pulled out two

Carter saw there was trouble ahead and began bluffing. Billy waited quietly until he had sworn himself out of wind.

"It ain't worth while to get excited, Mr. Carter," he said. "It ain't a very serious crime to sell a patent right you don't own. The only trouble is, it takes a feller before the United States Court, and they are a little hasty in disposin' of such cases."

"I've got you cinched on the note, anyway," snarled Carter.

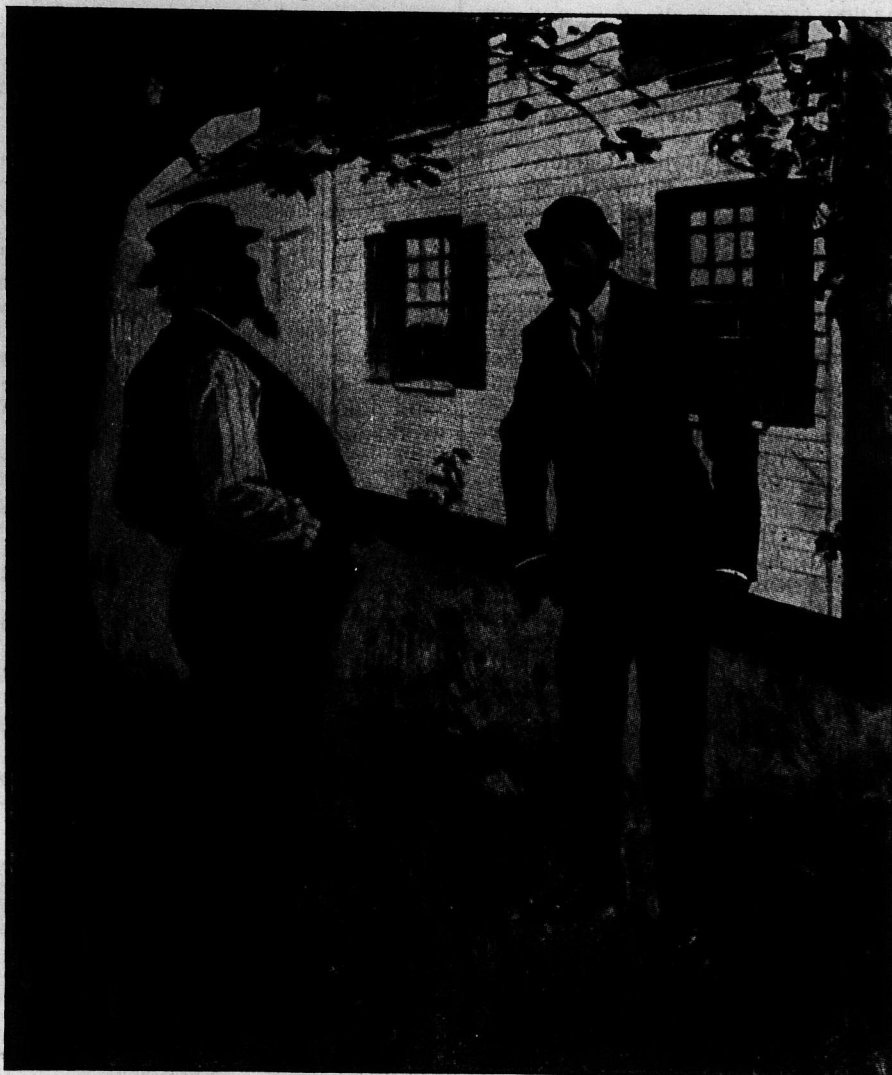
"The only drawback about that," said Billy, "is, there's a couple of constables meanderin' around the place, kinder hankerin' for a signal. They're both purty fair on foot, and don't often miss a squirrel on a hundred yards."

"Then the sheriff tole me yesterday he'd call up the government marshal as quick as we 'phoned him."

Carter's tone changed instantly, and he began to beg abjectly.

"What will you take to let me off?"

"Oh I don't know," said Billy, "I hardly reckon I'd be hard on a feller as penitent as you are. I guess if you'll turn over them papers and scoot for tall timber, nothin' more will be



"There's a couple of constables meanderin' around this place."

bits, and handed them to Billy indifferently.

"I guess we might start on sellin' the rights to-day," said Billy at breakfast.

"We will have to wait until to-morrow," said Carter. I promised to meet a man on business at Cedarville to-day."

"Will you hitch up my team," he said, after breakfast. Billy hesitated. They were in the yard.

"I'm real sorry Mr. Carter, but Tom Summers got your horses and wagon yesterday."

"Who is Tom Summers?" demanded Carter, flaring up.

"He's the constable."

"What do you mean?"

"I had 'em attached to satisfy a board bill."

"The deuce you did! Haven't I paid my board bill?"

"This was one you owed over at Savis Point. Fifteen Dollars, the Widow Thomas said, I traded her a fat shote for it."

"And say, Mr. Carter," said Billy, squinting his left eye nearly shut, "you signed over the patent of J. A. Carter, and I see after I rubbed up the iron works on that churn, it was patented by Eli Simmons. What's the little discrepancy?"

said, so long as you stay outside of these twenty-four counties I bought."

The papers were turned over hastily and J. A. Carter went down the road on foot, neither looking to the right nor to the left.

"Well what on earth did you do it for, Billy?" asked his wife, as they sat on the steps that evening.

"For two or three reasons," and Billy chuckled in a satisfied way.

"Well what," she insisted.

"For his'n and your'n and the preacher's," he answered.

"For goodness sake, I don't see how it done any of us any good."

"Well, now you wait. He had just started out to beat some pore farmer out of his home. He needed a lesson powerful bad, I seed that when he first landed. And I reckon he's satisfied," and Billy chuckled again.

"But what good did it do to have me all stirred up and worryin' the life cut o' me for two weeks."

"Just this. I'm tired of you goin' into jimminy fits every time a book agent starts for the field, for fear we are goin' to be beat out of house and home. I wanted to learn you that I don't need a guardeen yet, hardly yet," and again he laughed mildly.

"What did you say about the preacher," asked Mrs. Houck, meekly.

"Oh, I've sorter taken a likin' to that methodist circuit rider of your'n, and he seems to need some way to get to his appointments. I figured that span of blacks and that spring wagon would just about fit him. And I guess we'll send that washin' machine to Tom Todds' wife. She has about enough cradle rockin' to keep all the churrin' done."

There was silence in which Mrs. Houck breathed a happy sigh of perfect relief; but she wanted to ask one more question.

"But Billy," she said directly, "supposin' he'd got away with them papers yesterday?"

Billy looked up at the moon and squinted his left eye. And then Billy looked up at the moon and squinted with his right eye. Perhaps it was only a passing cloud, but it really seemed as if the moon winked back. There seemed to be a quiet, friendly understanding between the moon and Billy.

"Them papers warn't no good, ma," chuckled Billy. "While the feller was tryin' to console you squire and me dated 'em a hundred years ago, so they was some considerable out of date before they was due."

By Scarecrow Proxy

By Holman F. Day

Corvus was communistic that year. He was anarchistic as well. He settled in throngs all over the countryside, and he believed thoroughly in the destruction of property.

There never was a greater pest of crows. They began to trail and caw overhead in the first warming days of March, and as soon as the fields were bare they waddled and waggled their tails over the ploughed grounds, or sat at a distance in the tall trees and watched the toil of the farmers with great complacency.

Bial Barton was one of the first of the Palmyra farmers to realize that no common scarecrow was going to avail against the hordes that season. No mere spraddle of an old rag flapping on a spreader would intimidate the black robbers. Therefore he fell to an examination of his wardrobe on the first rainy day. It didn't take him very long. Bial had kept "bach hall" for more than twenty years, and when one is shy of all assistance from women-folk and is slow with the needle himself, and doesn't much care how he looks, anyway, the stock of attire gets "slim."

After some meditation and inspection Bial gave up to the cause the patched trousers he had been wearing that spring for the muddy work.

There was a tail coat in the attic that he had sometimes thought might be revamped into something wearable. But this was an exceptional year. A scarecrow would need to have much individuality. The tail coat, an old pillow case, a hard hat whose brim was broken and the aforesaid trousers—he sighed and carried them to the barn and set about creating.

It was a very rainy day, offering no possibility of outside work, and he had plenty of time. As he progressed he became interested in the artistic possibilities of the thing. It is remarkable what one can do with meadow hay and old clothes when one has the time and inclination. The upper end of the pillow slip modelled finely into head. When the battered hard hat was set tightly upon this knob and the coat buttoned over the rest of the stuffed pillow case, the blank, staring face rather shocked Bial by its ghastly emptiness of features. So he brought his little pot of lampblack and gave the visage eyes, nose and mouth—form and expression. He wanted to make it look savage. But Bial was of a bland and mellow disposition himself. Had he been a true artist he might have been able to sink his own individuality. But as it was he only succeeded in reproducing a crude and mild image of himself. The corners of the mouth even turned up in a benignant smile. Bial had really purposed a fiendish grin. But he nailed a club upon the end of the cross bar that held out a sun-faded sleeve, and hoped that crows were to be more impressed by attitude than by physiognomy.

When it was all finished it was so elaborate a job that Bial was a little ashamed of it, with the shame of a man who has been brought up to

and has himself grown to shrink from showing interest in frivolities. For instance, the fact that Bial Barton classed any expression of attention to or affection for womankind as frivolity accounts for the existence of bachelor hall at his place, and explains his general character pretty plainly.

"Wimmen," he used to say, "ain't contented unless they've got a man jumpin' at the end of a string all the time. I've known 'em all here in Palmyra from the time they was girls in school with me, and they'll all hornswoggle a man the same way—make him wait and 'tend and kowtow."

Therefore the Palmyra girls had grown up and got married or lived old maids all around Bial Barton, and he had gone alone along his own way. They called him selfish and set. But it was because he knew them all so well and all their own little selfishnesses, perhaps, that he feared to commit himself.

He went in the first flush of the dawn that followed the rainy day and set up his scarecrow. He went early to avoid any pertinent questions or sly grins.

"It don't pay to get too fancy in this town, if you don't want to be sassed," he mumbled. He said this with a spite he would not have displayed a few weeks before. He had caught himself stopping to put on a collar and necktie before he ventured past the next farm, on his way to the village, and he had caught himself thus not once, but many times. And what's more, the men at the store had mentioned it to him with sly grinning.

That a widow, a mere woman and a city woman at that, should cause him to alter his habits he would not admit even to himself. He simply put on the collar and necktie because—well, because! Whose business was it? Admitting that she was a mighty smart-looking widow, what of it? They said that she had money and had bought a farm so that she might live the simple life—whatever that was—but he didn't care what she was trying to live, so he repeated to himself whenever he straightened from his work in his fields and looked across the dividing fence.

He looked across this morning when he came out upon the knoll in his cornfield where he proposed to plant his new-made friend. He promptly laid the latter down, put his hand at his brow and gazed more intently. His first astonished thought was that this was the widow living a new phase of that simple life she talked of—standing in the center of her cornpiece at five in the rosy morning. But the figure was too—too—well, too stiff and angular for the real widow. He admitted to himself, standing there, that he had studied her enough to know that much at least.

The widow had been there before him that morning. He was forced to that conclusion. The attire on the simulacrum was fresh and not dragged by rain. Well, she was truly a mighty smart woman, as they all

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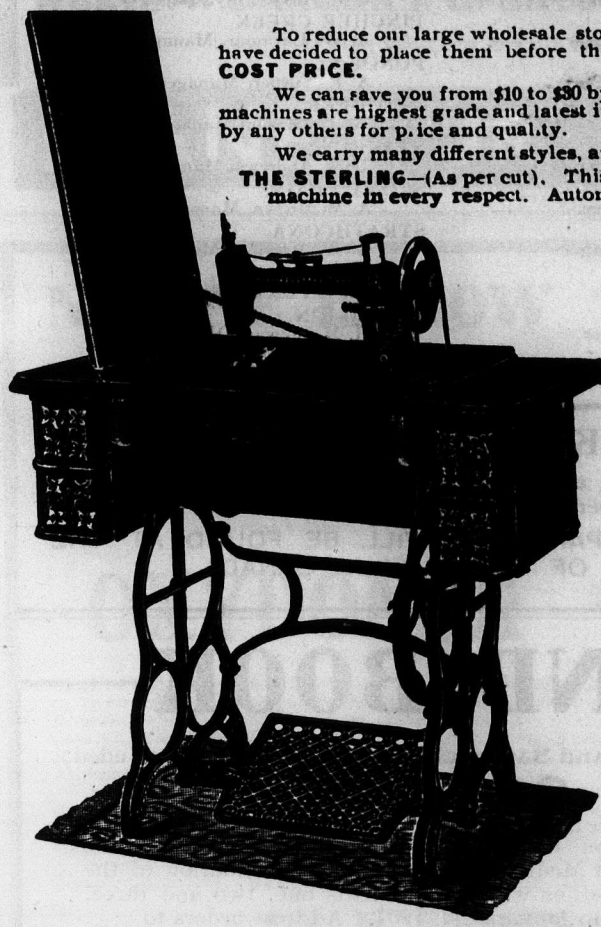
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said. From his limited judgment in such things he should say, he mused, that the scarecrow wore a new print dress, and the hat was certainly an extravagance. There was no doubt about that. He had seen lots of attractive hats in actual use among the women of Palmyra.

Sometimes distance lends enchantment to the view, he reflected. So he left his second self lying on the knoll and plodded over to the line fence to take further observation, and to discover just how extravagant the widow had been. The sun was in his eyes now. There was certainly no one in sight, and the hour was very early. He climbed the fence and advanced to the figure, his face reddening and his mien expressing shyness. He was so unaccustomed to women that this silent form embarrassed him. And it was remarkably like the widow!

No, it was not a new hat nor was the dress new. But both were too good for a scarecrow, he considered. Under the hat was "hair" combed out of an unbraided rope. And from the figure, as he stood in the lee of it, came a subtle, evasive whiff of perfume—the last, lingering memorial of the tenant of those garments.

When he sniffed it he somehow felt as though he were intruding. He

lot, and then the wind gave that old coat arm a flip and I says: 'He's flirtin' with some one, sure pop!' And I looked the way you was lookin'—'scuse me, the way the scarecrow was lookin', and I see a woman dressed slicker'n a schoolmarm at a weddin.' Says I: 'He's a-flirtin' with the Widder Goff—the old varmint. V. arn't none of the Palmyry girls good enough for him, hey!'

"Has it got so that a man can't put up a scarecrow out in his field without a lot of old gossips startin' stories about him?" demanded Bial, indignantly. "If you starts much talk goin' like that, Cowallis, the first thing we know the joke part of it will be mixed up in a lot of old blabbers' mouths, and the story will git around that it was reely me out there instead of that thing I've set up to shoo crows."

"I shouldn't wonder a mite if that's what they'd git to sayin'" replied Uncle Cowallis with malice in his grin. When Bial glared at him with blazing eyes of rebuke, he added:

"And by that time it will probly be you that'll be there."

Bial had no retort that would fit his state of mind. He was not much given to violent language, anyway. So he stamped out of the post-office and trudged home. Over the fence,



"What in timentation are you talkin' about, anyway?" demanded Bial."

backed away a few steps, and turned and hastened back over his line fence. When he established his own scarecrow on its point of lookout and vantage—he probably wholly by accident—set it so that its bland grin confronted the lady on the opposite knoll. After he had departed ten steps he came back and set the hard hat at a more graceful tilt on the pillow-case head. There's nothing like appearing to best advantage, whether one be man or scarecrow.

That afternoon when he went to the store he did not button a white collar to his flannel shirt, as he usually did. He put on a new white shirt, and wore a new necktie and white cuffs. He walked very slowly, passing the widow's house.

Now it happens that the turnpike that leads past the farms of Bial Barton and Widow Izannah Goff is much travelled by the farmers on their way to the store.

By the time Bial reached the post-office in the afternoon most of the rural wits had had their fling at the cornfield situation.

"Blast me!" grinned Uncle Cowallis when Bial came upon the usual post-office group, "bein' near sighted, Barton, when I come past your place I says to myself: 'There's Bial out there in the middle of his five-acre

as he passed the widow's house, he saw her broad hat. She was busy at something in her garden.

"It's blamed too bad for the old picked-noses around here to hout at a smart woman like that," he muttered, valiant in mental defense of her. He pondered with a queer shock of surprise that he had never felt that way about any woman before.

"But you can't afford to think of anything that ain't generous and charitable of your close neighbors," he reflected that evening, looking in the direction of the widow's light.

However, next morning he didn't think charitably of certain other neighbors.

He was busy in his shed mending double harness till the middle of the forenoon. He sat in the door in sight of the road, and the men who passed seemed much inclined to haul up their horses and pass a word or so with him. He wondered some over their universal good humor, and peered into their quizzical countenances with mild inquiry. They made remarks, too, that he considered strange.

At last Uncle Cowallis drove along, after he had stopped a bit down the road between Bial's and the widow's and had stared across the field.

"It's redicklous actions, it sartin is," said Uncle Cowallis.

Bial made no answer, for he was still in a pet with this particular neighbor.

"It's you that's got to bear the responsibility too," pursued the old man. "You can't disown your own clothes that we've all seen you wearin' all these years, nor your own hard hat, and it's you that made him."

"What in timentation be you talkin' about, anyway?" demanded Bial.

Uncle Cowallis merely jabbed his thumb over his shoulder in the direction of the cornfield, and went on his way with a chuckle.

Bial, with swift suspicion as to what all these mysteries of the forenoon tended, dropped his harness and trot-around his barn.

His second self was not on the knoll attending to business. Black spots gotted all over the corn piece showed that the crows were strictly attending to theirs, however. His next natural impulse was to seek further with his eyes and discover what had happened to the widow's scarecrow, in this discombobulation of effigies. His legs wavered under him when he saw the awful spectacle. Even from that distance, he could see it clearly. His scarecrow, in his clothes had to all appearances rushed over into the other field and now stood there in broad day affectionately embracing the widow's scarecrow in her clothes. The wooden arms had been bent forward around the plumply stuffed calico gown, and the hard hat on the pillow-case head was tenderly close to the widow's smart headgear.

Muttering profanity for the first time in his mild life, he started post haste for the shocking scene, for the first dizzy moment feeling wild, unreasonable anger toward the culpable effigy itself. The whole tableau looked so natural—so life-like, you understand! But when he reached the line fence he was swearing at the impudent and mischievous neighbors.

Now it happened that some sly remark had been deftly dropped in the widow's hearing at about the same time, for it was the design of the jokers to notify both parties at the psychological moment. She, too, was on her way to the cornfield. The two of them came face to face beside the tableau.

"If it isn't enough to mad an angel," she cried, wrathfully. "Just let me lay hands on the one who did it, that's all!"

"You know mighty well I didn't do it, Mis' Goff," he quavered. "I feel jest as you do about it. I'll go and lick anyone you tell me to. That's how I feel to'ards you—I mean that's the way I feel about this."

He made no attempt to pull away his scarecrow. He stood and looked on the tender recontre with a mild eye into which some tenderness crept. That painted, s'ly face so close under her old hat seemed so cosy and confiding and then were not those old clothes, basking there in that simple perfume of hers, the same clothes that had grown into intimacy with him?

"Of course I know you didn't do it, Mr. Barton," she replied. "I'll say this for you—you seem to have more good sense and mind-your-own-business than the rest of the folks in this town. I've noticed that much about you from the start. I've noticed the other about the rest of the folks. I ain't used to their kind."

"Nor I neither," he blurted. "That's the reason why I ain't got married—I mean that's why I ain't tried to be very sociable with anyone around here."

"I'll warrant you're a superior sort of man to them all, Mr. Barton," she exclaimed. The fact that the two had been a victim to the same joke that their neighbors were now maliciously chuckling over seemed somehow to give them interests in common. There's no surer and quicker way to a woman's confidence than to induce her to think thoughts of that kind.

"I don't put myself up over anyone," he answered, meekly, "but I know enough to understand that when strangers come here to town they ought to be treated with respect, especially when they are better than all the folks around 'em—and that's what you are."

This compliment tossed at her so

bluntly embarrassed her for a moment, as her red cheeks indicated.

"Excuse me, Mis' Goff," he stammered, "but I ain't been much used to talkin' with any ladies whatever, and I don't know how to put it right—but at least I am honest."

"I know that you are, Mr. Barton," she said, gratefully, looking into his frank blue eyes. The glance was so straight and so sincere that he felt a little catch in his throat—a quick uplift as though his heart had bobbed suddenly. He turned away, feeling the red run up into his face.

As his eyes fell on the distant highway he spluttered an angry word that seemed to startle her.

"Look at the old fools," he gritted, vibrating his hand at the road.

A half a dozen teams were lined along the fence, and many persons were leaning over it watching them.

"That's the way of this blasted town," he cried. "When anyone proposes to mind their own business the rest of the gang sets out to hector and plague."

"I don't give that for 'em," she ejaculated, snapping her fingers at the spectators, and whirling again to face him.

"Nor I," he echoed. The sudden stimulus of his angry resentment seemed to make a new and different man of him. Here was someone to defend and champion, to swear fealty to. He hankered for the right to be something more to this woman than the rest of the gawkers along that fence. The queer feelings that he had been entertaining ever since she came to town, and had been wondering over, now suddenly took form in a desperate and soleful resolve.

"Mis' Goff," he said, taking off his hat, you don't know me as well as I wish you did, but anyone can tell you I ain't a coward, and that there ain't many mean streaks in me. I'm steady and honest, and I've got enough money in the bank that I don't have to worry. Ever since you came to this town I knew you were different from the rest. I'd just like to see that line fence there come down and stay down. I ain't putting this on the basis of property, for I—for I—well, Mis' Goff, there ain't no two ways about it—I think more of you than I do of anyone else on earth, and I want you to marry me. That ain't very gracefully put, but it's man-fashion and right out of my heart."

"I'm no silly girl, and I know a good man when I see him, Bial," she said with simple heartiness. "There's my hand—and there's a kiss."

And he put her arms around his neck, and smacked him there in the cornfield with the neighbors looking on.

"They're looking for excitement and something to talk about to-day, and we may as well give them a full dose," she whispered, with a little note of woman's hysteria in her voice.

"We'll march right up to that fence and give 'em the news straight from the shoulder," he declared stoutly, and he took her hand and they started with resolute stride.

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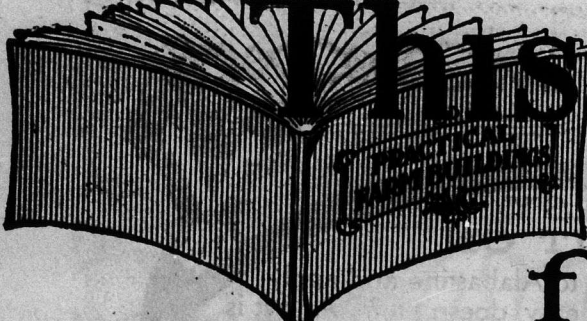
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WEDDING PREPARATIONS

The first of two articles which form a complete handbook concerning the invitations, gifts, and all the incidentals of a wedding ceremony

By MRS. BURTON KINGSLAND



SO YOU ARE to be married, dear girls, and are all in a flutter of eagerness to begin preparations! You cannot begin too soon, to avoid the rush that is apt to precede the wedding day. Try to make it a time of unalloyed happiness to look back upon, instead of the memory of a weariness that took the pleasure out of everything.

I will tell you about the usual wedding preliminaries among the well-to-do, but a simple wedding is just as honorable, and often more enjoyable than an opulent one.

The trousseau claims the first attention, because of the time required for its completion.

Your previous mode of dress and its cost should be a somewhat safe guide. Girls who receive a definite yearly allowance are often given half as much again for their trousseau, though most parents prefer to say, "Get what is necessary, and pleasing, without extravagance." It is good advice. It is a mistake to buy too lavishly, for fashions change and novelties appear which it is a pleasure to buy later. Therefore, let the girl whose allowance is liberal provide her wardrobe for the coming season, and put aside the rest of the money for future service. It is wise to purchase things that will change least with fashion's whims—furs for instance.

French lingerie, made by hand, outwears anything machine-made. Get no more than a year's supply; a dozen of some articles, six of others. Linen laid away grows frail. One bride-elect laid out \$500 thus: A rough cloth jacket and skirt, light in weight and color, with silk waist, for the "going away gown." This suit proved useful, with washable shirt-waists, for walking, tennis, etc. A toque, with large rosettes and quills, accompanied it. For mornings there were six shirt-waists, three linen skirts, two dimity gowns, and one of pongee. There were also a nun's-veiling gown for teas, church, etc., two flowered organdies, and one white gown (worn over colored underslips one gown appeared like many). These with two waists each, did duty for afternoon and evening wear.

She also had an evening wrap, a light cloth driving coat, a duster, a trifling wrap for piazza wear, a pretty wrapper, a black hat with feathers, a broad, flower-wreathed one, to wear with thin gowns, two dozen pairs of gloves, shoes, and the usual toilet accessories.

With her wedding gown, with low bodice, she was prepared for formal dinners and dances.

Here is a carefully considered trousseau that was actually purchased for \$100:

A dark-blue serge skirt and jacket, for general wear and traveling, and a wash-silk shirt-waist, \$15; for visiting and dress occasions, a light gray cashmere with tiny yoke of heavy white lace, \$10; another bodice—that harmonized prettily with the visiting gown—for evening entertainments, \$5; a tan cloth jacket, useful to wear with anything, \$10; a linen skirt with lawn waist, \$5; two gingham frocks, the material for which cost 20 cents per yard, \$5; a pink dimity with ribbon belt, \$3; four cotton shirt-waists, \$2; a wrapper of pale-blue albatross, \$3;

hats, \$10; shoes and gloves, \$10; sun umbrella, \$2. This left \$20 for four sets of muslin underclothing, lisle-thread vests, four night dresses, corset, two white skirts, one of alpaca, six pair of hose, and a dozen handkerchiefs.

The bride made all the garments with the assistance of some girl friends, who volunteered to have a "sewing bee" twice a week. Tongues and fingers vied in nimbleness, and the merry gathering concluded with a picnic supper. Last, and most important, is the wedding gown. If cir-



cumstances do not forbid, pray have a real wedding gown—a white frock of satin, chiffon cloth, lace, lingerie muslin, or sheer organdie—and a veil. A crepe de Chine gown is an economical choice, for it may be dyed several times. Some of the loveliest wedding gowns are the simplest. India mull, or a fine organdie, trimmed with Valenciennes, makes a dainty frock that, with a tulle veil and a few flowers, in her hair and her belt, would make a girlish bride look like some sweet white flower. The skirt should have a train—long or short, and the waist is usually cut low and filled in with lace—to be removed at will when the gown may do duty for dinners and dances.

With the fashion of short sleeves long gloves are worn.

The veil should fall to the edge of the train, and is plaited on the head under a wreath or spray of blossoms.

The tulle is three or four yards wide, and costs but \$1 to \$2 per yard, while the trousseau is under way there are many things to be considered. The first thing to be decided is whe-

ther the wedding shall be at church or at home.

The former is preferred by those who think the rite hallowed by the place, and is the more fashionable—and costly, if, as is usual, a reception follows the ceremony.

The chief expense of a wedding—the cards, the carriages for her family and attendants, the floral decorations, the services of an organist and a sexton, and, naturally, the provision of refreshments at the house—are assumed by the bride's family.

The bridegroom's expenses are the ring, a gift for the bride, bouquets for the bride and bridesmaids, the carriages used by him and his best man, by the clergyman and his ushers, and that in which he drives away with his wife, en route for the honeymoon.

He pays the clergyman's fee, entrusting it to his best man. The amount ranges from \$5 to \$100. He conforms to custom in sending to his best man and ushers the gloves and ties to be worn at the wedding.

A house wedding has the advantage of the house atmosphere, and appeals to the sentiment of many. The preparations needed are but the floral decorations, refreshments, and music, if desired, as at a reception.

The bride should make an early choice of her attendants (and the bridegroom should do the same), ask the services of two, four, or six of your favorite friends, according as you are to have a large or small wedding, reserving the role of maid of honor to the most beloved.

The bride decides what her attendants shall wear, and, as the young women assume the expense themselves the bride will not impose one that is unwelcome, and will consult their taste. The bride arranges with one dressmaker to make them all—the price being much lower than a single gown. The same arrangement is made for the hats. The bridesmaids usually dress alike. The maid of honor's gown varies slightly. White, over a pink or pale green, with flower-wreathed hats, and bouquets of matching blossoms, makes a pretty costume.

The bride names the wedding day and selects the clergyman, but the bridegroom should call to request his services.

If the ceremony is to be in church, it should early be engaged, and the sexton interviewed.

He arranges for the awning and carpet at the church door, a man to open carriage doors, and, if all the church be reserved for guests, another collects the admission cards. The sexton attends to all, and sends the bills. His own fee is a gratuity—from \$5 to \$25.

For a house wedding, or wedding reception, the caterer provides the awning, the man for carriages, etc.

Florists give estimates for the decoration of church and house. Palms and flowering plants may be hired, and it requires no great skill to dispose of them prettily without a florist's services. The organist should be engaged, and the musical selections determined.

The wedding feast is an important item. A caterer is consulted, or if in family conclave it is decided whether to offer one's friends a breakfast, the usual reception refreshments, or the simple courtesy and generous hospitality of "the best one has to give" if dependent on home talent.

The most fashionable hour for the ceremony is "high noon", but any hour may be selected. An afternoon wedding gives more time for preparation and requires a less elaborate menu, consisting usually of bouillon, chicken, or lobster salad, or both, with tiny sandwiches or plain bread and butter, or with cresses or cucumber, and ices, cakes lemonade and black coffee. Fruit punch, or "Wine cup" may replace champagne. This menu may be expanded or curtailed. A glass of sherry and a bit of cake, or ice cream and cake have been offered at many a wedding.

For refreshments at noon, it being

the luncheon hour, one hot dish—croquettes, hot oysters, or patties, should be provided, added to the above menu.

The guests are served from the dining table, decorated with flowers at the centre, the salads at one end and ices at the other, with plates and small silver at hand. Dishes of cakes and sandwiches are placed at intervals between, and candles, with shades matching the color of the flowers, flank the centrepiece. The bouillon, served in cups on trays, is passed around, and the lemonade or punch is on a table in a corner of a room.

The bridal party is seated at a table apart or in a separate room, and served in courses. It may be a simple little feast—fruit, bouillon, creamed oysters, croquettes, with salad, ices, cakes, the black coffee, and something in which to drink the health of the bride and bridegroom.

At informal weddings, the few guests are seated at table with bridal party.

Everything may be hired of a caterer, or one's household equipment—china, silver, table linen, etc.—supplemented.

The wedding cake is packed in small boxes, decorated with the initials of bride and bridegroom, and tied with white ribbons. The charge per hundred boxes is \$30 with initials, and \$25 without. Where economy is necessary the cake may be made at home and sent to a bakery.

The boxes are heaped upon the hall table at the bride's house on the wedding day. Each guest takes one upon leaving the house.

As soon as the form of wedding is decided, careful lists should be made of the entire acquaintance of the bride, bridegroom, and their families.

The invitations, ordered a month before their sending, and issued two or three weeks before the wedding day, are engraved on heavy, white note paper, folding once to fit the envelope, which is inclosed in an outside one. The name is written alike on both envelopes but the outer one receives the address.

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Invitations for house weddings are engraved as for a church ceremony, but "the pleasure of" the guests' company is requested, instead of "the honor of" their presence. No extra cards are inclosed, the hour indicating the form of entertainment.

At country weddings, where guests come from a distance, cards are inclosed giving particulars about the trains. Guests pay their own expenses. No mention is made of the fact that carriages will meet the trains and return guests to the station—it is taken for granted.

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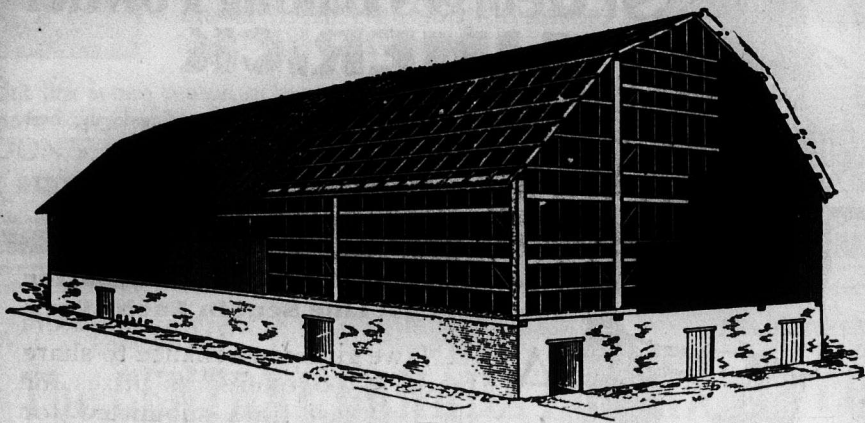
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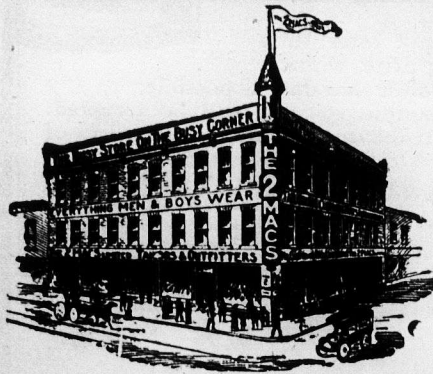
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"HO covers the Blybeth story?" Marsten asked, as he possessed himself of one of Higgin's cigarettes. Higgin nodded over toward the city editor's desk without looking up from his typewriter. "Terese Havens," he answered laconically, as he beat a furious tattoo on the machine. "Old Johnnie's talking to her now."

Marsten looked at the girl through half-closed eyes, while he whistled softly between his teeth in a manner particularly irritating to the supersensitive Higgin.

"Seems to me," he paused in his whistling, "that she's getting most of the best stories."

"Why not?" snapped Higgin. "She's clever enough." Higgin disliked the new man from the Windy City as much as he liked Terese Havens, whose work

"You're a cad—a damned cad!" he stuttered. "Miss Havens is—"

"Oh, cool down, man," Marsten soothed, seating himself on a convenient desk. "Who said Miss Havens. Aren't you yourself wronging her by taking it for granted that I refer to her? I don't doubt in the least that she is as straight about her work as any man in the office. The fact that I've seen her with Traylor of the *Sphere*, almost everywhere I've been, doesn't mean that I include her in my generalization—necessarily."

Higgin stifled his reply until Terese Havens, passing him with a friendly nod, had closed the door behind her. She never missed this friendly little greeting, though she did not even guess what it meant to him. To her the little man with his cruelly distorted back and deep-set, somber eyes, was a pathetically appealing figure; beyond that she did not even consider him. Both men watched her in silence, Marsten speculatively, Higgin with his heart in his eyes, until she had disappeared. Then



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he had watched and whose successes he had gloried in as though they were his own, since the day, two years before, when she had first come into the city room. There was a scrapbook in a bureau drawer in Higgin's dismal little room which might have worn on its bare cover the inscription "Terese Havens—Her Book."

"I don't believe in trusting women with important stories," persisted Marsten.

"You don't," sneered the smaller man.

"No, I don't," reiterated the other. "Women are all right in their way, and no doubt safe enough when their feelings aren't involved, but when I see a girl more than a dozen times with a man on a rival paper, with whom she is evidently up to her ears in love, why, I say go slow about giving her important stories."

Higgin scrambled awkwardly out of his chair.

Higgin returned to his typewriting.

"I wish you would go to the devil," he said.

Traylor's cough warned Terese of his presence even before she had rounded the corner.

"Isn't it any better?" she asked, anxiously, as she came up to him. "You shouldn't have waited in this windy place for me. Why did you do it?"

"I didn't want to miss you," answered the man simply; and a soft glow came into the eyes of the girl.

"That's dear of you," she said, frankly, laying her hand on his arm for an instant. "But I don't want you to do it again. Hereafter I'll meet you in the library. This place was all right in summer before you had this awful cough, but it won't do now. You must get a heavier overcoat, too. I can't have you running any risks."

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"Oh, it will be all right in a day or two," he said, casually. "I wouldn't mind, only I've been doing such rotten work of late that it's about time for Caton to get his innings and fire me. You know there never were many demonstrations of affection between the old man and me, and he'd be glad enough of the excuse." Although he spoke in an offhand manner, Terese could see that he was really worried. "Oh, Danny," she cried, with a catch in her voice, "it's not nearly as bad as that, is it?"

"I'm afraid so, little girl," Traylor's cough broke into his words, and Terese's eyes filled with tears as she noted the way it shook his big frame. "One more failure and I'm a goner. But don't you worry about that."

The two walked on in silence, oblivious of the crowds pushing by on either hand. Above, across an intensely blue October sky, a few ragged, wind-driven clouds scurried like frightened sheep. In the park an occasional leaf, already crinkling to a dull brown, shook loose from a tree and whirled across the crowded streets. Traylor, turning to free one from the curling brown of Terese's hair, caught her furtively wiping away a tear.

"See here, this won't do," he exclaimed in cheerful tones, which, however, failed to deceive Terese. "It's too fine a day for rain. Cheer up, and we'll have a little dinner together. We'll go to that place where they have the odd little fireplace. We ought to be early enough to get that room, don't you think?"

Terese nodded acquiescence. "Almost too early. I ought to go back to the office and hand in my story," she hesitated. "I got my stuff in less time than I expected, though, so I think I have earned the right to stay with you a little while. But it can't be for very long, you know."

Seated opposite each other in the tiny room made cozy and cheerful by the dancing flames in the quaint little stone fireplace Traylor and Terese looked at one another contentedly.

"Dear old place," Terese looked around the familiar walls with a sigh of satisfaction. "And it's so good to be here again with you. You've no idea how I've missed you. Every day at this hour I've gone past the corner in the hope that you might have come back sooner than you expected. Why didn't you write?"

"I couldn't, Tess," Traylor replied. "I didn't even get in on the hanging. They had to send Colby up to take my place."

"Why? What do you mean?"

"I was down and out. I got foolish—this cough, you know—and they put me to bed, and a beetle-eyed old country pill builder held me down and made me stay there," explained Traylor, disgustfully. "Bartlett—he's the *Gazette* man, you know, a fine fellow—Bartlett telegraphed to the office for me, and the next thing I knew Billy Colby was telling me that he'd got up just in time to get the story."

"Oh, Danny, how dreadful!" Terese wailed.

"Yes, wasn't it the beastly luck?" agreed Dan. "Hangings aren't pretty sights, but Lord, it's hard lines to fall down on a story like that."

"You know that isn't what I mean, though I understand just how you feel about that. The dreadful thing is your being so awfully ill away off in that wretched little country place, and I not even knowing it."

"But, dear, you'd simply have worried if you had. You couldn't have done anything—"

"Yes, I could. I'd have come up and nursed you. You've no idea how miserable it makes me to think of it," she gulped tearfully.

"Isn't that like a woman—when it's all over?" Traylor laughed.

"You ought to have some one to look after you. You're careless. You think you're all right unless you're so ill you can't get up," Terese reproached him.

"The boys looked out for me," he said in extenuation.

"The boys," with great scorn. "What do they know about it? They're just as foolhardy as you are."

She leaned across the table and spoke

coaxingly. "Danny, you do want to marry me, don't you?"

"Haven't I said so often enough to convince you?" he grinned.

"Then I want you to marry me *now*, and let me go on writing. We could get on finely that way, and then I could take care—" Tess began, but brought up short at sight of his darkly flushed face and the hard, straight line of his mouth.

"Oh, don't look at me that way, Danny," she cried. "I'll never—"

"Don't ever," he interrupted, with brutal abruptness. Then more gently, "Surely you know how I feel about that, Tess. What I want to do is to take you out of this work, to care for you as a woman ought to be cared for, and to make life easier for you—not to have you support me."

"It's not that, Danny. Of course, I knew that. But since I must work now, anyway, we could be so much happier together than we are this way," she said wistfully. "And I wouldn't have to worry so—"

"That sounds plausible, Terese," Traylor began, loftily.

"Call me 'Tess,'" pleaded the girl; but Traylor, ignoring her, went on with his speech.

"That sounds plausible to you, no doubt, but you know that if I allowed it you would have only contempt for me."

Terese shook her head in denial.

"I never could," she broke in, softly. Before this whole-souled admiration Traylor's wrath could not stand.

"I'll never mention it again," Terese knew how to capitulate. "In a little while, anyway, I know your book will be published, and then—"

"You don't mean to say you got anything?" Traylor exclaimed.

"I had an awful time," Terese laughed. "I'll tell you the story of my adventures some day. But I got it."

The man leaned back in his chair with a laugh that had in it a touch of irony.

"You are clever," he said. "I didn't suppose anyone could get it. You've scooped me. Here's congratulations, Tess."

The girl did not even notice his outstretched hand as she stared across the table with widening eyes.

"Don't say that," she begged, in a strained voice. "I can't bear it. Don't say that I beat you out on a story *now*. I didn't know you were on it. I didn't see you there."

"I went early, but I couldn't get anything. Wouldn't even let me in. An ugly-tempered lot, didn't you think?" he tried to put her off.

Terese buried her face in her hands. "Oh! Oh!" she moaned. "What a dreadful thing. That I should gain through your failure!" Traylor winced, but she did not see him. "What shall I do?"

"Do?" encouraged the man. "Why, just sit up like a good girl and finish your dinner. You mustn't feel that way about it. Of course, you must expect them to be miffed up at the office when they find we've been scooped, but these things happen every once in awhile. It's part of the game. It's not likely they'll fire me for this," he lied.

At this voicing of her fears Terese broke down again.

"To think I have in my hand what would save you."

"Yes," said Traylor, steadily, "you have."

"I couldn't give you my notes—"

"No."

Terese wondered dully. Was the monosyllable merely a negative, or was it half a question? How could such a cruel situation have arisen? She knew what was honorable—what was right; it wasn't the question of that that troubled her now. The man she loved was ill and needed her help, but he would surely agree the only thing was to keep in her own hands the story entrusted to her. She hesitated. Of course the question of honor as settled, but were there not perhaps other things more important than that?

Traylor's cough broke the silence.

Where, she questioned herself, was that integrity on which she had prided herself? She had denied so often the impeachment that women have no sense of honor that she could not, at first, understand even hesitancy in the face of duty. But of what importance were the

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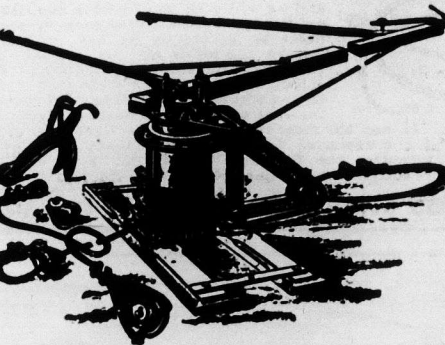
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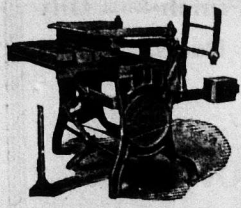


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ideals of honor to which she had hitherto so sternly held herself in the face of Danny's need?

She tried to explain her change of ground to Traylor.

"I'm going to copy my notes for you," she began, and then paused for a word of encouragement from him. He did not speak, but she could hear his heavy, anxious breathing. "I've never done anything like this, before," she went on, "but I think I'm warranted this time. You know, Danny," her words tumbled over each other, "a woman doesn't love as a man does, with honor first. No woman ever said I could not love you, dear, so much, Loved I not honor more.

When a woman really loves there's nothing—honor, advantage, opinion of people—nothing counts. Do you understand?"

"I think I do," said Traylor, quietly.

For what seemed hours to the man, a silence, broken only by the scratching of Terese's pencil, followed. He walked nervously up and down the room, coming to a halt before the fireplace, from which vantage point he studied the girl's pretty, delicate face, now tear stained and flushed; and noted the trembling of her hand as it guided the pencil across the paper.

At last Terese came over to him with the copy.

"Here it is," she said. "You'll understand from these without my telling you."

She turned and walked across the room with uncertain steps.

"Where are you going?" asked Traylor, sharply.

She turned in the doorway. "Back to the office to tell Mr. Carter what I've done."

"Don't do that. You'll be fired."

"Yes. I suppose so," she replied, bravely. Then she burst into a passion of tears and Traylor took her in his arms. She pushed him away almost fiercely.

"You don't understand," she sobbed, and Traylor, completely puzzled by this new phase, agreed with her. "It's not being discharged that I care about. It's that you would do—"

"Terese!" Traylor silenced her sternly. He led her over to the fireplace and pointed to a tiny gray heap in the embers.

"Do you see that?"

Terese peered through her tears.

"Yes."

"Do you know what it is?"

"Oh! Danny! Yes! I should have known it. How can you ever forgive me?"

YULE BY THE INGLE.

Like hopes faint faltering from the lip
The last leaves drop from off the brier,

Where now the shriveled, ashen hip
Shows once the red rose lit its fire;
But by my genial ingles glows
Her cheek—the summer's fairest rose!

The garden copse is reft of song;
No meadow choir salutes the sun;
The wan night long, the white day long,

Pale Silence keeps its orison;
But where my ingles sheds its cheer
Her voice—sweet autumn's own—I hear!

The branches writhe against a vault
With tattered vapory streamers strewn,

Where outcast winds make mad assault,
Blurring the vespers of the moon;
But by my inble, in her eyes,—
I see spring's hyacinthine skies!

So all the year meets at the Yule,
Transmuted by Love's wonder art;
His glass, as doth a magic pool,
Make rime and bloom seem one at heart;

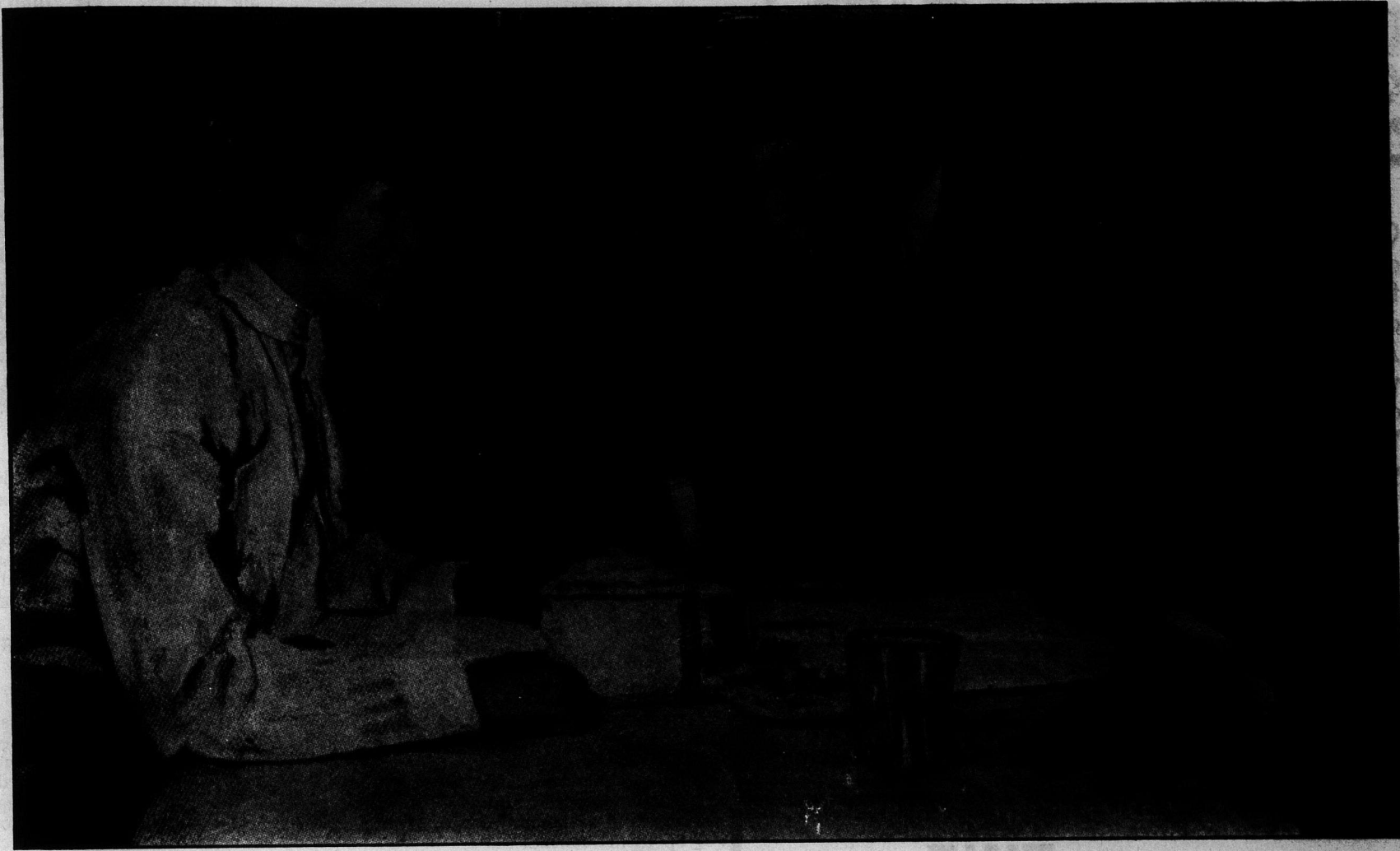
Yule by my ingles means for me
The crown of life's felicity!

—Clinton Scollard, in Smart Set.



Fording the Stream.

Buster Brown's Understudy By Richard Barker Shelton



"That sounds plausible to you, no doubt, but you know that if I allowed it you would have only contempt for me."



AND Tom, dear, *don't* let Peter get into the front room where Buster is." "Aurelia," I protested sternly, "your injunctions regarding that bird lose force by many repetitions." "Very possibly, dear," she admitted, "but you know Peter is a very sly cat, and a very quick one as well. *Do* be careful to keep the door into the front room—"

"I understand that part perfectly," I interrupted. "Don't be horrid about it," said Aurelia. "I merely wanted to be sure—"

"You may be sure—quite sure," said I, "that I will remember Buster is *not* a tidbit for Peter's palate. You have

succeeded in stamping that fact indelibly on my memory, Aurelia." Aurelia was to spend a few days with an old aunt of hers in the Berkshires, and for the first time since our marriage I was to be left in sole charge of the house. But here instead of saying a "real good-by," as she put it, she was wasting valuable minutes with foolish instructions about that precious bird of hers and the silly cat.

I felt rather hurt. "I must hurry if I intend to catch that eight-seven car," I said tentatively.

Aurelia clung to me as if she were a drowning mariner and I was the last plank of a foundered ship.

"Good-by, dear!" she said. "You're awfully, awfully good to let me go, but I don't want to a bit, now the time's come. I can't bear to leave you all alone here."

This had its mollifying effect on me. "Oh, don't worry about me. I shall get on famously," I assured her. "Besides, it's only for three days." "And you *won't* forget about the bird, will you?" came from my shoulder.

I suppose every Eden has its serpent. Gently I disengaged myself. "Aurelia, once for all, finally and indisputably, *I will not forget that bird!* Good-by!"

The house, when I reached it, after my solitary dinner down town, was dark and forbidding. I turned on the lights on the lower floor, kindled the fire and prepared to spend a cheerfully lonesome evening. Before I settled down to my reading matter, however, I went to the basement door, called in Peter and gave him a saucerful of milk. To this day I am uncertain how Peter came to get upstairs from the basement, but I imagine that when I went into the cellar to rake

down the furnace, he incontinently deserted his saucer of milk and sneaked upstairs. At any rate, I know that when I ascended the stairs I carefully locked the door at the head of them.

I suppose I must have fallen asleep over the evening paper, for I had a disturbing vision of a huge, tiger-like Peter crouching before Buster's cage. Suddenly I found myself sitting bolt upright in my chair, wide awake, and the hazy memory of some sort of a crash troubling me vaguely. I arose and began a tour of investigation.

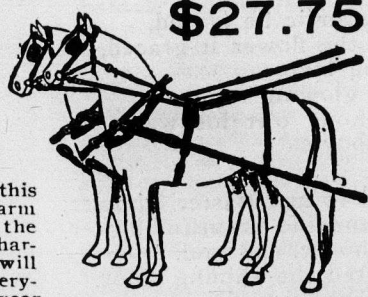
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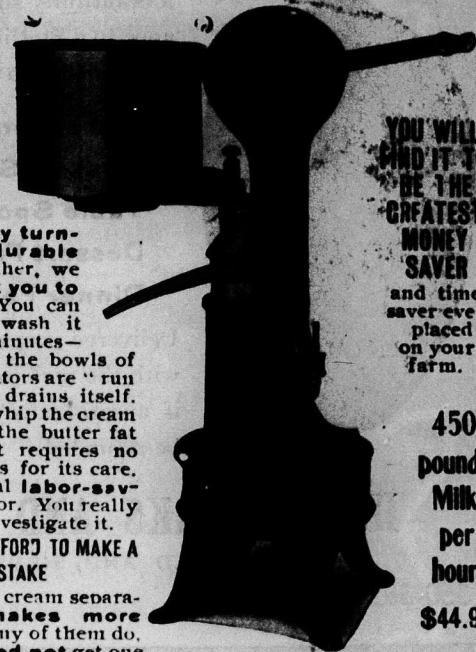
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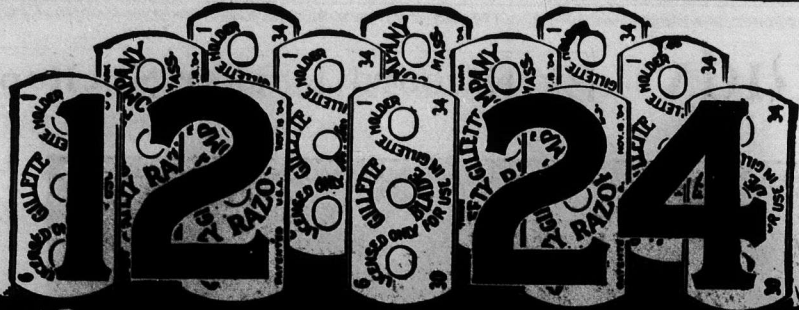


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On a near-by chair sat Peter, blinking innocently.

I sank into the opposite chair and groaned. Peter, recognizing my evident distress, leaped over and settled himself comfortably on my knees.

"Confound you!" I exploded. Peter nosed my vest affectionately and began to purr. He was at all times a most idiotically cheerful cat!

I put Peter down and tried to think in light of my promises to Aurelia—my most emphatic and oft-repeated promises—my position in the matter was not enviable. Finally I had an illuminating inspiration. I would purchase at one of the bird stores a canary as near like Buster as possible, and some day, after Aurelia had become attached to this new bird, I would tell her the whole truth of the matter.

After quite a search through the pet-stock shops the following two days, I found a cople-crowned canary with one dark wing and one light one, which looked very like the lamented Buster. The dealer informed me that cople-crowned canaries part dark and part light were quite a rarity, and that, in consequence, he would have to charge me six dollars for it. I paid him and departed joyfully with the bird in a little wooden cage.

Arrived at home, I engineered my purchase, with much fluttering and many frightened chirps on his part, into Buster's cage. I put the cage on the table by the lamp and spent a good hour calling, "Buster! Buster!" to the bird in a vain hope that by this method I might get him to recognize his adopted name, but this he stolidly refused to do. The following morning I hung his cage by the dining-room window, where he would have the sun all day. This—if anything—I imagined would cheer him up to his normal state.

Aurelia was due to return that afternoon, and I left the office early to meet her at the station. To my surprise, though she inquired solicitously after Peter, never a word did she say about Buster. I imagined she was tactfully avoiding a subject at which I had shown impatience the morning of her departure.

When we reached the house, I carried Aurelia's suit case upstairs, and then awaited her in the dining room. I wanted the ordeal over as soon as possible. Yet when Aurelia came into the room, looking very fresh and pretty in her long tea gown, I felt my heart

jump. Almost instantly she spied the cage and quickly walked over to it.

"Tom, dear, what on earth is that bird doing here?" she asked in surprise.

Weakly I strove to ward off impending disaster. "He didn't seem—quite well this morning," said I, "so I hung him out here where he could have the sun. Does he—does he seem to recognize you, Aurelia?"

I saw her open the cage door, thrust in her hand and withdraw something.

"Recognize me!" she chuckled. "I should say not!"

"Whee-ee-t! Whee-ee-t! Buster, Buster!" I chirped inanely.

Aurelia wheeled upon me. "Don't be silly, dear," she said, quite calmly.

"That isn't Buster!"

"How do you know it isn't?" I asked, half in bravado, half in curiosity.

"By this, for one thing," she said. She opened her hand. In it was a small, pale-blue egg!

I tried to smile; then I thought better and changed to a frown.

"We've been deceived, Aurelia," I gurgled.

"Somebody has been deceived," she said, pointedly. "Where and why did you get that bird?"

Evasion was futile. Abjectly I told the whole story of my attempted deception. When I had finished Aurelia fell to laughing. I silently awaited the passing of her mirth.

"You—you say you bought it at Belden's," she gasped at length. "What did you pay for it?"

"Six dollars," said I.

"Six dollars! Goodness!" said she scornfully. Then she came nearer and put both hands on my shoulders. "I think I can get your six dollars back for you, you dear old stupid!"

"I doubt if they'd give you the money back for the bird," I objected.

Aurelia chuckled softly. I fancied I detected something like apology in that chuckle.

"I begin to think there is something back of all this," I said severely.

"There is," said she. "You see, I was afraid after all you'd be careless about Buster, so I put him in a little box punched full of holes—cages are so terribly bungling to carry, you know—and I took him down to Belden's to be kept until my return. I meant to write you about it, but somehow I forgot it. Tom, dear, can you ever forgive me—if I get your money back for you?"

I have forgiven Aurelia.

The Most Beautiful Thing.

The Lord sent down to this world, one day,
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The angel came to a beauty rose.
"Tis the fairest thing," he cried, "that grows.
To my Lord the flower I'll bring."

He plucked the rose with tender hold,
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To lay at his Master's feet.
On him, ere yet his upward flight,
A baby smiled, his eager sight
Saw naught more fair or sweet.

Beside the rose the smile he placed,
"Twere fairer than the flower it graced,
So full of trusting love.
But now he saw a glowing ray,
A mother's love shone o'er his way
All other light above.

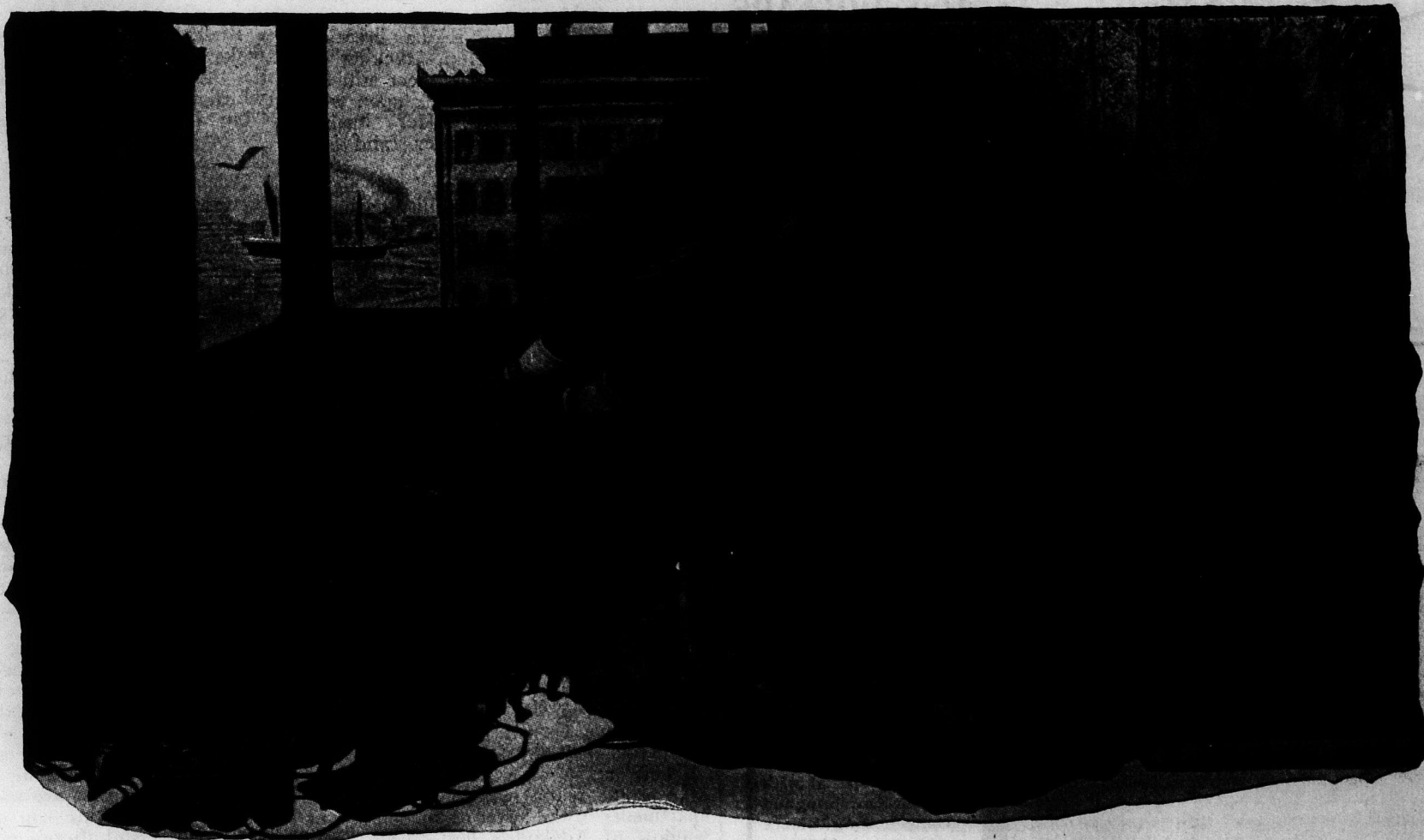
I will take them all to my Master's bower,
The love, the smile and the beautiful flower.
"My Lord will choose," he said.
Ere the angel entered the shining door,
He looked for the baby's smile, it was gone.
The beautiful flower was dead.

He looked for the baby's smile, it was gone.
But the mother's love shone steadily on,
A gem of priceless worth.
Then the angel bore through the golden street,
The mother's love to his dear Lord's feet,
The most beautiful thing on earth.

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Buddie—The Story of a Child

By Zoe Anderson Norris



"At first Buddie stood for hours at this window, looking out at the river and the ships, Adelaide by his side, her arm around him."



WHEN Adelaide Leighton first saw Buddie he was sitting flat in the brown-yellow dust on the road to Cos Cob, digging and tossing spadefuls of loose earth into midair and laughing as they came down. He was about as beautiful a bit of humanity as ever dug in the dust of a country road to Cos Cob or otherwise.

It happened that Adelaide was driving by in a runabout with her husband. Buddie turned and, fling-

ing her a golden glance from under his mat of curls the color of the sun, again dug.

He was four years old about, not more.

Adelaide laid hands on the reins. "I want him," she cried.

"Borrow him," suggested her husband. "I suspect there are more about here cut on his pattern. I think he is to spare."

A near-by cottage nestled close to the ground. It was Buddie's home. Adelaide alighted and running to the door, knocked. The door was presently opened by Buddie's mother, a faded little woman to whose skirts hung

fringes of children, all pretty as pictures, with the rosy black-eyed beauty common to Italians; but none was so beautiful as Buddie.

There was some slight demur, not much, a few preliminaries accompanied by leave-takings followed, and Buddie and his little bundle of ragged clothing were lifted into the runabout and driven away.

Adelaide Leighton had been married for ten dreary, childless years. So all the pent-up longing for children of her own now found relief in the love she lavished upon Buddie. She cared for him herself. She bathed him. She dressed him. Taking him to the shops

with her she bought him rich clothing, filled with pride of his beauty and the attention it attracted.

"To-day," she said to her husband one evening after dinner, "as Buddie and I were walking along Broadway a handsome woman got out of her carriage and came up to us."

"What a lovely child you have," she said, and bent down and kissed him.

"And there I stood, pretending he was mine!" She rose and continued: "Come and look at him before you go away; he is so beautiful," and taking him by the hand she led him, tiptoeing into the little room which she had converted into a nursery for the boy.

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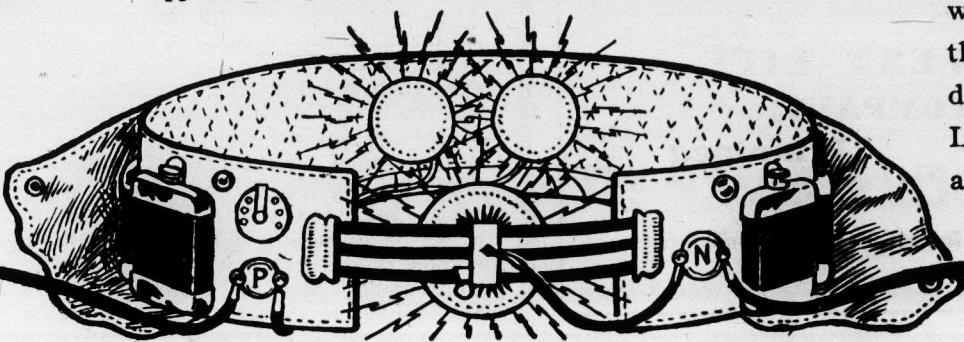
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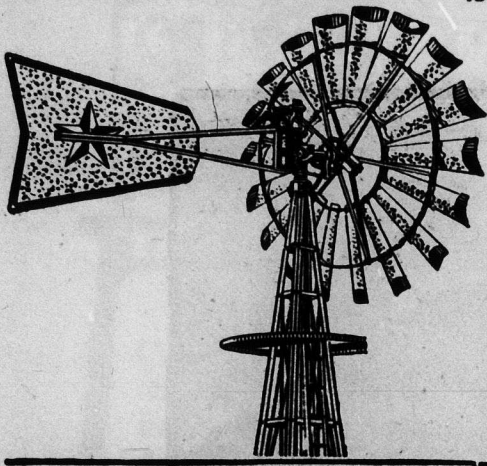
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Buddie was well worth looking at. He lay in the small but expensive brass bed she had bought for him, sound asleep. The glittering splendor of the bed became him well. So did the night-dress made of lace which had replaced his old one, fashioned of rags. The lace rose and fell with his regular breathing. Adelaide bent over him, tucking the covers more snugly. She bent still lower, and kissed a rosy cheek upon which lay long, thick lashes. Her husband looked on in part wonder and part amusement.

"If he were only mine," she sighed. "You are in all probability harboring an Italian brigand," remarked Leighton, banteringly, "who will set fire to the house and steal your jewelry."

"I will instill good principles in him," whispered Adelaide, tiptoeing back to the door, and holding the curtains together.

In the drawing room her husband loitered, looking quizzically down at her as she sat beneath the reading lamp, running a shining needle in and out of a bit of embroidery on a collar for Buddie.

"Shall I stay with you this evening, Adelaide?" he asked her after a time. She glanced brightly up at him.

"Oh, no," she smiled. "Not if you have business down town."

Leighton walked moodily into the darkness of the street.

"I have left her so much alone," he mused, "that she is used to it now. She accepts it as a matter of course," and he passed the corner where he should have turned, so profound was his preoccupation.

Their flat was in the eleventh story of a great white marble building of apartments in the heart of the city. The window of Adelaide's best-loved room overlooked East River. She was wont to call it her chamber of the enchanting view.

Sometimes heavy thunder clouds hung like a fringe while the western sun streamed yellowly beneath, outlining buildings of white, of pink, of old rose, of gray. Sometimes the river ran like a ribbon of pearl gray, then like a ribbon of blue. Always there were ships painted on it, dull white of cloudy days, brilliant in the sun.

At first Buddie stood for hours at this window, looking out at the river and the ships, Adelaide by his side, her arm around him.

"You see that white ship sailing slowly along, Buddie," she would say to him. "Now watch it, sweet. When it gets between the tall pink buildings where the street is, it is yours."

"Can I hold it in my hand?" asked Buddie.

"No. You can't hold it in your hand. It is too far away. But it is yours. I give it to you."

"I don't want it," said Buddie stubbornly, "if I can't hold it in my hand."

"You can call it yours."

"I don't want to call it mine," declared Buddie with a frown.

"Then," suggested Adelaide, "take that big white cloud sailing by. Isn't that beautiful?"

"That's too far away, too," complained Buddie, "to hold in my hand."

It was perhaps this inability to grasp and hold things which engendered Buddie's unrest. Or possibly it was only his nature.

Whichever it was he by-and-by gave way to bursts of rage that were terrible to those who looked on.

"He swears like a trooper in them spells of his," declared the maid, who was now and then called in to assist in calming him.

"Them little furrin' children ain't got much manners," the cook informed her.

A certain something in these outbursts appealed to a corresponding chord in Adelaide.

There had been times in her life when, excepting for the proprieties, she would have given way to like paroxysms, when it was in her to weep and to wail, to beat her head impotently against the dead wall of her own helplessness, to cry out against fate.

She set herself the task of comforting him. Placing him by the window whose enchanting view she counted upon for help, she brought out bits of paper and turned them into salt cellars for his amusement. She cut them in squares. She folded the square at each corner,

he standing mutely by, the tears on his lashes.

She folded the four corners, put her four fingers into the four triangles, squeezed them together and placed the paper salt cellars in a row on the window sill.

Buddie was visibly pleased. "You can make birds of them, too," said Adelaide, delighted with his evident admiration which had served half to dry his tears, "but I have forgotten how."

"Make birds of them," commanded Buddie.

Adelaide attempted the miracle. She turned back one triangled corner of the salt cellar. She twisted and retwisted it in the effort to fashion it into the shape of the head of a bird. It was simple enough when one knew how, but as she said, she had forgotten.

After the third attempt she apologized humbly.

"I'm afraid I can't do it, Buddie," she said.

She was amazed and distressed at the sudden and appalling fury into which this threw Buddie. The rose of his complexion turned to dull red. His black eyes blazed. He flung himself on the rug face down in a spasm of rage.

At length when the tempest had spent itself Adelaide got him into her lap and turned his face to the window.

She rocked him back and forth, caressing his mat of curls.

"Tell me what ails you, Buddie," she implored, "I want to help my little baby boy."

Buddie looked out on the river and up at the sky.

"It's too high up," he sobbed, "and everything is such a long way off. I hate the clouds that are too high up to catch, and the ships you can't hold in your hand. And there's no dirt to dig in," he burst out finally.

"But it is a beautiful great big city, Buddie," soothed Adelaide, so tly, "with its pink and white buildings and its ships and its rivers. Isn't it?"

"I hate it," sobbed Buddie, "I want to go home."

He raised himself out of her arms and sat staring moodily at river and sky, his dimpled brown hands twitching nervously against the white of the embroidered coat she had given him.

"I hate the high-up, he sobbed tempestuously. "I hate the ships and I hate the clouds."

He flashed the beauty of his sad face on her, lit by his great wet eyes.

"I want to get down to the ground," he stormed, "and dig!"

Adelaide had taken him home and left him flat on the brown-yellow dust of the roadside, digging. Digging furiously, gleefully, making hurriedly up for the time he had lost among ships and clouds.

She had kissed him again and again, and she looked lovingly back as long as she could catch a glimpse of his beauty as he joyously burrowed in the rich brown soil of his mother earth.

And then she had gone back home.

That evening at twilight, alone by the high-up window of the enchanting view, she looked out at the dull old blue of the ribbon river upon which were painted ships whose sails slowly turned to soft, delicate, phantomlike gray.

She looked till river and ships melted into the twilight, then glanced away to where Buddie had left the paper salt cellars in a row on the window sill.

She took up one and tried mechanically to turn it into a bird, twisting the folded corners with helpless fingers that trembled a little. So absorbed was she in her occupation that her husband entered the room without her knowledge and approached her.

"What are you trying to do, Adelaide?" he asked.

"If I could have turned this salt cellar into a bird," she answered, without looking up, "he might have stayed with me."

Leighton, with a sudden and impetuous movement, snatched the paper from her and threw it aside. He raised her up with his old-time gentleness and held her to him, pressing her head against his breast and smoothing back the brown of her hair.

"Forgive me, love," he said in deep and tender tones of self-reproach, "for leaving you lonely."

Correspondence

The matrimonial question that is being discussed in these columns appears to be gathering increased popularity, judging from the vast number of letters received at this office of late.

We regret that space will not permit to-date but we will continue to print all our printing all the letters received up-letters left over in future numbers of this publication and in the order in which they have been received. Quite a number of writers ask us to send names of certain contributors. We are unable to comply with requests of this nature as we have given our promise to protect and keep secret the names of each and all contributors unless otherwise instructed by each contributor.

If any reader desires to get acquainted with any writer of a letter appearing in these columns such reader must address us a letter enclosed in another (blank) envelope with postage stamp affixed thereto and we will forward it on through the mail to the party which it is intended for. When writing us please give your full name and post office address, not necessarily for publication but as an evidence of good faith.

Who is Prospector?

Will "Prospector," whose letter appeared in our Correspondence Column in April please send his name and address to this office at once so that we may forward him a number of letters received in reply to his letter. Through some oversight on the part of our office staff "Prospector's" name and address was mislaid and we are unable to forward to him his letters until such time as we hear from him again. "Prospector" please write us at once. (Editor).

Why Joseph Was Accepted.

Young Joseph Green was fain to wed "artistic" Minnie Brown, But when he wooed she tossed her head And wore an awful frown.

"No, sir," she said, "the man I wed (I don't desire a saint) Must have enough brains in his head To learn to draw and paint."

Joe went away, with heart quite faint; "I fear she'll ne'er be mine," He sighed, "I cannot learn to paint, 'Twould take me all my time."

He sat him down once more to think How he had best begin; Oh, happy thought! "With pen and ink I'll gratify her whim."

On wings of love he quickly flew, And gained his Minnie's side; "My darling! will this drawing do?" "Oh, yes," she quick replied.

Within his sheltering arms she flew, Put hers around his neck; What, think you, was it that he drew? Not landscape, but—a cheque.

"Kipling No. 2."

Regina, Sask., April 10, 1908. Scene.

A lonely shack on the prairie, But a home when the day is done. With kitchen, and bedroom, and parlor, And drawing-room all in one.

Within a young man is seated, Western Home Monthly in his hand, Intent on the lassies' letters. Surely now you will understand.

The Bachelor's Meditation. Somewhere, perhaps in this great North West,

A maid is waiting for me, Sincere and true, and with heart of gold, And sweet in her purity.

His Hope. A lassie I need to squeeze and kiss, And hug and worry and tease, Who'll be my sweetheart when we are wed, And sometimes sit on my knees.

Not a Young Lady Within 12 Miles.

Rosetown, Sask., April 21, 1908.

Editor.—I have left my subscription with the postmaster so thought I would forward you an editorial as well as a letter which I would like you to forward to Blueberry, Dryden, Ont.

Having been an interested reader of your paper for sometime past, thought I would send in my little piece, trusting that I may be lucky enough to hear from some of your lady readers. I belong to that common class, the lonely homesteader, and I believe with my fellow sufferers, the very loneliest as there is not a young lady within a 12 mile radius. I am a young bachelor, 26 years old, 5 feet 11 inches in height, moderate smoker, fair education, and a Protestant.

I see in very many cases that the average young lady seems to think it slavery to be obliged to do outside work or chores. For my part, I think certain classes of work should not be done by a woman, but it seems to me that when necessary a woman should be able to do these things. I am also

very fond of music from a Jew's harp up. Must not take up any more of your valuable space. "I. B. Longfellow."

From the Far North.

Alberta, March 22, 1908.

Editor.—Can you find room in your ever welcome and interesting magazine for a lonely bachelor's letter, of 24, fair complexion, light hair and moustach, 6 feet in height and a steady going young chap. For the past six months I have been living on a homestead, before that I was living in a town, but like country life best, if only I had a nice help-mate and companion to make life brighter, especially these long winter evenings sitting alone with a pipe for my only comfort, building castles in the air.

Kindly forward letter enclosed to "Mira" of December issue. Wishing all success to your correspondence column. "Dimple."

Hayseed Means Business.

Rouleau, Sask., March 25, 1908.

Editor.—I am an old subscriber of your valuable paper and have read with interest the correspondence department. It seems to me that only young ladies write. What is the matter with the older ones? I am middle aged and would like to correspond with a lady between thirty and thirty-five or a young widow. She must be a lady; I mean a respectable woman. I do not want a slave, but a life partner. I will not describe myself but if any good lady wishes my address she will find it with the editor. "Hayseed."

A Voice from Merrie England.

Carleton Road, Pontefract, Yorkshire, England.

March 10, 1908.

Editor.—Having received the Xmas number of the Western Home Monthly from relatives in Canada and being very much interested in your correspondence column, I now write in answer to "Dare Devil Jack."

I am 19 years of age next April, and considered rather nice looking. My father was formerly a farmer but having a large family of girls we each, in turn, had to learn a trade, I being made no exception.

My ideal man must be honorable and affectionate, but not necessarily handsome. I believe in the old proverb, "Handsome is as handsome does." Hoping to receive an answer shortly. "Mustard."

About Twenty and Fat.

File Hills, Sask., March 13, 1908.

Editor.—For some time I have enjoyed reading your magazine and would like very much to join your circle.

I am fair and have blue eyes, and about 22 years of age, rather good looking. I like farming very much indeed. I can milk and drive; can make myself useful on a farm, can do house-keeping. I can play piano and violin and like singing. I am a Protestant but don't go to church much, not much more than three times a year. I am rather fat and have rather big feet, but that is not my fault but my misfortune. I would like to correspond with a nice young man about 25 years old. "Goldy."

Thinks Western Canada O. K.

Alberta, March 20, 1908.

Editor.—I have read with much interest the letters in the correspondence page and think the paper worth twice the subscription price for that department alone.

I am only a recent subscriber but would like a seat in the circle if possible. I am one of those horrible bachelors from the prairie which the young ladies (some of them) call narrow-minded old fogies living in six by eight huts. Those huts mostly grow with the country; mine is now 20 by 24 and 12 by 16 kitchen attached and many have that beat for room, but that is plenty of room for one to care for and do the farm work besides.

I have travelled some, having been in many parts of the States, China, Mexico, Cuba, Philippines, and Alaska, but find Western Canada the banner of them all as a place for anyone to make money fast, which means also making a home.

I think the young ladies over the pen name of "Two Squashes" in the December number will do fine if they are caught in the matrimonial tide, as their ideals certainly never will be farmers unless they change their minds, but most girls do as they grow older and their childish fancies wear off. Girls, did you ever receive any answers to that letter?

Well, I will give a description of myself and if any of the ladies wish to write me I shall be only too glad to answer any and all letters and possibly one of them might make an impression on my mind which would not wear off as I have roamed around enough and have batched it here over three years and begin to feel the need of the better half.

I am 28 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh 180 pounds, have brown eyes, brown curly hair, and never owned a mustache in my life, am a total abstainer, but use the pipe and tobacco as they are one of my few comforts. I enjoy a dance, party, music or anything which brings pleasure. "Curly."

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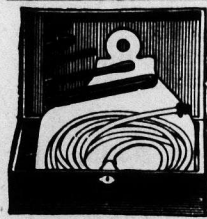
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Happy Posy Wants Happy Lover.

Sperling, March 18, 1908. Editor.—I have been very much interested in the letters of the correspondence column, and would like to correspond with "Happy Lover," Sperling.

I am tall, good looking, good natured and a splendid housekeeper. If "Happy Lover" would send his true signature to "Happy Posy."

Mosquito Gets Busy.

Kimberley, Ont., March 18, 1908. Editor.—The other day I chanced to have the opportunity of reading a copy of your interesting magazine, and as I read its entire contents from front to back I became so interested in it I desired to subscribe for it at once. I liked it fine. The correspondence column arrested my attention greatly, the unity which it showed in spirit and yet the vast difference of the ideas of some. There were some which I fully agreed with and some I thought were very hard to suit.

I liked Yorkshire Lassie's letter. I think she has a lot of sense and good judgment. She seems to be fully alive to the conditions that exist in our great Canadian North West, especially the remote parts. I speak from experience as I have travelled through Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It certainly is lonesome for the bachelor and more so for the ones whose work is in the house, especially if they live quite a distance from town. I have been in places that were fairly well settled and yet it took two and three days to get to town, sometimes more. In such cases the women in these districts seldom went to town except in the middle of the summer when it was fine.

Now a word about the bachelors of the West: Take them as a rule they are pretty good fellows, hard working, industrious, honest fellows. Occasionally I would meet an old crank. But I think most of them would like to have a companion to brighten up their homes and do the cooking, and would do their best to make life for her as happy as possible.

I also liked the letters signed by "No Chore Boy" and "Interested." As this is my first letter I would like to see it in print if it is worthy of the valuable space which it would occupy. I do not write it with a view to matrimony as I live in an Eastern country which is well settled and I think if a fellow is any good in a well settled district he doesn't need to seek a companion for life in a far off field. Although, I would like to correspond with any girl between eighteen and twenty-two for mere pastime. I am twenty-one years old myself, a farmer, and intend to be one as I think it an independent occupation. "Mosquito."

Thinks Our Magazine Is It.

Estevan, Sask., March 20, 1908. Editor.—Will you please allow a lonely Northwestern reader to enter your interesting columns? I think your magazine is just splendid for it has a wee corner in it for every member of the family. "Countess Aveline," I think you are awfully hard on the Yankees. I am a Yankee and am proud of it, although I have nothing against Canadians.

I hope some nice Yankee gentleman may meet "Countess Aveline" and change her opinions. Some of the bachelors write very nice letters, but some ask us to write first which I think is not ladylike. Do you? I would like to correspond with some lonely bachelors, providing they write first.

I have dark eyes and hair, weigh 130 pounds, and am 5 feet 7 inches tall. Hoping I will not drop into the wastebasket, but thanking you for space either there or in your valuable magazine. I must stop, wishing your paper every success. "Lalla Rookh."

Ontario Girl Gets Interested.

Ontario, March 29, 1908. Editor.—Having received a copy of your W. H. M. I may say that I was very much interested in it, as I read the paper from start to finish.

I think the correspondence column is very interesting, as some of the bachelors' letters are so romantic. I feel so sorry for "Rev. Dooley." I am sure none of our Ontario girls would use a fellow that way. By the way, I would like to correspond with him.

I love dancing and all kinds of amusement. I am 19 years of age, blue eyes, fair complexion and dark hair. I intend to visit the "wild and woolly West" next fall. I can sympathize with the poor homesick boys, because I have a couple of brothers batching it.

Well, as I am not a subscriber of your paper, you will have to excuse me for writing such a long letter. Hoping to see this in print, if it has the good fortune to escape the dreadful calamity of the wastebasket. With best wishes to your W. H. M. "Blue-eyed Edythe"

Saskatchewan, April 17th 1908.

Editor.—Being as I am a regular subscriber to your excellent paper it gives me great pleasure to let you know that through the medium of your correspondence column I have secured one of the best girls living for my wife. The event took place on April 8th. Her pen name was "Brown Eyed Lassie." I can assure you and all the bachelor friends that true companionship is one of the greatest pleasures of life.

You can depend upon it that the W.

H. M. must come to our home as long as it is in print and we are living to receive it. "Bill."

No Old Maid for Lonely Bill.

Delisle, Sask., April 24, 1908. Editor.—As I am reading your magazine with interest and find much pleasure reading the correspondence column, I thought I would write a few lines to let you know that Saskatchewan has some young homesteaders waking up and thinking of trying some other way of winning a girl for a sweetheart.

We have such few girls here that about every 10th man gets a pick, and a mighty poor pick, too. If there is any young lady who has not yet found him, I would like to hear from her. Of course, she must be a jolly sort of decent girl, as I am 22 years old and a bit jolly myself.

I have my homestead all broke and proved up and am ready to make the best of it. We have some old maids around here so the old maid knows she must stay back. I would like to hear from the girl who addresses herself "Balcarres Rosebud." I will now conclude with best wishes to the W. H. M. and the girl looking for me. Two shoes make a pair, one shoe for "Lonely Bill No. 6."

Boys Requested not to Rush.

Ontario, April 24, 1908. Editor.—I am not a subscriber to the Western Home Monthly but have it sent to me every month. I enjoy reading it very much, especially the correspondence column. I do not want to get married, at least not yet. Would like to correspond with some of the male or female correspondents. "Male preferred."

I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, have dark brown hair and brown eyes, am very fond of music and play some; am fond of any kind of innocent amusement, like dancing or a friendly game of cards.

I have never lived on a farm, but could milk a cow if I had to and have no objection to a farmer provided he is the right kind.

He must not drink anything stronger than water or black tea and must not chew tobacco, but I have no objection to smoking, I rather like to see a man enjoying a smoke.

I am a Presbyterian and don't believe I could be anything else. I can cook well enough to suit the ordinary man. I have given myself a good recommendation, don't you think so, boys? Now hurry, boys, and avoid the rush. There is sure to be one. "Brown Betty."

She Says This is Leap Year.

Ontario, April 23, 1908. Editor.—I am not a subscriber to your magazine but my sister-in-law takes it, so I read it every month and like it, especially the correspondence column, very much.

I do not wish to get married; in fact, I intend to be an old maid, but I would like to correspond with some of the lonely bachelors. I like the letters from "Girls' Ideal," or "Shellriver Cowboy," and think they would be jolly.

I am 21 years old, about 5 feet 3 inches tall and have brown hair, slightly inclined to be red, and brown eyes. I am a Protestant, do not object to dancing but would not like a man who drinks, chews tobacco or takes sugar in his tea.

I do not live on a farm but think I could learn to milk the cows. I am a stenographer and want to come out West and would like to be acquainted with some of the people, especially the boys, before I come.

Now, boys, hurry up and write to me; this is leap year, you know, and it will not come again for four years. "Airy Fairy Lillian."

Brick Yard Blonde Murmurs.

Broadview, Sask., April 19, 1908. Editor.—I now take the opportunity of taking part in your correspondence columns. I am a constant reader of your valuable paper as we receive it every month. I am greatly interested in the correspondence column, for many of the letters therein are very amusing and interesting.

Now, since I have mentioned the correspondence I will say a little more. I notice letters from girls and boys to girls and boys, letters from Montreal as far west as Vancouver, and they are all readers of the W. H. M. I think myself that this is indeed a model way of showing the popularity of your valuable paper.

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Always Try to Please Girls.
Thunder Creek, April 6th, 1908.

Editor.—I am very much interested in your correspondence columns and please accept my thanks. I would like very well to correspond with some good looking girl up to or under 26 years. I am 23 years old and not bad looking at all, weight 165 lbs., and I am good in music and like always to have a good time. I do not use tobacco and never drink liquor. I always try to please the girls as I like them, and I wish you girls would send me a line next mail. I will answer all letters.
"Finger Fingerson."

Money is Good, but True Love Better.
Ontario, April 21, 1908.

Editor.—I have taken your paper for two months and think it is all it is claimed to be. I like reading the letters and thought I would have my say along with the rest. Like all others, I am interested in the bachelors and think if they are sincere in what they say they are hard to beat. "Blacksmith Bill," this girl would answer your letter if you care to write her, but she is not good looking or is not an angel, but believes in being fair and honest. "White Pine," I think your idea about a girl is all right and think that the girl you get will be a lucky one if you mean all you say. I don't think any woman would mind living anywhere so long as she would be happy. I like the letter from "Interested Beauty." Beauty does not go very far with me, give me the fellow with the good, true heart and I would take all risks. Money is very good but true love is better. I would like to hear from any one who will care to write letters, post cards, photo or any way at all. All who want my address can get it from the editor.
"Allyx Ann."

Ham and Eggs for Two.
Olds, Alta., April 19, 1908.

Editor.—Have been reading the correspondence columns and think they are very interesting, and thought I would try my luck in writing. I am 19 years old, dark eyes and dark hair, weight 165 lbs., and smoke once in a while; that is, three times a day. I am very fond of music and can play a piano and cornet. I should like to correspond with good looking, jolly girl about 18 years old. She must not be cranky. I think a woman should not do any outdoor work except probably to feed the chickens. I am not really a bachelor as I still live with my parents, but expect to batch on my homestead this summer. My wife, or going to be wife, must be an athletic girl. She must know how to shoot, ride and play the piano. She must be dark complected, and a neat housekeeper. Hoping to hear from some young lady who answers description, I remain,
"Ham and Eggs."

"Pat" Too Young to Wed?
Yellow Grass, Sask., April 20, 1908.

Editor.—I have read with pleasure the correspondence column of your W. H. M. and would like to write to some of the young ladies who wish to write to the lonely bachelors. I for one think it is a good thing to have some one to write to and hear from. I am not writing with the intentions of matrimony at present as I am only 23 years of age and think that a little young. I am 5 feet 11 inches in height, weight 170 lbs., dark hair and blue eyes, and temperate habits. I will answer all letters with pleasure; everybody welcomed to write. I would like at present to correspond with "Cigarette" and "Happy Thought" in your February number.
"Happy Pat."

Widows Not Barred.
Saskatchewan, April 29, 1908.

Editor.—I have been a reader of your paper almost constantly since its commencement, although not a subscriber. I am especially interested in the correspondence, as so much can be learned from a letter (between the lines). I was particularly interested in the February number as there were so many letters from the fair sex of quite tender years. I expected they would be at school at that age instead of asking boys of 20 or 21 to correspond. I wonder if their parents know



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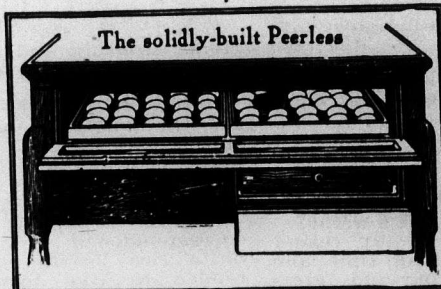
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A Promising Maiden.

Alberta, Mar. 26, 1908.
Editor.—I have read with interest the letters in the W. H. M. and have decided to join the rest.

I think the correspondence column is very interesting especially to us young ladies. Well I will try and describe myself as I see the rest have done.

I am just 17 years old and every one that sees me calls me handsome.

I have golden curly hair light blue eyes and no freckles at all, am not very tall, very slender and graceful.

I am a very good cook and house-keeper. Can dance, skate, ride horse back and handle a team just fine. Would like to correspond with "Jolly Pete."

"American Rose."

"Husky" not Goody Goody Sort.

Guernsey, Sask., April 11, 1908.

Editor.—I have been a steady reader of your magazine for a long time and have found it very amusing and interesting the long winter nights. I think some of our lady friends are rather hard on us bachelors when we are trying to do the best we can to make a home for ourselves. I think it is better to be a bachelor and be your own boss than have some fair sex who think of nothing but having a good time and chewing the rag with you when you come in from your work. As for feeding pigs and milking cows, I have not seen any of the women doing it yet in this part of the West. I have traveled quite a bit over this Western country in the course of 18 years. I notice in some of the letters that the ladies are death on tobacco. I do not think there is any harm in a man having a pipe of tobacco at night; it is not so bad as to see girls chewing gum. I suppose they better do that than chew the rag.

As regards myself, I am 38 years of age, curly hair, dark brown eyes, weight 170 pounds, neither happen to be proud nor good looking. I am not one of

those goody goody sort that we read so much about. I am fond of a pipe. I am living on a homestead and have not got starved out with my cooking yet; can always cook three square meals a day, so will close, wishing the paper success. All wishing to answer this letter will find name with the editor.

"Husky."

No Adventuress Need Apply.

Fillmore, Sask., April 11, 1908.

Editor.—Having been reading your excellent magazine lately I thought I would like to join your correspondence column. I will plainly state my wants.

I desire a good woman to help make a home in this wild country. I will try and explain myself. I want a woman for a helpmate and companion in life. No adventuress need apply. I am rather dark complected, 5 feet 4½ inches tall, am as ugly as sin, but will exchange photos with any girl, she to be the judge. Hurry up, maidens, quick march.

"Quick March."

Doing Great Work for Lonely Bachelors

Innisfree, Alta., April 24, 1908.

Editor.—My sister takes the Western Home Monthly and while visiting her I got very much interested in the correspondence column.

I feel you must be doing a great work for the lonely bachelors, also lassies, throughout Canada and I am sure that many of them will live to either "bless or curse" the day when they sought their "honey" through your columns.

I do not think it any fault of your correspondence column if it should unite two hearts that were never intended to live together, for we all know there are unhappy marriages all over the world and always will be. I have known people who have kept company for years, and quarreled within six months after their marriage.

Well, Mr. Editor, I must close. Would you please forward the enclosed letter to "Cigarette" as I was much interested in her letter in the February number. Yours truly,

"D'Artagnan."

Pansy's Got the Goods.

Alberta, March 25th, 1908.

Editor.—I have been reading your correspondence columns, and think they are very interesting to us all.

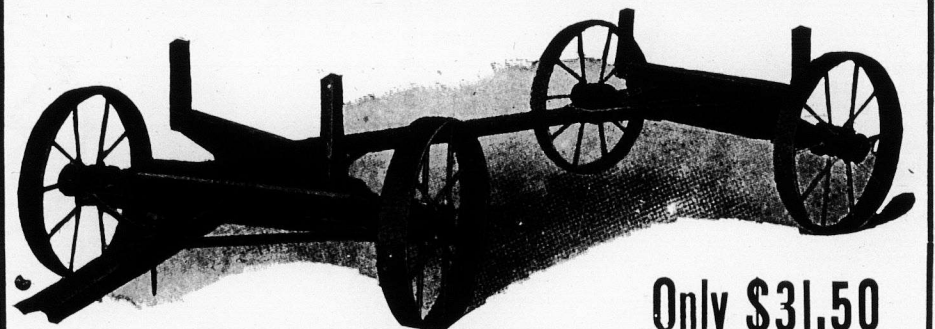
Nearly every person describes themselves so I will try and describe myself as well as I can.

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piano and guitar very well and am fond of any kind of music.
 I can ride horse back, skate and dance.
 I am a good cook and neat housekeeper, so I think I could make some gentleman a good wife.
 I don't want any one that drinks or uses tobacco in any way.
 I would like to correspond with the boy, who signs his name "Happy Jack."
 "Pansy."

Letters Exchanged.

Space will not permit us to print a complete list of the letters received and exchanged from this office relative to our correspondence page. We present to our readers a brief summary and partial list which demonstrates very clearly that the interest in our correspondence page is on the increase.

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| Mailed from | Addressed to |
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| Boissevain, Man. | Marie. |
| Winnipeg | Pick-axe Bill. |
| Virde, Man. | Old-fashioned Girl. |
| Rosebank, Man. | Riverside Maiden. |
| Drinkwater, Sask. | Pick-axe Bill. |
| Carlevalle, Sask. | Happy Thought. |
| Turner, Sask. | Sask. Beauty. |
| Turner, Sask. | Bell No. 2. |
| Dubuc, Sask. | Sask. Beauty. |
| Mortlach, Sask. | Impudent Lassie. |
| Mortlach, Sask. | Marie. |
| Truro, N.S. | Rosalynne. |
| Cupar, Sask. | Blueberry. |
| Cupar, Sask. | Tiny Rose Bud. |
| Yellow Grass, Sask. | Impudent Lassie. |
| Lloydminster, Sask. | Impudent Lassie. |
| Summerberry, Sask. | Jessamine. |
| Carnegie, Man. | Old Fashioned Girl. |
| Caron, Sask. | Impudent Lassie. |
| Bannerman, Man. | Lily of the East. |
| Innisfail, Alta. | Gipsy. |
| Innisfail, Alta. | English Old Rose. |
| Laurence, Alta. | Cigarette. |
| Laurence, Alta. | English Old Rose. |
| Boharm, Sask. | Blueberry. |
| Boharm, Sask. | English Old Rose. |
| Innisfail, Alta. | Bell No. 2. |
| Innisfail, Alta. | Scotch Lassie. |
| Milestone, Sask. | Rosebud. |
| Milestone, Sask. | Old-fashioned Girl. |
| Nicomen, B. C. | Honor Bright. |
| Loganton, Sask. | Old-fashioned Girl. |
| Saskatoon, Sask. | Gipsy. |
| Neepawa, Man. | Any Girl. |
| Davidson, Sask. | Tiny Rose Bud. |
| Davidson, Sask. | Honor Bright. |
| Dana, Sask. | Sask. Beauty. |
| Dana, Sask. | Old-fashioned Girl. |
| Scana, Alta. | Eastern Rose. |
| Scana, Alta. | Sask. Beauty. |
| Scana, Alta. | Rosebud. |
| Maymount, Sask. | Tiny Rose Bud. |
| Macoun, Sask. | Yorkshire Girl. |
| Birtle, Man. | Sask. Beauty. |
| Nicomen, B. C. | English Girl. |
| Gravenhurst, Ont. | Dare Devil Jack. |
| Eagle Creek, Sask. | Gipsy. |
| McAuley, Man. | Wild Plum. |
| Dayphin, Man. | Tiny Rose Bud. |
| Mayburn, Man. | Sask. Beauty. |
| Seattle, Wash. | Nobody's Little Girl. |
| Balgownie, Sask. | Rosebud. |
| Calgary, Alta. | Cheerful Lassie. |
| Purves, Man. | Brown Eyes. |
| Minto, Man. | Wild Plum. |
| Ochre River, Man. | Ripe Strawberry. |
| Esterhazy, Man. | Wild Plum. |
| Mortlach, Sask. | Ontario Girl. |
| Mortlach, Sask. | Tiny Rosebud. |
| Zeleandia, Sask. | Rosalynne. |
| Minto, Man. | Tiny Rosebud. |
| Crystal City, Man. | Honor Bright. |
| Moose Jaw, Sask. | Wild Plum. |
| Melita, Man. | Nobody's Little Girl. |
| Edson, Ont. | Cigarette. |

Eighteen and Winsome.

Alta., Mar. 26, 1908.
 Editor.—I picked up your paper the other day, noticed the heading, read a few pieces, then came to a column entitled Correspondence, read a few letters, then decided to write one for my own future comfort and happiness.
 I am 18 years of age, weigh 128 lbs., am dark complexioned with beautiful large brown eyes.
 I have brown hair, am tall, slender, and graceful.
 I am a first class cook and excellent house keeper. I want a man that can provide for me also give me a nice comfortable home.
 I am a lover of music and am a beautiful singer, would like to correspond with the gentleman that calls himself "A Home Lover."
 "Prairie Rose."

In Love With Lady Correspondents.

Franklin, Man., April 17, 1909.
 Editor.—I have been reading your wonderful paper for some time and find it very interesting. The correspondence columns in particular. I am head over heels in love with a lot of your lady correspondents and would ask you to do me a great favor by forwarding this letter I am sending enclosed to "Olive," Saskatchewan, written Feb. 6, 1908, in March number and I'll be everlastingly obliged. Wishing you every success, also your paper, I beg to remain
 "Lucky Jim."

A Plea for Lady Friend.

Ontario, April 15, 1908.
 Editor.—Though only a recent reader of your excellent monthly I have been considerably amused with the correspondence and being something of a romancer have enlisted my sympathies in behalf of the Western bachelors. How the dear things manage alone is to me quite a conundrum. They tell me I do not vouch for the veracity of the statement—that all the West needs to make it a grand and great country is refined women, and when we say refined we do not mean that this should place them above being a helpmate for their husbands, for this would be refinement without feeling. Circumstances may arise to test whether there be feel-



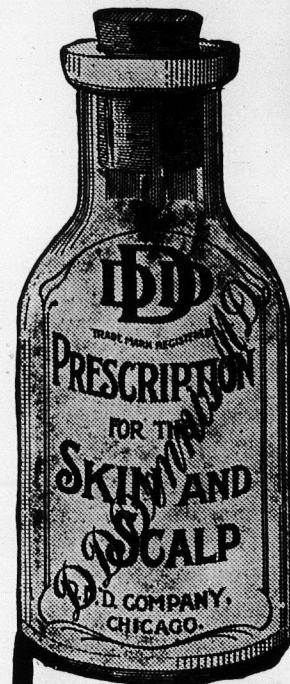
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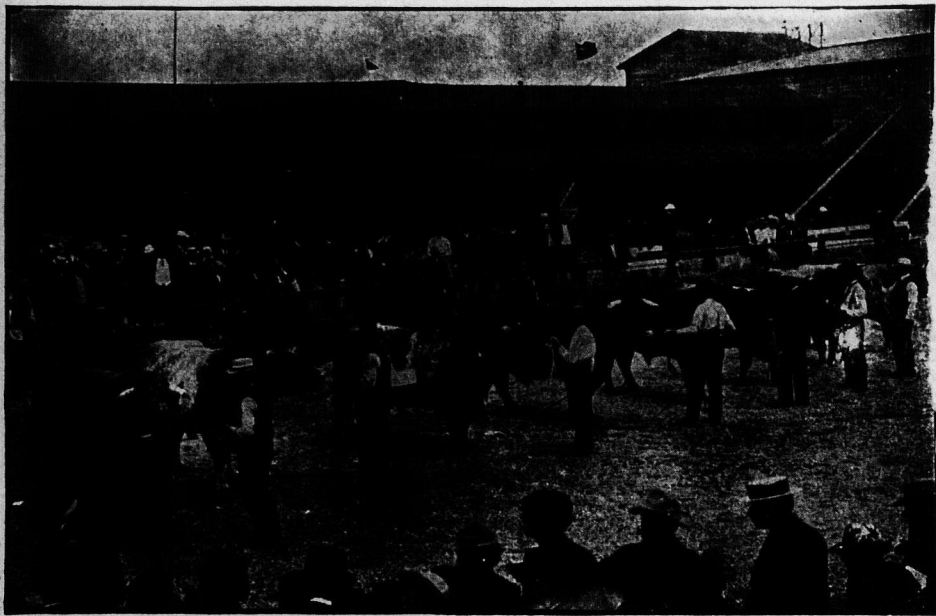
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No Objections to Young Widow.

British Columbia, April 20, 1908.
Editor.—Kindly permit me, too, a small space in the correspondence columns of your valuable magazine.

I wish to say first of all that your magazine with me is a welcome visitor, only am sorry that it does not come often enough. Space would not permit to repeat all that could be said in its praise and nothing short of the greatest credit could be given to all concerned for getting up and putting before the public a publication of much useful, interesting and attractive reading at such a small cost.

Like a great many of our friends I have been considerably interested in the correspondence columns; to me it is very interesting to watch the different opinions in regard to matrimonial questions, some quite sensible, others rather amusing and foolish. Some have raised the objection for seeking companionship by this means, but as far as I can see, I think it is just as proper and wise as any other to which one might resort to for finding one suitable to his or her taste.

Now, I cannot say that I am like the one of the poor isolated bachelors on the homesteads who no doubt have somewhat of a difficulty in finding a companion. This is not the case with me. We have a good supply of the fair sex here, perhaps a few too many, but among the many I have not found one so far to meet my requirements and I am not as hard to please as some may think, but to tell the truth, one must admit that very few of city girls are the right kind so far to make a happy home.

I prefer one who is brought up in a good home on the farm. I think one that is brought up in a good home on the farm is worth a dozen of city girls, and I would like very much to correspond with a young lady who has been brought up in a country home, one who is of a loving disposition, kind hearted, neat and tidy in all things, and above all, she must be a Christian (not merely a church member). No one who is careless in spiritual things and who is a lover of worldly pleasures need write. I would prefer dark hair, no objections to a young widow, height and weight is immaterial, character is the principal thing; one between 18 and 28 years old. Please write. Address with the editor.
"Bank Clerk."

Her Hair Must Not be White.

Weyburn, Sask., April 20, 1908.
Editor.—Being a subscriber and reader of your valuable magazine and interested very much in the correspondence columns, I would like to have a letter in them. I have never written before because the girls around here tried to advise me that I could do better near home. I am one of those beings entitled "lonely bachelors," in fact they call them here "dirty old bachelors." Well I want to get changed soon so I will have the good opinion of the people and the good daughter of some Canadian. (If she isn't, I won't take her).

I would like to correspond with some girl near eighteen, good looking, must not weigh too much, because I think a wife needs a lot of nursing. I am not particular about color of hair as long as it is not white; a good cook, for I am tired of the job.

I am a farmer, have a half section of land and everything necessary to work it. I am twenty-two years old, weigh 150 lbs., 5 feet 8 inches tall, fair complexion, blue eyes, don't use tobacco or strong drinkers, don't tell a lie, only when the truth won't answer, so if any of you fair maids living with your Mas and Pas would like to change your home and live with me, there's a chance. My address will be with the editor. Write girls; I am dear.
Wishing you every success, I am
"A Juggler."

Maiden of Tender Years.

Buffalo Plain, Sask., March 28, 1908.
Editor.—I am an interested reader of your grand magazine, and take great pleasure in looking over the correspondence column.

Although I am not a subscriber our neighbor is and we exchange papers and I have been reading your magazine for over two years.

I think that "Red Head" as she signs herself in your August number is rather hard on "Plow Boy."

She says if he wanted a girl he should not take her until he has a good comfortable home.

Well that is a right. I do not think he would need a wife if he had a girl in the kitchen, but she should not feed pigs or milk cows or any of that sort of work so what good would she be to him?

I think if a man is going to take a wife as a helpmate she should be a helpmate and not a princess.

I think that the wife should help her husband in any thing she can when he needs her even if it be plowing or crocheting and the husband should do the same by his wife.

I would like to correspond with some nice respectable young man who does not use liquor of any kind. I don't mind a little tobacco smoking.

I am only a school girl yet but school girls are what always make a school-mistress. And if there is any who will want a cook in the future he had better hurry up.

I am 5 feet, 6 in. high, weigh 125 lbs., have brown hair, blue eyes, not light blue, if any one cares to know more of

me they will find my address with the editor. And if my letter is so lucky as to escape the waste basket I hope to hear from some of the bachelors but they must not be under 16 years of age and not over 100 years. Wishing the readers and editor every success.
"School Girl."

Short Letter but to the Point.

Lanigan, Sask., March 25, 1908.
Editor.—I am a subscriber to your valuable magazine and an occasional writer to the correspondence column, and although I read the correspondence columns of other papers I think yours is equal to any, and would like to ask, through your paper, for a few correspondents. I am not in search of a wife yet as I want to get a respectable cage before I get the bird, but will gladly answer any who care to write to me, wishing you and all the members success.
"Sod Buster."

Long John Not Good Talker.

Alberta, March 29, 1908.
Editor.—I have been very much interested in your Monthly.
I should like very much to correspond with any of the young ladies who should care to write.
I am not much good at talking to the girls and would rather write to them.
"Long John."

Buster Tired of Baching.

Weyburn, Sask., March 13, 1908.
Editor.—I have been reading your Western Home Monthly and so I subscribed last month and have taken quite an interest in reading the correspondence from other people.

So I thought that I would take the liberty of writing myself.
I am a bachelor, 19 years of age, height 5 feet, 9 inches, weight 150 pounds, light hair and complexion.

I am tired of baching and should like to correspond with some nice fair complexioned young lady about 18 or 19 years old.

I should very much like to write to "Winter Sunshine," Prairie Wolf.
"Buster."

Would Come West.

Palmerston, Ont., Mar. 20, 1908.
Editor.—I read your correspondence pages with pleasure. I would like to correspond with "Robbie Ranteltree," Calgary, or with any person from 45 to 50 as I am 43 myself.

I am anxious to go west and this is the only way I know to get there.
"Susan Jane."

Wants a Better Half.

Sask., March 30, 1908.
Editor.—I am a new subscriber of your W. H. M. and thought I would write a few lines in your valuable correspondence column.

I am a bachelor on the farm and would like to hear from some of the girls who want to marry soon.

I am not hard to please like some of the other bachelors I have read about. I am 29 years past, 5 ft., 9½ in. tall, weight 170 lbs., light complexion and have sufficient to make a living for two.
"A Farmer."

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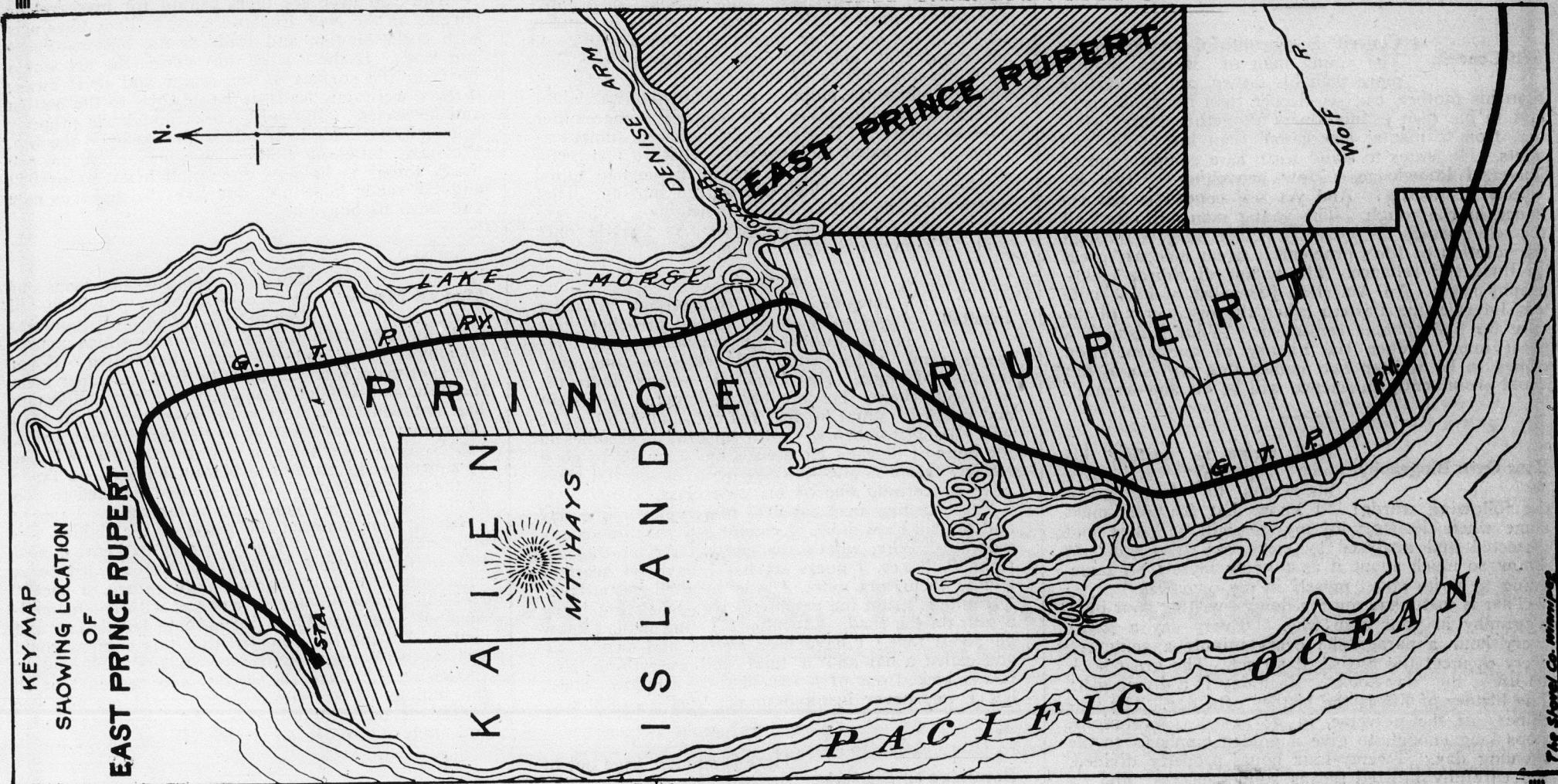
Mr. M. M. Bell, Jamesville, Va., writes under date of December 14, 1907: "Absorbine is the finest thing that I have ever used. I had a two year old colt trained the past season. She came home with a bunch on her ankle that I hated to look at. After writing to you and using the Absorbine as you advised me, there is no more bunch. I think as much again of the colt."

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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

Tongues and Ears. Solid business men are usually quiet. Captains of industry are very often "slow of speech." Great generals, as a rule, have not much to say. Deep thinkers are not always over eloquent. Great thoughts are hatched out in solitude. Deep cogitations are often born in the night. Mental secrecy is very often a condition of success. Frederick The Great once said to a friend:—"If I thought that my night-cap got hold of my slightest secret thought, I would burn it up."

Self-Conceit. Conceit is a youthful characteristic. The young man of sixteen knows more than his father, can see farther than his mother, can see deeper than his elder sister and in his own estimation is altogether more brilliant, from a mental standpoint, than his uncles and aunts. He seems to stand forth as a compendium of universal knowledge. How provoking. How infinitely disgusting! And yet self conceit is self reliance in the rough. The young man will need all the self reliance he possesses before he gets through the solution of life's problems. Great men are great in their self reliance. The writer of Edison's biography says: An American journalist of some note was interviewing Pasteur when the discoverer of the cure for hydrophobia remarked: "Your Edison is a great man. When the history of our generation comes to be written two names that will stand out most prominently in science will be his and—mine!"

Your Own Biography. Hall Caine is writing his own biography. He gives his reason for doing so in the following words: "I know that the time must come when the story of my life will be taken and dissected and analyzed by some one who will not know so much about it as I know myself, so I am going to write about myself in my own way." That is just what you are doing—writing your own biography in your own way. Every day a page; every hour a paragraph; every minute a sentence; every moment the record of an act. The great book of life is the "day book." Each day is a divine gift. The history of life is the history of a day. The machinery of the universe, in its ceaseless evolutions, stops long enough to give a golden emphasis to the dawning day. Twenty-four hours properly divided, and carefully utilized means solid success and a growing character.

Inner Resources. Any man under certain circumstances may be homesick but the man of strong mental resources will not be lonely for a prolonged period. He will make the splendid discovery of hidden riches in the realm of mental wealth. The power of thought will dominate him. The beauties of memory will fascinate him. The glories of the imagination, held in hand by a strong purpose, will inspire him. The empire of his own personality will open before him as a vast domain capable of well-nigh universal development. The real secret of happiness is the discovery of that realm of inner consciousness where the soul lives. The man who penned the biography of Robert L. Stevenson said: "Stevenson could lie in a sick-room for weeks without speaking, and yet declare truly as he asserted to Mr. Archer, 'I never was bored in my life.'"

I Hate That Man. The most deceptive thing is a face in repose. No man looks like himself when he is asleep and most men succeed in hiding themselves behind an inexpressive countenance. How beautiful certain women seem to be—until they open their lips—and then what a disappointment to the beholder. How severe certain men seem to be as you gaze upon them from a distance and yet how kind, gentle, and approachable when you study them at closer range. Most men are agreeable, and most women are charming and even the "peculiar" ones may blossom into loveliness under proper conditions. It is never safe to trust your judgment concerning any man until you have heard his voice, and felt the pressure of his hand. "I hate that man," said the impulsive Charles Lamb. "Do you know him?" asked a friend. "Of course not. If I did, I could not hate him," was the stammering reply of the tender heart.

How To Be Eloquent. The secret of eloquence is earnestness. Earnestness in almost every form results in eloquence. Eloquent words—eloquent looks—eloquent gestures. That famous preacher, Rev. Smith

Baker, an American divine of the Congregational Church, has been writing a number of articles on the subject of pulpit eloquence. He affirms that even "wrath," and "indignation" are manifestations of the possibility of eloquence in the human soul. He says:—"In our boyhood we had for a pastor a most excellent old minister, a graduate of Harvard and who studied under Dr. Emmons. The good old man was learned and wrote excellent sermons, but he was tame as tame could be. In the little village there was a Baptist church, and our church and the Baptist had no sympathy. One Sunday the Baptist minister immersed half a dozen converts by cutting a hole in the ice. Our good old father Davis could not stand that, and the next Sunday he preached upon the impropriety of such an act. He woke up, he quite shook the pulpit. No eye failed to watch him or ear to hear him. When we returned home mother said to father: "If Parson Davis loved sinners as much as he hated the Baptists what a powerful preacher he would be." The old divine had found something, at last, which had stirred him up. That which stirs you will arouse your neighbor. The secret of eloquence is earnestness. As Carlyle once said "Eloquence is logic set on fire."

Insulted. I imagine that a commercial traveller ought to make a good preacher. He is a student of human nature. He meets and talks with all classes and conditions of men. He aims at results and usually gets them. He is cheerful, hopeful, persistent and dogged. What he does not accomplish today, he will attempt tomorrow. How hopefully he smiles in the hour of defeat. He always has a supply of good stories. Here is one—a story by a commercial traveller concerning one of his own class.

"A traveling man came to his employer one day and said: "I am done. I cannot sell your goods any more." "Why, what's the matter? Aren't they all right?" "Yes, I guess so, but I have no heart to handle them any more. I was insulted yesterday!" "Insulted!" said the employer, who had spent many a year on the road. "Insulted! Young man, I know all about that. I have been cursed and sworn at, and called a liar and a thief and everything else. I was kicked out of a second-story window once; but I was never insulted in my life!"

Beveridge on Bismark. Here is another page out of Senator Beveridge's book "The Young Man and the

World. "Many years ago I heard this story of Bismark. If it is not true, it ought to be. And if it is not true specifically, it is true abstractly. He had just returned from one of his notable diplomatic victories at the beginning of his career; great crowds had assembled for a speech.

Bismark heard it all, but smoked and drank his beer and gave no sign. His secretary rushed in with excitement, and said:

"You must go out and acknowledge the applause of the people, and make a speech."

"And why," said Bismark; "why do they want me to speak; why are they applauding me?"

"Because of your great success in these negotiations," said the secretary.

"Humph!" said Bismark, "suppose I had failed!" and turned back to his smoking and his beer.

Bismark, you see, was too great for applause."

Gambetta the Bachelor. I went into a second hand book store the other day and found a volume entitled "Certain Men of Mark." The volume cost me half a dollar. I tore out half a dozen pages containing inspiring information; arranged these by subjects in my card catalogue and threw the rest into the waste paper basket. As a result I have the following nugget for the readers of the Western Home Monthly:—

Gambetta is a bachelor; but he has not lived so long without having at least contemplated marriage. The story of his engagement to an heiress in western France, and its sudden breaking-off, give us a fresh glimpse of his character. From the time of his leaving his humble home at Cahors, till his rise to the highest rank of public personages, Gambetta lived with a faithful, loving, devoted aunt, who had followed him to Paris, and who made, everywhere he went, a pleasant home for him. She was at once his maid-of-all-work and his congenial companion; and he was as deeply attached to her as she to him. His engagement to a handsome and accomplished girl, with a dowry of seven millions, was a shock to the good aunt; but she yielded gracefully to the inevitable. When the arrangements for the marriage were being discussed, however, the young lady took

it into her head to make it a condition of their union that the aunt should be excluded from the new establishment. She was scarcely elegant enough to adorn gilded salons. Gambetta explained how much his aunt had been to him; the rich beauty was only the more obdurate. Gambetta took up his hat, and with a profound bow, "Adieu," said he; "we were not made to understand each other." And the marriage was put off forever.

Corks and Leads. A young man needs two things. First something to hold him up—an inspiration. Second, something to hold him down—responsibility. Every planet in the material universe is held in its place by the joint operation of two laws. First, gravitation toward its own centre; and, second, gravitation toward the centre of some neighboring planet or constellation. A recent writer illustrates the same principle in the following manner.

"Did you ever see them fishing for mackerel or porgies on the New England coast? They have nets with corks on top, and leads at the bottom—corks and leads. If there were only corks, the net would float on the surface of the water and drift away; if there were only leads, it would drop to the bottom and be useless. But with corks and leads properly balanced, it stands in its place and encloses the fish. We have duties, disciplines, weights,—these are the heavy things to hold us down and make us useful; and He sends hope into our lives to make us men and keep us buoyant."

Men vs. Money. Men of Genius—Napoleons of Finance—Railroad Kings—Oil Kings—Steel Kings—Millionaires—Billionaires. These are the names which appear on almost every page of every newspaper. When our eyes grow weary we finally drop the paper upon the desk and wonder if our last and best civilization has not something better to offer the world than the money crowned heroes of the commercial world. Dr. S. Weir Mitchel was recently a guest of honor at a banquet given by the National Board of Trade in the United States. After he had listened to two of the speeches he slipped out of the room. Later to a friend who inquired the cause of his sudden disappearance he said, "I grew weary of hearing men talk of millions and billions and not a word about education, or moral progress, or literature, or poetry. Has the nation become so imbued with commercialism that men can talk about nothing but dollars and cents? Let me tell you, sir, that this country could well afford to pay one billion dollars for another Shakespeare." And he might have added that all the billions of American wealth could not buy one Milton or one Dante, or one Shakespeare. Saints and singers grow in an atmosphere of moral worth.

Sporty Bank Clerks. Righteousness tends toward prosperity. Carelessness tends toward poverty. No young man can draw a line between his hours of business and his hours of recreation and affirm that no relationship exists between the one and the other. We often speak of a man as living "a double life"—but men do not live a double life—they live one single and complete life—and life is so closely related that the dissipations of the evening project themselves into the business transactions of the following morning:—

Stephen M. Griswold says: "No banker will trust a clerk whom he suspects of being sporty, no matter how well he may perform the work assigned him." He further says: "Under no circumstances form the habit of gambling or betting. It does not matter in what form a man gambles; the habit is equally pernicious whether practiced on exchange or the race-track."

Sugar in the Cup. Do something to sweeten life. Do not be satisfied that the scales weigh and register an even pound—throw in an extra ounce. Men do not pay for paper and string—the merchant prince is supposed to add these to the bargain. The perfume manufacturer advertised that he could not improve the perfume so he improved the box which held the bottle. A little extra is a good advertisement, and little acts of kindness never stand in the way of commercial success or social progress. Here is a story by Dr. Talmage:—

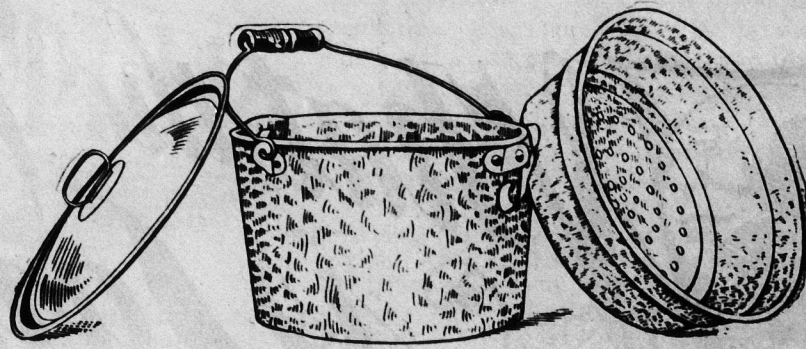
A good many years ago there lay in the streets a man dead drunk, his face exposed to the blistering noonday sun. A Christian woman passed along, looked at him, and said: "Poor fellow." She took her handkerchief and spread it over his face and passed on. The man roused himself up from his debauch, and began to look at the handkerchief, and lo! on it was the name of a highly respected Christian woman of the city. He went to her; he thanked her for her kindness; and that one little deed saved him for this life, and saved him for the life that is to come. He was afterward Attorney-General of the United States; but, higher than all, he became the consecrated disciple of Jesus Christ.

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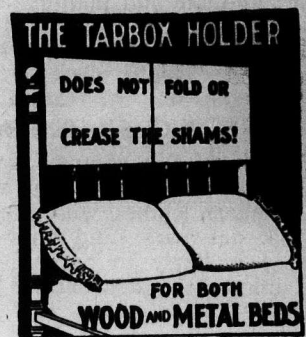



Every mop fitted with No. 1 Special Knitted Cloth. These cloths are in themselves a novelty. Composed of yarn knit and fashioned by special machinery. They are elastic, pliable, light, can be wrung with scarcely an effort and absorb water like a sponge. Our mop, the "Self Wringer" is the original, nearly 20 years on the market, and is to be found at small cost anywhere between the two Oceans and beyond both—if you don't use one you have something to learn.

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What the World is Saying

As Bad as Hoopskirts.

When the Merry Widow hat becomes epidemic, the ladies will have to pay for more than one portion of a seat in the street cars.—Ottawa Citizen.

Would Be a Case of Swelling Up.

It is said that the Oklahoma Legislature eats a bushel of popcorn a day. If it drinks plenty of water it may, some day, be a big body.—Omaha Bee.

Who; Indeed?

Who sleeps so well and laughs so often as the honest tiller of the soil? In what trade or profession can one live so close to nature and to God?—Prince Albert Advocate.

A Gun That May Compel Peace.

If there be any truth in the report about the invention of a gun that can throw shells such a distance as between London and Paris, it would seem that war may become so dangerous as to compel peace.—Halifax Herald.

Motors in Canada.

The Illustrated London News prints the picture of a motor car near an Indian tepee, and says: "There are a number of motors in Canada." This is probably true. There must be as many as, well, say, several besides the dozen or more in Indian Head.—Indian Head Vidette.

How They Succeeded.

There is not a successful man in Canada who has risen to the position he occupies by any other means than that of suiting himself to his environment and doing that which he found to do with honesty and industry.—Montreal Witness.

Lucky for Man.

Deep down in every woman's heart is the craving to be wanted by someone, the desire to be found necessary to someone. And, not having gods or angels to pick from, she is content with man. It is rather lucky for us.—Selkirk Expositor.

The Legal Status of Washington Clams.

The Supreme Court of the State of Washington has decided that clams are not "wild animals." This was on appeal from the decision of the governor of the state, who held that clams are fish, and as fish are wild animals, therefore clams are.—Portland Oregonian.

Up in a Balloon.

Floating softly up into the blue ocean of air, watching the earth sink slowly away beneath us and fade and change quietly to an immense map spread before our wondering eyes—such are the first impressions of balloon voyagers.—Century

Jonah's Gourd Not In It.

Jonah's gourd was a pretty lusty grower, but the Grand Forks liar who supplies press dispatches from the southern interior to outside dailies can make things animate and inanimate get a gait on in growing that would compel old Jonah to dope his gourd with guano if he wanted it to keep up with the procession.—Hedley Gazette.

A Climate that Breeds Vigor.

The air of this country is far too keen to encourage sloth and its attendant vices. It is the men of the northern climes who are hardy pioneers of the world's activities, and thus the manhood of this country is likely to remain sturdy and strong, and not sink to the degenerate level of many older nations.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Objectionable Postcards.

The Customs Department ought to take this matter up at once, and the postoffice officials also ought to exercise a strict supervision of all post-cards and such missives passing through the mails and confiscate and destroy such as offend against good taste and morality.—Hamilton Times.

Leave Us Our Fictions.

There ought to be some kind of a court to which all those who love real heroes and good literature could appeal for injunctions to restrain the historians and other busybodies who are seeking to destroy the world's fairest heritage in their insatiable pursuit of what they call facts.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The Playground and the Nation.

In national development the playground probably is just about as important as the workshop. We must have workers, but the possibility of good workers seems often to be settled on the playground. The school years of the child have much to do with making or marring his physical life, and both brain and body should be guarded most carefully and developed most wisely.—Brantford Expositor.

Rice-Throwing at Weddings.

There is no defence for rice-throwing at weddings. The custom is not old enough in Anglo-Saxon countries to be entitled to any veneration. It was brought to England from India by Anglo-Indians within a century or so of the present year. It is always annoying to the victims, and, as a recent serious accident shows sometimes very dangerous.—Vancouver World.

Thinking Makes it So.

A man gets it into his head that his heart does not work just right. He worries about it. Worry prevents sleep. It interferes with digestion. There is lack of nourishment; derangement. Each condition aggravates the other. The man is "run down." He is really sick. And in the end there is a case of functional difficulty. The man has real trouble with his heart and other organs. He has brought it about by wrong thinking.—London Lancet.

Honesty in Fruit, and Other Things.

Parliament has been asked by the Minister of Agriculture to make the Fruit Marks Act more drastic, and every Westerner will doubtless second the request. The purpose of the present law is to guarantee to the consumers that they get what they pay for, and to protect the public health. But why limit the application of the principle of this law to fruit dealers? Are the fruit dealers any worse as a class than a dozen other classes that believe in and practice the law of substitution and deception in business dealings with the public?—Moose Jaw Times.

Not a Good Thing Under the Pillow.

The practice of having a revolver under the pillow at night is an insane one. It rarely does any good and often results in harm. Sir Walter Scott once was told by a burglar whom he had defended that he had no money to pay him, but he would give a little advice, and it was to keep a Scotch terrier in the house, for, said the man "they will bark and keep or barking unless you kill them." A good dog is worth a whole arsenal of revolvers as a protection against burglars.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Old-Fashioned Father.

There never was an old-fashioned father any more than there is a new-fashioned father. There is no fashion in goodness, no style in badness. The father of to-day is much the same as Adam and his sons are, much the same as Cain, Abel and Seth. You will find the father of to-day like the father of yesterday, proud of his sons and foolish about his daughters; shocked when he learns any of them want to get married; unable to see that any young man is quite good enough for Martha; pained to discover that the young men of to-day are not what young men were when he was a young man; inclined to think that his silver-haired wife, who has held hypnotic sway over his very soul ever since they were married, would be lost without his hand on the helm of home. Oh, the old-fashioned father is here, don't worry, and he isn't hard to find. He is your father, maybe he is you, yourself, and there is no reason for asking what has become of him or what is going to become of him, because he always has been and always will be, world without end.—Montreal Gazette.

Getting Up Election Steam.

With the elections in Newfoundland still some months away the newspapers have become so worked up that they find it necessary to characterize opponents as "grafters," "mongrels," "traitors," and "misfits," and other discreditable things. The bigger the man, also the harsher and more numerous are the names thrown at him. It would seem that the smaller the field of politics the more violent must be the campaign if the participants are to have the relief they feel themselves in need of.—Guelph Mercury.

The Anti-Saloon Movement in the States.

In eight months, States with a combined area equal to that of France have declared for the abolition of the traffic, and there will be in the South, on January 1st next, a solid block of country 320 miles one way and 720 the other, under prohibition. All told, 40,000,000 Americans, almost half the total population of the Republic, are now living in States or municipalities from which the bar has been banished. The possibility that the question of national prohibition may be forced to the front in the coming Presidential election is rapidly becoming a probability.—New York Evening Post.

Slow Growth of Church Union.

Consideration of the circumstances leads to the opinion that if Church union should ever come it will be reached, not by a legislative operation amalgamating different bodies, but by a gradual drawing together, in advance of any formal measure. But, in the meantime, there need not be any worry about the so-called divisions. It may be that the different temperaments are blessings in disguise. It may be that variety and emulation are doing for the present age a far better work than uniformity could be expected to accomplish.—Vancouver Province.

Queen Amelia Down on Wasp Waists.

The interest excited by the recent unfortunate occurrences in Portugal has brought into public prominence the Court of that country. It has transpired that Queen Amelia takes a great interest in science and its relation to health. At one time she nearly caused a revolution at her Court by photographing with Rontgen rays one of her ladies who was celebrated for her wasp-like figure. The Queen, after developing the picture, gave a lecture on the evils of tight lacing, and held up her unfortunate sister as an awful example. All the ladies were ordered to let out their waists, and the grumbling and discontent threatened severe trouble.—London Telegraph.

Playing with Fire.

Some dilettante gentleman socialist gets the ear of a credulous, impressionable workman and makes him believe that he is a greatly injured person who is being robbed of his rights. He is told that he cannot get them until there are great social and governmental changes. They do not come, and the disheartened workman turns from his amiable instructor and hearkens to the anarchists, who tell him that only a bloody revolution will gain him his rights. Then he makes a bomb and sets out to kill some policeman or buys a pistol and tries to kill a chief of police. Thereupon the preacher of socialism who started the workman on his downward path says he is inexpressibly shocked. No doubt he is, but he ought to have reflected on the danger of playing with fire.—Chicago Tribune.

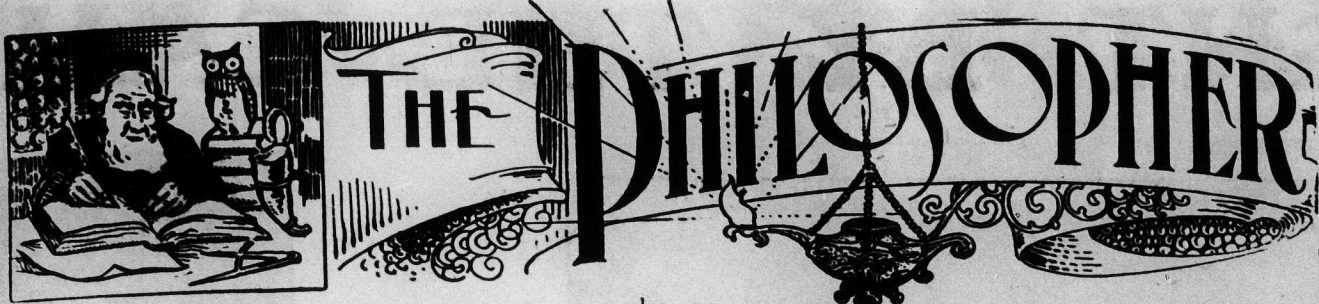
As to the Name "American."

The Victoria Colonist would like to see something done about the monopoly by our Southern cousins of the term "American," but confesses it is not clear what other one to suggest. It doesn't like the designation United Statesers as a substitute for Americans, think the word Yankee is too much disliked in the Southern States to be seriously entertained, and so leaves the question still unsettled, to be taken up another day. Public opinion in this part of Canada is not excited on the subject, and a good many people are beginning to think if we make the words Canada and Canadians stand for all that is best on this continent, we need not trouble very much about what they call themselves south of the line.—Toronto Globe.

Queer Food Fad.

Other countries have their special delicacies which, if they are sought out, appeal to the universal taste and form an agreeable and inexpensive addition to the daily menu of the average mortal who must eat. Bear steak, from the West, kangaroo tails pickled, which come from Australia, preserved goldfish from the Nile, canned abalone from California, and dried goose from Sweden are only a few of the queer foods kept for sale in the New York markets and sold in quantities every day.

Until recently people who relished snails were regarded with sentiments which savored of disgust, but that notion has changed, and at the present time that delicacy can be procured in almost any of the first-class hotels and cafes in New York. In order to meet the growing demand, one of the largest caterers in the city imports 25,000 snails every week from Brittany, where the best snails are grown.—What-to-Eat.



It is recorded that Philip II of Spain, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, took a small map of the world, laid his little finger upon the tiny spot of England, and having thus obliterated it, asked where England was. It was nowhere then. To-day the British Empire makes up about one-fourth of the world's surface, and includes more than one-fourth of the world's inhabitants. It is the largest Empire that now exists, or that ever has existed. With a total area of 11,323,000 square miles, the Empire possesses a population of 387,991,000. England, of course, is the most densely peopled portion of the Empire, its population being 364 to the square mile. The most sparsely populated portion is Australia, with 1 1/2 to the square mile, Canada coming next with one and three-fifths. London still leads by a long way all the other cities of the Empire, as well as of the world, in population, with 4,758,218 inhabitants, Bombay following a long distance behind with 982,000, and Calcutta coming third, with 955,926. The figures of the trade and commerce of the Empire are stupendous. The official blue book giving these figures, recently issued by the British Government, has come to the office of the Western Home Monthly, and the Philosopher finds himself fairly dazed after poring over its pages. The foreign and inter-Imperial trade of the Empire last year reached in value the astounding total of \$7,438,164,420. To the ordinary mind a row of figures like that conveys no more definite idea than is conveyed by the figures in which astronomers give us the inter-stellar distances; as, for instance, the 95,000,000 miles from the earth to the sun. The only idea conveyed is one of vast immensity.

The Greatest Empire in All History.

When the statistics of the Empire's trade and commerce are studied in detail, it is found that the total of the foreign trade last year was \$5,500,467,100, and the total of inter-Imperial trade, \$1,937,697,320. The United States was the Empire's best customer last year, purchasing in round figures, \$800,000,000 worth of British and Colonial products and manufactures. France, with \$330,000,000 comes next; then follows Germany, with \$26,000,000; and, after Germany, Holland, with \$195,000,000, Belgium, with \$166,000,000, and Russia, with \$146,000,000. Let us next glance for a moment at the figures as to shipping, which shows the extent to which the British Empire leads on the seas, apart altogether from the navy with which Britannia rules the waves. The tonnage last year of shipping cleared in the ports of the United Kingdom from and to all British countries overseas reached the enormous total of 6,998,979 tons, as against a grand total of 7,550,080 tons for all other countries combined. It was a busy year in ship-building in the Empire, 1,100,000 tons of steam vessels having been built in the United Kingdom, and 7,634 at the British port of Hong Kong, which ranks second among the ports of the world in point of tonnage entered, London being first by about 17,000 tons, and Liverpool coming third. But why go on citing figures? The test of the Empire is not size, but character, and good results achieved and the general impress left upon the well-being of mankind. Wherever the Empire has extended its borders, there misery and oppression have been replaced by peace, justice, prosperity, humanity, and freedom of thought, speech and action.

Peace, Prosperity and Freedom.

In the course of his interesting evidence recently before the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa, Mr. Elihu Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, stated that on Slave River last year he visited the bank of burning coal about twenty miles in length, near Fort Norman, which Sir Alexander Mackenzie saw in 1789 on his famous journey of exploration when he followed to his mouth the great river that now bears his name. How long that huge coal fire was burning before Mackenzie saw it one hundred and nineteen years ago, who can say? There it is, burning away at this moment, one of the wonders of that wonderful northern country. On July 15th at Fort Providence, near Great Slave Lake, on the Mackenzie River, about 550 miles north of Edmonton, Mr. Stewart said he saw wheat in the

The Wonders of our North Country.

The smallest of the nine provinces has been attracting to itself more widespread attention than it has ever had before. The hostility of the Prince Edward Islanders to automobiles, as manifested in the proposed legislation absolutely prohibiting them on the country roads of the Island, has provoked comment of all sorts all over the continent. That hostility is based on sound reasons. The population of the Island, all told, is no greater than that of Winnipeg, there are few towns for trade, and the farmers have to drive considerable distances over roads that are good but narrow. Heretofore these have served all the uses of the Islanders, as, when teams met in narrow places, there was courtesy and deliberation in effecting a passing. But an automobile on one of these roads meant trouble and lots of it, as was found when a few of the new engines of travel owned in Charlottetown took to leaving gasoline streaks across the Island, with alarming results. Among the suggestions made in connection with the proposed legislation which the Legislature is being petitioned to pass, one is that self-propelling vehicles shall be forbidden between the hours of ten at night and four in the morning; but the prevailing demand is for their absolute prohibition.

The firstcomers from Europe to Western Canada came by the Hudson Bay route. For more than two centuries the sailing ships of the Hudsons' Bay Company have navigated the Bay and the Straits bringing supplies of all sorts and carrying cargoes of furs back across the Atlantic; the Western Canada's large and powerful steamships of to-day would ply as safely on that route during five months in the year as on any other route across the Atlantic. It is the natural outlet for the grain of Western Canada to Europe as for the furs. It is the natural front door of Western Canada on the Atlantic side. Eastern Canada no less than Western Canada is now coming to realize this. It is no longer regarded in the East as a Western delusion. On the contrary, it is being recognized in the East as in the West that a railway from the prairies to the Bay is a national necessity.

The Finest Gentleman I Ever Knew.

Our present Governor-General certainly has a talent for saying things which fasten themselves in the memory. Such an utterance was this, in his address a few weeks ago to the boys of Trinity College School at Port Hope: "The finest gentleman I ever knew was a working miner in England, whose gentleness, absolute fairness, instinctive horror of anything underhand or mean or anything that was not the strictest fair play, gave him a character that enabled him to rise to the position of Privy Councillor." The man referred to by Lord Grey is Right Hon. Thomas Burt, who is still living in England. When he was a boy he worked in a Northumberland coalmine fourteen hours a day. Until he was twenty-seven he was a working miner. But he managed to educate himself, and to raise himself to higher things. Lord Grey's tribute is as deserved as it is creditable to Lord Grey himself.

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Evidence of the sweeping character of the anti-saloon movement in the United States goes on accumulating. The apprehension felt by the liquor interests at the progress of the movement has resulted in a very considerable falling off in the production of whiskey. That apprehension is manifesting itself very strikingly in the manner in which the liquor interests are providing money in a great abundance for the carrying on of the campaign they have organized against the liquor movement. Among the evidences of how hard the liquor interests are being hit is the fact noted by the American Lumberman, that the manufacturers of whiskey and beer barrels are finding a great falling off in the demand for their goods. The American Lumberman, be it noted, also testifies that employers of labor in the lumbering and saw-mill industries are beginning to see that they get more work out of their men in prohibition districts than where liquor is sold. In those industries as in all others, the less whiskey consumed, the greater the amount of work done.

A Significant Sign of the Times.

Ever since that eminent Canadian, Dr. Osler, was unjustly reported as having declared seriously that a man's powers were on the down grade after the forty year milestone was passed, there have been unnecessarily vehement articles in great number by magazine and newspaper writers for the purpose of demonstrating from the records of achievement in every line of human endeavor that most of the world's great work has been done after the doers of it had passed that milestone on their life's journey. The latest and most elaborate of these articles appears in the Century, the writer of which has studied the life records of four hundred celebrated men of all times. He shows conclusively that in all ages the men over forty have been the men who have done the greatest work. But to bring the matter down to our own time and to our own neighborhoods, where is the community in which there are men of light and leading who are past forty and in the prime of their powers?

The Forty-Year Milestone.

That "prayer," the writing out of which, with the distributing of it in endless chains of nine, was promised to act as a charm of blessing upon the writers and distributors, and the failure to do so was declared to ensure the descent of some calamity upon the person failing, ought by this time to have been killed, so often has it been exposed as a piece of crazy superstition. But it seems it is still going its way. It has been making its appearance again in this part of the world, the name of Bishop Lawrence, as before, being included in it as sanctioning it, though Bishop Lawrence, who is of the Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, has been at endless trouble to disavow it and condemn it. It seems fairly incredible that there are people so ignorant and so silly as to keep these endless chains of nine going, but such is the fact. The thing would not be so bad, were it not for its prediction of evil to come upon any one receiving it and failing to copy it out nine times in its entirety, threat and all, including the fictitious statement of Bishop Lawrence's sanction, and send the nine copies, with no name signed, to nine people.

The Nine-Chain Prayer.

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CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA IN WESTERN CANADA



Pioneering on the Shores of Snake Lake, Alta.



Corn growing at Lethbridge without irrigation.



An August Garden at Pilot Mound, Man.



Breaking on the farm of Wm. Beattie, near Carlyle, Sask.



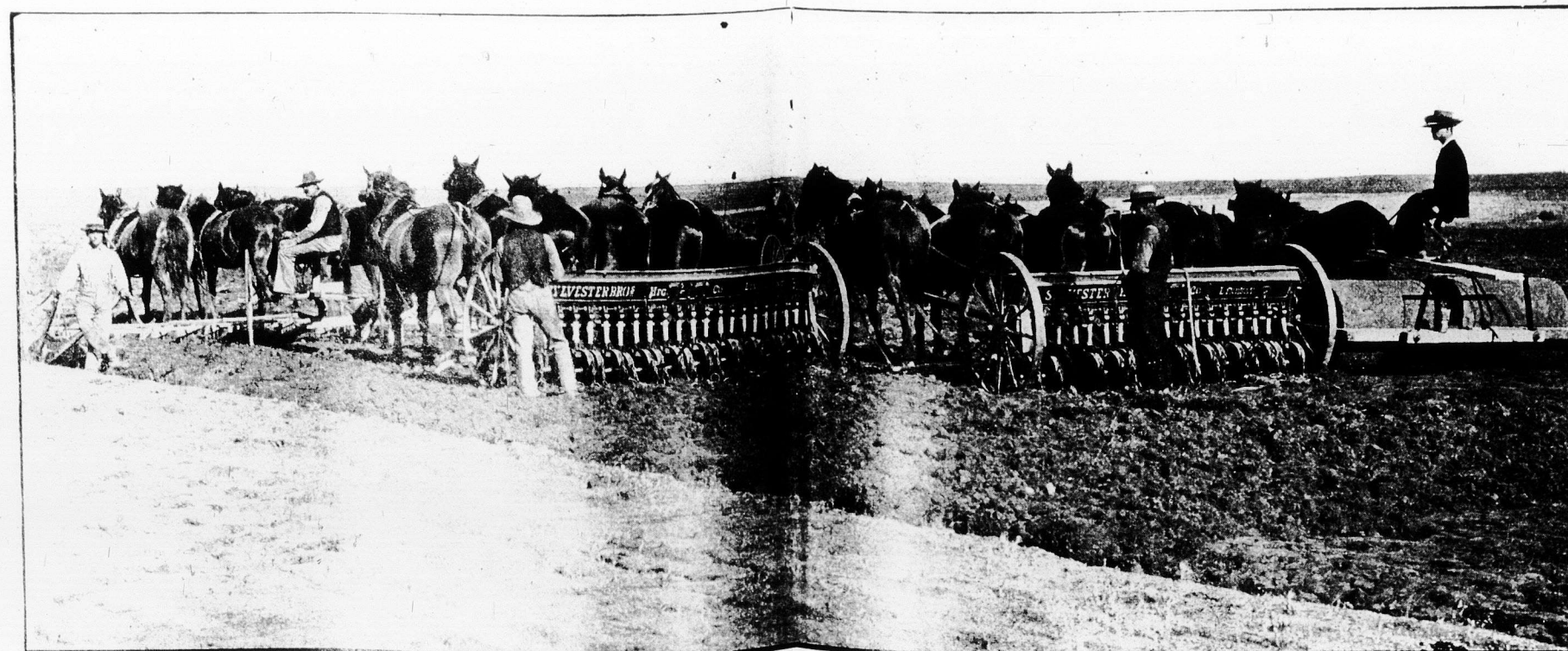
A field of Potatoes on the farm of James Tough, Edmonton, Alta.



Just returning from an hour's Sport, Neepawa, Man.



Wheat field at the Crowstand Indian Boarding School, Saskatoon, Sask.



Plowing in the crop on the farm of Mr. Montgomery, Deloraine, Man.



Sunflowers and Corn as grown on the farm of Parker & Fraser, Lacombe, Alta.

Proving by Actual Experiment



This experiment will always interest the children, and will provoke a good deal of thinking. The explanation, of course is, that the lighted piece of paper which is inserted into the inverted glass drives out most of the air, so that when the mouth of the glass is quickly put down into the water there is very little air, and consequently very little pressure above the water within the glass. Hence, the weight or pressure of the air on the water outside the glass drives the water up into the glass to occupy the space from whence the air was driven by the burning paper.

A practical demonstration of this kind is always more convincing than any mere statement. This is particularly true of medical remedies.

The effect of the anti-toxin treatment for diphtheria is noticeable within a few hours, so that everyone must believe in its virtue. In a similar way, the treatment known as ORANGE LILY gives a practical proof of the progress it is making in curing women's disorders, and that, too, within a few days after commencing its use.

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Should any lady desire medical advice or information on any special feature of her case, I will be happy to refer her letter to the eminent specialist in women's diseases, Dr. D. M. Coonley, President of the Coonley Medical Institute, and he will answer her direct. Dr. Coonley is the discoverer of the ORANGE LILY, and has had over 30 years' experience in the treatment of these diseases. No charge will be made for this medical advice. Address, inclosing 3 cent stamps, Mrs. Frances Q. Currah, Windsor, Ont.

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By ECH.

Women all over the west, who have daughters, either in Winnipeg, or who are likely to come to Winnipeg, to earn a living, will be glad to know that the work of the Y. W. C. A. has taken a distinct step forward. At last the Association has seen its way to the engaging of a trained general secretary, one who has had large experience in the work for young women, both in Toronto and Kansas City, U. S. A. Larger rooms have been secured and almost immediately an active campaign for the securing of sufficient money to warrant the building committee going forward with the new building will be got under way. It is hoped to start the new building this summer and when it is completed there will be a home for young women earning their own living, that will be somewhat in keeping with the growing demands of a city like Winnipeg.

Once More A Warning

Once more I feel constrained to utter a warning to the mothers in country homes, whose girls are coming to the city to seek work. It is hopeless to urge the girls to stay on the farms, no amount of telling will make them believe that life there is safer, more comfortable and quite as profitable as in the city, except in a very few lines of work. Winnipeg to-day does not want any more stenographers, nurses shop girls or factory hands and even the demand for domestic servants is very much less keen than it was at this time last year.

To test this it is only necessary to put an advertisement in the paper for a nurse girl or a general servant and you will get thirty or forty applicants where you got five last year, and the applicants will be of a very much better class.

A few days ago a lady from the South, who is making a month's stay at a Winnipeg hotel, advertised for a nurse to take her little girl out and in two days she had thirty-five applicants and a number of them were married women, whose husbands had been, or were still out of work and who were anxious to earn a little in this way. This condition is not surprising after the bad harvest and the slack business of last winter, the only marvel is that there has not been more of it. But this is a real condition, and it is one that girls leaving country homes, where they at least have food and shelter, have to face.

I doubt if a girl or woman who has never lived in a city half realizes what it is for a young girl to be in a strange city without work and without money. Unless she is a girl of sound principle and one whose mother has trained her well and explained to her the dangers that lurk in every city for such as she, ten chances to one she goes to ruin. The percentage of girls who entered the dark road of lost virtue last year was very high. These are not fancy figures, they are facts, and in one line of business, that of shop women, the number ran as high as 30 in a single month and over 200 for the year, what must it have been when the waifs and strays were counted from every line of work in which women are employed in a city like Winnipeg, where the percentage of wage earning women is the highest on the continent of America.

The head of one of the maternity homes was asked by a lady visitor who had gone to see an unfortunate girl, "How many unmarried mothers have you in the home now?" "Only 40" was the reply. "Only 40," exclaimed the horrified visitor, "is it possible you ever have more than that at one time?" "Oh yes," was the calm reply, "quite often."

Men are no worse in Winnipeg than they are elsewhere, but there are bad men everywhere ready to take advan-

tage of the homesick girl, with no place to go but her little mean boarding house room that is never really warm enough to sit in, in winter time. She goes on the streets and makes undesirable acquaintances and the end is not far to seek.

The Travellers' Aid

Girls who will come, or must come to the city, unless they have friends to come to, should never omit to put themselves in touch with the Travellers' Aid agent of the Y. W. C. A. as soon as they get off the train. She meets every train and will ensure a girl going to a place that is safe and decent. The Y. W. C. A. are maintaining two boarding houses in the city at the present time, but of course they have only very limited accommodation. They are seeking to open other homes almost at once, and always there is a list of respectable places where a girl will be safe.

This warning is not written to make anyone unhappy or uncomfortable or to decry Winnipeg as a place especially evil, for it is nothing of the kind, but merely because, as a woman who has long earned her own living, I feel responsible for the girls that are just entering the fight and often cannot rest in my bed for remembering those who have fallen by the way.

Come to Winnipeg, if you must girls, but oh, mother, be warned and do not let your daughter leave you until you have carefully and tenderly told her the dangers that may meet her, once she has left your care.

How often in the years that have gone have I had a girl, little more than a child, look into my eyes and say, "No one ever told me what danger I was running." Mother never said anything to me about such things, she thought it wasn't nice." I hope no reader of this column will ever have to weep over a lost daughter remembering that she allowed her to leave the home roof without tender counsel on such dangers as she was likely to meet in the world of men.

Gardening for Girls

One of the most natural occupations for girls is that of gardening and it is only surprising that in the race for new occupations for women, more have not taken up this line. It is quite general in England but so far very few Canadian women have touched upon it. In some of the states of the Union a number of women are devoting themselves to this work and it would seem to me that the time is ripe in the Canadian west, for some women at least to make a beginning as professional gardeners, or perhaps it would be better to say, time for them to raise garden stuff for profit. I made a few inquiries about this matter in the smaller towns, last year, when I was out, and found that even there a market could be found for a considerable amount of garden truck, if it was put on in season and in an attractive form. One writer remarks that gardening is a good training for matrimony as the bringing up of plants and flowers is much like the bringing up of children. Gardening has one great recommendation as an occupation and that is the length of time it keeps a woman in the fresh air every day. Many a girl or woman with a tendency to weak lungs, would grow strong and robust if she took to gardening for an occupation.

Early Cucumbers

Early cucumbers are always much prized and I find sell readily almost anywhere if they can be had at a reasonable price. I have no garden ground myself and so last year I persuaded a friend to try a method of raising cucumbers that was a favorite with my grandfather in Ontario. I had never seen it tried here and was not sure it would work out all right, but it worked like a charm and brought the cucumbers fully a month earlier than they can be got in any way, excepting under glass.

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a half feet across. Fill it, to within six inches of the top with good fresh horse manure hot from the stables, fill up the remainder of the hole, level with fine garden soil. Take a straight sided gallon jar, a length of sewer pipe or anything of that kind and set it on the surface in the middle of your filled up hole and bank the earth up tight and solid all about it.

When the mound is the height of your jar and well banked down, so that it will not crumble, pull out the jar. At the bottom of the hole thus made, which will be between a foot and fifteen inches deep, plant four cucumber seeds, sifting a little fine soil over them, not more than two inches. Over the top of the hole put pieces of glass, there are nearly always broken panes about that will do for that purpose, but if not, invest in a few cheap lights from the nearest store. You will find in a few hours that the inside of the glass will be hanging with big drops of moisture. Take off the glasses occasionally and water with tepid water, or water with the chill just off it and put back the glasses quickly. Of course if there is rain you do not need to do this. But I would not take off the glasses in a heavy shower as it would be apt to beat down the young plants. By the time the plants are up to the glass you will find they are forming buds for blossoms and they will very rapidly spread over the whole mound. The mounds help to raise and spread the vines to the sun and it is quite surprising how early the little cucumbers will form. Vines grown in this way are prolific and four such mounds will supply not only all the cucumbers for a good sized family, but some for sale and plenty of small ones, late in the season, for pickling. Try the scheme and let me know how it works.

THE MONTH'S BRIGHT SAYINGS

Lord Brassey: Western Canada will shape the Dominion's destiny.

President Roosevelt: Child labor should be prohibited throughout the nation.

Sir Robert Ball: It would take a Marconi flash five years to reach the nearest of the stars.

Agnes Deans Cameron: Sometimes opening a book is like opening a door and coming into the presence of a friend.

Madame Albani: As a rule, the average woman is more like the average woman than the average man is like the average man.

Prof. J. W. Robertson: Arbor day will soon be here. Make up your mind what sort of a tree you wish to bequeath to posterity and then resolve to plant it.

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell: If physical efficiency is one of the most important of the present day problems, the all prevalent diseases of the teeth are not the least that require careful consideration.

Sir Daniel McMillan: I have been asked sometimes in England what was the distinguishing characteristic of the Canadian people. I have generally replied that in Canada everybody works.

Sir W. C. Van Horne: Banks do not make prosperity or adversity, any more than the mercury in the thermometer controls the weather. They merely give the temperature at the time.

Mark Twain: Men usually play poker because they are conceited; every player thinks he is a little smarter than other players, and can outwit them. But every man who plays poker loses in the end.

W. T. Stead: No wonder the twentieth century stretches arms out to Canada and constructive nation-building, where, in the vast evolutionary movement, intelligence and will are themselves elements of the cosmic process by which the work of a hundred years is done in one year—and done better.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell: The national life is only in its first stages of growth. People in the West often talk about Manitoba and Western Canada and almost forget that they are a part of the great confederation. The cultivation of a national spirit is wanted, not of Manitoba and Western Canada only, but embracing the whole of Canada which in years to come will be one of the greatest nations of the earth.

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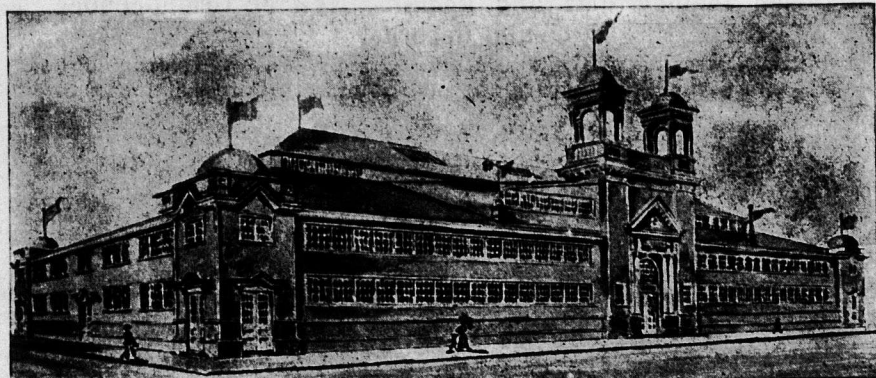
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It has been no easy matter in the last ten days to decide what to wear for the weather has been as variable as the material for frocks but it now seems to have settled down and white frocks have been plentiful on the streets of Winnipeg in April, a condition that does not often happen. Of course these white suits have been serge and I feel like again recommending this class of suit for girls in the country towns and districts, as long as they will send them to cleaners in Winnipeg to clean, and do not attempt to wash them at home, which is sometimes done with good results where the dress is of the shirt-waist variety, but is always fatal to the appearance of coats and tailored skirts.

One of the best all round Raw dresses for town or country is Silk one of raw silk. There are a number of weights and varieties from our old friend the Pongee down through Rajah, Tussore and numbers more. These silks in the natural color are almost indestructible. Trimmed with lace and insertion of the same shade they are dressy enough for almost any occasion and they can be washed and ironed at home and look as good as new every time they are done up. A friend of mine has just had one made with two waists to one skirt. The shirt is made with three MX Nun's tucks round the bottom and then tucked in panels running down to the knee. It is very good style and looks smart. One waist is made entirely of the silk just decorated with tucks of different widths and the three quarter sleeve finished with a tucked cuff. The other waist is elaborated in lace and insertion to match the silk. The long shoulder effect is obtained by carrying a four inch width of the insertion up the middle of the sleeve and right up the shoulder. This is easy to do if you finish the shoulder in the usual way, lay the lace over the silk and cut the silk away from under it later. Having the two waists makes this dress all right for morning or afternoon wear.

Fancy belts are very much in vogue and for afternoon the more Oriental and bizarre they are the better. A good belt for the raw silk dresses, to give them a touch of brightness, is the chiffon gold cloth about six inches wide, which is folded into a somewhat narrow buckle in front and wrinkles in graceful folds round the waist. Another smart belt, which helps to brighten up a black dress, is of silver cloth woven with a black warp and the silver thread for the woof. Leather belts, both wide and narrow, are good and all the elastic beltings are in favor. For white gowns, for street wear, the embroidered linen belt will lead as white kid belts are difficult to keep clean and too expensive to renew often. There are belts to match all costumes and then there are tan belts. These are worn with any color of gown, but the shoes stockings and gloves must match the belt. On Copenhagen and navy blue, dark green and soft grey this is really a fetching get up.

said a good deal about Neckwear neckwear last month but there are one or two late novelties that are of interest. One of these is the colored muslin stock with jabot. These are made of narrow striped muslin in black and white, pink and white, blue and white and lavender and white. The stock is the usual straight affair with tucks to hold the starch and edged with very narrow Val lace. The jabot is made of a three inch width of the muslin, with the stripes running lengthwise and edged with the lace. This strip is about two

yards long, is closely gathered and arranged in a cascade effect that reaches a little below the bosom of the gown. These stocks are quite easy to make and laundry and are very cheap and look very smart.

Colored stockings are going to be very popular this season and after black, tan will lead, but as so very much Copenhagen blue is to be worn there will be a good many women who will have their stockings match their blue gown and wear tan shoes and gloves. For white gowns both white shoes and white stockings will be worn. Until you have tried it, however, you have no idea how very smart tan shoes, tan stockings and gloves, look with a white gown. This applies to white serge tailored suits or plain linen gowns or vestings, tan should not be worn with light embroidered or lace trimmed white gowns, it is not good form.

Colored linens will be almost as popular as white this season and Copenhagen blue and tan and Holland will be the leading shades. Lavenders and pinks are shown, but beware, the lavender invariably fades and the pink nearly always. These dresses are made very plain and as they laundry beautifully they are very satisfactory. They hold the starch well and as they take a high gloss they do not so readily soil as softer goods. They are fairly high in price but as they are very wide a gown is really not expensive.

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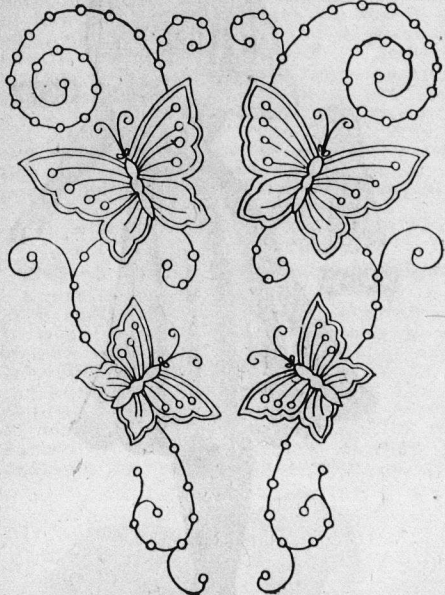
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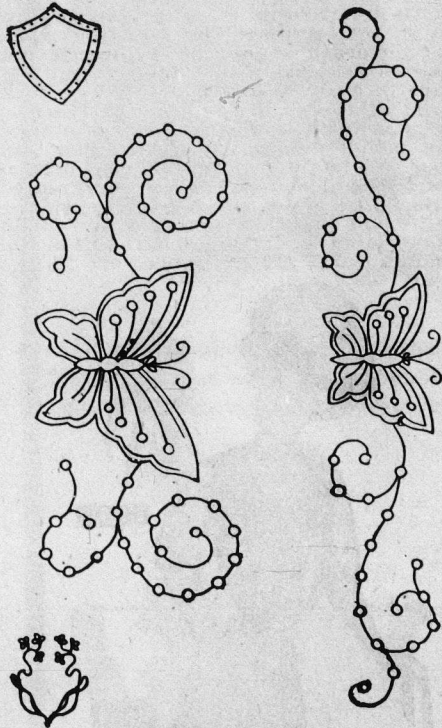
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PARIS.—Birds of brilliant plumage liberated from an aviary are what one thinks of in Cairo, Nice and all along the Riviera at this season.

The toiletts are dreams. As they are advanced styles for Spring and Summer, and often suggest ideas for less costly clothes, they are worth noting.

Many new gowns worn with hats suggest a fancy coat over a separate gown. But the coat is really the bodice. Other coats which can be taken off are transparent, made almost wholly for ornament, so are usually kept on.

A vision at the Cairo races last week wore a transparent white skirt of tulle and flit flounces in overskirt style over rose, an embroidered rose taffeta coat bodice showing white chemisette and undersleeves, and a vest of black chantilly.

Her hat was a black cavalier in satin, with white ostrich. Her shoes were black patent in the new Watteau shape. You will want these shoes, they are such very good style, Slater Shoes for Women have the exact thing in their model 271.

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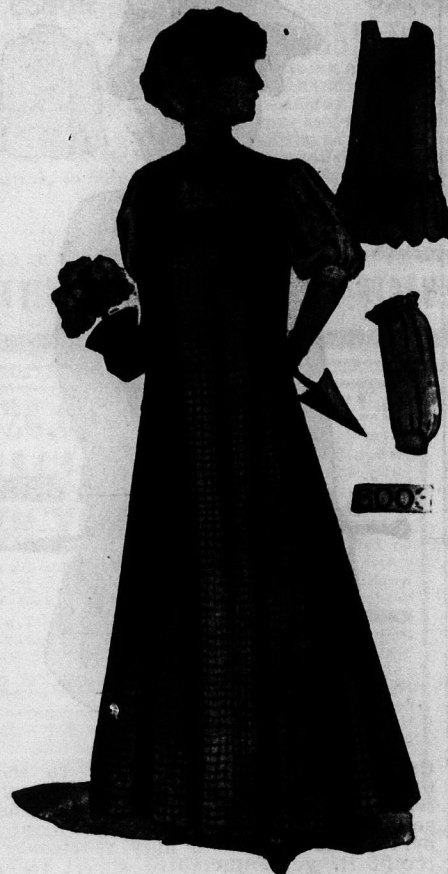
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4324—5 sizes, 13 to 17 years. The price of this pattern is 15 cents.

6909-6910—A Pretty Jumper Gown in Washable Voile.

The jumper and over-blouse effects are perhaps the most popular style of the summer and a charming gown built on these lines is shown in washable voile. The jumper is most graceful

with its straps over the shoulders and those which join the girdle in front. There is not so much of it to make it too warm for summer days as the waist worn beneath should be a lingerie one, the pattern for this being given. The skirt is a seven-gored one laid in tuck-plaits at the seams and having two deep tucks near the hem to assist the flare. The model is one of the simplest and most satisfactory for home making which the designer has as yet created. It is suitable to tub fabrics or silk or cloth and may be finished in round, short round or instep length. For the medium size 12 1/4 yards of 27-inch



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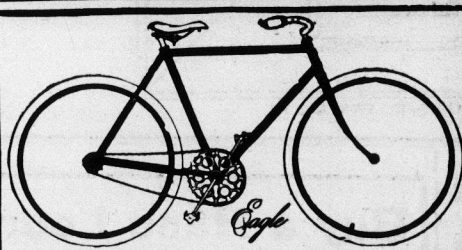
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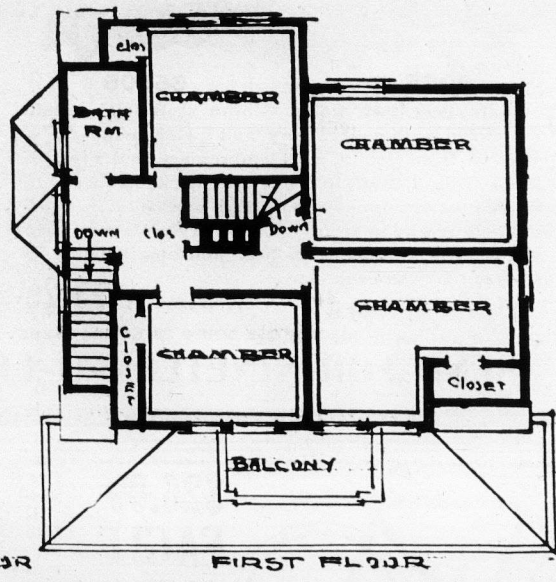
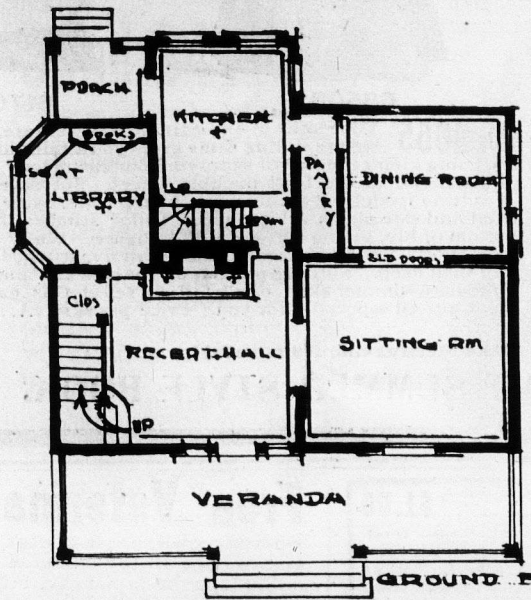
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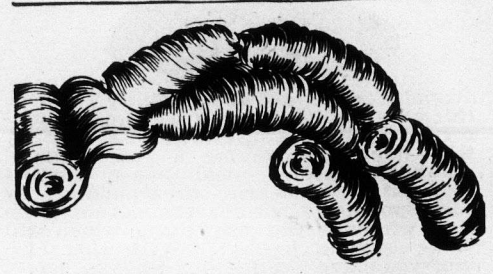
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During April the Winnipeg Theatre Stock Co. were seen to advantage in a series of excellent plays which included 'The Middleman, Under Two Flags, The Christian and The Ironmaster. Mr. Mordant, the new leading man, has very quickly won himself into public favor while Miss Warren continued to add to her laurels, her portrayal of Gloria Quayle in Hall Caine's masterpiece which was the offering during Holy Week, being superb. The curtain rings down on this popular playhouse for the last time this season on Saturday, May 2nd, after which the theatre will be considerably enlarged in anticipation of next season.

Local parties are endeavoring to secure Dr. Miner C. Baldwin, the great New York organist to give two nights recital in Portage la Prairie about the middle of May. A guarantee subscription list will be opened and if sufficient guarantee is obtained Dr. Baldwin will come. Dr. Baldwin is conceded to be the greatest American organist of the day.

Instead of closing the Dominion theatre as usual during summer months the Messrs. Kobold have decided to keep their house open and run a ten weeks' season of stock at popular prices. Mr. Kobold has concluded arrangements with an excellent company which will present a number of plays by leading British and American authors. The idea should certainly catch on.

The Walker Theatre has been offering sumptuous fare to its patrons during the past month and bumper houses rewarded the efforts of the management. Buster Brown and Coming Thro the Rye proved highly entertaining to lovers of musical comedy while Clay Clement in The New Dominion, Waterloo and The Bells catered to lovers of the legitimate drama. In addition to these Peter Pan was given six presentations and Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch made a welcome reappearance towards the end of the month.

A highly enjoyable concert was given at Spruce Grove, Sask., on April 2nd. The chief items on the programme were as follows: instrumental selection, "Jack Tar March," Mr. Gitzel; selection, "Whistle," G. McKay; recitation, "Paradise," D. Minchin; song, "Green Grow the Rushes, O," J. McKinley; violin solo, Geo. Bevington; instrumental selection, Mr. Gitzel; song, "Irish Molly," Robt. Wallace; song, Mr. Schurrin; violin solo, R. Wallace; song, W. E. Bristow; "God Save the King"; "Auld Lang Syne."

A very enjoyable concert was given in Van Horne Hall, Brandon, on Thursday, April 9th, when the following programme was presented: orchestra; solo, "Mary, Kind and Gentle is She," Mr. G. A. Fitton; reading, "The Photographic Studio," Mrs. S. M. McKay; selection, "Point and Pheasant" (Suppe), orchestra; solo (selected), Miss M. Cowie; lecture, "The Heather, the Haggis and the Bagpipes," Rev. R. W. Dickie

A very successful entertainment was given at the school house, Midale, Sask., on Monday evening, April 6th. A good crowd was present and though a long programme was presented several encores were given. Following was the programme: selection, Midale Band; selection, Dewey Orchestra; vocal solo, Mr. Gamble; recitation, Miss Lillian Bunsie; instrumental duet, Messrs. Gamble and Mills; recitation, Harry E. Koch; selection, Midale Orchestra; reading, Mr. Hub Byer; vocal duet, Misses Flury; instrumental trio, Messrs. Mills, Gamble and Miss Flury; recitation, Miss Mills; vocal solo, Miss Flury; instrumental solo, Mr. Gamble; mixed quartette, Midale and Dewey; recitation, Harry E. Koch; vocal solo, Mr. Hub Byer; male quartette, Messrs. Blake, Johnson, Flury and Fisholm; ladies quartette, Dewey; selection, Midale Band.

Advices from the middle west and from Vancouver would go to show that the church choirs of that section of Canada are, like their confreres of the city of Montreal and of various cities in Ontario, looking forward with intense interest to our tour of Sir Frederick Bridge, the organist and choir-master of Westminster Abbey, who sailed from Liverpool on the Lucania on April 21st to fulfil his engagements. Practically two thousand voices are now engaged from Montreal to Vancouver in rehearsing the various anthems and hymns which are to serve as illustrations for the lecture upon "The Cathedral Music of England during Three Centuries." These include the very best productions of the composers of England from Tye, Tallis, Gibbons and Purcell down to Sir Arthur Sullivan and Sir A. C. Mackenzie. Sir Frederick is scheduled to appear in Winnipeg on May 11 at Holy Trinity church.

The several bills presented by the Clay Clement Co. at Brandon on April 16, 17 and 18 were most enjoyable. In "Pygmalion and Galatea," Arthur Rutledge's fine presence and deep intonation suited the character of "Pygmalion" to perfection, and his acting of the difficult part was perfect. Special mention might be made of the powerful acting of Miss Effie Darling in the closing scene of the second act, when, as Cynisea, she puts the curse on her husband, "Pygmalion." Clay Clement did not appear in this play until the last act of the performance, in a one-act play entitled "A Message from Waterloo." Those who have seen Sir Henry Irving in "Waterloo" as Corporal Brewster, would have this part brought vividly back to them in Clay Clement's impersonation of the old battle-scarred warrior, Haversack.

An audience that taxed the seating capacity of St. Paul's church listened to a most meritorious production of Dr. Stainer's "The Crucifixion" on Good Friday. "The Crucifixion" throughout leaves no opportunity for florid work, but makes most exacting demands on the highest qualities of choral part singing, and never was there a sign of faltering, indecision or weakness. The fidelity with which the character of the work was revealed was certainly the highest compliment to the conductor, Mr. R. Roscoe Steeves, who is deserving of the greatest credit. The soloists were Mr. W. Braxton-Smith, tenor, and Mr. Fred Warrington, bass, both of Winnipeg. Two of our young local singers were heard in small solo parts, Mr. Geo. T. Burton, baritone, and Mr. Max Parkin, bass. The quartette by Miss Maud Cowie, Miss Edith Duff, Messrs. Smith and Warrington was much appreciated.

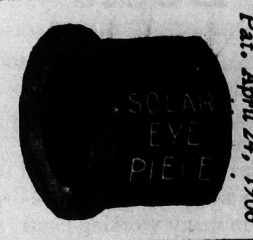
Mr. Lemare's organ recital in Grace church, Winnipeg, on Good Friday was very largely attended. The programme as a whole was admirably arranged and there was not a weak number on it. It would be difficult to single out any selection for special mention, as the intricacies of Bach counterpoint, the melodious Mendelssohn sonata, the sublime harmonies of the Parsifal Vorspiel and the dainty Hoffman Scherzo one and all displayed the master hand of the technician and musician. Probably the greatest interest centered in Mr. Lemare's improvisation on a theme handed to him during the intermission. To the intense delight of everyone present he improvised on this theme in every conceivable manner and was greeted at its close with a perfect storm of applause. In response to a vigorous encore after his masterly interpretation of Wagner's "Parsifal" Vorspiel, Mr. Lemare played Wolstenholme's "Answer." On April 20th he repeated his success at Calgary where he played on the only four-manual organ in the West.

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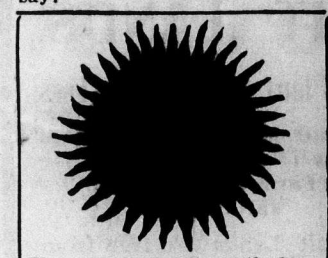
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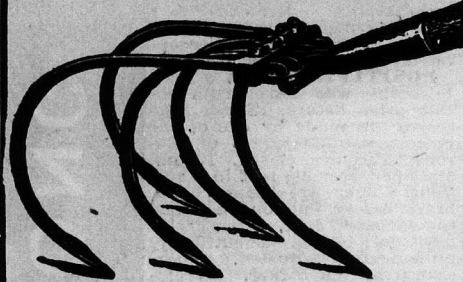


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IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Write for Handsome Catalogue.

A copy of a new catalogue for 1908 issued by the London Fence, Limited, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, has just come to our desk. The London Fence Co., Limited, never does anything by halves and their new catalogue is one of the best we have seen for some time. It is profusely illustrated throughout with fine half tone engravings and the arrangement of cuts and matter from a typographical point of view is perfect. The catalogue should be a most interesting book for farmers to have in their possession as it contains a fund of useful information on fencing. When writing to the London Fence Co., Limited, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, for a copy of the new catalogue referred to please mention this magazine.

Evils of Substitution.

Means by Which this Widespread and Growing Practice May Be Circumvented.

The old axiom "that the most sticks will be found under the best apple tree" may be applied with even greater truth to the widespread practice of substitution now prevailing. The more renowned the article the greater number of imitators there will be found endeavoring to fatten on its reputation. Substitute articles are always inferior and yield a large profit to the dealer, many of whom for this selfish reason persistently try to foist them upon the public. Standard goods like Magic Baking Powder, Gillett's Perfumed Lye and Gillett's Cream Tartar have proved a shining mark for imitators. The extensive manner in which they have advertised for years, coupled with their recognized superiority and the great and growing demand for them have caused manufacturers of spurious articles to boldly and closely copy the labels with the hope of sharing in the trade Gillett's reputation has created. There is but one way to meet such tactics. Examine the label and insist on getting what you ask for, as it can generally be accepted that the dealer who wishes to sell you something else "just as good" has some ulterior motive to serve.

5,000 Facts About Canada.

The 1908 Edition is out of that most useful and valuable booklet, "5,000 Facts about Canada," compiled by Frank Yeigh of Toronto, who is widely known throughout the Dominion as an authority on things Canadian. Nearly 25,000 copies were sold of the 1907 edition, the demand coming from every part of this Continent and the British Empire. The idea worked out, that of a concrete fact in a sentence, is an excellent one, the data being arranged under such self-indexing titles as area, agriculture, banking, commerce, finances, mining, railways, wheat fields, etc. The wealth of material contained in small space is a revelation to even a well informed Canadian of the standing and resources of the country. The book is published at 25 cents a copy by The Canadian Facts Publishing Co., 667 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Canada, or may be had from newsdealers.

Of Interest to Housewives.

An interesting series of ads will shortly appear on behalf of the "Sunshine" Furnace, manufactured by McClary Mfg. Co., London, Canada. Newspaper advertising is a part of the McClary publicity programme and works hand in hand with an extensive follow-up system. The series of ads were prepared by A. A. Hriggs, advertising manager of the McClary Company, and placed by McConnell-Ferguson Agency, London.

The "Friendly Gun."

The friendly gun! "What makes it? It tingles and whispers in your hands! The butt snuggles to your shoulder and the sight flashes true to your eye, like some eager living thing instead of a cold bit of polished steel and wood. I met it first when as a boy my father bought me my first Stevens Rifle. Since then I have tried other models, but I always come back to Stevens. These makers seem to have the knack of making the "friendly gun." There have been many good Stevens Models, but it seems that for the short time they have been on the market the Stevens Repeaters are catching up to their predecessors in the matter of popularity. They are easily the most accurate and hardest shooting rifles in their class. Anyone who wants to know more about the best guns on the market, should send for Stevens' handsome 160-page catalog. I have learned that it will be mailed on receipt of 5 cents in stamps to cover postage, by addressing the J. Stevens Arms and Tool Company at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. A Veteran Sportsman.

It Pays to Use the Best Camera Accessories.

The camera has reached that stage where it has been almost as much of a necessity as a luxury. The result is improvements are constantly being made, not only in the cameras themselves, but the plates, papers, films and other accessories. One wonders whether it's possible to make any further ad-

vances than have already been made. Although "Wellington" plates, papers and films have only been in use in Canada for the past year or two they have met with wonderful success. These are without exception the highest standard camera accessories in use to-day. By the use of the "Wellington" supplies, the art of developing photographs is very much simplified. For instance with the "Wellington" Slow Contact or Gaslight Paper, negatives which, if developed on other papers would be practically useless, will often give good, clear pictures when printed on this paper, which appears to have a depth of body previously unequalled. Any amateur photographer looking for the best results will not fail to ask for "Wellington" brand papers, plates and films. More particulars about these photographs will be gladly supplied on application to Ward & Co., 13 St. John St., Montreal. When writing please mention this magazine.

Safe and Reliable for Bog Spavin and Ringbone.

I used your Gombault's Caustic Balsam according to directions for bog spavin and ringbone and it proved to be a safe, reliable remedy.—Jas. A. S. Watson, Wisbeach, Ont.

The Winnipeg Fair.

The Winnipeg Exhibition, July 11-17, promises from the preparations that are under way and the outlined announcements of the management to eclipse even the success of last year. It will be the event of the summer in Western Canada.

While the main object of the Great Fair of Western Canada is being adhered to and every effort is being made to surpass the success of previous Winnipeg Exhibitions as displaying the progress of the West, and the productiveness of the country still it is being recognized that the distinctively attractive features could be enhanced.

The horse exhibits are expected to be exceptionally good and the competition for awards and prizes remarkably keen. The increased prizes in the live stock classes will have an effect of ensuring even better and more numerous entries than before.

The opportunities for competition by school-children in the School Exhibit Department will be as usual attractive to the young West.

The Winnipeg Exhibition, July 11-17, will be also distinctively attractive to the music-lover, the horse-lover and the sportsman.

One of the greatest bands in the world, the celebrated Innes Orchestral Band of New York has been specially engaged for the whole week as well as the band of the 91st Highlanders of Hamilton and both will play daily interesting programmes.

A band competition open to the smaller cities and towns will take place.

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The race programme is a splendid one promising the keenest competition, the highest prizes and the greatest number of high class racing horses ever gathered in Western Canada.

The Winnipeg Exhibition, July 11-17, promises to be the best ever held in Winnipeg's history.

A Successful Business Woman.

While looking over the articles on "Success" in your recent issues it occurred to your reporter that her sister readers of the Western Home Monthly might be interested in the experience of a successful Canadian business woman, and she therefore made a trip to Windsor, Ont., for the purpose of calling on Mrs. F. Q. Currah, whose advertisements of Orange Lily, a remedy for the diseases peculiar to women, must be familiar to all.

At the time of the call Mrs. Currah was engaged in opening her mail and a large pile of letters still remained unopened. On requesting a short statement of her business experience and the reasons of her success Mrs. Currah remarked that I could probably better appreciate her explanation if I would first look over the still unopened letters.

She then proceeded to cut the envelopes and passed them to the writer to open and read. They came from almost every portion of Canada and two were from Newfoundland. Some were letters of inquiry from sick women in response to advertisements; others contained symptom blanks filled out with a statement of the case to be submitted to Dr. Coonley, the discoverer of Orange Lily, for free medical advice; others contained reports of progress from users of the remedy, many of them enthusiastic and all hopeful; some others contained money with orders for goods, and to my surprise quite a number were friendly social letters without any particular references to business except that the writers usually mentioned that they were in splendid health and had no return of the old trouble.

One letter impressed me as coming from a veritable mother in Israel and I quote a portion of it notwithstanding the writer's wishes. It was from a lady 12 years married whose first baby was about a month old. "I must say," she

wrote, "that I think if I had not used Orange Lily there would not be a baby in our home, but still I do not wish to have it published for we think she is a precious gift from God and too sacred to be used in advertisements." Are not these words worthy of one of the matrons of the Old Testament?

I remarked to Mrs. Currah that these friendly letters while pleasing and interesting could not be profitable, and was surprised to find that she ascribed to them a large share of her success. They all came, she explained, from ladies who had used Orange Lily and been cured by it, and called my attention to the fact that most of them contained a postscript giving the names and addresses of two or three friends or acquaintances who were suffering from similar troubles. This is the very best and most effective form of advertising. Address Mrs. F. Q. Currah, Windsor, Ont., and mention this magazine.

Dressmaking Lessons. From Pictorial Review, New York City, February, 1908.

Within the last few years nearly every practical subject has been taught by mail. At first doubtful of the feasibility of such lessons, thousands have come to believe in and adopt this system. A correspondence school for dressmaking, which has been enormously successful, numbers among its students many professionals and amateurs. There can be no doubt of the convenience of such a plan. Few women, especially those who have only one servant or who attend to their household duties themselves, have time for daily



attendance at a dressmaking school. But there is hardly any woman, no matter how much housework she may do, who has not time for a few minutes' reading each day. And that is all that is required to learn dressmaking by correspondence besides the actual practice, which is the only thing which will make anyone perfect. With this system you have the lessons always before you, and you can refer to them at any time.

Note: [The school referred to above is the American College of Dressmaking, Kansas City, Mo. See their announcement elsewhere in this issue.]

Prince Rupert the New Seaport.

A Winnipeg man of finance has just returned from Prince Rupert, B.C., and is most enthusiastic over the possibilities of the new city the terminal of the G. T. P. on the Pacific seaboard. The following report was written by the gentleman referred to above and we give it to our readers in his own language, thus:—The terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad on the Pacific is destined to be the San Francisco of Canada.

The excitement is so intense that even in far away Australia they are interested in Prince Rupert to such an extent that when the Australian boat arrived with 1,500 people 484 of them tried to secure passage to Prince Rupert with the intention of investing but could not secure passage, as every steamer is turning away from 300 to 500 people. According to Mr. Wainwright of the Grand Trunk Pacific R. R. the city will have a population in September of 20,000 people at least, and this can be readily understood when you realize that there are 6,000 people camping there now waiting for the auction and all with plenty of money to invest.

Prince Rupert has a most peculiar feature attached to it and that is a fresh water lake immediately behind the harbor, and all the ships entering the port simply steam or sail into the lake and the barnacles drop off, eliminating the expense of docking.

It has no heavy fogs like Victoria or Vancouver and no narrow channels therefore no delay in entering the harbor, as happens in Victoria or Vancouver where boats are delayed from 10 to 24 hours. It has a beautiful anchorage well sheltered, and is only 83 miles from Charlotte Islands in which one of the biggest gold, copper and coal strikes will be reported in the next 30 days. A large cold storage plant costing \$1,500,000 is to be built there this summer. The foregoing together with the fact that it is hundreds of miles nearer the fur trade, canneries, lumber,

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and Alaska as also must be taken into consideration that behind the entire proposition is a R. R. that does not hesitate at spending any amount of money in order to get results and make it one of the greatest seaports in the world.

La Patrie's New Building.

La Patrie, of Montreal is one of the most prominent of the French newspapers of Canada. More than three years ago, La Patrie's old quarters on St. James street were found to be altogether inadequate. The announcement, early in 1905, of the purchase of a building site on the south side of St. Catherine Street East, at the corner of City Hall Avenue, caused no little surprise. A magnificent new building has since been erected. The work of finishing and fitting up the interior, of installing the electric plant and the large amount of new and electric machinery, took several months, even after the building was occupied, last autumn. Every detail is now complete, and the formal opening and inauguration has taken place on Monday, April 20th. La Patrie's new building is, without doubt, a credit to Canadian journalism. It has a frontage of 75 feet on St. Catherine Street, a depth of 94 feet, and



is six stories in height, in addition to a basement and sub-basement. It is built of light Indiana limestone on a foundation of Stanstead granite.

The front of the building, alone, facing St. Catherine Street, contains no fewer than 63 very large windows, in addition to the doors of the main entrance, which are principally of plate glass.

From the spacious, well lighted business office on the first floor, to the composing room on the sixth, the whole is laid out in a manner that bespeaks a vast amount of thought. In the press room stands the three great Cross presses, each with a capacity of 75,000 papers per hour. All three presses are equipped to print from one to four pages in colors.

La Patrie has enjoyed a decade of uninterrupted progress, leading up to the occupation of its present building. It will be interesting to note to what extent the expectations of those who predict greater things during the next ten years, will be fulfilled.

A Handsome Catalogue.

A new spring catalogue issued by Brown's Limited, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, has just been sent us.

The catalogue referred to is printed on good paper and illustrated throughout, with handsome cover in colors. Every reader of the Western Home Monthly should have a copy of this catalogue in their home as it will save them considerable money if they order their necessities therefrom.

Brown's Limited is a reliable and responsible business house with a thorough organization in perfect working order to handle mail order business with despatch.

Write for a copy of Brown's catalogue and when so doing don't forget to mention the Western Home Monthly.

Free to Farmers.

De Laval Cream Separator Co. Winnipeg, are now mailing a copy of their new catalogue "B" to farmers and dairymen who desire a copy.

This catalogue referred to should be in every farm home as it contains a fund of useful information.

Just drop a post card in the mail addressed to the above named firm and request them to send you catalogue "B." Mention that you saw the announcement in the Western Home Monthly.

Piles are easily and quickly checked with Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. To prove it I will mail a small trial box as a convincing test. Simply address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. I surely would not send it free unless I was certain that Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment would stand the test. Remember it is made expressly and alone for swollen, painful, bleeding or itchy piles, either external or internal. Large jar 50c. Sold by all druggists.

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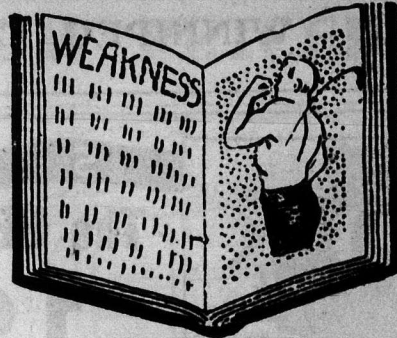
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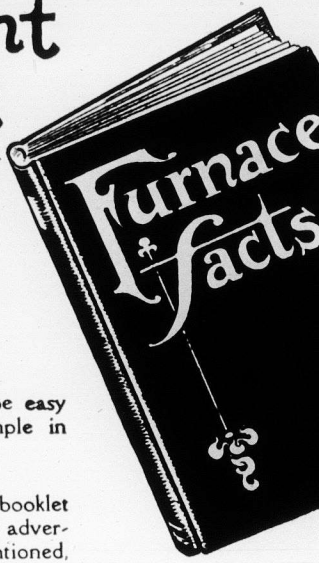
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Work for Busy Fingers.

Child's Knitted Collar.

Use No. 40 linen thread; two No. 16 steel needles. No. 50 thread makes it a little finer.

A narrow edge is made first, and this is sewn across the end and around the neck.

Cast on 8 stitches, knit across plain.

- 1.—S. 1, o. n., k. 2, o. 3, k. 3.
- 2.—K. 4, p. 1, k. 6.
- 3.—S. 1, k. 1, o. n., k. 7.
- 4.—Plain knitting.
- 5.—S. 1, k. 2, o. n., k. 6.
- 6.—Plain knitting.
- 7.—S. 1, k. 3, o. n., k. 5.
- 8.—Bind off 3, k. 7.

Repeat this 20 times; then, when you reach the 6th row, cast on 33 stitches.

7.—Plain till 7 stitches remain; then o. n., k. 5.

8.—Bind off 3, rest plain.

There are now 41 stitches to knit the collar part.

20.—K. 23, turn the work, etc., k. 3 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 5.

21.—Like 16th row.

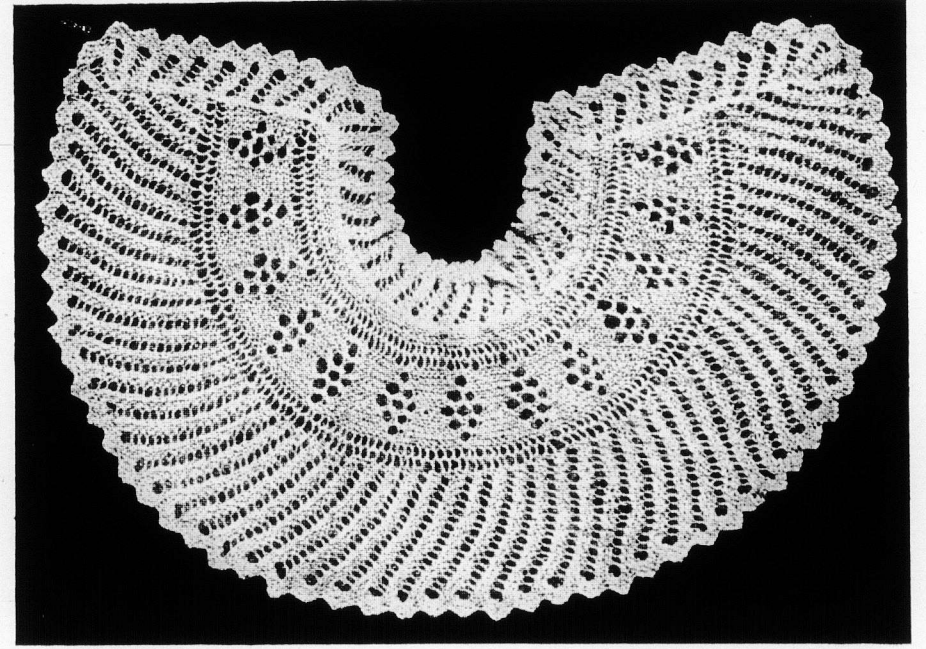
Repeat until you have worked through the pattern 13 times. Commence at neck and bind off, leaving enough stitches for the narrow edge to be knitted to go across end and neck until it meets the strip you knitted first.

Beginning with the first row of collar rule (not edge) and 41 stitches, a very pretty ruffie can be made for various uses.

Wild Rose in Irish Crochet.

This pattern can be done over a cord, but is just as pretty if done over the chain stitch.

Directions for the Wild Rose.—Make a chain two inches long; now wind thread 10 times over end of five fingers, fill evenly with s. c., drawing the ring closely together, as shown in the il-



Child's Knitted Collar.

- 1.—S. 1, k. 4, fagot or f. (which is over twice, purl 2 together), k. 12, f., k. 1 (o. n., k. 2) 4 times, o. 3, k. 3.
- 2.—K. 4, p. 1, k. 18, f., k. 12, f., k. 5.
- 3.—S. 1, k. 4, f., k. 12, f., k. 2 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 7.
- 4.—K. 23, turn work around, slip stitch last knitted on to what is now the right hand needle, k. 2 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 6.
- 5.—K. 23, f., k. 12, turn the work, slip stitch last knitted on to right hand needle, k. 3, n. o. 2, n., k. 4, f., k. 4 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 5.
- 6.—Bind off 3, k. 19, f., k. 6, p. 1, k. 5, f., k. 2, turn work, etc., k. 1, f., k. 2 (n. o. 2, n.) twice, k. 2, f., k. 1 (o. n., k. 2) 4 times, o. 3, k. 3.
- 7.—K. 4, p. 1, k. 18, turn the work, etc., k. 1 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 7.
- 8.—K. 23, f., k. 4 (p. 1, k. 3) twice, f., k. 5.
- 9.—S. 1, k. 4, f. (n. o. 2, n.) 3 times, f., k. 3 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 6.
- 10.—K. 23, turn the work, etc., k. 3 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 5.
- 11.—Bind off 3, k. 19, f., k. 2 (p. 1, k. 3) twice, p. 1, k. 1, f., k. 5.
- 12.—S. 1, k. 4, f., k. 2 (n. o. 2, n.) twice, k. 2, f., k. 1 (o. n., k. 2) 4 times, o. 3, k. 3.
- 13.—K. 4, p. 1, k. 18, turn the work, etc., k. 1 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 7.
- 14.—K. 23, f., k. 4 (p. 1, k. 3) twice, turn the work, etc., k. 3, n. o. 2, n., k. 4, f., k. 3 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 6.
- 15.—K. 23, f., k. 6, p. 1, k. 5, f., k. 2, turn the work, etc., k. 1, f., k. 12, f., k. 4 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 5.
- 16.—Bind off 3, k. 19, f., k. 12, f., k. 5.
- 17.—Like 1st row of collar part.
- 18.—Like 7th row.
- 19.—K. 23, f., k. 6, turn the work, etc., k. 5, f., k. 3 (o. n., k. 2) 3 times, o. n., k. 6.

illustration. Make * 10 c. l. t. in 1 s. c. of first row, skip 2 s. c., 1 s. c. *; repeat from * to * 4 times. 1 half tr. in every tr. of last row; 2 tr. in every half tr. of previous row; go down stem with s. c., ch. 20, turn; fill with s. c. Make chain three inches long.

Bud is made as follows: 9 half tr. in 3rd st. from hook; join with s. c. to 1st half tr. slip st. up 4 tr., * ch. 3, 1 half tr. on 3 ch., 6 tr., ch. 3, 1 tr. on each ch., * repeat twice; last row 1 s. c. in every 3rd st., ch. 5, 1 s. c. in each st. repeat 3 times, and go down stem with s. c.

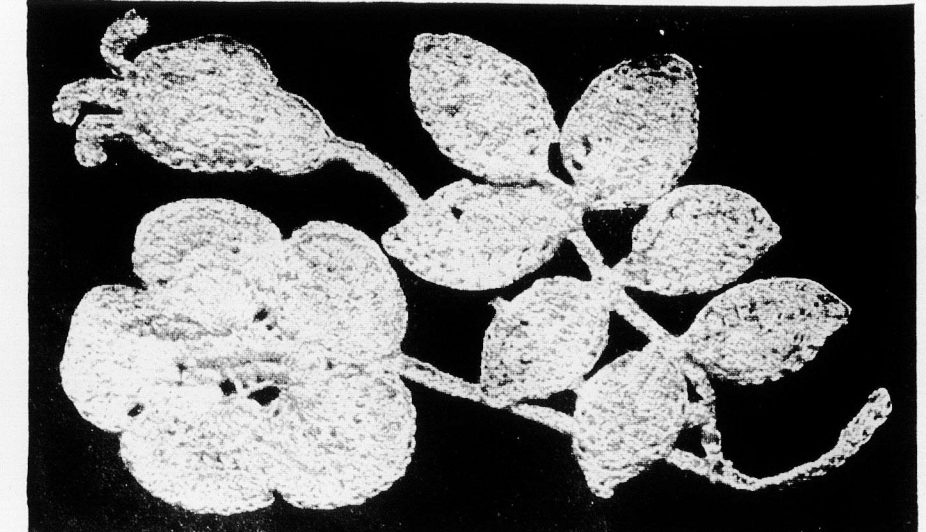
The leaf is made as follows: Make a chain two inches long, 10 tr. on 1st 10 chains from hook, turn; 1 half tr., 8 tr., 1 half tr., at point make 4 half tr., 8 tr. on opposite side, 1 half tr., turn; 1 s. c. in every st. of previous row; at point make 2 half tr., ch. 2, 4 half tr. This makes a very pretty point. Make 4 s. c. on chain, then ch. 10; make another leaf; then make a leaf opposite second leaf; 4 s. c. on ch. Repeat until you have seven leaves; join to main stem.

Crown Relief Crochet Lace.

This lace is made in the length, and is started with the center part, which is worked half in going forward and finished in going back.

After this the filling out stitches are worked in on both sides, which puts the center into shape, and then the heading and scallops are worked.

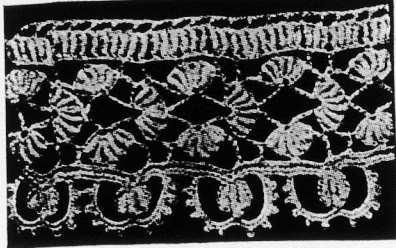
Begin with 5 chain into the end of the chain work * 5 roll stitches O. 10; then 4 chain and a slip stitch in the same place where the rolls were made. This is a finished shell. Now chain 10, and in the 6th chain from the needle make a half shell of 3 rolls (all the same size as first shell). Now chain 10 again, and into the 6th chain from the



Wild Rose in Irish Crochet.

needle work from *. Keep on repeating this until the required length is made. Stop off on a half shell and work in 3 more rolls and finish like the finished shell. * Now chain 10, and make a finished shell in the 6th chain from the needle as before; then chain 5, and make a slip stitch on roll of next half shell, and work in three rolls and finish shell. Repeat from * all the way across.

For the filling out take wrong side toward you and fasten thread on center of first shell. * Chain 5, thread over the needle, take a loop through end of shell, thread over, take a loop through end of shell below, now work off two



Crown Relief Crochet Lace.

loops at a time. Next chain 2 and thread over, take up a loop through same place, thread over, take up a loop through end of next shell; work off again by twos; then chain 5 and a single on center of shell. Repeat from last * for both sides.

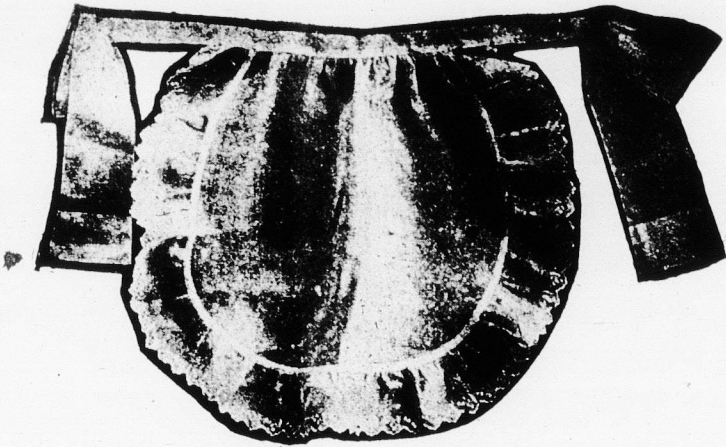
1st Row of Heading.—A row; stitch O, 10 into each stitch unless it makes too full, then miss a stitch as often as necessary.

2nd Row.—Chain 2 and a double between every two rolls.

1st Row of Edging.—A single in every stitch.

2nd Row.—In this row the crown-shaped scoops are worked. Start on the edge with 5 singles on 5 singles. * Now 5 chain and 3 roll stitches O, 15 into the next single, 4 chain and a slip stitch in same place. Next 5 singles on 5 singles, 10 chain, fasten back on center of 3 rolls, 10 chain and fasten down on foundation singles on the first of the five. Fill both of these 10 chains with singles, and at every 3rd single make a 3 chain picot. Now work 11 singles on 11 singles, and repeat from * all the way across.

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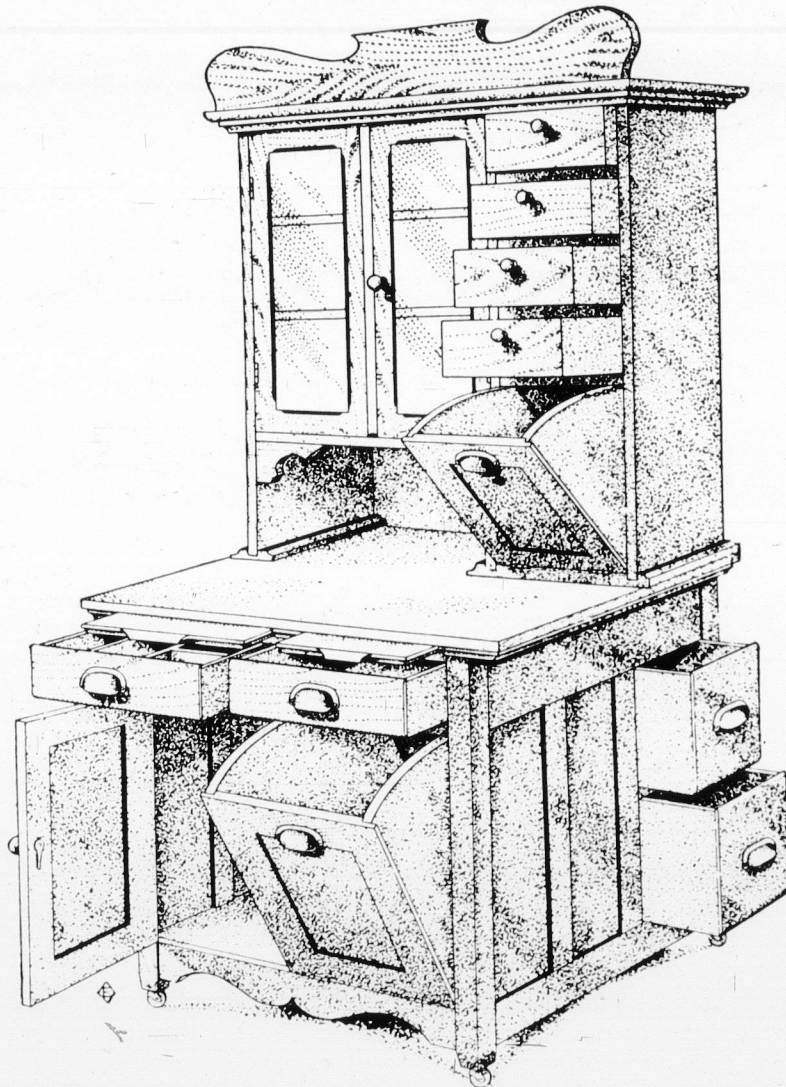
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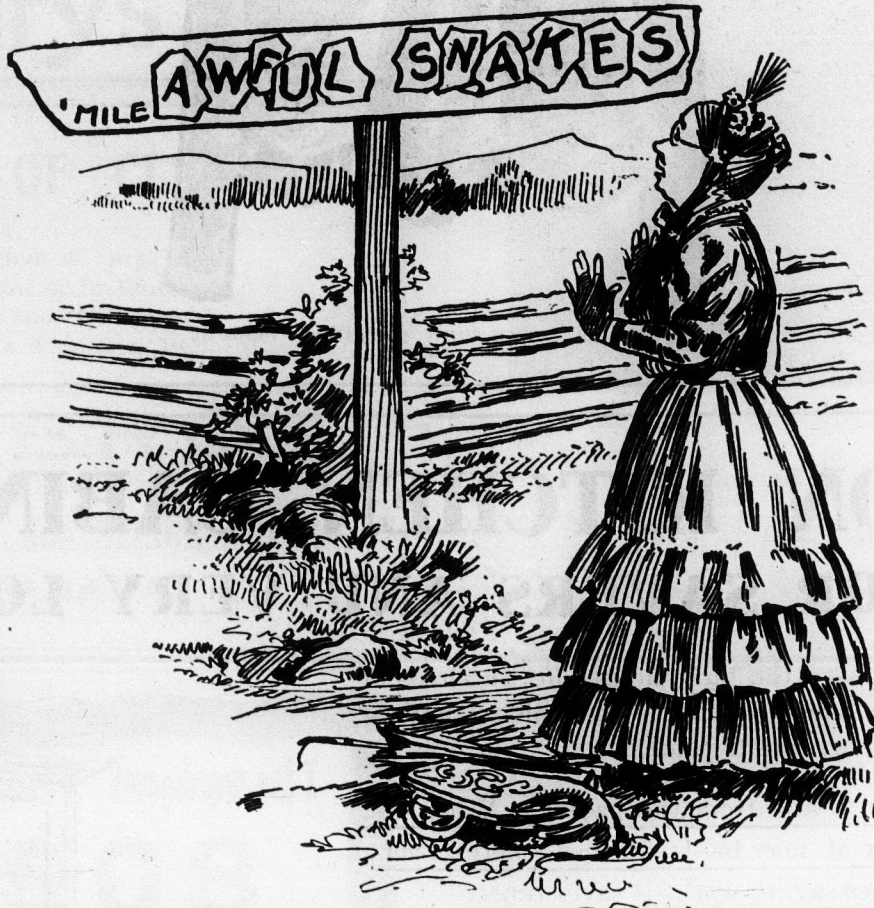
No. 1.—LADDER.

- Uprights:
1st, a buttermaker's implement.
2nd, a musical instrument.
- Rounds:
1st, a girl's name.
2nd, a man's name.
3rd, quickly.
4th, relating to the ear.

No. 2.—MELANGE.

1. Behead a river in the United States, and find a title.
2. Curtail the river, and find a fruit.
3. Syncopate the river, and find a sound.
4. Transpose the title, and find a Shakespearean king.
5. Transpose the fruit, and find to gather; again, and find to diminish.
6. Transpose the sound, and get a jump; again, and get an inclosure; again, and find an excuse.
7. Syncopate to gather, and get a blow.
8. Curtail the fruit, and obtain a vegetable.
9. Behead the inclosure, and get a liquor.
10. Behead the excuse, and get a meadow.
11. Curtail the title, and find a part of the body.

No. 3.—PICTURE PUZZLE.



The old lady in the above picture is very much surprised at the signboard at the crossroads. You see, a man driving past ran into the signpost and knocked all the letters off of it. He put them back as well as he could, but he could not read, and the result was that he got them all wrong. See if you can change the letters about so that they will spell the name of the place where the old lady wants to go.

No. 4.—BROKEN WORD PUZZLE.

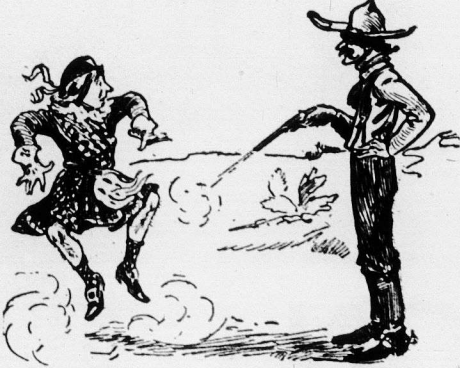
In each of the following sentences, fill the first blanks with words made by dividing the word chosen for the remaining blank:

1. I saw at my _____ offered him which showed there had been great _____ since the simple customs of earlier days.
2. To _____ would not have been deemed _____ by the Whigs in Revolutionary times.

No. 5.—WORD SQUARE.

In the following verse there is suggested a Word Square of four words, each containing four letters:
My first, to escape from Morpheus' embrace;
My next in our hearts has a very dear place;
My third is to work—in a certain way;
My fourth is a name we can hear any day.

No. 6.—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



The cowboy in the above picture is issuing an order of two words to the Scotchman. This order is the name of a game very popular among boys and girls. What is it?

No. 7.—PATRIOTIC CONUNDRUM.

Why are the emblems of America more enduring than those of France, England, Ireland and Scotland?

No. 8.—ANAGRAM BLANKS.

Fill the blanks in these sentences with words of five letters and their transpositions.

1. Who will give a _____ of paper for envelopes?
2. A _____ was sung beneath the lofty _____, and the _____ were lit when we returned.
3. Amy sent to the grocer's for a _____ but he sent her a _____.
4. Very good, with an _____ supply of sugar.

No. 9.—ABBREVIATIONS.

1. Syncopate and curtail a greenish mineral, and leave a Turkish officer.
2. Syncopate and curtail a royal ornament, and leave a domestic animal.
3. Syncopate and curtail a fabled spirit, and leave a coniferous tree.
4. Syncopate and curtail a small fruit, and leave an opening.
5. Syncopate and curtail a motive power, and leave a body of water.
6. Syncopate and curtail colorless, and leave a humorous man.
7. Syncopate and curtail stops, and leave a head-covering.
8. Syncopate and curtail a sweet substance, and leave an agricultural implement.

Answers to Puzzles in April Number.

- No. 1. Town Meeting Puzzle.—1. Hannibal. 2. Aurora. 3. Independence. 4. Lincoln. 5. Carthage. 6. Olympia. 7. Lebanon. 8. Utica. 9. Memphis. 10. Brunswick. 11. Ithaca. 12. Athens. 13. Helena. 14. Adrian. 15. Paris. 16. Philadelphia. 17-18. York and Lancaster. 19. Alexandria. 20. Norfolk. 21. Dover. "Hail Columbia, Happy Land."

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No. 5. Accidental Hiding.—Lee, Ream, Eli, Er, Onan, Nan, Peel, Eva, Eels, Andre, Andrea, Neva, Po, On, Aven, No.

No. 6. Easter Egg Rebus.—A long and fortunate career to him who in loving deeds on this Easter excels. (A long and fortunate ear ear 2 him [hymn] who inn love in G deeds on this Easter egg cells.)

- No. 7. Animal Puzzle.—1. Tiger, tier. 2. Frog, fog. 3. Seal, sea. 4. Bear, ear. 5. Drake, rake. 6. Horse, hse. 7. Monkey, money. 8. Fox, ox. 9. Boar, oar. 10. Mink, ink.

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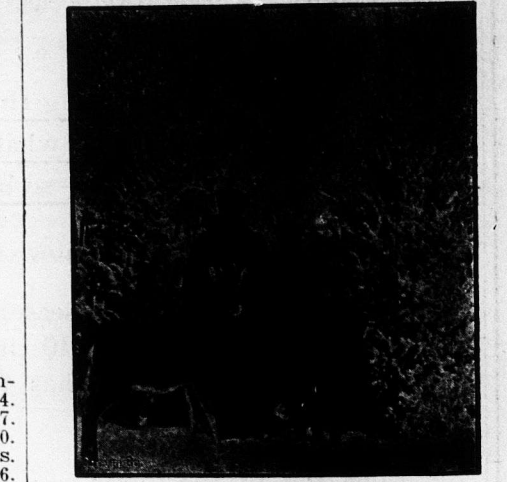
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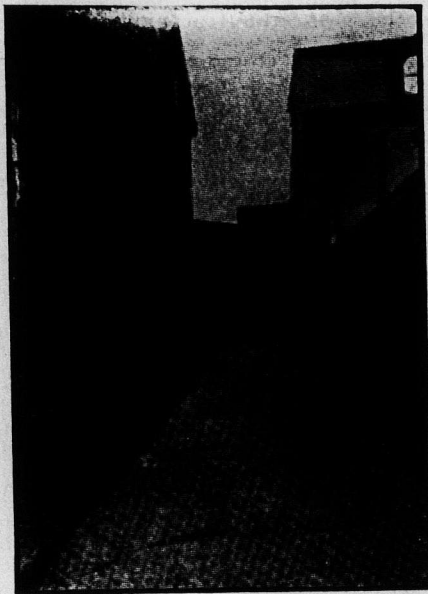
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Many a busy home-maker has sighed over some bare and ugly spot around her otherwise charming home, and frequently is the exclamation, "If I had only time and means!" repeated. Perhaps it is the little nook under the dining-room window in the corner of the L, or a fence which is more useful than picturesque, which offends the eye and



"From the back door the outlook was far from pleasing."

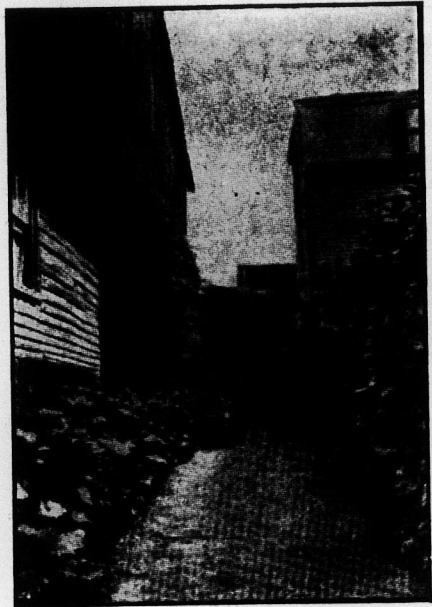
calls forth a sigh from the owner. But there is, here and there, one who knows the value of the moments, and, who during the time spent by others in thinking over the results which they will one day bring about, accomplishes the desired transformation.

In the town of Kingston, Ont., lived one of these practical women, in the person of Miss —, who came from the South to this old Ontario city, bringing with her that inborn love of sunshine and flowers which is characteristic of that climate.

It was in the early springtime that Miss — took possession of the weather-beaten garrison house which was to be her Northern home, and began a tour of exploration around the place. A view from the back door showed a garden plot with strange decorations in the way of tin cans and piles of ashes. So thick was the debris that it was almost impossible to pass through it, and the outlook was far from pleasing.

It needed no long survey to enable Miss — to formulate in her mind a plan to render the unsightly place tidy if nothing more, and in accordance with her determination a man was summoned and the ashes and tin cans were speedily loaded into his wagon and taken away. Then with a small trowel—for there was so little soil that to use a spade would have been impossible—she carefully prepared the ground for seeds.

These seeds were carefully selected with an eye to the fitness of each for the soil and space which she must give them. For ten cents she purchased a quantity of scarlet runner beans which used to flourish in all gardens, and these, with forty cents' worth of mixed seeds, furnished enough to plant her little space. Along the unsightly board fence she planted the beans with care, for in some places there was so little earth that she was obliged to lay them on their sides in order to give them any covering. On the opposite side of the yard, against the house, she put another row of the beans, and the rest of the earth was filled with the mixed seeds.



"The fence was hidden under a mass of Green leaves and scarlet blossoms."

Soon the seeds began to send up tiny shoots into the sunlight and the beans to cast sturdy roots into the ground. For a time the weeds seemed more flourishing than did the flowers, but their vigilant mistress let none of the intruders escape, and presently she had her reward in seeing a fine lot of sturdy plants filling up the space along each side of the concrete walk and bursting into bloom under the windows, while the ugly board fence was literally hidden under a mass of green leaves and scarlet blossoms.

Taking Care of Window Flower Boxes.

The window-box as a means of adornment has few, if any, rivals. It is not necessarily an expensive affair, as the simplest construction will give practically the same results as the most expensive tile and terra-cotta arrangement. Nor is the labor involved in caring for one or many boxes onerous. Water must be given in generous quantities and the growth of vine and plant controlled, and as they may be readily reached from the window and from the inside of the house they are preeminently the most delightful form of gardening for the invalid or shut-in. Scythe-boxes, which may be bought at any hardware store for five cents, are excellent, and larger, stronger boxes, which have held window-shades and the like, can be obtained at the dry-goods store. These may need some cutting down, being usually too long for the ordinary window, but they are often just the thing for large oriel windows.

The next best thing is to build them of good one-inch lumber. The length of the window and about ten inches wide is a good size, and the depth should be from eight to ten inches. This gives sufficient earth to support the plants during the four or five months that they will be in use.

Careful attention should be paid to the matter of drainage. Boxes that have loose seams and allow the water to escape are never satisfactory, and the seams should be packed with moss or otherwise caulked. So in making boxes the joints should be made as nearly water-tight as possible. As, however, a spell of rainy weather may flood the boxes and retain the water to an undesirable extent, it will be well to provide for its escape by making a small hole at the bottom of the box, and when not needed plugging it.

More expensive boxes may have an interlining of zinc. These will be found convenient when you desire the boxes early in the house or to remove some especially attractive box to the house for the winter.

The soil is a matter of importance, as it must be adapted to a variety of plants, and must be of a quality to sustain the plants at a high degree of culture. For this reason a rich compost is desirable and may be composed of one part of old, decayed sod or rich, garden loam and one part leaf-mould, with the addition of one part of old, well-rotted manure and a little sharp sand.

Plants of a trailing nature are desirable for the face of the boxes, though there are many climbing vines that may be used with good effect providing they are given a little timely training.

Of the trailers the vines are especially good. *Nepeta Glechoma* is also a pretty trailer, and the trailing *Fuchsias* are almost indispensable in north-window boxes. The trailing *Abutilon* is also most desirable, and the *Ivy geraniums* do well in almost any exposure. Naturally the light and the general conditions prevailing will have much to do with deciding what shall be put in the window-boxes. Obviously, shade-loving plants, as ferns, *Fuchsias*, *Begonias* and the like, should not be grown in boxes exposed to a hot western or southern sun, but they will grow and thrive in a north box in a delightful way. Most charming effects may be produced by combining ornamental, foliaged *Begonias*, large-flowered *Fuchsias* and *Asparagus ferns* and vines in artistic confusion. The *Impatiens Sultanii* is an excellent north-window plant, and the new variety, *Impatiens Holstii*, which has a brilliant vermilion flower and double the florescence of the older form, is a most desirable flower for this kind of gardening.

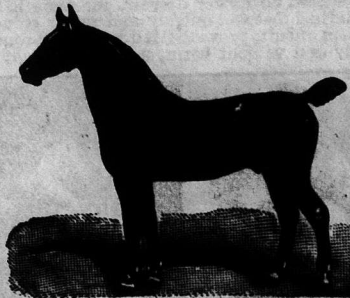
The east-window box furnishes a good field for the growing of tuberous *Begonias*. *Scarlet* and *white geraniums*, *lavender heliotropes* or *ageratums* and trailing vines make beautiful and odorous the windows toward the sunset the summer through and are always dependable; the *coleuses* and the *crotons* are scarcely less brilliant in coloring, but the *coleus* needs frequent pruning during the summer to keep it within bounds.

The following collection of plants may prove helpful to the novice and may be depended upon to give good results with ordinary care:

Bright nasturtiums, scarlet and white phlox *Drummondii*, scarlet and white or pink and white *Verbenas*, all make effective and pleasing boxes; the trailing *Alyssum* is delicate and pretty; and for blue effects the various *Lobelias* are always available. The blue flax—*Linum perenne*—is exceedingly light and graceful. But to give a list of all the plants available for window boxes would be much like compiling a floral dictionary.

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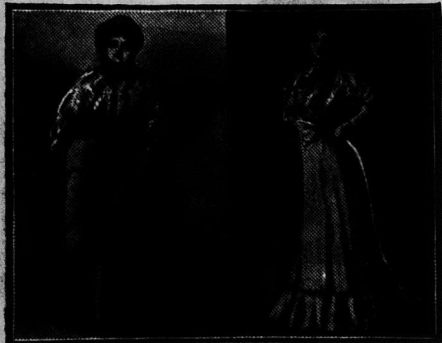
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Deep breathing will stop a beginning cold if tried persistently four or five minutes at a time.

A harmless skin whitener is made from a paste composed of sweet almonds and benzoin.

When tired out and hungry take a cup of hot soup for quick refreshment, rather than tea or coffee.

Soften the skin by applying cloths, wrung out of hot water, before using a massage of cream.

A nervous biting or twitching of the lips will spoil the natural pleasant expression of the face.

When the body is thoroughly protected, a bracing walk in the cold fresh air should act as a tonic to the whole system.

The individual who is always catching cold is the one who has always been coddled and kept in artificial atmosphere.

Strengthen the lungs by using the abdominal muscles when breathing. One can better resist disease when the lungs are strong and active.

There are few days even in winter when a baby in ordinary health cannot have his usual airing, well wrapped and protected from wind or cold.

When caring for the sick, decide all questions as far as possible yourself, avoiding argument or any discussion that will excite or tire the patient.

A quick sponging all over every morning, followed by a brisk rub with a crash towel, stimulates the skin and removes waste matter thrown off through the night.

The best prescription for a clear complexion is exercise in the open air, baths and hygienic dress, with careful attention to diet and the condition of bowels and kidneys.

Immediate relief for burns and scalds is given by ordinary baking soda, found in all homes. Cover the part with a thick layer of soda slightly moistened, and keep it in place by a bandage.

Neuralgia is the "cry of the nerves for food." By food is meant good blood which may be had by right living—fresh air, good food, refreshing sleep, hygienic surroundings and work that is not too strenuous.

A valuable cosmetic and skin whitener is glycerine which agrees with most skins. It should never be used pure, but diluted with equal parts or two thirds quantity of cologne or lemon juice when used on the hands or arms. When used undiluted it causes a heavy growth of hair and is used for this reason as a tonic for the scalp.

When a crochet hook catches in the flesh, the best way to remove it, without making the wound larger, is to slip a knitting needle along side of it, until the point fits into the hook, when both can readily be removed.

One attack of pneumonia confers no immunity to a recovering patient. His weakened lungs are in just the condition for another attack. If provoked by drafts or overheated rooms. Fresh air is the best stimulant and strengthener in all such cases.

If a fish hook becomes embedded in the flesh do not attempt to jerk it out. Push it gently forward until the point emerges from the skin when it may be cut off with forceps or a file, and can then be easily withdrawn. Bathe the wound with an antiseptic wash.

A saturated solution of boracic acid (a large teaspoonful to a pint of water) is an excellent antiseptic solution and may be used to reduce inflammation of the eyes; to rinse the mouth when hot and dry from fever; or as a gargle for sore throat.

Nervous people are usually thin. In order to gain flesh, sleep at least ten hours at night, relax all the muscles when lying down, and think only of pleasant or agreeable things. Eat plentifully of starchy foods such as potatoes, corn, beans, peas, macaroni. Drink milk or chocolate, and eat moderately of ice cream and sweets.

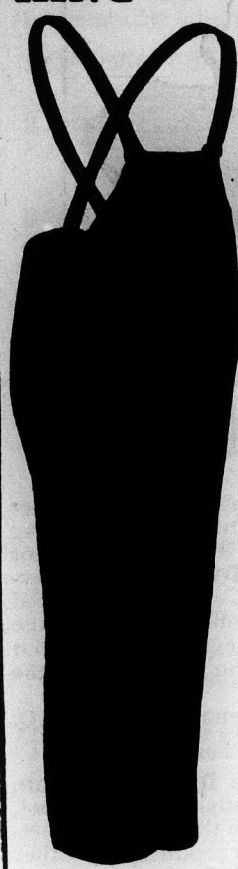
For a bilious condition a simple and effective remedy is a teaspoonful of phosphate of soda dissolved in a cup of hot water, half an hour before breakfast. The juice of half a lemon in the mixture makes it more palatable and adds to the good effect on the liver. This preparation should be taken every morning for at least two weeks.

A careful selection of foods according to their nutritive value, adapted to the varying conditions of climate, sickness or health, occupation, and physical needs of the individual is also equally necessary in order to insure the most perfect assimilation and not only support life, but favor the highest development of mind and body.

Baby's Bath.

Infants' bathtubs come in a variety of forms. A favorite one is of rubber swung on a framework. It is not as steady as it might be, and is liable to collapse, but is soft and has the advantage of shutting up and not taking much space. The tub should be filled with sufficient water to cover the child, but before placing the child in, wash its head, ears, eyes and neck. In order to cleanse the folds of the ears, roll a wisp of cotton around a toothpick and with it carefully cleanse the creases. Cleanse the nostrils in the same manner with another one. This should be done in each instance be done carefully and without force. The child only stays in the bath a few minutes, when it is taken out on a soft towel, rolled in it and gently patted and dried, after which the folds and creases of the body are dried. Great attention should be given to these, for if they are not dried with care, chafing will result, and they may even become raw. A soothing powder is used for this purpose, applied by bits of absorbent cotton, which can be thrown away after once using. The old-fashioned powder-puff should be discarded. The daily bath is kept up for two or three years, when it may be deemed advisable to give them less frequently.

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But the big troubles, the bitter disappointments, the deep wrongs and heartbreaking sorrows, the tragedies of life—what about them? Why, just let them go, too. Drop them softly, maybe, but surely. Put away all regret and bitterness, and let sorrow be only a softening influence. Yes, let them go, too, and make the most of the future.

Then that little pet ailment that you have been hanging on to and talking about, let it go. It will be a good riddance. You have treated it royally, but abandon it; let it go. Talk about health instead and health will come. Quit nursing that pet ailment and let it go. It is not so hard after you once get used to the habit of it—letting go of these things. You will find it such an easy way to get rid of things that mar and embitter life, that you will enjoy letting them go. You will find the world such a beautiful place. You will find it beautiful because you will be free to enjoy it—free in mind and body.

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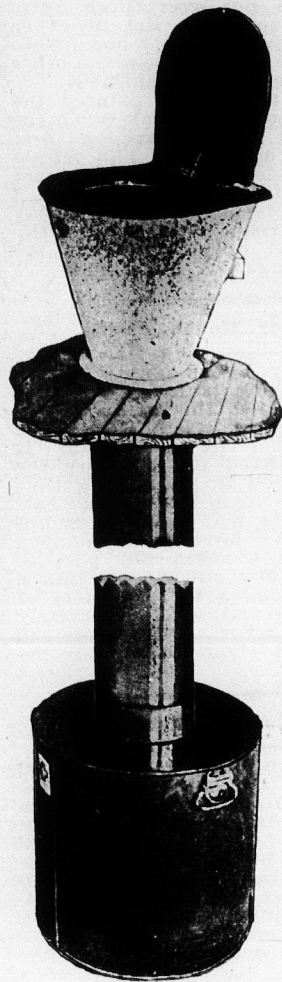
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Mrs. Swallow had just finished her nest, and fastened it snugly on one side of the chimney, when along came the North Wind in a terrible passion.

He had had a quarrel with some of his relations in Greenland, and had rushed out, like the silly, bad-tempered old fellow he was, to wreak his spite on whatever came in his way.

So, growling and shrieking and whistling and groaning, he blew off any number of hats, scared hundreds of young blossoms from the cherry-trees, and left them to die on the road, rocked all the little wooden houses like so many cradles, and then flew from the streets to the chimneys.

Away went a brick here and there, and, alas! at the second great puff, away went Mrs. Swallow's nest, too.

She had built it so carefully and wonderfully, carrying up wisps of hay and bits of stray from the tan-yard, and lining it with some of Gray Hen's softest breast feathers!

And now where was it? "Ha! ha! ha!" laughed the spiteful old Wind, "wouldn't you like to know?"

Then he spied Mr. Swallow hurrying home with a fine worm he had found, and he hastened to get behind him and drive him along so fast that he came bump up against Mrs. Swallow, nearly knocking her from her perch, and at the same time dropped the worm he had carried so far.

"Whew! said Mr. Swallow, when he had got his breath again. "This is a blow."

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," muttered the worm, as it crawled quickly away.

"But what's the matter, my dear?" continued Mr. Swallow. "Why do you look so serious? And—bless my heart! where's our nest?"

"That horrid old North Wind snatched it from the chimney, first tumbling me out and rumpaling all my feathers," answered Mrs. Swallow, with tears in her round, black eyes. "And now what are we to do?"

"Cheer up, my dear," chirruped her husband. "I can't bear to see you cry. We'll get just inside the chimney until we are quite sure he's gone, and then we'll call on Madam Owl and ask her advice. They say she has become so wise through studying the stars night after night, and night after night, that she knows everything, and so, of course, she will be able to tell us what to do."

"But, Swally," said Mrs. Swallow, "our family don't like Madam Owl, and have never been friends with her. Only the other day, when she was dozing, I pulled a feather out of her head myself."

"That was very naughty, my dear," said Mr. Swallow, looking as though he thought it rather cunning, "but I don't believe she'll remember it if we are very polite to her and pay her some compliments. And now you'd better take a little nap, for Madam Owl only receives company at night, and I'm afraid you can't stay awake when it becomes dark unless you do."

So Mrs. Swallow, like an obedient wife, took a nap, and Mr. Swallow did, too, for that matter, although he said, when Mrs. Swallow woke him, "he'd only been thinking."

As soon as evening came, away they flew to the old oak-tree where Madam Owl lived.

She had just supped off a plump young field mouse and was very good-natured, and listened with the utmost patience until they had told their story. Then she said, "Tu-whit-tu-who! oh! ah! yes!"

"Wasn't it too bad of the Wind?" asked Mrs. Swallow.

"Tu-whit-tu-who! oh! ah! yes!" answered the Owl.

"Can you tell us what to do?" asked Mr. Swallow.

Madam Owl looked at the moon half-an-hour—looked at the stars half-an-hour—looked at nothing half-an-hour—

and then said very slowly, "Tu-whit-tu-who! oh! ah! n-o-o-o."

"Good night," twittered the angry swallows, and flew quickly back to their chimney again.

"Much good it did us going to Madam Owl," said Mrs. Swallow, with a pout, as soon as they reached home. "I never did believe those stories about her knowing so much. Why, if I said as little and had as big eyes as Madam Owl, no doubt all the birds would call me wise too. And now I'll tell you, my love, what I think we'd better do. Get up with the sun to-morrow morning—make another nest, and fasten it on the other side of the chimney."

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as thoroughly as you know how. Now start your top spinning on the large square and let it spin till it stops. You score the number on which it stops, and then the next player sets his top to going.

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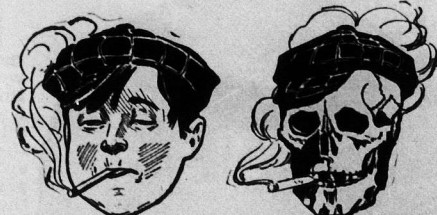
Any number can play, and in case of a dozen or more players the game may be made faster by having three or four tops spinning on the square at the same time.

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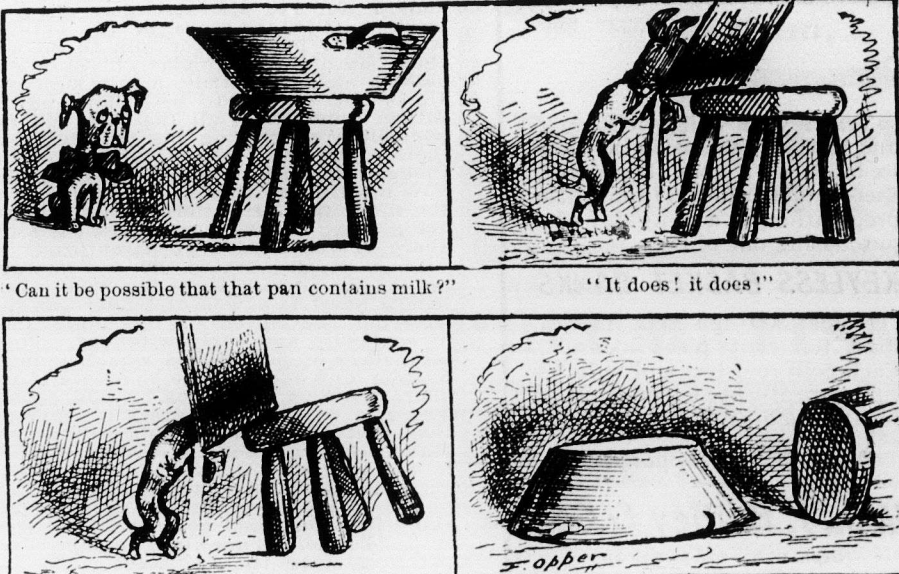
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Woman and the Home.

When Grandma Tucked the Quilts.

When brother Fred and Rob and me Were little tads together; We made one trundle do for three So we'd keep warm cold weather. And when 'twas bedtime every night, And we'd climbed in the trundle; Dear grandma came by candle light And tucked us in a bundle.

The strangest stories ever told We heard in that old attic. When grandma's rocker, worn and old, Rocked on the boards erratic. She told of goblins, giants, kings, Fair princesses and lovers; Of castles grand and other things Before she tucked the covers.

The tricks we played on grandma dear Would start us all to giggle; We'd toss the pillows far and near And shout and kick and wriggle. But when she said that spooks were due, And woe if they but found us, We all lay still while grandma threw The warmest quilts around us.

Oh, have I dreamed, in some strange room, Far off, a world-wide rover, That I could see through semi-gloom Dear grandma bending over. I seemed to feel her gentle hands Just as when but a boy; Though far away in distant lands— Oh, fleeting dreams, what joy!

Heart and Home Talks.

What mothers most need (the mothers who must be also cooks, seamstresses and laundresses) is help to courageously and hopefully bear the strain of everyday work and care. For this help they are hoping and almost unconsciously looking in every printed page that meets their eyes.

It is not wise, dear mothers, to forecast the day's labors and begin to worry over them. One thing at a time is all that is required. Just give that one thing your attention for the time needed, then turn to the next task. Nothing is required of us that we are not able to perform. That is, the higher law of existence, God's law, requires no more of us than we can accomplish without harm to ourselves. No mother should labor so far beyond her strength as to weaken her nerves and will power and, becoming irritable, weak and vacillating, be unfit to perform her higher duty to her children as their wise guide and example. When we consider the multitudinous duties of the mother and housekeeper with a family of little ones to care for, we do not wonder that her courage weakens and her feet falter before the day is done, try to save herself as she may.

How may such a mother best perform her daily duty to her family and herself?

"Take it to the Lord in prayer," some one suggests. But, while we mothers all believe in prayer and find therein much comfort and strength, most of us believe also that "faith without works is dead," and that whatever help comes to us in answer to our prayers must come through human hearts and hands, for thus only can God's will be done upon earth.

Too many women try to bear alone the burdens which husband and wife should share. Talk it all over with the husband and father. Let your husband know that you need his help daily and hourly in caring for his children and his home. The husband builds the home, the wife keeps it; he provides the food, she prepares it; he furnishes the material for clothing and she makes it into garments; the husband labors, it may be eight or ten hours a day, or from dawn till dark, but the wife labors often far into the night the husband's strength is his to use in his daily work, the wife's is more or less exhausted by bearing and nursing his children. And, as in addition to longer hours of labor, she, the weaker one, must bear all the pains and perils of their parenthood, should not he, the stronger, share at least equally the care of the children when it is possible for him to be with them, at night particularly? Surely he should, and every true, manly man will. He is not worthy to be a husband and father, who places all the care and responsibility of rearing his children upon their mother. Some men do this thoughtlessly and need only to realize how much more they are accepting from the mothers of their children than they are giving, to take themselves their full share of the burden of parenthood.

Dear, tired mothers, do not struggle on longer alone. Deep in your husband's heart is a well of tenderness that so often overflowed in the happy days of courtship and early wifehood. These later days of parenthood would be much happier and much more complete if you share its joys and cares as you should. There is on earth no greater happiness than that of the father and mother who realize the fulfillment of their early love in together caring for the children that come to bless their home. If his happiness is not known to the home something is wrong, and one cannot be wholly to blame. Somewhere along life's pathway since the two have trodden it together, obstacles have arisen, misunderstandings, hardships, perhaps poverty and, it may be, dire distress; courage has failed, the light of hope has

gone out, one or the other has been weak, or selfish, or unwise, and the mutual love that should have comforted and strengthened them to bear all things bravely together has grown cold and failed of its tender manifestations and ministrations when they were most needed. But it is not yet dead. It needs only a few kind words and loving deeds to renew its life and power. Remembering the happy days that were, do not hesitate to do your part to make happy the days that are to be.

Bear the burden no longer alone, dear, weary mothers. Confess your weariness, your need of help, and lean on him who vowed to "love, honor and cherish." Together you shall journey more easily onward toward a future, that, please God, shall far outweigh the happy past.

Make Housework Easy.

House crowded full of irrelevant furniture and needless gewgaws that required time and strength to keep dusted; rebellious servants, no servants, aching muscles, tired brain! I had them all when suddenly one day I listened to the Still Small Voice and it counselled me to get rid of all things which I was not actually using. I took a room on the north side of the house, which we never have used much since the children left home, and used it for a store room. I put everything away systematically, keeping a list of every article in each box. When I had finished, there was not much left in the other rooms but comfort and cleanliness.

Next I tinted the walls, painted the woodwork and floors and took down the lace curtains. It looked bare at first and some folks thought we had moved out, but we can see the garden now, not through a curtain, but clearly, and I can clean the whole house in half a day and sit down to read with a healthy tired feeling that doesn't prevent the enjoyment of things.

New Soil for House Plants.

The reason why house plants bear a lean and sickly look is often because they have exhausted the soil. Potted plants should have new soil at least every six months. The best soil is found in uncultivated fields where the sun has shone upon it for a long time and in the sandy loam of creek bottoms. The best is leaf mold from under oak trees. We have made many a merry picnic for the express purpose of getting earth for our house plants. I think an occasion and when everybody helps enough earth for a dozen pots can be carried home without taxing the patience of any one.

The Right of a Child.

The other day a daily paper printed side by side the account of the way two mothers were treated by their sons. In the one case a mother was on the point of starvation and her two sons deserted her, and refused to even see her, although they both held good paying positions. In the other case three little fellows were struggling to keep the shabby back rooms as a home for their mother to come to if she ever came out of the hospital.

The pictures were clearly drawn, and the contrast was great.

And yet, not all the blame for the shameful conduct rested on the miserable, ungrateful sons, and a part of the credit for the conduct of the three good, manly little fellows lay outside of themselves.

In the first place every child has a right to be born well. No woman has any moral right to marry a man whose children, if he have any, would inherit bad traits. It was evident in the write up of the ungrateful and unnatural sons, that they inherited their traits from their father. So, I say, that not all the blame rests on them. The mother had no right to have married such a man.

If, for only one generation we could pass laws by which no undesirable character could have children, we would regenerate the world. For truly, the evil of the parents is visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations.

Looking in the pictured faces of the three good little lads, starving and struggling to "help mamma" you could see that the dead father had been a good, manly man.

Great is the power of heredity, and great are the sins committed in ignoring it.

When the day comes that women do not marry for money, or for a home, or "just cause," when they make the most and best of themselves, and marry good men, or none at all, then we may look for a better race.

Every child has a right to be born well, to not be burdened with inherited evil tendencies, to have good tendencies as its rightful inheritance. And every mother who gives her child less must bear the blame.

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HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

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Steamed Graham Bread.—Three cupfuls of Arlington meal, one cupful of flour, three and one-half teaspoonfuls of soda, one teaspoonful of salt, one scant cupful of molasses, two and one-half cupfuls of sour milk. Mix as Boston brown bread, and steam four hours. This bread may often be eaten when bread containing cornmeal could not be digested.

Scalloped Tomatoes.—Remove contents from one can of tomatoes and drain tomatoes from some of their liquor, seasoning with salt, pepper, a few drops of onion juice, and sugar if preferred sweet. Cover the bottom of a buttered baking dish with buttered cracker crumbs, cover tomatoes, and sprinkle top thickly with buttered crumbs. Bake in a hot oven until crumbs are brown.

Plain Baked Custard.—Beat four eggs, whites and yolks together slightly. Add one quart of fresh milk, four tablespoonfuls of sugar, a pinch of salt and whatever flavoring is desired. Nutmeg is the old-fashioned flavoring that most people like. Rose water is delicate and almond good, though not so wholesome as other flavors. Bake in stoneware cups or a bowl set in a basin of hot water. Take care that the oven is not too hot.

Minced Veal with Macaroni.—Chop fine one pound of veal. Add to it one-quarter of a pound of bread crumbs and the same weight of chopped ham. Season with a little grated lemon peel, salt and pepper. Stir together with two eggs well beaten and two tablespoonfuls of gravy or cream. Boil one-half pound of macaroni until tender, and line a mold with it. Fill in the veal mixed with the minced macaroni which remains and steam all for half an hour. Serve with rich gravy.

East India Soup.—Put into a kettle a tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of finely chopped onions, two tablespoonfuls of grated carrots, the same of grated turnips; stir carefully for about two minutes; add a quart of water or stock, a dash of red pepper, a little black pepper, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, a sliced apple, and simmer gently for fifteen minutes. Add a teaspoonful of curry and four or five tablespoonfuls of boiled rice, which should be boiled while you are making the soup.

Deviled Rabbit.—Joint a young rabbit and parboil the pieces. Set them aside to cool. Score them to the bone, making the gashes quite close together. Meantime melt two tablespoonfuls of butter and season with one-eighth of a teaspoonful of red pepper, half a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of mustard, one tablespoonful of vinegar or lemon juice, and one teaspoonful of Worcestershire. Mix well and brush each piece of rabbit with it, taking care to rub well into the gashes. Have the broiling chamber very hot, and brown the rabbit quickly, turning several times. Meantime keep the remainder of the deviling mixture and pour it over the rabbit when serving.

English Plum Pudding.—Two pounds of raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of citron, half pound of almonds, one pound of butter, one pound of flour, one pound of brown sugar, one teaspoonful each of ground cinnamon, cloves, allspice, ginger and nutmeg, half a pint of brandy and wine mixed, and one dozen eggs. Boil six hours. Keep water boiling by the side of pudding-boiler all the time, and continually refill as the water evaporates. In preparing the pudding have all the fruit stoned and cut, but not too fine, the almonds blanched and chopped. Incorporate all the ingredients well together before adding the eggs and spirits, and beat the mixture well together for at least an hour—the longer the better.

Orange Charlotte.—Use a half lox of gelatine, one cupful of sugar, one of orange juice, the juice of one lemon, one and one-half cupfuls of boiling water, half a cupful of cold water and four Florida oranges of medium size. Soak the gelatine in cold water for two hours. Pour the boiling water on it and then place the bowl in a pan of boiling water, add sugar and stir until dissolved. Now add orange and lemon juice and strain into a bowl. Place the bowl in a pan of ice water and stir frequently until the contents begin to congeal. While they are cooling, peel and slice the oranges. Line a quart charlotte mould with them. As soon as the jelly begins to congeal beat it vigorously. Continue beating the preparation until it is light and so thick that it flows in a thick stream. Fill the charlotte mould and set away to harden.

Salmon Salad.—1 can salmon; 6 hard boiled eggs; the same amount of celery as fish chopped or cut in small pieces. Mix with Durkee or home-made dressing.

Potato Salad.—1 teaspoon salt; 2 teaspoons parsley; ½ teaspoon pepper; 2 grated onions; 1 gill vinegar; ½ gill oil or melted butter; pour over 2 quarts of cold boiled potatoes chopped into dice. Let it stand half an hour before serving.

Stewed Fowl.—This should be served in the dish it is cooked in, which should be of fireproof china. Truss a fowl as and place it in a dish, with a few slices of streaky bacon cut into small pieces, one pint of fowl stock, and a little piece of mace, with sufficient pepper and salt to flavor. Cover the dish, (which should be deep) with buttered paper, stand it in a steady oven, and let all cool for nearly three-quarters of an hour. Baste the fowl while it cooks, and add more broth if required. When the fowl is cooked, and of a nice golden color, take it up, remove the string, etc., strain and skim all the fat from the gravy, add some boiled rice, and when all is hot again serve.

Haricot of Ox Tails.—Take three ox tails, two carrots, two onions, two white turnips, three potatoes, three tablespoonfuls of butter, two of flour, three pints of water, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, and half a teaspoonful of pepper. Cut the tails in pieces four inches long. Chop onions fine and the carrots, turnips and potatoes into large cubes. Put the butter, meat and onions in a stewpan and fry, stirring all the time until the onions are a golden brown, then add the flour and stir two minutes longer. Add the water and bring to boiling point. Skim carefully and set back where it will simmer. When it has been cooking an hour add the carrots and turnips. Cook another hour, then add salt, pepper and potatoes. Simmer twenty minutes longer. Heap the vegetables in the centre of a hot dish and arrange the tails around them. Pour the gravy over all and serve.

Spank Toast.—One egg, lightly beaten, add two-thirds of a cupful of milk and fill with water. Stir together one cupful of flour, one cupful of cornmeal, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one tablespoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of baking powder, and sift into egg and milk. Mix thoroughly and add cornmeal to make about as stiff as biscuit dough. Now comes the trying part. Have a kettle of fat ready on the stove, the same as for frying doughnuts. Take a pan of cold water, wet the hands in it, dip up a large spoonful of the mixture, and pat it out flat in the hands. Take up lightly with fingers and drop into the boiling fat. Have on the stove a pan containing about one quart of milk. Bring to a boil. Thicken with one-half cupful of flour, stirred to a smooth paste with milk. Add a teaspoonful of salt and a small piece of butter to the thickened milk. When the spans are done, split open, and serve with milk gravy on them.

Fancy Pudding.—Chip as small a hole in the end of an egg as the contents of the egg will pass through. The yolks in one dish and the whites in another, until you have emptied eight shells; stand the shells upright in a small egg case until ready for use. make the foundation for a good blanc mange out of one pint of rich milk; when scalding hot add one-half cupful of sugar and one-half package of the crystal gelatine, previously dissolved in a cupful of cold milk or water; stir thoroughly and divide the blanc mange into three parts; flavor the white part with vanilla; pour a part of this into the bottom of the dish it is to be served in; for the foundation of the egg meat pudding pour the rest into a small pitcher, and fill the shells; flavor the yellow part with orange, and add the beaten yolks of two eggs, and repeat the process of filling the shells; into the third part stir two heaping tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate or cocoa, flavor with a few drops of almond, and fill the remaining egg shells; when ready to serve, make a stiff meringue of the whites of three eggs, beaten with powdered sugar, flavor with one-half a lemon; color with two tablespoonfuls red sugar; heap upon the blanc mange foundation; sprinkle over it the grated rind of a lemon to represent straw; remove the shells from the colored eggs; lay them in the nest; serve with sugar and cream.

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About the Farm.

Dehorning Calves with Caustic.

Those who keep dairy cattle are agreed that it is far easier and more safe to keep dehorned cattle or polled cattle than it is to have stock burdened with these unnecessary appendages. Many fail to dehorn their cattle because they think it is too cruel or too much trouble. The nicest way to have hornless cattle is to use caustic potash when the calves are a few days old. It then only takes a few minutes to kill the horn and the operation is comparatively painless. The caustic potash can be obtained at any drug store. In handling it one should know that it is almost as harmful for bare fingers as it is on the embryo horns. It is also poisonous and must be kept in a safe place. When not in use keep it in a bottle or jar which should be well covered as potash deteriorates in the air, and when handling it roll a piece of tinfoil or heavy paper around it so that it doesn't come in contact with the bare skin. When the calves have straightened up and seem to have a good start in life, and preferably before they are more than a week old, the work of dehorning must be done. The hair should be clipped from around parts of the head where the horn buttons can be felt under the skin. The skin should be dampened with a little water and caustic potash applied, rubbing gently for a few moments and giving three or four applications at slight intervals. The operator can usually tell when the work is accomplished. Be careful to rub only directly over where the small horn can be felt and do not make the burning surface too large as it might make a bad sore. After you have done the work once you will have no trouble in performing it afterwards.

Stanchions for the Calves.

Anyone who has a number of calves to hand feed should investigate the benefits of calf stanchions. From personal experience we can testify that it is hard on self respect and good grammar to get into a pen of hungry calves and try to feed them out of separate pails. The calves are blind to their own meal and all persist in feeding from one bucket. About half the milk is spilled and one or two calves get all the meal, depending upon their ability to keep their heads in the bottom of the pail before the others can get theirs in. After the meal they take out their share of fun in butting the owner or smaller calves around the pen, or else sucking each others' ears. All this is avoided by building a simple row of stanchions which anyone with average ability can plan. The calves will soon learn to take their places just as do the old cows. They can then be taught to eat grain and hay after the meal. Try the stanchions and you will be surprised at the good manners a well brought up calf really has and you will be still further surprised at your own good manners in taking care of them.

Cows at Their Best.

The production of milk and butter fat by dairy cows under normal conditions increases with each year up to the fifth and sixth year, when the cow is at her best. The length of time she will maintain her maximum production depends on her constitutional strength and the care with which she is fed and handled. A good dairy cow should not show any marked falling off until after 10 years of age; many excellent records have been made by cows older than this. The quality of the milk produced by heifers is somewhat better than that of milk of older cows, for we find a decrease of one to two-tenths of 1 per cent. in the average fat content for each year till the cows have reached full age. It is caused by the increase in the weight of the cows with advancing age; at any rate there appears to be a parallelism between the two sets of figures for the same cows. Young animals use a portion of their food for the formation of body tissue and it is to be expected, therefore, that heifers will require a larger portion of nutrients for the production of a unit of milk or butter fat than do older cows. After a certain age has been reached, on the average about 7 years of age, the food required for the production of a unit of milk or butter fat again increases both as regards dry matter and the digestible components of the food. A good milk cow of exceptional strength kept under favorable conditions, whose digestive system has not been impaired by overfeeding or crowding for high records, should continue to be a profitable producer till her 12th year, although the economy of her production is apt to be somewhat reduced before this age is reached.

Success with Incubators.

A reader of the W. H. M. writes:— I am very successful in both hatching and rearing chicks. I use both incubator and hens. I mate my pens four weeks before I want to set the eggs, as there will be a falling off in egg production when males are first put in the pens. Then I select the eggs which are smooth on both ends and of

a uniform size. Large eggs do not hatch well, and chicks from small eggs will lay small eggs. I never set an egg which is more than two weeks or less than two days old. I start my incubator the day before I put in the eggs. By ten o'clock the next morning I put in the eggs and, with the exception of attending to the lamp, I let that incubator severely alone for twenty-four hours. By that time the eggs are all warmed up and, if your incubator is a good one, you will not have to even look at the regulator for the next two weeks. I mark each egg on one side as I put them in the machine and lay them with all the marks up. I do this in order to be always sure that all eggs are turned. I turn the marks down the first time, up the next time and so on, so that by having all the marks in the same position I am sure every egg is being turned. I turn them twice one day and once the next until the eighteenth day. On that day, and until the hatch is completed, I draw out the trays four or five times a day, and stir the eggs with the palm of my hand, to give the developing chicks exercise and fresh air. In the earlier stages of turning the eggs, I turn them with the tray on top of the incubator, and then place a thermometer on the eggs and let them cool to 6 degrees before returning them to the incubator.

After the fifth day and until the nineteenth day, I spray the eggs every day with water 104 degrees, and I very seldom have a chick die in the shell. It is not safe to spray later than the morning of the nineteenth day as some chicks will commence to pip the shell that day and it only takes a drop of water to drown them. I leave chicks in the incubator until thoroughly dried off and lively, then remove them to the brooder. I never test eggs until the fourteenth day, and then I can tell without any mistake how many should hatch. In one hatch I made last summer, I tested out 20 eggs out of 220, leaving 190 in the egg chamber, 175 of which hatched into strong, healthy chicks. That was my best hatch, but I can generally count on 150 chicks from 220.

Grease Heel.

Grease is a skin disease in the region of the heel. It is often preceded by other diseases or it may be the result of an irritation of the parts. The disease is found more in the large cities and is accredited to wet and cold mud and filth and to the irritating chemical substances used by street railway companies. It is characterized by quite an offensive discharge from the affected parts, having an oily or greasy appearance, but in reality being of a watery nature. It involves the hair follicles and the sebaceous glands. The limbs may become inflamed and swelled to a large extent, which in turn produces lameness. It is considered by some surgeons that the disease is not of a contagious nature, but this has not been thoroughly demonstrated. Horses with fat feet are supposed to be more affected than others. The hind limbs are more often affected than the fore limbs and these cases are more difficult to treat.

Causes—The most common cause of this disease is possibly that the limbs become wet and the parts do not dry out thoroughly. Another cause may be scratches, or cracked heels. Some of the causes of scratches may also produce grease.

Symptoms—The symptoms are a swelling of the parts and a slight discharge. The discharge is of an oily nature at first and soon inflames the entire skin. The animals on first coming from the stable stiff. If for any reason a case of grease is not taken care of it may terminate in a very aggravating limb, with excessive swelling, known as elephantiasis.

Treatment—The treatment for this is to keep the parts thoroughly clean and arrest the discharge as soon as possible. If the hair should be long around the fetlock it is well to clip the entire limb as far as the hock, or, if from limb to the knee. Then wash it with warm water and soap, and remove all irritation. Then apply a mild astringent in the form of carbonate of soda and powdered alum, equal amounts, dusting the parts freely with it and applying a wad of oakum and a bandage. Keeping the limb thoroughly bandaged gives very good results and should be done in most cases, for the recovery is far more speedy when this is done. Give laxative food, such as bran mash, while the animal is under treatment. If, however, the disease has progressed so that there are little hard, indurated elevations from the size of a pea to that of a hazelnut, these should be kept thoroughly scraped or removed with a knife or by the use of caustics. The most satisfactory method, however, is to remove them with a knife and then use the actual cautery. This requires an iron which should be heated so that, after the excision, the application of the hot iron will stop the hemorrhages and be effectual in stopping the growth of vegetation. The treatment should be employed as soon as the above mentioned elevations are noticed.

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Dairy Notes.

Don't keep chickens in the cow barn on account of increasing the lice problem.

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Don't keep the cows in the barn too much of the time on pleasant days.

Give the cow barn a good coat of whitewash.

Good clean clover hay makes the best forage for young stock. Whole oats make first-class grain feed.

Sunshine is the best and cheapest disinfectant known. Hang the milking utensils in the sun when not in use and put in a few extra windows in the cow barn.

It costs just as much to feed and care for a poor dairy cow as a good one, yet the returns vary greatly. Get rid of the boarders.

Teach the calves to drink and milk the cows by hand. The calves can be taken away the first day. When allowed to suckle the dam, she usually gets notions about how much milk she intends to give for the family.

The first few streams of milk drawn from the udder contain the largest amount of bacteria. Draw this milk without putting it in the bucket.

Bran is a valuable feed for maintaining the milk now in the spring of the year. Koots, such as small potatoes, and better still, rutabagas or carrots are still better.

When the cows are not salted regularly, it sometimes causes the butter to come slowly. This is only one good reason why the cows should be salted regularly.

The milk pail should not have cracks or crevices in the seams as these are the places where filth and germs collect. Have them freshly soldered and do not allow the pail to become rough or rusty.

Always reject bloody or stringy milk as there is usually something radically wrong with the cow in such cases. Milk from sick cows should never be used for human consumption.

Do not milk when the stable is dusty. Some days before calving nor 9 or 10 days after calving. Feed the first milk of the dam to the calf as being laxative it has a beneficial effect on the bowels of the calf.

Arrange to have a clean, well ventilated, fly and mosquito proof stable in which to milk the cows this summer. Life is too short to spend an hour or two every day chasing the cows around the lot. Then besides, milk is too valuable to use as a barnyard fertilizer. The kicked over buckets of milk total quite a sum during the season.

Gas in the Churn.

Every butter maker has noticed the accumulation of gas that occurs during the first few minutes the churn is in operation. Bubbles in the cream, come from the same gas. This gas is produced by a certain class of bacteria and caused by a fermenting process, just as lactic acid or sourness is produced by other kinds of bacteria. It is not desirable nor necessary and when abundant is an evidence that a little more cleanliness should be observed in caring for the cream. Too much dirt was possibly collected in the cow barn. Jog the men up on the subject of cleaning out the stable and wiping the cows' udders. Then see to it that the vessels are clean, the strainers new and sanitary, and the milk room free from bad odors. Gas often makes bad flavors in the butter.

Farming an Attractive Business.

Farming is an attractive business, and being attractive proves it is efficient and profitable; but it requires the same care and attention as the business man gives to his business. The same care as is exercised in the buying and selling of goods, the same accurate bookkeeping and the same caution in looking after details.

It is a mistake that any one can make a success at farming; that is a tradition that must go with many more traditions and many old methods.

It is the thinking man, the well informed man who makes a success on the farm.

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May Poultry Notes.

Fresh skimmed milk is one of the most valuable feeds for laying hens.

Turkeys are naturally very thirsty fowls and may be given milk instead of water.

Make the nest for setting hens rather flat, so that the eggs will not roll toward the center.

A tablespoonful of warm milk, with two drops of brandy, will often invigorate a sick bird and induce it to eat, and for that purpose oatmeal boiled in milk to a thick consistency is excellent.

Don't try to set the ten-pound hens. Those that weigh only four pounds will do better.

Eggs should not be set that are over two weeks old, although they will often hatch after a month old.

Don't put kerosene on the roosts during the hatching season. All kinds of oil will prevent eggs from hatching.

Don't make nests of any material with seed or grain in it. The temptation to scratch will be too great for the hens.

Provide a box filled with dust, so that the hens may take a bath. No lice will remain on them that roll in the dust.

Don't fall to give the chicks fine grit, even the day they are hatched. You must supply what nature has overlooked.

Rolled oats or crushed oats make the best and cheapest food for chicks until four weeks old. After that a variety should be given.

An idle, lazy hen seldom produces many eggs. She is usually over-fat and longing to do her duty as a market fowl, so as to end her useless and unproductive existence.

Oyster shells not only furnish carbonate of lime, but assist in grinding the food in the gizzard. No matter how sharp or hard any substance may

be that is swallowed by the fowl, the gizzard completely demolishes it and grinds it into an impalpable powder, from whence it is passed into the intestines, where the digestive organs extract all that can be appropriated for the nourishment of the body and eggs.

How to Obtain Fertile Eggs.

It is often said that the first requisite to obtaining strongly fertilized eggs is healthy, vigorous breeding stock. Of course the proper number of females mated to a male has considerable influence on the fertility of the eggs, but without strong healthy breeders it would matter but little how many, or how few, females were placed with each male.

The health and vigor of the male will have much to do with the number of hens he should have with him in the breeding yard. The number usually mated to one male ranges from eight to fifteen, according to the breed and the condition and activity of the males. The smaller breeds like the Leghorns are often given fifteen, and sometimes more, to a mating, but the larger breeds, like the Brahmas and Cochins, are sometimes given mating as few as a half dozen hens to one male, especially when mating very large males.

In the first place it is hardly ever possible to breed vigorous healthy stock from weak debilitated fowls, no matter how much care may be taken in raising it, so the first consideration is to have a pen of breeders which are the offspring of healthy, vigorous stock themselves, and then to keep them in good health by proper housing and feeding. The practice, all too common, of housing fowls in warm closed houses in the fall and winter months, is often responsible for the poor health of the birds and consequent infertility of the eggs in the spring.

Fresh air is one of the best health preservers we know anything about and the breeding birds should be provided with quarters that permit them to enjoy the benefits of the open air life as much as possible at all times. To this purpose the cloth front houses and scratching sheds now coming into general use are great aids. The fowls should be housed, even at night, in houses that allow for thorough ventilation, and should never be closed in. In a tight house where there is not sufficient air over night to prevent the atmosphere becoming foul, even in the coldest weather.

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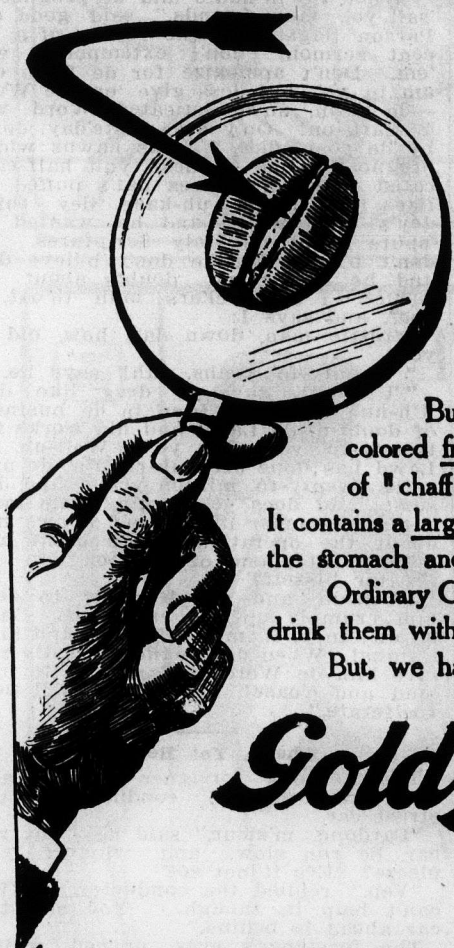
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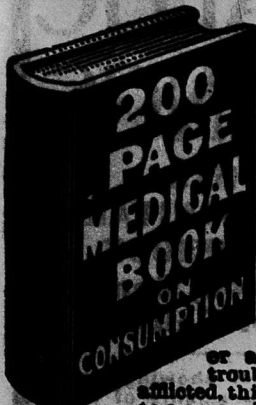
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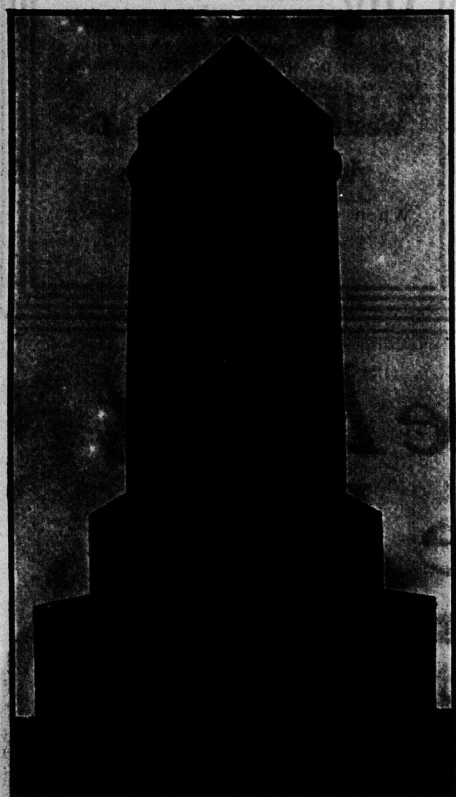


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Aunt Mandy's Rule for Batter Bread.

"De way I mek's my batte' braid—
Laws me! Miss May is dat er fac',
You wants my jes perzackly rule
Ter tell de folks w'en you goes back!

"Suah, Honey! Dis de way—it jes
De plainest kin' ob t'ing ter mek.
Efen you do like w'at Mandy says,
'T ain' no sech chence es er mistek.

"Fust sif' yo' meal en drap in salt,
Dei beat yo' aigs—how many? Sho!
Dat 'pends depletely on de hens,
En you 's de pusson ought ter know.

"Efen aigs is sc'ace, I uses one.
'T ain' bes', but I kin mek it do;
But ef en de hens is layin' peart—
Laws! chile, I neber stops at twol!

"Den melt yo' sho'tnin'—mos' ob times
Er spoonful be enough ob dat.
Some folks like mo'—ole marsteh he
Say good t'ings teks er heap ob fat.

"Mos' ways I uses sweet milk, but
Efen you has butte'-milk ter spar',
'T ain' nuffin' hef es good es dat.
Jes spill yo' soda in wid car'.

"How much ob soda en ob milk?
You sho'ly ain' no cook, Miss May.
Ter need ter ask 'bout t'ings like dat.
Whar has you lived erfore ter-day?

"Dat's easy es ole Moses' shoes.
I tek's er spoonful, mo' or less,
Efen so's de milk am right sma't sour;
Efen 't ain', I puts er smaller guess.

"I 'mos' fergit de oben, chile—
De mostes' tickler t'ing ob all!
Be suah it jes perzackly right.
Er else de batte' braid mought fall.

"Real hot? Ob co'se; jes hot enough.
You'll hab ter be de jedge ob dat.
Onless it suit, de braid won' riz.
Too col', be suah ter send it flat.

"En now, Miss May, you knows it all.
I use proud ter see you writ it down.
To show de folks how Mandy cooks
W'en you gits back ter Boston town."

Liberality.

Mrs. Jay—"Don't you find Doctor Sawyer rather exorbitant in his prices?"
Mrs. Kay—"Not at all. Why, he frequently drops in to spend the evening with us and doesn't charge a cent."

When the Heart is Full.

The Fiancee—"When a man accuses a woman of saying things that you know very well I never even thought, if he really was a man, and had any respect for me, you'd beg my pardon."

The Voice of Experience.

Soulful Person—"Ah, yes; the instruction of the young man must be a delightful occupation! Is it not, Professor?"
The Professor—"Yes, madam—it is not."

Appearances Against Him.

Brown—"Is that Smithers an honest fellow?"
Black—"He may be. But you never see him without an umbrella."

Same Old Price.

Hewitt—"A doctor is going to perform an operation on me tomorrow."
Jewett—"What for?"
Hewitt—"The usual rate—two hundred dollars."

Marked Down.

Ella—"Life is what we make it."
Stella—"But you make yours ten years less than it really is."

A Lady Bountiful.

Tramp—"Kin you give a poor feller a cold bite, mum?"
Housewife—"Yes. On your way out you'll find some icicles on the gate."

Bails 'Em Out.

De Style—"Gotrox gets his chauffeurs from France; where do you get yours from?"
Gunbusta—"From the station-house, generally."

A Question.

"Say, pa?"
"Well, what is it?"
"Can a near-sighted man have a far-away look in his eyes?"

Too Much for 'Em.

First Baseball Player—"We don't seem to be able to hit that country pitcher."
Second Baseball Player—"No, he's got one of those 'rural free deliveries.'"

While those who gamble with the cards May win by trick unfair;
The chess and checker players try To do thinks on the square.

Identity Revealed.

Visitor (surveying a canvas at the portrait painter's)—"What a queer get-up. She'd have looked bad enough without doing her hair in that outlandish way. Who is the frump, anyway?"
The Artist—"My wife."

His Money's Worth.

"What's the matter, old chap? You look thin."
"I am. I've taken a bath every hour of the day and night for a week."
"What for?"
"I'm staying at a New York hotel where they charge me twelve dollars a day for a room with a bath, and that's the only way I can get even."

On 'Change.

"You say Smith leads a dual life?"
"Yes. He's a bull on the Stock Exchange and a bear at home."

A Period of Probation.

Bobbie (aged seven, concluding his evening prayer)—"And Dod b'ess papa an' mamma, an' sister Ellen, an'—an' Aunt Marjie—an' Buvver Bill—but I dess Buvver Bill better look out for hisself till he puts back the hole he kicked in my drum."

Arboreal Advice.

She—"Reginald, when you are gone from me I shall simply pine away."
He—"Ah, don't pine away, dear; spruce up!"

Landlord Ornithology.

Mrs. Gramercy—"New York landlords are getting very strict. A friend of mine couldn't even keep a parrot in her apartment."
Mrs. Park—"Most of the landlords I've met seem to object more to the stork."

Degrees in Marriage.

"Papa, what is it when a man marries two wives?"
"Bigamy."
"And when he marries three is it trigonometry?"

The Unadorned Word.

"When de in-fiddle and de prognostic 'sail yo', muh friends," said good old Parson Bagster, in the course of a recent sermon, "don't extemporize wid 'em. Don't apologize for de faith dat am in yo', but dess give 'em de Word—de plain, unsophisticated Word wid de bark on! On'y dess yiste'day, down by de post office, I locks hawns wid a prognostic—one o' dese yuh half-educated yaller nulsances dat's puffed up like toad-fraugs uh-kase dey think dey's 'most white—and he wanted to 'spute about de Holy Scriptures. He don't b'lieve dis, he don't b'lieve dat, and he has grave doubts about de tudder, I dess 'clars muh th'eat, I does, and says I:
"Little man, down dar, how old is yo'?"
"Twenty-fo' yeahs, sah! says he.
"Uh-huh!" says I, dess like dat.
"Uh-huh! Yo' has been in de business of doubtin' de Lawd and his works for twenty-fo' yeahs, is yo'? Well-uh, de Lawd has done been uh-runnin' de universe twenty-fo' million yeahs, and den some; and does yo' reggin, little man, dat a newcomer like yo'sef knows mo' about the operation of de great and mighty cataplasm of creation dan de Creator hisself?"
"Well-uh, and yo' dess ort to seed him crumple up and crope off! Dat's de way to do it, muh bruddren and muh sistahs! When de prognostic 'sails yo', give him de Word, and give it to him loud and c'oase! De choir will now vociferate."

Ahead, Yet Behind.

The nervous foreigner got up and went back to the conductor of the street car.
"Pardong, m'sieur," said he, "but zee car, he run slow, and why, if you pleeze? Ees it not so?"
"Yep," replied the conductor. "We can't help it, though. You see, the car ahead is behind."
The foreigner's eyes opened wider. "Would you mind saying him again?" he asked, apologetically.
"I say," replied the conductor, louder than before, "that the car ahead is behind. See?"
The foreigner returned to his seat. "Zee car-r-ahead, he ees behind?" said he to himself. "Most wonderful, most astonishing is zis country."

Misunderstood Him.

One day an army chaplain saw a soldier of the name of McDonnell making for the back door of a saloon.
"McDonnell!" the chaplain shouted—
"McDonnell! Oh, McDonnell!"
McDonnell turned, gave him a hasty look, frowned and darted into the bar. The chaplain loitered outside the door till McDonnell came forth again.
"McDonnell," he said reproachfully, "didn't you hear me calling you?"
"Yes, sir," McDonnell answered, "I did, but—but I only had the price of one drink."

Experience as a Teacher.

There were a number of the usual type of village loafers sunning themselves one day on and about the steps leading up to the general store in Springness. Among them was a seedy looking individual who said he came from Punkville, and he was telling of the many different occupations he had attempted during an apparently checkered career.
"An' I tried schoolteachin' too," he ended triumphantly. "Yes, sree, I tried that, too."
"How long did you teach?" inquired an interested auditor.
"Wal, not long. I reely only went to teach."
"Did you hire out?" persisted the curious one.
"Wal, no. I did not hire out, I jus' went to hire out."
"Why did you give it up?"
"Wal, I give it up becuz—you see I traveled to a place, an' I heard 'em say the schoolteacher was leavin', so, thinks I, I might as well do that as saw wood or mend tin pots; so I asked who to 'ply to, an' they told me to go t' Trusty Sneekles. Wal, I looked him up, I told him my objec' and showed him my muskel, then I asked him would he let me try my hand on the unrooly boys of the deestrick. He wanted to know if I reely thought I wuz fit to tackle 'em, an' I told him I wouldn't mind his askin' me a few easy questions in 'rithmetic an' jography, or I said I'd show him my han'writin'."
"He said no, not to mind, he could always tell a reely good teacher by his gait. 'Let's ee you walk off a little ways,' sez he, 'an' I kin tell jes's well's if I'd examined you,' sez he.
"He sot down by his door as he spoke, so I turned kinder quick and walked off as smart as I knew how. He said he'd tell me when to stop, so I kep' on till I thought I'd gone far enough, then I looked around—the door was shet an' Sneekles was gone!"
"Did you go back?" chorused his audience.
"Wal, no, I didn't go back."
"Did you apply for another school?"
"No," said the gentleman from Punkville, "no, I didn't apply for another school. I ruther judged thet mebbey my walk was agin' me!"

Leading Up Gradually.

"Beg pardon, sir," said the man in the suit of faded black, "but are you carrying all the life insurance you want?"
"Yes, sir," answered the man at the desk. "I am."
"Could I interest you in a morocco bound edition of the works of William Makepeace Thackeray?"
"You could not."
"Don't you need a germ proof filter at your house?"
"I do not."
"Would you invest in a good second-hand typewriter if you could get it cheap?"
"I have no use for a typewriter."
"Just so. Would an offer to supply you with first-class Havana cigars at \$10 a hundred appeal to you?"
"Not a cent's worth."
"How would a proposition to sell you a Century dictionary, slightly shelf worn, for only \$40 strike you?"
"It wouldn't come within 40 mles of hitting me."
"That being the case," said the caller, "would you be willing to buy a 10 cent box of shoe polish just to get rid of me?"
"Great Scott! Yes."
"Thanks. Good-day."

Where Man Would Be.

A Detroit woman said of the late Gen. Russell A. Alger:
"In company with a half-dozen other women—a committee, in fact—I once waited on Gen. Alger to try and interest him in woman suffrage."
"He was interested. He admitted the truth of many of our arguments; but in the matter of supporting us he would not go as far as we wanted him to go."
"One of the ladies got, I am afraid, a little over-excited. In her address to the General she imputed to woman more virtues than any merely human creature could possess. At the height of her eloquence Gen. Alger, chuckling, interrupted her."
"He said he had once attended a woman suffrage meeting where the lady lecturer on the platform had boasted about woman just as this lady was doing. The lecturer, he said, ended a striking climax with the question: "Where would man be if it had not been for woman?"
"She looked around the crowded hall. The silence was intense. She raised her hand and cried again, impressively: "I repeat, where would man be if it had not been for woman?"
"Then a coarse voice from the rear replied: "In Paradise, ma'am."

His Uncle Who Died Young.

It was in the commercial room of a midland hotel. Longevity was the subject of conversation, when a gentleman—whose nasal twang pronounced him as from across the Atlantic—joined in with the remark:
"I guess the climate in this island is dead against a long innings. The There were sounds of dissent. The American ignored the interruption and continued:
"Now the Amurrican climate is somethin' like a climate. Kind of

makes you live, want to or not. Why, my great-uncle Jake from Montana'll be 94 next fall, but you'd never think it to see him jump on and off his bicycle when he's going down South to see his old people. My Aunt Mima—she's 76, and junior golf champion of Butte. Great snakes! she's a peach of a player over her head and she'll be frightenin' some of the older players, I can tell you. Yes, there's been a lot of us brought up in Montana, but I can't call to mind any one of 'em hand'ing in their checks before they'd passed the century."

"I fancy," said the quiet man, who was smoking a cherrywood pipe, "that I've read somewhere of one of your relatives dying comparatively young and somewhat suddenly."

"My uncle 'Zekiel' got damages from the Montana Eagle for publishin' a false account of his death; perhaps that's what you're running your head up against," said the Yankee.

"No," replied the quiet man, "it wasn't your uncle 'Zekiel', and it wasn't in the Montana Eagle. The account I read was a true one. It was in the Acts of the Apostles, and had reference to your Uncle Ananias."

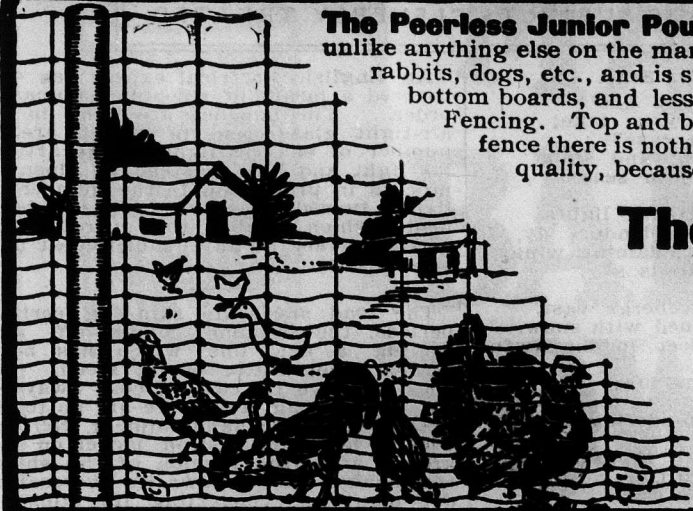
"No, Mr. Popper; my note was—"
 "Maybe you're the fellow that sent this bill for \$98.75 for lace?"
 "No, sir. As I was about to say, my—"
 "Then you're the man that wants to collect this \$86.44 for—"
 "No, sir. My note was asking if I might have your daughters' hand."
 Mr. Popper's face lost its scowl, but took on an expression of deep sympathy.
 "You want to marry her?" he gasped. Then, turning the stack of bills over and over in his hands, he urged: "Take her, young man! I don't know your name, but take her quick! Better elope with her. She's talking about doing some more shopping."

An Unwilling Sacrifice.

"Did you attend the Progg-Budlong wedding last night, Ike?" inquired the able editor of the Hawville Clarion, note-book in hand.
 "Shore thing!" replied Alkali Ike.
 "I suppose the Rev. Jack Jonks officiated, and that the ceremony was very impressive?"
 "That was about the size of it. Don't reckon I ever had the pleasure of minglin' in one that was more impressive."
 "H'm, yes. Who was the best man?"
 "I was one of 'em. The other three was Tarantula Jim, Whoop Rawson and Three-fingered Babcock."
 "Pshaw! There is never more than one best man at a wedding all the world over."
 "Mebby they don't have but one in the East, but out yere we have as many as we need. One best man couldn't have pulled that thar ceremony through last night no more than a rabbit. It took all me an' them three other gents could do to lead the groom to the altar, so to speak."
 "Tell you how it was: The obsequies started off all accordin' to Hoyle, an' everything was goin' along as slick as you please—except that the licker was shameful, and the stove smoked like a Dutchman, till finally we pulled the confounded thing down and flung it out into the yard—till the groom took to his legs, jest before it was everlastin'ly too blamed late, an' skinned out across the scenery in the general direction of Lower California as the crow flies, hittin' only the high places on the face of nature as he went."
 "Me an' them three other gents put chase to the poltroon, as they say in stories, an' Tarantula overtook him early in the second mile, and got whipped by the groom in three licks before the rest of us could ketch up. Whoop Rawson got some of the same a couple of minutes later; but then me an' Three-fingered got thar an' swarmed over the happy man in great plenty, an' he agreed to listen to reason after I had snowed him the error of his ways by bendin' my six-shooter over his head."
 "He went back with us like a little lamb—the four of us packin' him along by the four corners. We sorter supported him in this manner, suthin' like a capital letter X, as it were, while the officiatin' clergyman cleared his throat an' pronounced 'em man an' wife the first dash out of the box, to be safe, an' then got off the rest of the impressive ceremony afterwards."
 "After we had all whirled in an' congratulated the happy couple thar was a dance, durin' which one of the fiddlers had a fit an' fell off from the table an' broke his bow-arm, an' the floor got swagged down in the middle shameful. After which we all dispersed, feelin' that it had indeed been good to be thar."

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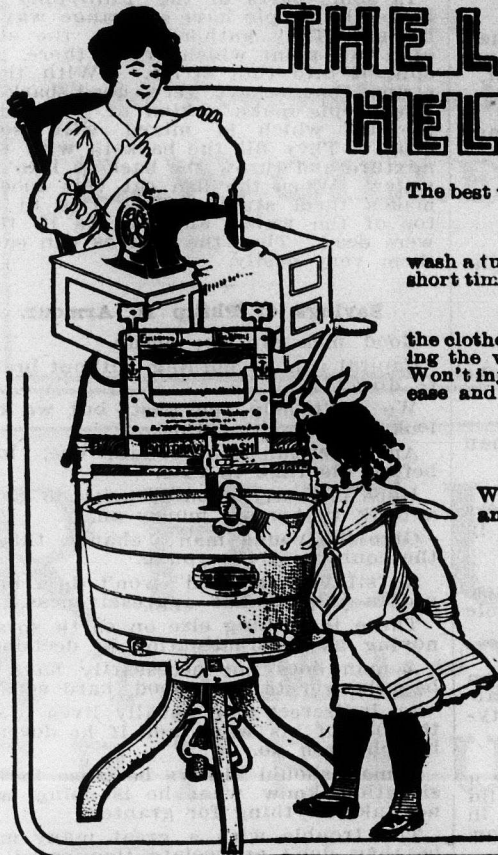
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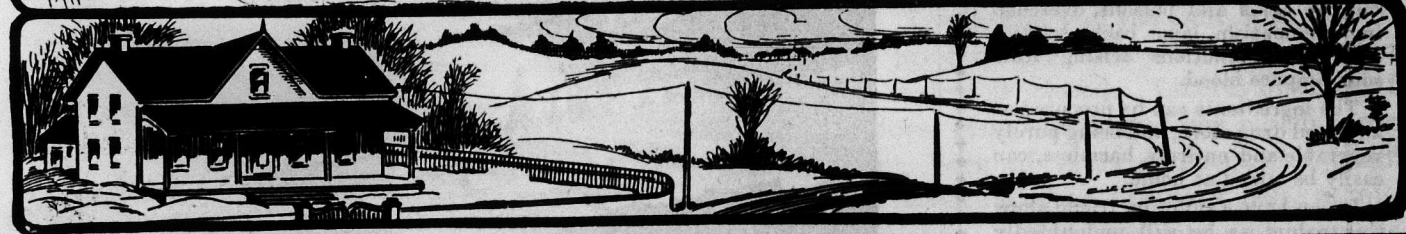
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I long to see the northern lights
With their rushing splendors fly,
Like living things with flaming wings,
Wide o'er the wondrous sky.

I long to see those icebergs vast,
With heads all crowned with snow,
Whose green roots sleep in the awful deep,
Two hundred fathoms low.

I long to hear the thundering crash
Of their terrific fall,
And the echoes from a thousand cliffs
Like lonely voices call.

There shall we see the fierce white bear,
The sleepy seals aground,
And the spouting whales that to and fro
Sail with dreary sound.

We'll pass the shores of solemn pine,
Where wolves and black bears prowls;
And away to the rocky isles of mist,
To rouse the northern fowl.

Up there shall start ten thousand wings
With a rustling, whistling din;
Up shall the auk and fulmar start,
All but the fat penguin.

Then softly, softly will we tread
By inland streams, to see
Where the pelican of the silent North
Sits there all silently.

Items of Interest.

Proper care of the teeth is now taught in London schools.

The Kaiser is the best swordsman among European rulers.

Some of the largest ocean steamers can be converted into armed cruisers in thirty hours.

The hedgehog, guarded by spikes, rolls itself up for the winter in a hole lined with grass and moss.

The kangaroo readily leaps from sixty feet to seventy feet. The greatest recorded leap of a horse is thirty-seven feet.

Many bears that hibernate dig into a hillside to find a nest, but for a mild winter they are likely to roll up in some shallow excavation or a hollow tree.

While a well was being bored near Marfa, Tex., an underground river was struck at a depth of two hundred feet. With the artesian flow which poured forth from the mouth of the well came several articles of wearing apparel.

The Emperor of Austria is rather given to boasting that to the plain manner in which he has always lived he owes his excellent health and long life. His majesty is quite content with milk and porridge for his breakfast, and although a somewhat elaborate menu is prepared for luncheon when other members of the Austrian royal family are present, the Emperor is usually satisfied with a little cold poultry, followed by cheese, of which he is very fond. His majesty does not care a great deal for fish, and the only soup of which he can be said to be really fond is Scotch broth.

An English electrical expert has discovered a means of ripening bananas to order. The bunches are hung in an air-tight glass case, in which are a number of electric lights. The artificial light and heat hasten the ripening process in proportion to the number of lights turned on. Records have been made which enable the operators to make delivery of any quantities at any agreed date.

The toad sheds its skin at certain periods, the old one coming off, and leaving a new one, which has been formed underneath, in its stead. It does not give its cast-off coat away to any poorer toad, and there are no toads dealing in second-hand raiment. Neither does it leave its cast-off jacket on the ground after the fashion of the shiftless snake. It swallows its overcoat at one mouthful, converting its stomach into a portmanteau.

In some parts of the Philippine Islands the people have a strange way of fishing. They gather rattan, the stem of a tall plant which grows there, and split it into thin strips. With these strips they weave very good baskets. The people make a kind of a food for the fish, which is mixed with some drug. They fill the baskets with this mixture and throw the baskets into the water. When the fish eat this food it makes them stupid. They rise to the top of the water and act as if they were dead. Then the natives can catch them very easily.

Sayings of Philip D. Armour.

Good men are not cheap.
Capital can do nothing without brains to direct it.
We can't help the past, but we can look out for the future.
An American boy counts one, long before his time to vote.
Hope is pretty good security to go to a bank to borrow money on.
Give the young man a chance, this is the country of the young.
A "sit-down method" won't do a minute in this age of aggressiveness.
There is nothing else on earth so annoying as procrastination in decisions.
A man does not necessarily have to be a lawyer to have good, hard sense.
An indiscreet man usually lives to see the folly of his ways, and if he doesn't, his children do.
A man should always be close to the situation, know what he is doing, and not take anything for granted.
The trouble with a great many men is, they don't appreciate their predicament until they get into the quicksand.

There is one element that is worth its weight in gold, and that is loyalty. It will cover a multitude of weaknesses.
When you are striving to do that which is right, be courteous and nice in every way, but don't get "turned down."
It is an easy matter to handle even congested controversies, where the spirit of the parties is right and honest.
The man who wants to marry happily should pick out a good mother and marry one of her daughters; any one will do.
Do you suppose that, with an engine like this, I can afford to put anything into the boiler that would make the machinery run wild?
It is all right, in some cases, to bank on a man's pedigree; but, in most men,

there is something a great deal deeper than this matter of genealogy.
I don't want anything that isn't fair and honest, and I don't want any man to do anything for me that he would not do for someone else under like circumstances and conditions.

How Monarchs Glean News.

The Emperor of Austria saves his valuable time by having a book of cuttings prepared for him every morning by his secretary. These cuttings represent all the principal news of the day, and the Emperor is thus able to acquaint himself with all the most important news without wading through page after page of newspapers. It is the duty of his Majesty's secretary to slip the columns of cuttings into a daintily bound leather case, and the Emperor peruses this little volume at his breakfast table.

In the event of any of the articles being very long, however, the secretary has to condense them, and present them to his Majesty in typewritten form.

The Princess of Wales possesses a unique scrap album, in which all sorts of cuttings from the society papers relating to herself and her royal relatives are preserved. The title of this book is suggestive, for her witty royal highness has labeled it: "Words We Never Spoke; Things We Never Did."

The majority of European rulers subscribe to press-cutting agencies, and so great is their desire for information that they insist on reading everything which is written about them, whether favorable or otherwise.

150,000 Making Shoes.

Nearly 1,400 establishments in this country, with 150,000 wage earners, are making boots and shoes, and the increase in this trade during the past twenty years has been tremendous. While the manufacture has been largely confined to New England and the North, Central and Middle Atlantic States, the absolute increase of 25 per cent. in the value of the products is a most gratifying showing.

New York comes next to Massachusetts in the amount produced, with Ohio, Missouri, New Hampshire, Maine, Illinois, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Michigan, in the order named, following hard after. Sixty cities produce four-fifths of the total value. The exports have also increased nearly seven-fold in the last ten years, and the last figures available give an export value of over \$8,000,000 in these goods. The market all through Europe and Central and South America, Australia, South Africa and China reveals the fact that the United States leads all nations in this line of manufacture.

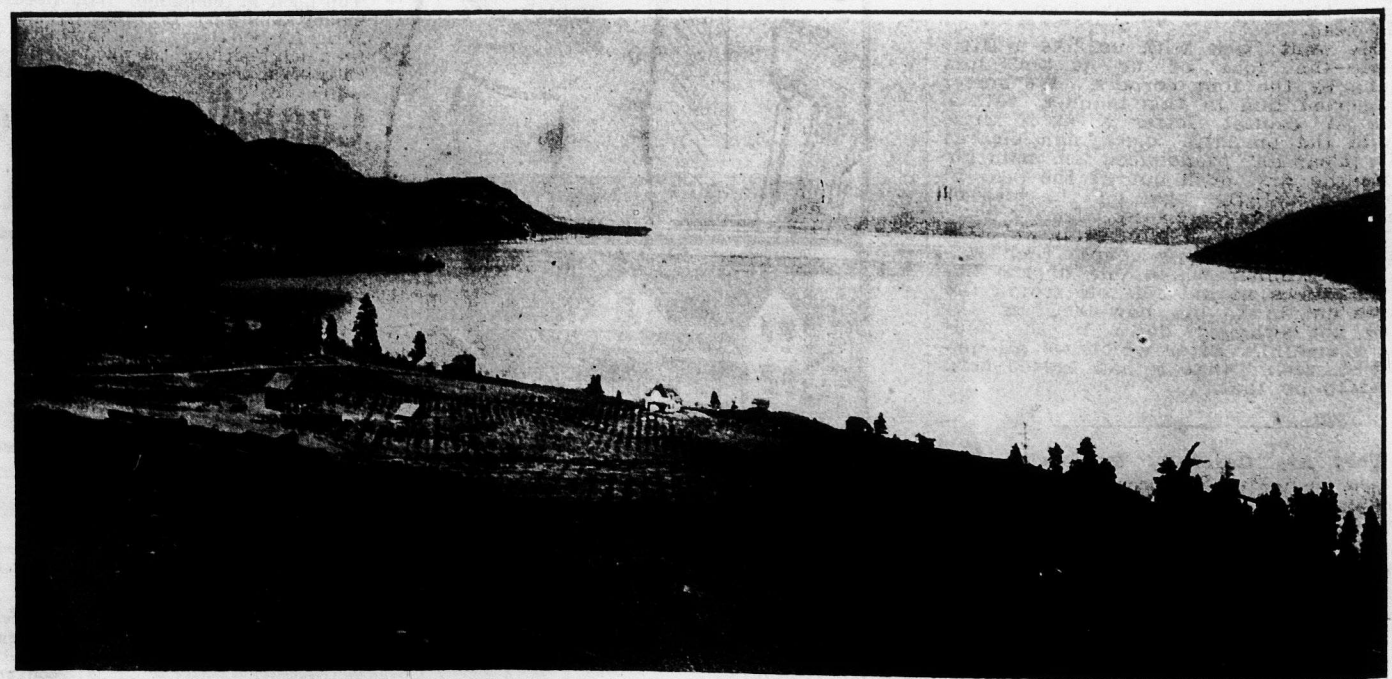
In leather gloves and mittens over 10,000 wage earners turn out over \$17,000,000 worth annually, but most of the women's and children's hand-wear is imported, because of the scarcity of suitable skins and leather for this purpose in this country.

Spider Chased a Man.

A story is told by an explorer of a large and fierce South American spider which chases men if they come too near its lurking places. On one occasion he was pursued by one.

Riding at an easy trot over the dry grass, he writes, "I observed a spider pursuing me, leaping swiftly along and keeping up with my beast. I aimed a blow with my whip and the point of the lash struck the ground close to it, when it instantly leaped upon and ran up the lash, and was actually within three or four inches of my hand when I flung the whip from me."

A German company has just paid a dividend which, if not unprecedented, is certainly very rare. A company called the International Boring Company, which has only a capital of £50,000, has recently announced a dividend of 500 per cent.



Okanagan Lake, Okanagan Valley, looking north from Peachland, B. C.

General Information.

Holland has 10,000 windmills, each of which drains 310 acres of land, at an average cost of 10d. an acre a year.

The atmosphere of Natal is so clear that it is sometimes possible to distinguish objects at a distance of twenty-five and even thirty miles.

In Tartary onions, leeks and garlic are regarded as perfumes. A Tartar lady will make herself agreeable by rubbing a piece of freshly-cut onion on her hands and over her countenance.

The rates at Letchworth (Garden City)—which has now a population of more than 5,000—are probably the lowest in the country, the recent half-yearly rate being 1s. in the pound.

In the Arctic regions people can converse when more than a mile apart, because the air, being cold and dense, is a very good conductor; and the smooth surface of the ice also favors the transmission of sound.

The glove-cutters of France earn big wages, some of them getting as much as £20 a week. So difficult is the art of cutting kid gloves that most of the principal cutters are known to the trade by name and fame.

Mrs. Jennie Bigford has just married her fourteenth husband at Council Bluffs, Ia. She was first married at the age of thirteen, and eleven of her husbands are still living, divorces having followed almost as quickly as the marriages.

The wealth of the Rothschilds at present is estimated at £400,000,000, and is believed to have doubled within the past twenty years. It is calculated that in seventy years more they will possess £15,000,000,000, an amount that can hardly be conceived.

To try one prisoner, a deaf-and-dumb man, who pleaded guilty, twenty-six justices, nineteen grand jurymen, and thirty-two common jurymen were summoned at Cararvon, Wales, Quarter Sessions, many of them having to travel a long distance by train.

An Annuity for a Dog.—Mr. Arthur Taylor Newbold, of the Springs, Bury, England, who has left an estate of close on £10,000, provides by his will an annuity of £26 for the benefit of his greyhound, Wilshire II, "whom the trustees are directed not to part with either by sale, gift, or destruction, or otherwise, but shall personally see that he is well kept, housed, fed, and cared for until he shall die a natural death."

Hotel Owned and Managed by a Dwarf.—One of the strangest hotel staffs is that at White Plains, in New York State. The hotel is run by dwarfs. The proprietor is Admiral Dot, a well-known character in the States. He is thirty-two years old and 2½ feet high. His wife is reputed to be the prettiest dwarf in the world, and actively assists him in the business. She is 31 inches high. The dining-room head waiter is short of his mistress' height by one inch. They all speak English and German.

A Million Labels a Day.—Messrs. Bass & Co., Ltd., the brewers, have recently placed what is probably the largest contract that the world has ever known for labels. The order is for the supply of the well-known red-triangle label which is supplied by Messrs. Bass to the bottlers who handle their Pale Ale. The order works out at rather more than one million labels a day for each working day of the year. It is handled by a staff of some eighty workpeople, who devote their whole time to this one contract.

Swiss Punishment.

In parts of Switzerland there is no capital punishment. But, after all, the criminal might prefer death to the seemingly lighter penalty, for life on the terms granted to a murderer in a Swiss prison is but a living death. He is condemned to silence. His cell is built below the level of the ground. It is ventilated, of course, but unlighted. He is forbidden to address the warden. Should he do so he gets no answer. For thirty minutes in every twenty-four hours he is taken to a high-walled courtyard for exercise in the presence of mute, armed janitors; then he returns to the silence and blackness of his cell. Reason does not last long under conditions such as these. Apparently there is no official desire that it should.

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Each sculptor gazes on his stone with steadfast, thoughtful eye; Fain would he catch a vision of the form that there may lie. Now hid, yet which the chisel in his skilful hand shall bring To life and radiant beauty for the palace of the King.

To you, oh, children of our King, such royal task is given; To each, a year, a priceless gem, to fashion it for Heaven; With vision keen today thou mayst upon its surface trace Thy soul's ideal,—all it dreams of purity and grace.

Be that ideal wrought with utmost care, for never skill Of graver had such jewel for his shaping at his will; And when at last thy task is done and in Heaven's light appears, Oh, may it find a glorious place in the palace of the years.

—Meta E. B. Thorne.

Notes.

The Oklahoma constitutional convention has decided to submit the question of Prohibition as a separate issue to the voters of the new commonwealth.

Louisville, Ky., has a solid mile of wholesale whiskey houses, but ninety-five counties of the Blue Grass State have voted to bar their wares from the people, on the ground that it is poison and dangerous to public welfare.

The Business Men's Association of Creston, Iowa, reports that out of 100 men who pay their bills promptly, only three are drinking men, and that 97 per cent. of those on the blacklist (those refused credit for cause) are saloon-keepers, bartenders and grog-shop patrons. There are twelve saloons in Creston.

"Without revenue from the saloons," declares the Atchison Globe, "Atchison couldn't raise enough money by legitimate means to run a month." "That's what the Kansas City West Side thought," retorts the Kansas City Star, "before it tried; but it finds that its revenues are \$35,000 greater without saloons than with them."

Judge Samuel R. Artman, of the Circuit Court of Boone County, Indiana, and former speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives, on Wednesday, February 13, at Lebanon, Ind., declared that saloon license is illegal and unconstitutional, and refused license to an applicant on the ground that the state had no right to grant one to anybody.

To Drive it Out.

Switzerland is making a campaign against the use of absinthie, the intention being to drive all liquors of that character from Swiss territory. The secretary of the campaign com-

mittee said a short time ago that 80,202 signatures had already been obtained for the petition asking for a stringent federal law to the above effect, and now there are probably more than 100,000 to ask that the law be passed.

Influence of One Man's Example.

Let me tell you this little incident in my own life. I had been walking about the country looking for work. I got back to London after a while, and got a job. On the first pay night you can imagine how glad I was. I was stopped as I went back to the shop to take my apron off—"Bill, we all go to the 'Railway' on a Friday." I said, "What?" "The Railway Tavern." Won't you come up and have a parting glass?" It is really quite pathetic the way they plead for that parting glass. They have never seen you in their lives before, and the parting from Saturday to Monday is really quite beyond them. "Come and have a parting glass." "No." "Won't the old woman let you?" "No, she won't." So I was pointed out as the chap whose old woman was waiting at the other end for him. I freely forgive anybody who makes points off me; I think they need them. The next Friday the question is, "What time train up, old 'un?" "Same time." "Old woman meet you last week?" "Yes, and she will meet me this week." "She could do with you?" "Yes, she could that." "Now, come on, no kid, have a drop with me." "No, I am not having any." Some time after that a man said, "What train, Bill; same time?" I said, "Yes, six." He said, "Can I come?" I said, "Yes, but what is your game? Old woman been on you?" "Well, last week, Bill, I stopped down here and blowed eight bob. I could have bought two pairs of boots for my little girls with that money, couldn't I?" I said, "All right, Jim, I will give you a whistle when we are going." The fifth week we took home six with us, the sixth week the "Railway" was without a customer.—Will Crookes, M. P.

A Moderate Drinker.

At a meeting in a large town in Pennsylvania, at the close of a lecture a gentleman rose, and was announced as Judge So-and-So, judge of the quarter sessions. He said: "Ladies and gentlemen, before the audience is dismissed, I wish to say a few words in defense of myself and the class I represent. Now, it is very hard to have it publicly stated that I set a bad example." The speaker had not said that the moderate drinker set a bad example, but that he did not set a good one. "Now," he said, "I am a moderate drinker. Everybody knows me. I take my glass at home, I take it abroad; I am a moderate drinker, a respectable, moderate drinker. Who dare say anything against me? Who ever saw me the worse for drink? Who ever saw me out of the way by drink? If young men followed my example, they would be as I am, respectable and respected. I challenge the town in which I live, I challenge the county, to say whether my example is a bad one. Let young men follow my example and they will be as I am." A man in the audience cried out, "Give it to him, old man; give it to him. Put a header on." Some one said, "Put that man out." Another gentleman said, "No, let that man remain. He is the only son of the judge!" His only son tried to follow his example, and there was the result. He was so drunk that he would disturb a respectable meeting. And I tell you, sir, and I tell you, madam, every one, from the beginning, who has become a drunkard, has become so by trying to be a moderate drinker and failing.

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"Can't you find any work at all?" "Plenty, sir; but everybody wants reference from me last employer." "Can't you get them?" "No, sir. He's been dead twenty-eight years!"

"When I was coming home last night," said Miss Skeery, "I saw a man skulking along in the shadow. Oh, how I ran!" "An' couldn't you catch him?" inquired her little brother, innocently.

Pretty Chorus Girl—"That new chap I have on a string is heir to a million!" Outer Girl Friend—"Don't marry him for that; there's a big difference between an heir to a million and a millionaire."

"I suppose," remarked the dear girl, "that you do not believe in love at first sight?" "Oh, yes, I do," rejoined the old bachelor. "If men were gifted with second sight they would never fall in love."

"What would you do if you found yo'self twixt de devil en de deep sea?" "That's a close question, but I'll tell you right now; I'd wish ter de Lawd dat I wuz a new Jonah, wid a friendly whale loafin' 'roun."

The Prince Charles Spaniel—"That new chauffeur doesn't know his place." The French Poodle—"He looks vulgaire. How did ze upstart offend?" The Prince Charles Spaniel—"Why, the vulgarian had the audacity to address me by my first name!"

Mr. Stubb (reading)—"Down south there is a bank that has a woman teller." Mrs. Stubb (innocently)—"A woman teller? I wonder what she tells, John?" Mr. Stubb—"Well, if she's like the rest of her sex, I guess she tells everything she knows."

"De Georgy mule," said Brother Dickey, "is de one creetur in a thousand what don't enjoy de spring season. De furrow looks ez long ter him ez de time betwixt meals, en de high price er cotton gives him dat tired feelin'—kase he well know he got des dat much mo' er it ter plow."

Manager—"I can't do a thing with Smith, the new clerk. I've had hm in three departments, and he sleeps all day long." Proprietor—"Put hm at the pajama counter and fasten this card on hm: 'Our night clothes are of such a superior quality that even the assistant who sells them cannot keep awake.'"

The day was warm, the children restless, the teacher impatient. One curly-haired boy was moving his jaws faster with chewing-gum than his brain had ever been known to work. His feet were in the aisle. A smile was on the face of more than one pupil when the teacher said: "Take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in."

William Dean Howell's at a Lenten dinner in New York said: "I heard of a striking simile the other day. A lady was doing some Lenten marketing—buying eggs, fish, fruit. Pausing before a fruit stand, she examined a heap of pears. 'Are these juicy?' she asked. 'Juicy?' said the dealer, warmly. 'Why, madam, they're as juicy as my old pipe.'"

A Baltimore man interested in the education of the young recently visited a kindergarten in that city. After the first exercises, the visitor was asked to put a few questions to the pupils. To a boy of five the caller said: "Have you ever seen a lion's skin?" "Yes, sir," came in ringing tones from the youngster. "And where?" asked the visitor, impressed with the child's earnestness. "On the lion," answered the boy.

"Your wife says she thinks that it is wrong to play whist." "So it is, the way she plays it!"

Magistrate (to prisoner)—"It's some time since I saw you here." Prisoner (virtuously)—"Yes, sir; I've been quiet an' law-abidin' since the larst time I was up before you, and that wer' 'bout six months ago." Magistrate—"Ah, yes, I remember. I gave you six months for stealing a ham. 'It's a year this time.'"

"Does Banks play a good game of cards?" "Yes. That is, good for me. I can win his cash every time."

X. (an incorrigible borrower)—"Lend me a five, old man." Y. (weakly lending him £4 19s.)—"I'm keeping the other shilling to pay for the postage of the letters which I shall have to write you before I get my money back." X. (coolly)—"Keep five shillings, then. That will give me more time."

A man who was having his fourth fire in nine months got in the way of some firemen, who grumbled at him. "What's the matter with you?" asked the lover of fires. "Don't you know that it's the like o' me makes work for you chaps?"

Important Patron (after describing the great advantages now enjoyed by children)—"I wish I were you children at school. (Pause; then, ingratiatingly): Why do I wish this?" Boy—"Please, sir, 'cos you've forgot all you ever knowed!"

Lawyer (at the theatre on the first night)—"I can't imagine how the piece can be drawn out into five acts." Author—"Oh, that is very simple. In the first act, you see, the hero gets into a lawsuit."

"Oh, doctor," said a lady, "one of my maids has her right eye very inflamed! What shall I tell her to do?" "Humph!" replied the experienced physician, gravely; "tell her to discontinue peeping through keyholes!"

Singleton—"Have you decided what you are going to call the baby, old man?" Wedderton—"Certainly. I'm going to call hm whatever my wife names hm."

Wife—"Have you any secrets you keep from me, dearest?" Husband—"None, darling." Wife—"Then I am determined I will have none from you, either." Husband—"Have you secrets, then?" Wife—"Only one, and I am resolved to make a clean breast of it." Husband (hoarsely)—"Go on!" Wife—"For several days I have had a secret—a secret longing for a new dress, with hat to match, for my birthday." That fetched hm.

On the Wrong Side.

Bret Harte was so frequently complimented on being the author of "Little Breeches" that he was almost sorry it was ever written, as was Secretary John Hay, who would prefer his fame to rest on more ambitious work. A gushing lady who prided herself upon her literary tastes said to hm once: "Mr. Harte, I am so delighted to meet you. I have read everything you ever wrote, but of all your dialect verse there is none that compares with your 'Little Breeches.'" "I quite agree with you, madam," said Mr. Harte, "but you have put the little breeches on the wrong man."

A Puzzled Boy.

A little boy was reading the story of a missionary having been eaten by the cannibals. "Papa," he asked, "will the missionary go to heaven?" "Yes, my son," replied the father. "And will the cannibals go there, too?" queried the youthful student. "No," was the reply. "After thinking the matter over for some time the little fellow exclaimed: 'Well, I don't see how the missionary can go to heaven if the cannibals don't.'"

The Court—Six years' penal servitude. You'll get a chance to learn a trade, my man. Burglar—Judge, couldn't I be permitted to learn it—er—by correspondence?"

That languid, lifeless feeling that comes with spring and early summer can be quickly changed to a feeling of buoyancy and energy by the judicious use of Dr. Shoop's Restorative.

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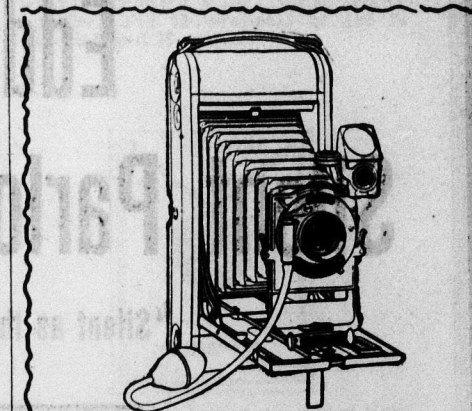
restores the feminine system to a strong, healthy, normal condition. Miss Abby F. Barrows, of Nelsonville, Ohio, writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I was very sick, had dull headaches, pain in my back, and a feminine weakness. I had been to several doctors and they did me no good. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me well and strong, and I can do most any kind of work. I am in better health than I ever was, and it is all due to your medicine."

Miss Lillian Ross, of 530 E. 84th St., New York, writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I had a female trouble, nervous headaches, and was tired all the time, and could not sleep. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me feel so much better that I hope every woman who suffers as I did will try it."

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Hints for the Housewife.

Wall-Paper that Has Been Soiled by a smoky fire or lamp may be cleaned by using a hard dry sponge; the stiffer and harder the better. Rub the wall briskly with it.

To Get Dust Out of Crevices in window-sashes, baseboards, etc., when cleaning house, try using a paintbrush of good size. A hidden store of dirt will reward your efforts, for a cloth cannot reach all the corners.

Put a Window-Shade in Front of Your Pantry Shelves if they are unprotected by doors. It will keep out the dust much better than a curtain on a rod. The shade should have a spring roller and be hung just as it would be at a window.

When Putting Away Woolen Clothes it is a good plan to pin each suit or dress carefully in a separate newspaper. If moths should get into the closet or trunk where the clothes are put away the papers will protect the garments from being eaten.

If You Have Trouble with Lamp-Wicks perhaps you will find it advantageous not to trim them with scissors, but rather to rub off the charred part as close as possible to the edge of the burner by slipping an old stocking over the hand and rubbing the burner wick with the forefinger until it is even.

A Good Way to Water Small Plants that have been started in the house is to cover the boxes with muslin and then pour the water through it. In this way the little plants will not be washed out with too much water, nor will the soil become baked for want of water.

Old Picture-Frames Sometimes Can be Made to Look New by a perfectly simple process. If they are gilt, or made of oak, and are of a plain design, the application of a coat of some dead-black stain will change their appearance completely; and if you are tired of the pictures that have been in the frames a change to something new may be made at the same time.

One Way to Clean Bugs in the Spring is to hang them on the clothesline and wash them thoroughly with the garden hose. They should be dried flat on the grass, as they will pull out of shape if left on the line. If you object to washing them try brushing them with a whisk-broom dipped in gasoline, after they have been beaten. Be sure to do this outdoors.

Keep a Stock of Paper Napkins in the House and see how much they will save washing out cloth. The cheapest grade of paper napkins can be bought for ten cents, or less, a hundred. Keep some in a convenient place and use them for polishing lamp-chimneys and windows, rubbing grease off the dishes before putting the dishes into the hot water, and for wiping dust off shelves.

Red Flannel Has a Strong Attraction for Moths and Buffalo-Bugs so, after taking the usual precautions in putting away the winter garments, if a square of flannel is left on the floor of the closet where the moths may be expected, they will eat the flannel in preference to anything else. By carefully watching the trap, if they are discovered they may be destroyed on the flannel.

When Ironing Any Embroidered Article see how much better it will look in the end if you lay it on a folded Turkish towel. Place the right side of the article on the towel, which should be folded to form several thicknesses; then iron on the wrong side. The embroidery will stand out remarkably well if treated in this way. The back of a waist which has many small buttons will look better if ironed in the same manner.

To Know How to Keep a Clothesline from Twisting is something that will be appreciated by any woman who has to wind up a stiff line on washday. Hold the ball of rope in the left hand and wind with the right until twist appears; then change the ball to the right hand and wind with the left, and the twist will disappear. Keep doing this, changing the rope from one hand to the other, until the line is well wound up.

To Clean Hardwood Floors Without Tiring the Back buy a common black-board eraser and fasten it firmly to an old broom handle. If the eraser is dipped into a little coal-oil it will take up all lint and dust, and polish the floor at the same time. A deck-mop, which is made of coarse string, may also be used for dusting hardwood floors. Still another way to clean such floors, a way within the reach of every woman, is to use old black stockings, putting them in the handle of an ordinary mop. These are so soft that they will clean the floor without scratching it.

Kerosene or Coal-Oil is a Valuable Aid in Cleaning House if used with discretion. A little oil put in a pail of water when cleaning windows or paint will not only remove the dirt easily, but will also leave the glass or wood shining. In the cleaning of an enameled bathtub a little coal-oil will give a satisfactory result without the exertion of hard rubbing. Many stains will yield to coal-oil, such as rust or fresh paint. A little oil in starch will keep it from sticking.

To Improve an Old Zinc-Lined Refrigerator give the inside a good painting, first with a can of ivory-white paint, then with a can of white enamel paint, such as is used for painting bathtubs. Have the refrigerator wholly dry before you put on the first coat of white paint. Let it dry again for twenty-four hours, then put on a second coat of the same paint. Let that dry thoroughly, and finally apply the enamel paint. Do not use the refrigerator until the enamel becomes dry. This may take two days. A dingy old refrigerator treated in this way will seem to be transformed.

Shrink All Cotton Material Before Making it into Clothing and save yourself much trouble and annoyance. In shrinking colored goods put salt in the water to set the color. A good way to shrink goods is lay the piece, folded as it comes from the shop, in the bathtub, filling the tub with cold water so as wholly to cover the material. Let the cloth stay in the tub over night, then hang out on the clothesline dripping wet, unfolding only when it is put on the line. After it has become dry the material will need pressing in but few cases.

To Hang a Picture at Just the Right Height is generally a difficult matter unless one has patience. Now, an easy way to do it is to take a long wire, make one end into a loop and place it on one hook on the moulding; then pass the wire down the wall through one screw-eye in the picture, along the back of the picture frame, through the other screw-eye, and then up to a second hook on the moulding, where a loop similar to the first should be made in the wire. After making the second loop, but before cutting the wire, it is easy to adjust the picture evenly and at the desired height.

Any Housekeeper Who Wants a Moth-proof Box in which to store the winter clothing, and cannot afford to buy a cedar chest, will find the following idea interesting: A wooden box can be made, four feet long, two feet wide and two feet deep, having a lid, hung by three pairs of hinges, which can be hooked down firmly when closed. On the bottom, sides and inner side of the lid strips of tar-paper should be carefully tacked. Over this put unbleached muslin, so that no garment will come in contact with the tar-paper. Such a box will hold a great deal of winter clothing; but the housekeeper should remember that each article must be well brushed and aired before it is put away in the box.

To Remember What You Have Planted in the Garden and just where you have planted the different things is not the easiest matter in the world, but here are two plans to consider: Write the name of the flower or vegetable on a slip of paper, place the slip in a small bottle, and put the bottle, corked, half-way into the soil; then, if you forget what was planted in any particular place, a glance at the slip will show you. The second way is to put the printed envelope which contained the seed over the end of an upright stick projecting from the ground, in the old manner, but cover it with a small flower-pot, to prevent the envelope from being blown away.

Moths in a Room or Closet May be Destroyed by burning gum-camphor. Close all the windows and doors in the room that is to undergo the treatment. Open wide the closet door and any bureau or closet drawers. Hang all the garments over the chairs in the room; then put a piece of pure gum-camphor about the size of a nut into an iron pot and set it on fire. Place it at a safe distance from furniture and hangings, and not directly under a chandelier. Canary birds or goldfish must be removed before the camphor is lighted. Let the smoke remain in the room about half an hour, then open the windows wide, and in a short time the traces of smoke will have disappeared.

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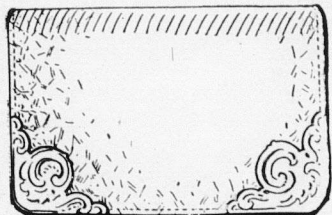
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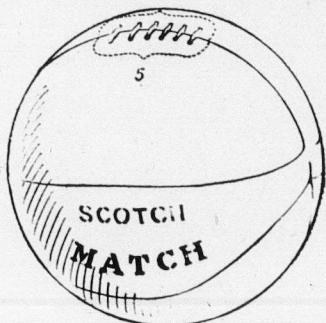
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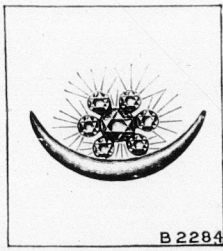


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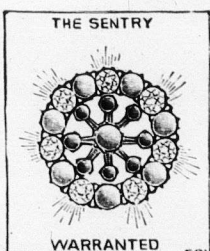


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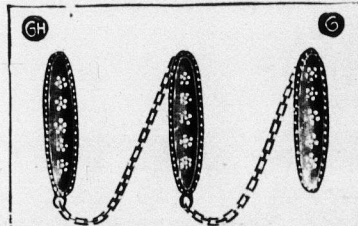
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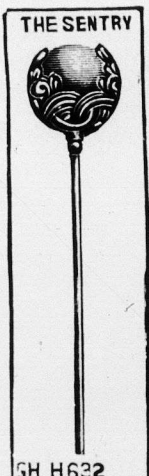
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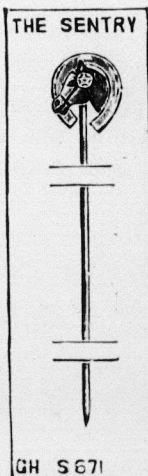
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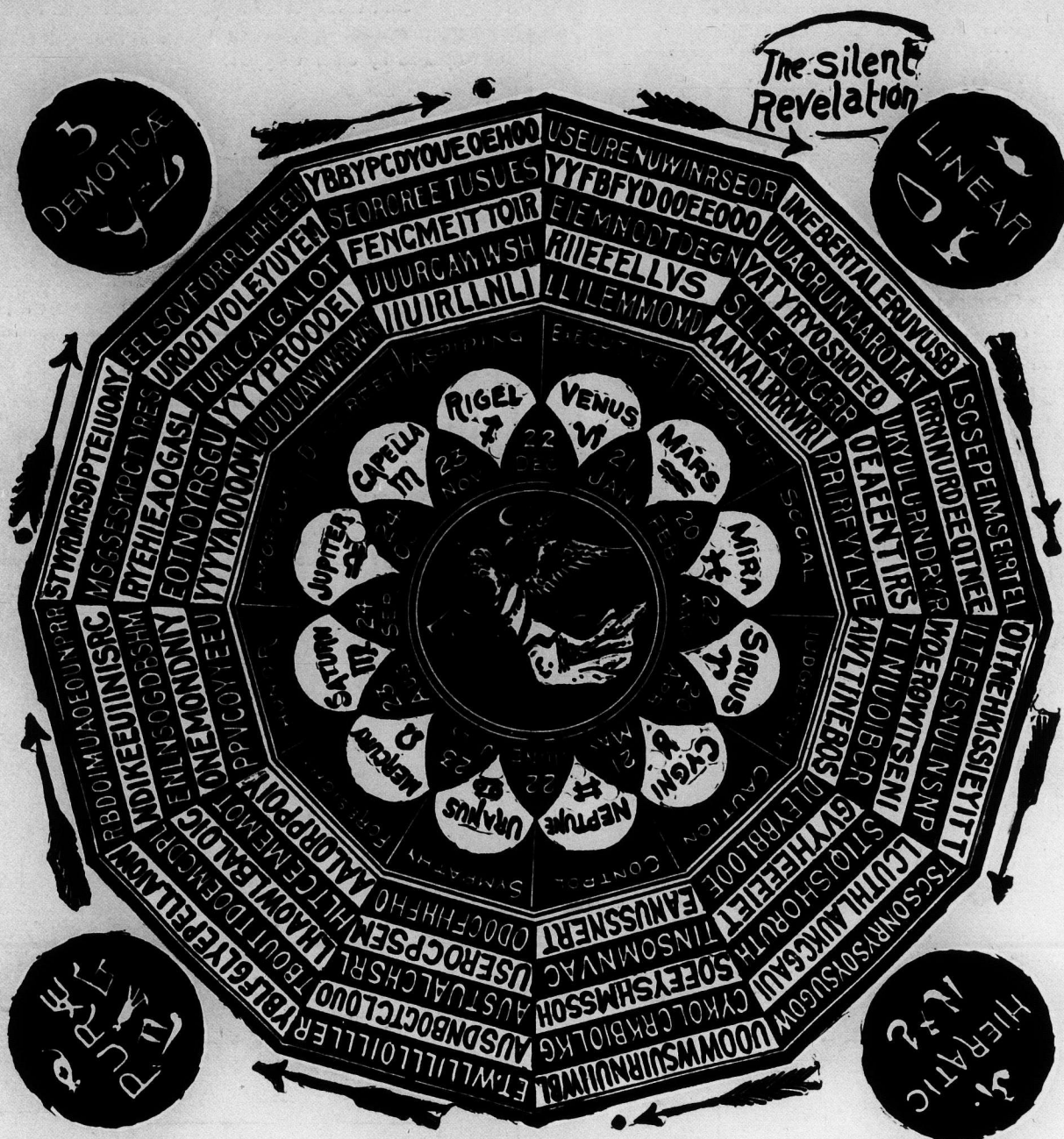
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 For answers in the second circle, do the same as in first circle, **but** count every **seventh** letter.
 In third circle count every **sixth** letter. In fourth circle count every **fifth** letter. In fifth, or inside circle, count every **fifth** letter.
 If the first few letters form an incomplete word place the last letters obtained in front of them.
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