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Would you like to add to your library? You can obtain the following books by making use of some of the odd moments in the evenings. Glance over the following titles:

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- 2—Alfalfa.
- 3—Poultry Manual (A complete Guide to Success.)
- 4—Egg Money, How to Increase It.
- 5—Chicks; Hatching and Rearing.
- 6—Poultry Houses, Coops and Equipment.
- 7—Turkeys, Ducks and Geese.
- 8—Poultry Remedies.

We intend publishing a Special Seed and Poultry Number of The Guide on February 9, and in order to make the issue as practical as possible, we want to publish the actual experiences of farmers who have made a success of poultry raising and seed production. In order to make matters easy for contributors, and also to obtain as much valuable information as possible, we have divided the subjects up under the following headings. For the best article on either of these subjects, as outlined below, we will give the complete library as above; for the second best article we will give either of the first two books and any five of the remaining six books, and for the third best article, either of the first two books and any two of the remaining six. The subjects are as follows:—

Subject No. 1.—Making Dollars From Farm Poultry

Contributions on this subject should deal with:—

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| The suitable breed. | What price was obtained for the poultry. |
| Kinds of feed used. | How much the feed cost. |
| Quantity of feed used. | Whether the eggs are sold to the storekeeper, or traded, or sent direct to private customers. |
| Care and housing of the chickens. Whether natural hatching or incubators were used. | What profit do you consider can be made from farm poultry. |
| How the chickens were sold, alive or dressed. | |

Subject No. 2—How I Ran My Incubator

Contributions on this subject should contain complete instructions as to:—

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Subject No. 3—Making Money On Winter Eggs

There is a good market for winter eggs in all the large towns and cities, and we want to find out how farmers have successfully taken advantage of this opportunity. Such an article should contain full details of the plan followed.

- The time the chickens are hatched so as to be winter layers.
- The manner in which they are cared for.
- The feeds used.
- The kind of house used.
- When the eggs are gathered.
- Whether they are stamped.
- How shipped, and how often.
- Whether to private customers, to a wholesaler or retailer, what market shipped to.
- What is the average price received for eggs?
- What is the profit received from the business?

Subject No. 4—How I Increased My Crop Yield

Articles on this subject should describe exactly what methods have been used by means of which the yield of grain has been increased. This will include some of the following:

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| Seed selection. | Cultivation, packing, harrowing, etc. |
| Treatment of seed for smut. | Depth of seeding. |
| Methods of cleaning seed grain. | Quantity of seed sown per acre. |
| Fall and spring plowing. | Comparative yield per acre. |
| Summer-fallow methods. | |

To Contributors

We want articles from all three of the Prairie Provinces and from all parts of each Province. When writing on any of the subjects, just think that you are telling a neighbor who has had no experience in the matter under discussion just exactly how to be successful along whatever line of work you are describing. We do not want elaborately worded articles. Photographs should accompany the articles if any are available. Write plainly on one side of paper only. All articles must be received by January 19, 1916. The result of the competition will be published in the Special Number. Address all contributions to:—

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EXPORTATION OF PERCHERONS

Wayne Dinsmore has received the following telegram from President Aveline, of the Percheron Society of France: "Exportation of two hundred stallions, foaled in 1912 or earlier, authorized." Right after war broke out the French government prohibited the export of Percheron horses from France. The recent order permitting export only allows of a limited number being shipped.

VISIT TO A. L. DOLLAR'S

A Guide representative has just had the pleasure of inspecting the fine bunch of Clydesdale stallions recently imported from Scotland by A. L. Dollar, High River, Alta. Mr. Dollar is deserving of praise for his enterprise in bringing out such a good lot of horses at a time when importations from Europe are practically at a standstill. Mr. Dollar has chosen these young horses from among similar breeding to those which have already made him well known as a successful importer, and which are leaving their impress on good colts throughout Alberta. This last importation includes some horses which promise to eclipse the records of any this breeder has yet brought out, and are some of the most outstanding Clydes seen in Alberta.

Probably the most striking horse is the three-year-old "Fashion Plate." This horse is well named, for he is one of the most stylish three-year-old colts ever brought to Canada, full of quality and breeding, as well as being well grown. He is a "Scotland Yet" colt, out of "Fairy Princess," a daughter of "Baron Hood." His grand dam was the Cawdor Cup winner, "Cedric Princess," daughter of "Baron's Pride." His great grand dam was "Fickle Fortune Princess," one of the most noted horses ever brought to the United States, being a daughter of the famous "Cedric." Another horse of which much is expected is "Scotland's Splendor," six years old, also a son of "Scotland Yet." This horse is a big brown with lots of quality and great substance. His dam is "Betty of Woodend," by "Sir Simon," by "Sir Everett." His grand dam was a mare by the noted "Darby," while his great grand dam was by "Prince of Wales." This horse therefore combines the blood of several of the most noted sires of the breed. Among the colts rising three years are several horses of the best breeding. The "Baron Watha" colt, "Scotland's Regent," is a horse of the right strain. His sire is a full brother to the champion mare, "Boquhan Lady Peggie," while his own dam is "Jess of Cowfold," by "Sir Everett." This horse combines both "Hiawatha" and "Baron's Pride" blood.

Two other of the most promising young sires in the shipment are "Scotland's Steamer" and "Scotland's Ruby." The former is a son of "Scotland's Choice" and the latter is sired by "Scotland's Splendor" out of "Nan of Hales." Another sire which should prove popular is "Bay Edward," by "Proud Edward," out of "Laura of Orange" by "Prince of Carruchan." His grand dam was "Jess of Grange," by the famous "Flashwood." "Scotland's A1" is a stylish black, being a full brother to "Harvestoon Neil," and is sired by "Scotland Yet" out of "Nellie of Carramore." "Scotland's Romeo," a son of the great horse "Mercurius," and "Scotland's Yeoman," a "Scotland Yet" colt, are two other likely youngsters, while the shipment is completed by a yearling, "Scotland's Victory," by the Mid-Caldier premium horse, "Bonnie Scotland." "Scotland's President," brought out in Mr. Dollar's previous importation, has had a very successful summer, and is making a name for himself as a popular breeding horse. He should distinguish himself at the fairs next spring and summer. A. L. Dollar has moved his horses to his farm just on the outskirts of the town of High River, where he has built a new box stall barn. He has lots of paddock room, and will be able to keep his horses in splendid trim. The new horses are in fine condition after their long trip.

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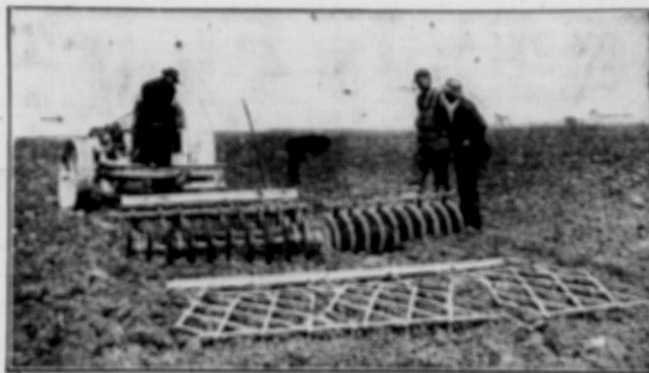


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The Brain Growers' Guide

Winnipeg, Wednesday, January 5th, 1916

GOVERNMENT REDUCES GRAIN RATES

Last Friday official notice was given that the Dominion Government had reduced export rates on the National Transcontinental from Armstrong to Quebec and Montreal to 6 cents per bushel on wheat, 5¼ cents on barley and 4 cents on oats, taking effect January 6. Armstrong on the National Transcontinental corresponds with Port Arthur and Fort William on the other two lines, and the rate given on the government line is just half that given on the C.P.R. and C.N.R. These low rates will be available only to shippers on the G.T.P. in the West, as there are no rates to Armstrong over the C.P.R. and the C.N.R., and the two latter roads have not yet announced any reduction in their rates from Fort William east. Rates on grain from shipping points on the prairies to Armstrong are the same as to Fort William and Port Arthur. These new rates on the government road are for export shipments only exclusive of terminal charges. Shipments to Quebec will go over the N.T.R. direct. Shipments to Montreal will go via Cochrane on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to North Bay and thence by Grand Trunk to Montreal. These low rate shipments for export over the government road carry the privilege of reconsigning for winter export to various Atlantic ports on the basis of the current thru all-rail export rates. This means that when this grain is shipped from Montreal or Quebec east to the seaboard, the rate on that portion of the trip will exactly offset the low rate over the National Transcontinental. Grain held for spring shipment from Montreal or Quebec by water will get the full advantage of the reduced rate, but grain exported by rail during the winter will receive no advantage in freight rates. It is stated that the aim of the government in giving the reduced rate is to relieve congestion and fill up the Eastern elevators at Quebec and Montreal. Up to the present time the G.T.P. has handled 36,000,000 bushels of grain over its lines in the West, and in addition there are 6,000,000 bushels in the country elevators on the G.T.P. lines and 1,000,000 bushels in transit. It is estimated that there will be a total of upwards of 20,000,000 bushels yet to come out over the G.T.P. The capacity of the Harbor Commissioners' elevator at Montreal is 5,000,000 bushels and the G.T.P. elevator 2,500,000 bushels. At Quebec the government elevator has a capacity of 1,000,000 and a private elevator at that point has a capacity of 300,000, making a total capacity at these points of 8,800,000 bushels. The G.T.P. will probably handle an average of 100 cars per day to these points and with what is going over the C.P.R. they will rapidly fill up. Farmers shipping over the government road have the option of having their grain weighed at Winnipeg or taking the weights at Quebec or Montreal. The handling capacity for weighing at Winnipeg is limited and the G.T.P. officials recommend that as far as possible Quebec and Montreal weights be accepted. Farmers west of Saskatoon may get their weights at the government elevator at that point. Local agents on the G.T.P. will be equipped with full information to assist farmers in making out their shipping bills correctly.

THE FARM HOME

There will be a large number of farm houses built thruout the prairies during the coming spring and summer. The first house on the prairie farm is generally of a temporary character, intended for use only until prosperity smiles upon the family and a more comfortable and commodious abode can be constructed. In the history of this country

there never has been a year when the crop has been so large and so well distributed, and, what is more important, the high prices give a splendid margin of profit to the producer. The big crop and the big prices will put thousands of farmers in a position to build the house which they have been planning on building for some years past. The price of lumber for the past two years has been very low. An increase has recently taken place, but the prices are still much lower than they were prior to the recent glut of the lumber market. Under the new system of purchasing lumber in car lots, which has prevailed for the last few years, farmers have been able to save from 15 to 25 per cent. on the ordinary retail prices of lumber and this has meant a great saving to them in building. During the winter months the farmer and his wife usually study out the plans for their new home and decide what they will build. There is too much of the packing box variety of architecture in prairie farm houses. It costs no more to make an attractive house, but it adds greatly to the pleasure of the family and immensely increases the pride of possession. In pursuing its policy for service to the farmers and their wives The Guide has decided to assist in providing plans and building instructions for farm homes attractive in design, convenient in lay-out and varied in cost to meet the requirements of those who are building during the next year. To this end an experienced architect has prepared a series of ten house plans from instructions provided after study and consultation with men and women in touch with Western farm conditions. The houses for which these plans are made will cost from \$1,600 to \$6,000. Descriptions of two of these plans have already appeared in The Guide and a third appears in this issue. The remaining seven will be published every other week henceforth and a decoration plan for each house on the alternate weeks. Architects ordinarily charge from \$25 to \$50 each for providing the plans and bills of materials for the construction of such houses. The Guide, however, has purchased them in quantities and will supply to its readers at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 each. At the end of the season all these house plans will be collected together in booklet form and supplied free to any person upon request. If this effort on the part of The Guide to improve the style and comfort of farm homes is appreciated, and we feel sure that it will be, it will be a matter of satisfaction.

SILVER BULLETS FROM CANADA

A new stage in Canada's participation in the war has been reached. From the moment war was declared on August 4, 1914, Canada has been furnishing men and food. Within a few weeks this country began to furnish guns and ammunition, and now the time has come when Canada is called upon to supply money to help the cause of the Allies. Up to the time the Canadian internal loan was floated in November last all the money expended in equipping and maintaining the Canadian troops was borrowed from the British Government, but so great has the expenditure become and so great has been the dependence of the other Allied nations upon Great Britain that it is now considered necessary that Canada should pay her own way without further borrowing overseas. It is not entirely because of the heavy financial burden which has been thrown upon Great Britain, however, that this position has been reached, but also because in the present state of international trade, with Canada and the United States exporting much more than they are importing, it is practically impossible to remit large sums of money to this side from Great Britain. In

any case it is hardly in keeping with the dignity and reputation of Canada to be sending troops to help Britain and borrowing from Britain the money to equip and pay them, and Canadians generally would be gratified to know that in future the Canadian soldiers would be supported entirely by their own country without outside help. Sir Geo. E. Foster, in an address before the People's Forum at Ottawa on Sunday, December 26, forecasted another domestic loan and said that he had no doubt the people of Canada could furnish \$300,000,000 if they were asked for it, tho it would be necessary to economize as well as to put forth every effort to increase production. Hon. W. T. White, finance minister, states, however, that the money secured by the recent loan of \$100,000,000, which is payable by monthly instalments and will not all be paid in until May 1, will meet the needs of the Government for war purposes until next summer. Presumably another loan will be asked for about the month of June and those who wish to help the Allies win the war by furnishing "silver bullets" thus have time to save or adjust their affairs so as to be ready to contribute.

Another financial question which is being very much discussed just now is the matter of financing the war orders of the British and Allied Governments. The United States financiers made a loan to Great Britain and France of \$500,000,000 in order to provide money with which to pay the manufacturers of that country who are producing munitions of war and it will be necessary for the Allied Governments to obtain credit in this country also if they are to continue placing large orders here. Hon. W. T. White has suggested that Canadian manufacturers of munitions should accept part payment in British exchequer bonds falling due after the war, and this seems to be a reasonable proposition. If the British bonds could be deposited with the Ottawa Government and dominion paper currency secured in exchange, as can be done now with Canadian securities, it would enable the manufacturers to get their money at once. It would also considerably increase the amount of paper money in circulation, and there appears to be a difference of opinion as to whether the effect of this would be good or otherwise. The financing of war orders is, however, primarily a matter for the manufacturers. If they wish to continue their present highly profitable business they will have to trust Great Britain to some extent. She is worth trusting.

A BUREAU OF MARKETS

The question of marketing farm products of all kinds is steadily growing in interest and special efforts are being made from time to time by the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture to assist farmers in marketing special products. In the case of wool and dairy products this has been carried on in a manner generally beneficial to the producers. It would seem that the time has now come to provide instruction, information, advice and assistance in the marketing of all farm products. Thirteen states to the south of us maintain market bureaus or market commissioners for this very purpose and the province of British Columbia also maintains a market commissioner to assist the farmers of that province to dispose of their fruit and other products thruout the prairies. The United States Government maintains at Washington a Bureau of Markets and Rural Organization in charge of a large staff of experienced men. This office has been in existence for two years and has been favorably commented upon by American farmers and farm journals. Here in Western Canada, where the great

desire is to encourage mixed farming, the establishment of provincial market bureaus would assist very greatly towards that end. In Manitoba the Minister of Agriculture announces that legislation will be provided at the coming session for the bonding of produce merchants and regulation of the produce trade. This is one of the most progressive steps towards the aid of agriculture that has yet been taken by any Department of Agriculture in Canada. It will mean that the farmers will no longer be in danger of crooks and incompetents in the produce trade, but will be guaranteed their payment as they now are on their grain. Winnipeg being the chief produce market of Western Canada it would be a splendid thing for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture to establish a market bureau thru which reliable information on the supply and demand of all kinds of farm produce would be made available to the farmers of the province. The possibilities of development of such a service are enormous and the benefits which would accrue to the farmers of the province cannot be measured.

THE DUTY ON BOOKS

Some of the books which The Guide supplies to its readers are mailed direct from publishers in Canada and the United States. Those books mailed direct from American publishers are duty free as per item No. 172 which reads as follows:—

"Books on the application of science to industries of all kinds, including books on agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fish and fishing, mining, metallurgy, architecture, electric and other engineering, carpentry, ship-building, mechanism, dyeing, bleaching, tanning, weaving and other mechanic arts; and similar industrial books."

The recent war tax did not apply to this

tariff item. Despite this very plain provision, however, several of our readers have informed us that the Canadian customs officials had demanded 10 per cent. duty on farm books coming in from the United States. Such a demand merely illustrates the ignorance of the customs officials and henceforth when duty is demanded on agricultural, or similar books, readers should call attention at once to item No. 172 and demand that such books be admitted duty free. If there is any trouble, notice should at once be sent to The Grain Growers' Guide.

The local preacher and the local school teacher are in many cases good workers in the Grain Growers' Organization. More of them would assist if they were better informed on the work of the organized farmers. We send The Guide for a year to any preacher or teacher actively engaged in their profession for \$1.00. We would suggest that every local association send a subscription for their preacher and teacher.

In order to relieve congestion and fill up the government elevators at Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Calgary, the Board of Grain Commissioners has issued an order that cars of grain billed for these government houses will have preference over cars billed to Fort William or Port Arthur. The government has provided that the grain may be stored in these interior houses and reshipped on to the lake front any time within six months without extra cost.

We are anxious to hear from any farmer who has succeeded in borrowing money from any bank on the security of the grain on his farm. We have asked this question a number

of times, but so far we have not received a report from any farmer who has borrowed on that security, but we have received a number of letters stating that the banks have refused to loan money on such security tho it has been specially provided for in the Bank Act.

In this issue we publish an article describing the work of one rural school in Missouri. We are anxious to publish reports of rural schools in the Prairie Provinces that are doing exceptionally good work in their communities and will pay good prices for such articles. On the rural school largely depends our civilization and the one-roomed rural school is our chief educational institution. Let us know where there are one-roomed rural schools with one teacher that are not only instructing the children in the "three R's," but also developing them in citizenship and becoming a big factor in the community life.

Every local association that is anxious to do permanent work for the improvement of its community can make an excellent start, by securing one of the free libraries offered by The Guide.

Every local association thruout the Prairie Provinces should be holding a meeting now at least once a fortnight. If the president and secretary are asleep then it is time for the members themselves to be active and put in new officers.

Any person who is interested in the inside history of the tariff of Canada should read "Sixty Years of Protection in Canada" by Edward Porritt. It is one of the most interesting and at the same time most amazing stories ever written.



THE WILL O' THE WISP

Now that the farmers have sold a large part of their grain and many of them have money in the bank, the country is being overrun with Agents endeavoring to sell them stock in all kinds of speculative "investments." Many a farmer in the past has been dragged thru the slough of financial difficulties by "get-rich-quick" schemes, and many more will follow in their trail if they allow themselves to be beguiled by smooth-tongued but unscrupulous stock salesmen. The great majority of farmers can find plenty of opportunity for the investment of their surplus earnings on their own farms or in the companies which the organized farmers themselves have created, and which are doing service to the country by improving marketing and purchasing conditions, as well as paying reasonable dividends. Companies which promise exceptionally high dividends are almost always a "take."

The Cattle Man's Survival

After years of prosperity, the cattleman was almost forced out of business by competition with the mixed farmer, but pure-bred Hereford cattle saved the situation

By H. HIGGINBOTHAM

Breeds of livestock, in fact all races of animals, in common with the human race, must pass thru many vicissitudes, and be subjected to many modifications if they are to meet changing economic conditions and survive.

There is probably no breed of livestock known to the farmer of the present day which has shown greater adaptability to changing conditions than the Hereford breed of cattle. Originating in Hereford, England, and being used mainly for draft purposes on account of the strength of the oxen, Hereford cattle first came into their own on the American continent when the buffalo disappeared from the western prairies. It was as range cattle that they became deservedly popular. Being hardy, vigorous and great rustlers, they were admirably suited to range conditions. After their first appearance on the range, about the year 1870, in Colorado, they rapidly increased in numbers until "white faces" soon became the dominant breed of cattle on the plains of the northwest.

T. L. Miller, a Chicago business man, whose farm at Beecher, Will Co., Ill., was for some years the centre of the Hereford cattle trade in America, on being asked, "Why are the Herefords the best cattle for the plains?" answered: "Because they are the most hardy; they are the best grazers; they mature earlier; they are nearer the ground; they are more compact; they have more hair; they have thicker and softer hides; altho shorter on the leg, they are better travellers, and as grazers they become higher fleshed and ripen steers; they carry their flesh to market with less shrinkage; they are heavier-topped steers, and the best animal in the family of Herefords is the steer." This is a big claim to make, but time has shown that it is not without justification. It is not necessary either to disparage other beef breeds in order to do justice to the Hereford, and Hereford men today are among the first to admit the excellence of the Shorthorn and the Angus. The ability of the Hereford to take care of himself is admittedly a distinguishing mark of this breed. The other beef breeds have perhaps excelled in their disposition to put on flesh when fed in the barn and the feed lot. One is reminded of the reply of the Scotsman, who, on being asked if he did not admire some range Shorthorns, said: "Aye, mon, they are mighty good cattle for hame."

"White Faces" in the West

On the ranges of Western Canada, as on the plains of the Western States, Herefords again demonstrated their suitability to the business of beef production carried on on a large scale under conditions that approximated very closely to nature. Here again the buffalo was succeeded by the Hereford. Grade cattle of all descriptions were used, and there was a good sprinkling of Texas cattle in many of the Alberta herds, but the number of white faces at every "round-up" showed the popularity of this breed with the cattlemen. Under range conditions the Herefords have always been prolific, and today, the fertility of the Hereford breed is well-known. Just as the range cattle replaced the buffalo, so today have the farm herds and



PURE-BRED HEREFORD COWS AND CALVES ON THE WILLOW SPRINGS RANCH, CROSSFIELD, ALBERTA

flocks ousted the large bands of cattle which formerly grazed over the territory between the Great Lakes and the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Very few of the old ranches are left, and even these have been forced to retreat to areas not readily available for farming, or to land which is held by large corporations and which is leased at low rentals for grazing purposes. The rancher who keeps ordinary range cattle and requires seven acres of grazing land for each head in the bunch cannot compete with the



A BUNCH OF THRIFTY LOOKING CALVES

farmer who cultivates his land and feeds his crops to his horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry.

The Cattle Man's Story

The way in which one Alberta rancher successfully met the competition of the farmer without having to disperse his "bunch" forms an interesting story. Fifteen years ago, Frank Collicut, now one of the best known pure-bred cattle breeders in



THE TYPE OF STEER RAISED ON THE WILLOW SPRINGS RANCH. Note the low-cut, stocky form, carrying the maximum amount of high priced cuts

the province, had been raised on his parents' farm near Crossfield. After a few years during which he "knocked about," seeing the world and picking up experience, he settled down to beef raising, and for some time on his ranch at Crossfield he did big things in the way of feeding cattle. For a number of years he fed cattle for Pat Burns, whose name is a name to conjure with in cattle circles of the West. Buying and selling cattle and feeding large numbers himself, Burns had a number of other ranchers in different parts of Alberta feeding cattle for him. He paid them a fixed sum per head for all the cattle successfully wintered, and also paid them for the increased weight put on by the cattle during the winter feeding. The business was a good one for the man who knew how to look after cattle in an economical way, but one for the novice to steer clear of.

Frank Collicut was no novice, and during the years that he fed cattle for Burns he drew some big checks. Collicut's cattle always came thru the winter in fine condition, and having turned several thousand tons of good prairie hay and an abundance of pure water into prime beef, they were a source of satisfaction and profit to both owner and feeder. On the broad uplands of his big ranch Mr. Collicut kept a gang of men cutting and stacking hay in the late summer. When the cattle arrived in the fall, the hay was hauled down into the sheltered coulee bottoms where never-falling springs of pure water gush from the ground the whole year round—cooling and refreshing in the summer time and so warm in winter that they never freeze. Here was a place designed by nature for the shelter and care of cattle. Barns were unnecessary, the water and the shelter were bounteously provided by nature, and all the owner had to do was to draw the feed from the uplands where nature had also provided generously. Mr. Collicut's books show some returns from cattle feeding that would make the city business man, who believes he is making money fast, turn green with envy. Like a wise man, Mr. Collicut took nature into partnership and shared nature's dividends. In one season alone he fed 5,400 tons of hay to 2,907 cattle—all in one feed lot! Figures are wearisome, but it is a striking commentary upon the feeding value of natural prairie hay that Mr. Collicut made an average gain of 150 pounds on 352 head of beef between November 5 and April 15; feeding nothing but prairie hay. The cattle were just ordinary grades, good, bad and indifferent, for, out of the 352 head, fifty were poor feeders which actually lost weight.

When the Farmer Came

When land was worth \$3 per acre and taxes a mere bagatelle, cutting hay and feeding cattle on 6,560 acres was a

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Western Canada, after securing a tract of 6,500 acres lying a few miles west of the Calgary-Edmonton line of the Canadian Pacific Railway about half-way between Airdrie and Crossfield, turned his attention to cattle raising and feeding upon a large scale. "Frank," as he is familiarly known anywhere in Alberta and in many places outside

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NEARLY FORTY THOUSAND SIGNATURES

No blast of trumpets announced to the world at large the presentation to the Manitoba Cabinet on December 23, of a petition asking for the franchise for women on the same terms as men and signed by nearly forty thousand adult women of the province of Manitoba.

Since the presentation of the petition was a mere formality to be complied with before the bill should be finally sent to the printers, it was accomplished very quietly. The speakers for the delegation, which consisted of some sixty members of the Political Equality League of Manitoba, were presented to the Premier by Honorable Thomas Johnson, who in concluding his brief introductory remarks congratulated the Premier on having the privilege of enacting such an epoch-making piece of legislation as the enfranchisement of women.

Dr. Mary E. Crawford, Provincial President of the Political Equality League of Manitoba, made a brief statement as to the number of signatures, as compiled by a chartered accountant, and then called upon Mrs. Winona Flett Dixon, the secretary of the League, to give some of the human history behind the work of getting so many signatures. In doing so she paid a high tribute to the unselfish devotion of the country women to the cause of woman suffrage.

Mrs. A. V. Thomas spoke feelingly of those who had paved the way for our success, citing the Icelandic Woman Suffrage Society, organized here twenty-five years ago and the suffrage organization among English speaking people which existed in Winnipeg more than twenty years ago. Tribute was also paid to the efforts of the W.C.T.U. and the Grain Growers' organizations in bringing about this reform.

The Premier replied that the suffrage bill was nearly ready for the printers and that the delegation might hope to see it written on the books very early in the first session of the legislature.

A unique feature of the delegation was the presentation of a petition of 4,250 names, the exclusive work of Mrs. Amelia Burritt, a woman ninety-three years of age. In recognition of her great years and remarkable work it was arranged by the officers of the Political Equality League that Mrs. Burritt should present her petition herself and these names were not included in the 39,584 in the regular petition. In her very brief speech to the Premier the old lady said that she was grateful for having been permitted to live to see woman suffrage become an accomplished fact. The Premier broke up the meeting very gracefully and happily by leaving his place and going over to shake hands with and congratulate Mrs. Burritt upon her wonderful feat.

PEACE TALK

(NOTE.—Almost simultaneously with the singing of the Christmas anthems this year Winnipeg was placarded with signs which read: "He who talks peace is a traitor".)

Nineteen hundred years ago, so runs the Christian tradition, there was born in a manger in Bethlehem a Divine child, the Son of God Himself. At the time of His birth, the story continues, a heavenly host, appearing above the shepherds watching their flocks by night, sang a great anthem which for nearly two thousand years has been supposed to be the key-note of Christ's message to humanity. It was this:

"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Arrived at manhood's estate, the Son of God preached the doctrine of peace and democracy so consistently that He earned in time the enviable title of "The Prince of Peace." He also earned the dislike and hatred that is always the portion of the teacher of an unpopular faith.

In the end He was whipped, scourged, taunted, crucified, and the authorities felt that they had put an end to this heretic and traitor once and for all.

But no! He had Himself promulgated the theory that "He who loseth his life shall save it," and the impetus given to the spread of Christianity by every fresh martyrdom has verified it. For more than nineteen hundred years the teachings of Christianity have been spreading far and wide, helped by the existence here and there of what might be called the torch-bearers of the great faith. The Christian martyrs of Rome were of these, and Latimer and Ridley in England. "Play the man, Master Ridley," said Latimer, as they stood waiting to be burned at the stake in the interests of

freedom, "We shall light such a fire in England today as shall never be put out." And they did.

The other day a young English girl over in Belgium was put to death. She had no option but to die, but as the end drew near she made a statement which shall make her name immortal when all the valiant heroes of this war have passed into oblivion: It was this: "Standing in view of God and eternity I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness for anyone."

The very refrain of the heavenly chorus more than nineteen hundred years ago, and by this token

with having incited members of the army to defy discipline. The alleged offense consisted of commendation of the desertion of Adventists who were soldiers and a declaration that the 16,000 other Adventist soldiers would have acted commendably if they had refused to fire against the foe.

The prosecution demanded an exemplary sentence, declaring it was impossible to allow so dangerous a person to remain at large during war times. Her defender asked an examination as to her sanity, a sister of the accused having testified that she suffered from religious mania, and this was granted.

It was testified that the accused, with a few followers, was expelled from the Adventist church, a majority of the Adventists holding that they were justified in fighting a defensive war.

ECONOMY IN THE KITCHEN

If the Belgians and other people who are hungry, owing to the war, could have all food materials that are wasted by the millions of prosperous people, there would be no hunger. Let us, then, find all of the little ways of saving that we can. If we would boil potatoes in their skins more often, we would save many bushels that are now peeled away. It takes no longer to peel them after cooking than before, and in this way the best of the potato, which lies just under the skin, is saved.

When annoyed by the accumulation of scraps of bread and bread puddings have become tiresome, make a "mock dressing" as follows: Break bread into pieces, add sage, salt, pepper, onion or onion salt, a rounded tablespoonful of butter and pour enough hot water over to moisten all. Bake. No meat is necessary with this. Or when scraps

collect—make milk toast. When coring dried apples or pears save all the cores that are not Worm eaten. When a sufficient quantity has accumulated, cook till very tender, press thru a potato ricer, which will remove the real core from the fruit. Add sugar and spices to taste and cook again for a few minutes. Very good apple butter can be made this way from the whole dried apples.

In cooking almost all vegetables except beans and potatoes, care should be taken to retain the flavors and valuable mineral matter which is commonly thrown away in the water in which the vegetables are cooked. They should be cooked in as little water as possible, then this water, thickened with a mixture of flour and butter, nicely seasoned and poured over.

Any grease rinds or cracklings about the place which are unfit for food can be made into soap by following the directions on the lye can. All small bits of Bon Ami or Sapollo can be easily used if they are mashed into a powder with the flat side of a knife.

The following is a time-saving hint which I have not yet had the opportunity of trying: Instead of shelling peas, cook pods and all, after washing them and discarding all spoiled ones. When done the pods will rise to the surface, while the peas remain at the bottom. Peas cooked in this manner have a fine flavor.

I believe to become really economical cooks we should make a study of dietetics and always plan a well balanced menu, as often some inexpensive food is just as nourishing as something more costly.

Dr. Wiley, the pure food specialist, says: "Proteins are the most useful tissue builders of all nitrogenous foods. A bushel of wheat contains seventeen and a half pounds of protein and the farm price is from 80 cents to \$1.00 generally. It takes about \$12.00 worth of meat to yield a like amount of body building material. The difference in price where corn is concerned is almost as great."

When housekeepers fully avail themselves of these vegetable proteins, the cost of living will come down. All the elements necessary to human nutrition are contained in wheat. It is a complete food in itself and there are numerous other cereals rich in protein. With the price of meat constantly soaring it becomes doubly advantageous for the housekeeper to learn how to introduce cereals into the dish.

MRS. W. PORTER

Economy in Fuel

When fixing the range for the night, shake down, and before putting on fresh coal, bank the front, back and sides with the cinders you have previously shaken down from the grate. Then, in the centre, on your bed of live coals, put fresh coal.



A FIELD OF SUGAR CANE, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

we know that Christianity is not dead but sleeping.

HAWAII

Let us turn to the agricultural and industrial pursuits of the Hawaiian Islands. The principal agricultural product of the islands, is, of course, sugar, but apart from this may be mentioned the cultivation of pineapples, bananas, coffee, rice, sisal and tobacco and truck farming.

The sugar industry of the Islands is almost too well known to need comment, but a few figures may be of interest. The present investment in the industry amounts to \$84,671,000 held by some 9,000 individual shareholders. The amount of raw sugar produced in the Islands during the 10 years, 1904-1913, inclusive, was 4,945,199 tons, which at a ten year average price of \$1.08 represents a value of \$403,528,138.40. Owing to European complications, the price of sugar has made a considerable advance with a corresponding increase in dividends, but the average return for the ten years under review has been about 8.14 per cent. It must be realized that it costs about \$56 to produce a ton of Hawaiian sugar, place it upon the American market, and that an enormous amount of capital is locked up in irrigation ditches and flumes. It will give some idea of the importance of the industry if it is mentioned that some 1,400,000,000 gallons of water are used every day in irrigating the canefields of the territory of Hawaii.

The pineapple industry has made enormous strides and is rapidly extending its scope. It is a curious coincidence that upon the very day on which this article is written (November 10, 1915) Hawaiian Pineapple Day is being observed thruout the United States, and in every hotel and dining car from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard, this luscious product of the islands will figure upon the menu cards.

In 1901 the total pack of pineapples was 2,000 cases. In 1914 it was over 3,000,000. There are some ten canneries in the Islands, employing over 5,000 men altogether, and wages paid to cannery employees now average between \$600 and \$700 per hour daily. From these figures it will be seen that the pineapple industry has attained considerable magnitude, and one of the local sights for visitors to Honolulu is a field of pineapples covering no less an area than 12,000 acres.

WOMAN ON TRIAL

Cologne, Dec. 26.—Elly Reuss, a woman missionary at Cologne, the head of a small section of Seventh Day Adventists, who preached the practical application of the commandment "Thou shalt not kill," given under war conditions, is on trial here before a court martial, charged with treason and

A Missouri School

The story of a Community that was transformed by an up-to-date rural school

By Mrs. Marie Turner Harvey

In Adair County, North Missouri, is a school district containing nine square miles of good prairie land. It lies contiguous with Kirksville—a town of ten thousand population—on the south, and at the time of which this story tells, its assessed valuation was approximately \$111,000. There were forty-six farm homes, the largest holding was eight hundred acres, the smallest five acres near town, with farms varying from forty to two hundred acres between these extremes. Only nine of these farms were occupied by tenants, but eighteen homes had no direct interest in the district school. This was because their children had "gone thru" or "quit" the school before now. To correctly estimate the progress and achievements of the Porter community after September 1, 1912, it is necessary to view actual conditions together with their causes that existed before that date. Because this was a community of excellent people in the main—thrifty, God-fearing farm families—it would be difficult to understand why it was so seriously divided without noting that the main roads led to town, and that distances between farm homes were unusual; that the telephone supplanted the old-time calls for help; that visiting over the phone removed the need of the sociable dinners; and the occasional meeting with each other in the stores and streets of Kirksville on Saturday afternoons helped to remove the need for that personal contact with each other which is indispensable to the building of a community spirit. The residents were a church-going people, but five different churches ministered to their spiritual needs, and again they were divided.

For five years a voluntary transportation route to supply country children for a Model Rural School on the campus of the State Normal School, Kirksville, drew most heavily from this district in its five miles' course. It stands to reason that parents living on a route offering the benefits of transportation, expert teaching, free text books and a comfortable building would avail themselves of such opportunity, and would not be actively interested in the development of a good local school.

A Dismal School House

Previous to 1912, this district sustained the required eight months of school on a twenty cent levy, had the divided term, the characteristic rotation of teachers, not one of whom could be justly charged with the state of affairs that prevailed for years. The Wabash Railroad ran diagonally across the district, and this little box-car school house became a favorite hostelry for the "tramping gentlemen," because of its close proximity to town and railroad. They had torn the doors off the out-buildings and the shutters off the windows for fuel. They slept and ate in the building, and used it in disgusting and vulgar ways, making it necessary often and often for teacher and pupils to put the room in condition for the day's work. The school house door often swung with the wind; much plastering had fallen off, wall paper was torn and dingy with dirt and smoke; the black-board was too high for

Mrs. Marie Turner Harvey is considered one of the foremost rural school teachers in the United States. She voluntarily accepted a position as teacher of the Porter Rural School in Missouri at \$50.00 per month, under a three year contract, in order to demonstrate how community building could be carried on successfully thru the rural school. This article is Mrs. Harvey's own story of her three years' work and its result, and was written by her specially for The Guide.

the use of young children; the woodwork, painted an ugly blue, was now begrimed with dirt; an old stove stood in the middle of the room, and the stove pipe had been wired unsuccessfully, so that gas and smoke-escaped continually when in use. There were no shades in the room, regardless of the fact that the house faced west, and had the typical arrangement of windows, three on each side of the room opposite each other, so there was no way of protecting the children's eyes from the strong cross lights.

The furnishings were in keeping with the building. There were the usual battered double seats and desks

sophical resignation by some, and viewed with supreme indifference by others, for local history does not record that any taxpayer ever made a formal protest about the "waste of public funds."

There was a lack of local co-operation, local initiative, and, worst of all, lack of local faith in the possibilities of bringing about a permanent regime of progress thru the medium of their public school. Certainly the drift of young people from the farm homes went steadily on, and those seeking higher education for their children made the supreme sacrifice of boarding these young people in town to get school privileges. Thus were they separated from home influences during the character-forming time of life and were taught in terms of city life.

A New Era Begins

Then something happened. The school board of 1912, composed of three men who themselves had "gone to school at Porter" in their youth, were determined to give their young children improved educational opportunity, and found a teacher willing to help them establish the best possible school with the funds available. The teacher agreed to do this if she could rent a home and live in this district, and further agreed to remain with them for three years, provided they gave full support during that time.

A ramshackle cottage of four rooms, three-quarters of a mile from the school house, was the only available place, and to this the teacher, with a country girl as domestic and companion, moved in in September, 1912, and under great difficulties began the work of making a typical rural school realize its possibilities for a community.

In the face of opposition with which every forward step is met, the jeers of some, threats from others that this would spell "high taxes," that the teacher would not stay but was certain to leave for a better salary, that "old ways" were good enough, etc., a small group of men led by this school board persuaded, reasoned, contributed labor or money or both, until by October 14 they had, thru co-operation, raised the building on a good foundation of concrete blocks, dug a basement, covered the floor with concrete, installed a first class hot air furnace therein, built a new flue, put in a drain, built a staircase leading from the vestibule to basement, and designed it



TEACHER'S COTTAGE IN PORTER DISTRICT

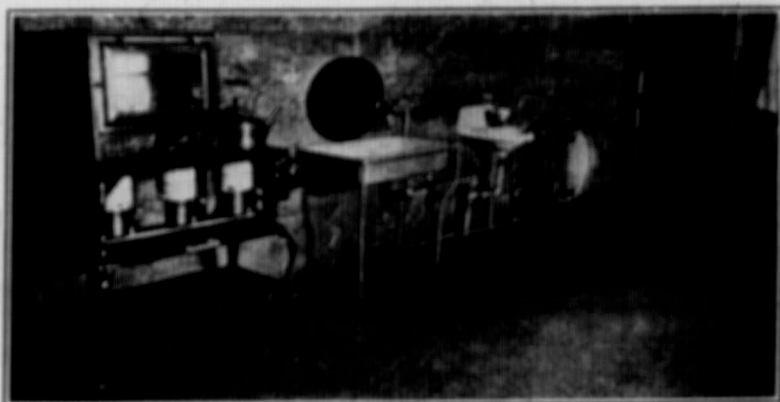
so unsuited to the physical needs of growing children; an unstable teacher's desk; a much torn Webster's Unabridged dictionary; a set of torn maps; a useless globe, and a cheap cupboard with wooden doors but lockless, and which contained a small number of cheap, badly abused "library books" for young children.

The Taxpayers Uninterested

This square-built, shutterless, unshaded, comfortless building, resting directly on the ground and surrounded by weeds to the very doorstep in summer, was the accepted educational centre of this



THE FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL IN THE PORTER DISTRICT



ONE SECTION OF THE BASEMENT OF THE PORTER SCHOOL

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A Desert Eden

A NOVELETTE

By Edwin L. Sabin

Continued from Last Week

"Thank you, dear," he said. "I'll remember. And I love you, and always will. But I've told you that before."

They kissed. She continued in a pleading, almost feverish tone:

"You know I can't marry whom I please, Danny. Lots of us girls can't. And you're poor and you aren't in the army. Mama is bound that I marry into the army. She's more army than papa even. I'm sick of the army. I'm sick of being a civilized girl, anyway; of having to do things just because somebody else pronounced them right and proper. I've often wished I might be in a place like this, away off where one could throw aside convention and be oneself. Out in the world I couldn't tell you I love you, Danny; but I can here! Out in the world you're poor, and you aren't in the army; but here you're as good as anybody. Just this once I'm doing as I please—and I don't care. Isn't it grand, Danny?"

"Yes, sweetheart."

They kissed again, lingering long, lips pressing lips.

With a little shiver of pure joy she nestled her head upon his shoulder.

He saw that the old priest, noting them, was smiling; and he was unashamed.

The embrace and the kiss, and the confession, there in the wonder and the quiet of the moonlit, mystic mesa, seemed but intuitive with the spirit of the place.

So might first man and first woman have stood and surveyed their Eden, and have been blessed by some guardian angel!

But the peace was sadly broken. How long the two thus stood neither was conscious—so proof against time is love—when a raucous voice boomed thru the cedars and across the mesa.

CHAPTER III. More Mystery.

"Bowie! Daviess! Daviess! Where are you, boy?"

The girl started and disengaged herself.

"We must go," she said. "Poor papa, and poor mama! They'll be frantic."

"I'd forgotten all about them," answered the young man ruefully.

"I hadn't. But I didn't care for a minute. It must be scandalously late. Come on, Danny. We're going to wake up. It's been a nice dream. I wanted you here with me and the old priest, and you came. Thank you, dear."

"Daviess!" The colonel's voice was bellowing indignantly.

"Must we go?" appealed the young man to the girl.

"Of course. No, we mustn't kiss again. We're waking up. Good-by, father," she said to the old priest. She took Daviess by the hand and led him away.

The old priest, pausing an instant to gaze benignly, spoke briefly. He said: "A Dios, my children."

"I hate to leave, dear."

"So do I. It's our garden, and he's the keeper of it. We won't tell anybody about it, Danny; not anybody at all. It's ours. Papa and mama wouldn't care about a place like this—some moonlight and some flowers and an old priest. They've got past that."

She was talking feverishly, walking rapidly.

A strange sensation of lightness and exhilaration permeated him, despite the fact that they were leaving behind them their Eden.

She dropped his hand; they emerged from the cedars, and before them lay the level brush, steeped in the silver night.

The stout, white figure, like a fat ghost's, of the colonel loomed spectral before them. He was tramping wildly, as if much perturbed. His mutter reached them.

They swerved toward him.

"Papa!" called the girl clearly.

The young man heard the word pass out into the lambent space around about; but the colonel appeared to notice not, nor had he yet sighted them apparently.

"Bowie! Daviess!" he boomed.

"Oh, dear," exclaimed the girl, "there comes mama, too! He's excited her." And she called again: "Papa, we're all right." And—"Hurry," she said.

They hurried, calling apace; for from the direction of the camp Mrs. Bool also was hurrying, filled, like her husband, with alarm now needless, and evidently as oblivious as he to the twin for whom they were frantically seeking.

The situation was preposterous. The young man yodled cheerfully; this cry they surely must hear. But—

"Bowie! Oh, Bowie! Daviess!" The colonel's voice broke; he was hoarse.

"Can't you find either of them, Benjamin?" cried his wife tremulously, panting with stress, physical and mental.

"Danny," gasped the girl. She wavered, almost halting. "They don't hear us, and they—don't see us."

"They're too excited. I'll give them a call they will hear. Hello! Whoopee! What's the matter?"

The colonel and Mrs. Bool had met.

here! They must be blind! They're looking right at us, too."

"Then they must be deaf and blind in a funny way. They see and hear each other. They're walking in their sleep, or else we are." He advanced resolutely and grasped the colonel by the shoulder.

"Colonel," he said, "wake up!"

But the colonel noted the touch not at all.

"If they're out together this time of night and deceiving us, it's indecent, Benjamin," quavered Mrs. Bool. "I—I'm going to faint!"

"Nonsense, my dear," snapped the colonel. "Er—I mean, try not to. What do you want to faint for? We'll go back to camp. Er—here's my arm. Lean on it."

"They don't see us, or hear us, or feel us," reported the young man to the girl, amazed. "I clapped him on the shoulder and never feezed him."

"Oh, Danny!" wailed the girl, hovering from one to the other. "We must be dead and turned to ghosts!"

"Then he ought to have shivered when I touched him," declared Danny.

"Mama," appealed the girl, "don't you know me?"

"It's indecent," was proclaiming that worthy weakly, as upon her husband's arm she toiled on back to the pinon

around, my dear, when I was courting you? No. And I didn't, either. If these young folks were off spooning I wouldn't be half as concerned. By gad, I'd go to sleep."

"Bully for him!" quoth the young man across to the girl. "Did you ever hear him preach such gospel before?"

"No, never! But he always takes the contrary. I wish we had a short-hand witness."

They were escorting, one on either flank of the older couple.

That they should not yet have been detected was all incomprehensible; here they were, touching elbows virtually with the other two—and no attention was being paid to them.

Yet they walked and talked, and apparently were like anybody else.

"It's indecent. I never shall hold up my head again," protested Mrs. Bool. "I shall take Bowie and go to Europe."

"Humph!" granted the colonel.

Bowie clapped her hands in approval. At the pinon camp Mrs. Bool sank upon her bed with a sigh of fatigue and a groan of dismay mingled.

The colonel, with sound non-committal save that it expressed fatigue on his part also, surveyed her.

His glance swept anon the mesa, lying white and brooding around about.

"If I only knew that they were safe!" moaned his wife. "What time is it?"

The colonel seated himself beside her. He consulted his watch.

"Eleven-thirty," he reported.

"It is indecent. I never shall survive such a scandal. Lieutenant Kunke will break the engagement. I know he will. He will be perfectly excusable."

"We won't sue him for breach of promise," quoth her husband grimly. "By Jove!"

"Oh, we're not engaged!" exclaimed the girl indignantly. "How dare mama talk so! Don't you believe her, Danny."

"What's eleven-thirty on such a night?" scoffed the colonel. He hitched nearer to his wife. With an effort of avoidance he extended his right arm back of her massive waist. He chuckled sheepishly. "You and I saw the twelve o'clock moon many a night, my dear, when we were younger. Egad—and the one o'clock, too, if we could!"

"Benjamin!" she gasped. She sighed. The arm did its best to accommodate itself. "But society is different now. What will people say?"

"Damn people, my dear!" exploded her husband.

"If I only knew they were safe—"

She faltered.

"They've sneaked off, the young rascals!"

"But Danny said he didn't know where she was."

"Probably he didn't. I'll venture to say that he does now. We'll give them a good wiggling, my dear. But, egad, I don't blame them! She wanted to stay just a minute more. We know how that is, my dear. Damme, I admire his spirit! He's a change from Kunke, eh? Kunke'd be afraid of getting the crease out of his trousers. Give the girl and boy a fling, my dear. Egad, I feel spooony myself!"

"Oh!" ejaculated Mrs. Bool. "Benjamin! You took my breath. You mustn't—" The arm evidently had tightened.

The colonel chuckled.

"If you're sure they're safe," murmured Mrs. Bool drowsily.

"Sleepy?" queried the colonel tenderly. "Take a nap, Kate. Poor girl! Egad—and he kissed her."

"Shocking!" declared Bowie, her face dimpled with amusement. "Papa certainly is moonstruck."

"Perhaps I'd better withdraw," hazarded the young man. "The Bool family may want to be by itself."

"Wait!" she ordered.

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He chuckled sheepishly. "You and I saw the twelve o'clock moon many a night, my dear."

"What is the matter, Benjamin? Have they both gone?"

"They're hiding. It's a trick; by gad, I believe it's just a trick!" stormed the colonel.

"Oh, they wouldn't do that! Bowie wouldn't, I know. Something's happened to them, Benjamin."

"But, mama, we're here," expostulated the girl earnestly. "If you'd only listen and look! You and papa are acting ridiculous."

The younger couple were now within a few yards of the elder. It was impossible that they should not be recognized.

They paused, waiting the sudden acclamation. The girl again gasped. She clutched her companion.

"Danny, they don't see us, and they don't hear us! They don't know we're

camp. "They've been gone together hours—in the night—without sign of any chaperon. What will Mrs. Major Jones say—what will Lieutenant Kunke say! Such a thing never could take place in the east. Lieutenant Kunke has often told me that he does not consider it proper to take even his own sister about after dark without a chaperon. If this gets out, Bowie's chances are ruined."

"Mrs. Jones is a fool and Kunke is an ass!" retorted the colonel hoarsely. "Balderdash! Bowie can take care of herself. I'll risk her reputation. I've always thought it a pity that young Daviess didn't join the service. He'd make a damn sight better man for Bowie to tie to than that jackknape. Chaperon! Bah! Did you want any chaperon

DISTRICT No. 7 CONVENTION

The third annual convention of District No. 7 of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was held in the town hall, Melville, on Wednesday, December 22. Owing to the absence of the district director, Mr. Travis, thru the sickness of his wife, John M. Reid, director of District No. 9, presided. The attendance was not so large as was anticipated, there being about twenty locals represented, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm and good fellowship.

In his address as chairman, Mr. Reid gave a summary of the activities of the association during the past year, and sounded a note of supreme optimism as to the prospects for the future development. Reports were given by the representatives of each local present, which tended to show that a great deal of work was necessary in order that the interest of the members in the work of the association might be sustained and in some cases revived, but every report showed that much benefit has accrued to every individual member who has taken advantage of the purchasing and other facilities offered by the association.

Interesting Addresses

During the course of the convention several excellent addresses were given by various speakers. Mr. Gill, of the department of agriculture, gave some very practical suggestions as to how each rural municipality would derive benefit by the appointment of a secretary of agriculture, and showed very clearly how the services of such an official could be obtained at a comparatively small increased cost over the present system of assessing, weed inspection, etc., by combining these duties and making the new official responsible for their performance.

Mr. Wilson, of the Hail Insurance Commission, was also present, and in connection with the resolution which is detailed below, gave a concise statement of the activities of his department, showing that it was being operated to the satisfaction and benefit of all those who were able to take advantage of it. K. M. Johnson, of Moose Jaw, outlined the scheme of financing the Central and the federation of inter-provincial and allied organizations, which had been formulated by the Central executive. A resolution unanimously passed gave the hearty endorsement of the convention to the scheme, and as a practical demonstration of the interest awakened, no less than twelve persons present took out life membership certificates in the association.

Mrs. W. H. Frith, of Birmingham, who was the first lady speaker at any convention of the district, gave a very interesting outline of the work of the Woman's Association, and made a strong appeal for the assistance and co-operation of the men in the work they were endeavoring to perform.

Resolutions

Several important resolutions were discussed, some of which were defeated, but most of which were passed. Amongst these were the following:

Whereas the sum of at least \$600,000 is required by the Saskatchewan branch of the Patriotic Fund to meet the obligations to the dependents of our soldiers at the front for 1916; resolved, that the Saskatchewan government be asked to enact such legislation as will make it compulsory for the councils of all cities, towns, villages and rural municipalities to subscribe a sum equal to the proceeds of a tax of one-half mill on the dollar of the assessment on all real estate in the province.

Resolved, that fifty per cent. of the provincial tax on automobiles should be returned to the rural municipalities for the maintenance of roads.

That this convention recommend to the provincial government the empowering of the Hail Insurance Commission to devise some system of supplementary insurance in those municipalities not under the operation of the act. Also that the commission be empowered to increase the indemnity at their discretion, instead of lowering the assessment.

That the Central be asked to take up with the Railway Commission the following matters: 1. The elimination of switching charges for goods transferred from one company's lines to another. 2. The matter of cattle guards along the

Saskatchewan

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main line of the G.T.P. The compulsory installation of switches at all junction points.

That the government be asked to make provision by legislation restricting the practice of unqualified midwifery in the province, and to provide a fund from which grants may be made to enable prospective mothers to obtain adequate medical attendance at childbirth.

That the Saskatchewan government be asked to encourage the establishment of co-operative hospitals along the lines followed by the Lloydminster hospital.

That, in the opinion of this convention, the final decision as to where the Central offices should be located should be left to the full board of directors, with due regard to the requirements of the province.

Resolutions of condolence were ordered sent to the family of Mr. Speakman, the deceased president of the United Farmers of Alberta, and to the

hall in which the meetings are held and charges enough to say the least. I am trying to get the local and "Home-makers" to join together and build a place of their own, but many of them are in debt at the store and afraid to do it. Pardon my tale of woe, but I felt that you should have some explanation for the inactivity here.

LOCAL SECRETARY.

The Secretary's Advice

Local Secretary:—Your very interesting letter of the 21st inst. is before me. I am not surprised to hear that interest in your local is on the wane in the face of the fact that a local storekeeper is vice-president of the Association. The chances are ten to one that your storekeeper is a member of the Retail Dealers' Association, which body is the bitterest enemy which the farmers' movement of Saskatchewan has.

My advice to you is let your local meet in a country school house instead of

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The following is a list of places and dates for the holding of District Conventions:

Table with 3 columns: District, Directors, Date, Place. Rows include: 1 W. H. Beesley, January 13 and 14, Elbow; 6 F. M. Redman, January 4, Indian Head; 8 Thorne M. Eddy, January 4, Davidson; 14 T. M. Morgan, January 17 and 18, Swift Current; 15 Frank Burton, January 25, Assinaboia; 16 W. T. Hall, January 11 and 12, Conquest.

members of the association over which he so ably presided. A letter of sympathy was also sent from the convention to the district director, Mr. Travis, on account of the illness of his wife.

District Elections

For the office of district director for the ensuing year, Fred H. Clarkson, of Melville, was recommended to the annual convention, with H. P. Barr, of Bangor, as second choice. W. J. Benwell, of Melville, was elected district secretary, and the district was divided into eight divisions, each in charge of a sub-organizer. A date between December 11 and 18, 1916, is to be decided upon for the district convention of 1916.

At the evening session an address was delivered by J. H. Burrill, of Indian Head, emphasizing the educational work of the association, and pointing out the great influence that the opinion of the organization at large could have upon public opinion if rightly used. Mr. Reid and Mr. Johnson also spoke along instructive lines. After the usual votes of thanks had been heartily passed, the convention was closed, and the members dispersed with a determination to make the next year the best in the history of the district.

Subsequently a meeting of the sub-organizers was held, at which a plan of campaign was outlined for the coming year.

A MERCHANT FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Central Secretary:—Unless some life can be instilled our local branch of the S.G.G.A. will soon be dead. I was elected secretary almost a year ago and have been able to get members enough together for three meetings only since then. I have not sent in the fees because there are only five active members. Until spring I tried to get some action, but without success, and now I want to try again.

This, to my mind, is the trouble. The local storekeeper here is the vice-president of the local and whenever any talk of ordering supplies is started he will stop it by coming to a certain extent to the same terms. While this is no doubt a help, it leaves no outward show of life, and outsiders and a great many of the members get the idea that nothing is being done.

Then this same storekeeper owns the

in town and let your business be run by the farmers themselves. It is very seldom that any good result is attained by the admission of merchants of any kind to the Association.

We are grateful to you for the faithful support which you are giving to the work and hope that your members may be wise enough to see that they must, as farmers, handle the affairs of the Association if the movement is to succeed.

CENTRAL SECRETARY.

DISTRICT No. 10 CONVENTION

The annual convention of District No. 10 took place at Wadena on December 17, 1915.

The meeting having been called to order by John L. Rooke, district director, an address of welcome to the delegates was delivered by Mayor Potts.

An address in the interests of recruiting for the overseas forces was then de-

livered by Harvey Hearn, after which the district director addressed the delegates.

The convention then proceeded to deal with the resolutions as follows, all of which were carried:

"That this convention is firmly of the opinion that every child in Saskatchewan should be taught the English language, and that an effective measure of compulsory education should be placed on the statute book."

"That we heartily endorse the scheme of the seed competition for locals of the association, and we agree to support this plan."

"That this convention is in favor of the establishment of co-operative packing plants and stock yards."

"That this convention heartily endorses the action of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, in asking that steps be immediately taken to secure Free Wheat."

"That whereas, during the present season, gross carelessness is apparent in many instances in the grading of grain, this association ask that immediate steps be taken to bring this matter before the proper authorities to be remedied."

"Resolved, that this association places itself on record as favoring Free Trade with Great Britain and the United States."

"Resolved, that in view of the increasing numbers of gophers in our district, we are in favor of establishing a gopher bounty."

Care of Soldiers and Dependents

"Resolved, that this convention places itself on record as firmly of the opinion that the care of returned disabled soldiers and dependents of soldiers is a matter of national responsibility, and in no sense should this work be dependent upon voluntary contribution, and, further, that reasonable funds requisite for this purpose should be raised by an equitable method of taxation, distributing the burden amongst all the people."

"That this convention learns with regret of the loss sustained by our secretary thru the death of his mother, and extend to him our sympathy in his bereavement."

"That we desire to place on record our appreciation of the work of our late secretary, F. W. Green, and deplore his untimely death."

"That we are gratified at the result of the recent elections on the liquor question in our district, and we are in favor of entirely abolishing intoxicating liquor from our province, and if possible preventing it from being shipped into this province."

Thos. Sales, of Langham, then addressed the convention, after which nominations were taken for district director for 1916, G. A. Hope being eventually the choice of the delegates.

A number of life members were enrolled in the course of the proceedings.

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CALGARY CONVENTION

The eighth annual convention of the U.F.A. will be held in the First Baptist Church, corner of Fourth Street and 13th Avenue West, Calgary, on January 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1916. The men's meetings will be held in the main auditorium and the women will meet in the Sunday school room adjoining the church. A special train has been arranged for on the Swift Current-Bassano line, leaving Empress Monday morning, January 17. Details may be had on application to the Central office. Arrangements for the open meeting on Monday evening have not been completed, but will be published in next week's issue. Delegates on arriving should look out for members of reception committee, who will wear purple badges, or if these are missed, make inquiries at the inquiry room in Calgary Daily Herald Building or at the Central office.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The following is the program (subject to revision) for the Eighth Annual Convention of the U.F.A. to be held at Calgary, January 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1916:—

Monday, January 17, 1916

Directors' Meeting, Central Office.

Evening

Open Meeting, and Registration of Delegates.

Tuesday, January 18

10 a.m.—Opening. Invocation.

Addresses of Welcome:—Mayor of Calgary and Hon. Minister of Agriculture. Election of Chairman.

Appointment of Committee on Credentials.

Directors' Report.

Afternoon, 2 p.m.

Report of the Secretary.

Financial Report.

Auditor's Report.

Report of the Legislative Committee.

Report of the Market and Transportation Committee.

Report of the Pork Packing Committee.

Evening, 8 p.m.

Meeting of Local Secretaries.

Social Evening.

Wednesday, January 19

9.30 a.m.—Constitutional Amendments.

11 a.m.—Fifteen minutes adjournment, nominations for President.

11.15 a.m.—Constitutional Amendments.

Afternoon

2 p.m.—Consideration of Resolutions.

3 p.m.—Election of President.

Consideration of Resolutions.

4.30 p.m.—Nominations for Vice-Presidents.

Consideration of Resolutions.

Evening, 7 p.m.

Public Concert and Addresses.

Thursday, January 20

9.30 a.m.—Election of Vice-Presidents.

Consideration of Resolutions.

Afternoon

2 p.m.—Nominations and Election of Directors by Districts. Separate Committee Rooms.

3.30 p.m.—Consideration of Resolutions.

Evening, 8 p.m.

Banquet at Hotel Palliser.

Friday, January 21

9 a.m.—Consideration of Resolutions.

2 p.m.—Consideration of Resolutions.

Adjournment

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES U.F.A.

Convention Program

Tuesday 9.30—Presenting Credentials and Assembling with Men's Union for Opening Addresses.

Tuesday 1.30—Roll Call of Delegates.

President's Address.

Greetings from Saskatchewan Women Grain Growers, Mrs. McNaughtan.

Greetings from Women's Institute, Miss Noble.

Greetings from W.C.T.U., Mrs. McKinney.

Paper, Miss Beynon.

Wednesday 9.30—Business Session—Secretary's Report, Directors' Report, Delegates' Report, Discussion.

Wednesday 1.30—Paper, "Women's Place in the Nation," Mrs. Walter Parlyb.

Paper, "Aims and Objects of the Women's Auxiliary," Mrs. R. W. Barrett.

Thursday 9.30—Election of Officers.

Thursday 1.30—Paper, H. E. Spence.

Discussion of Problems connected with the work of the Auxiliaries.

A PATRIOTIC LOCAL

We are in receipt of \$50.00 for the Patriotic Fund from Winona Union, No. 161, together with the following report from their secretary, J. P. Swayne:—

"Mr. Ottewell, of Alberta University, gave us a splendid lecture last Friday night at Winona school. He spoke in behalf of the Canadian Patriotic Fund and presented a very interesting review of part of the early period of the war. His tribute to General Joffre, whose superior generalship saved Paris from the German horde, was well received. He had lantern slides to supplement the discussion. A box social followed, resulting in the raising of fifty dollars for the Patriotic Fund. On Saturday we had our annual meeting and the following officers were elected:—President, Fred Sutton; vice-president, Arthur Carson; secretary-treasurer, Itz McLeod."

WATERHOLE UNION

A local union has been organized at Waterhole recently, to be known as the Waterhole Union. Dues have been forwarded to this office for eleven members. The officers elected are D. M. Kennedy, president; S. W. French, vice-president; and A. Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

CO-OPERATING WITH THE CHURCH

Geo. Butcher, secretary of New Bridgen Union, No. 348, reports that the union has done very little co-operative buying this year. The members are still very busy and threshing is late; however, the union is alive and hope to make good progress in the coming year. The annual meeting is to be held on December 29. The Methodist Church in this district has appointed two collectors for the Red Cross Fund and the local is helping them in every way possible. They have about \$100.00 now and are to hold a concert in the near future in order to raise more funds.

A SUCCESSFUL AUXILIARY

Mrs. L. A. Riste, secretary of Winnifred Women's Auxiliary, reports that they have now twenty-four members, on the roll; sixteen of whom are paid up, and she hopes to be able to forward dues for the balance in the near future. Last year was a hard year financially in this district, but this year the crops are very good. Considerable interest appears to be taken in this auxiliary by the members. The men and women meet together in the winter evenings, when there is always a good program provided and very often a social or a dance.

A NEW START

The following report has been received from R. M. Johnston, secretary of Kirkpatrick Union, No. 651:—

"You have not heard from us for a long time. I have had nothing to report as we have been very quiet since our picnic in June, but at our annual meeting, which was held on December 17, we had a good turn out and a rattling good meeting. Everybody present seemed to be deeply interested. Orders to the amount of one car of cedar fence posts were taken. A large number of the members wanted the secretary to write away to firms for prices on barbed wire, plow shares and also to write to the government for particulars as to getting a draft stallion. Five members renewed their cards. A lot of the old members have dropped off, but they are mostly those who live a long distance from the school where the meetings are held. The election of officers was as follows:—O. C. Harmer, president; P. Fahey, vice-president. Two of the old directors were re-elected and four new ones elected. The secretary-treasurer was re-elected. Jas. Fahey was appointed auditor and audited the books at the meeting, finding same correct. We have in the funds \$71.65. The secretary was appointed a delegate to represent the union at the annual convention held in Calgary. The crops in this district turned out to be real good and the farmers are busy hauling grain. With the new officers we have now I hope we will have more interest and do much more business."

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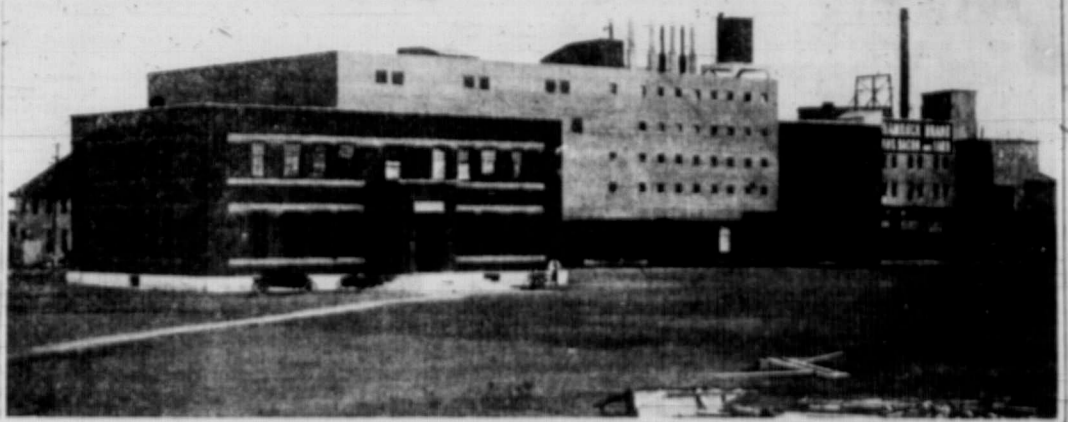
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SOURIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

The convention of the Souris district of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association was held at DeWitts Hall, Napinka, on December 10. The convention was opened with President O. A. Jones in the chair. Secretary-treasurer' report was read and approved. The convention endorsed the action of the Central Executive and Council of Agriculture regarding their activities to bring about free wheat. A motion was carried recommending the adoption of a duplicate system of sampling and grading, with the establishing of a permanent board of appeal. It was decided that the basis of representation as outlined by the constitution, one to every ten paid up members, be the basis of appointing delegates by the branches to be represented at the district convention in future, voting by proxy being allowed to bring up the number of each branch. On discussion it was agreed that all delegates present have full voting power at the present meeting.

The convention was then thrown open for nominations for officers for the District Association for 1916 and the following were duly elected:—Oscar A. Jones, Whitewater, president; Jas. Steedman, vice-president; and Wm. Alison, Deloraine, secretary-treasurer. After short addresses had been given by the newly elected officers, Chas. Longman, of Regent, moved, seconded by C. S. Watkins, Dunrea, that the name of D. S. McLeod, Goodlands, be recommended for appointment at the Brandon convention as district director for Souris. Carried.

It was moved by G. Love, Ninga, seconded by W. Robertson, of Hartney, and carried, that a levy of \$5.00 per year on each branch Association be made for the support of the District Association.

It was moved by Mr. Longman, seconded by Mr. Watkins: Whereas we have passed innumerable resolutions placing ourselves on record as being in favor of Free Trade, and whereas when it comes to an election we have been invariably defeated. Be it resolved that we adopt some more energetic means to get our views not only before our own fellow farmers, but also before the working men of Canada; as the farmer's interest and the workman's interest are identical.

Discussion took place on the work of the executive of the District Association in the past year, the method of financing and place of meeting of District Association, the need of more effective work in establishing new branches and strengthening some of the weaker ones and a much needed change in grading of grain.

Short addresses were given by T. M. Kennedy, president of the Napinka branch, welcoming the delegates. Mr. Kennedy reported the Napinka branch as having taken on a new lease of life thru their activity in the co-operative buying of supplies, showing something tangible to its members for the \$1.00 membership fee. W. J. Jasper, secretary of the Hartney branch, also spoke highly of this means of arousing deeper interest in the Association by co-operative buying of commodities, such as binder twine, apples, flour and feed, coal, etc., drawing attention to the educational value to the members of the Association thru their subscribing for The Guide. Alf. Longman, secretary of the Regent branch, gave an outline of activities of his branch, which derived a great stimulus thru its purchasing of supplies. T. Johnson, secretary of Fram branch, Baldur, gave a very encouraging report of the establishing of their branch with its doubling of membership, doing very little so far in co-operative buying, but depending greatly for inspiration on entertainments, debating clubs, etc., laying strong emphasis on the fact that the man that did not join the Association was a strong factor in pulling the Association down and remarking on the hard work necessary to induce the average man to join. G. Love, secretary of the Ninga branch, reported a good increase in membership, with active co-operative buying of supplies, business being mostly done thru an executive who meet when and wherever they could to transact business, saving the Association the rent of halls.

J. L. Brown, district director, of Pilot Mound, then addressed the convention

showing the incentive our Association had been to other organizations and the need of an outlet for our activities in the future, having caught up with a large portion of the work we had set out to accomplish, and showing the needs of a yet greater co-operation between the other business interests and agriculture. Mr. Brown in a clear and concise form reviewed the several five subjects that are up before the agricultural community of today and showed the need of an aroused public opinion on such questions as farm credits, reduced cost of production, long term loans, mixed farming, distributing of livestock, cold storage facilities, prohibition, setting high ideals before our new immigrants, choice of strengthening their character or moral ruin for the future of Canada, the urgent need of helping our returned soldiers into suitable lines of work and the call for help to support the various patriotic organizations.

W. H. English, of Harding, in his usual breezy style, next kept the delegates deeply interested in his account of what had been accomplished by the Association in the past and the need of keeping closely in touch with prospective legislation.

BAGOT LADIES' AUXILIARY

On February 6, 1915, a meeting of the ladies of the district was held and formed an organization to be known as the Women Grain Growers' Auxiliary of Bagot. Mrs. Radcliffe was elected president, Mrs. Sims, vice-president, and Mrs. Barrett, secretary-treasurer, with Mesdames Hamilton, Wolsley, Ingleton and Smallpiece, Miss Menzies and Miss Burt as directors. It was decided to hold meetings monthly, the same to be opened with prayer and closed with the National Anthem. The secretary had a roll call at each meeting and kept a record of those in attendance. Each meeting was to have something special. March 20 we had Mrs. Dayton, of Virden, and enjoyed a very interesting talk on women's work. In April we had the report of the district meeting. The May meeting being smaller we had a social talk. Next meeting we had Mrs. Buckingham, of Portage la Prairie, with us and she gave an excellent paper on "The Business of Being a Woman." Miss Crawford, of the M.A.C., was also with us and gave a demonstration on "Cooking." July 3 we had a paper on "Good Butter and How to Make it" from Mrs. Barrett. We also had a talk on how to raise some money as the auxiliary felt they would like to have a share in the patriotic work going on all around us and as money was needed we decided to hold a ball in Mr. Barrett's barn, which was carried out with fair success. July 31 Miss Hope Radcliffe gave a paper on "Birds, Their Habits and Usefulness." Miss Menzies gave a paper on "Cooking." Mrs. Bently a talk on Red Cross and patriotic work. Mrs. McLaughlin gave a reading on the work. In August and September we held no meetings. On October 2 a good meeting was held and it was decided to ask Miss McKenzie, superintendent of Ottawa Nurses' Home, to address us with a view of installing a district nurse, which she did and the matter has been left in the hands of a committee. On October 30 a nice instructive paper was given by Miss Ingram on "The Teaching and Training of Children." Arrangements were also made to hold a ten cent tea and bazaar. Mrs. Pratt, of Portage, was with us and gave us some useful instructions on Red Cross work. On November 2 Mrs. Pettigrew gave a most interesting lecture on "Domestic Science and the Saving of Steps in House-Work." Our annual meeting was held on December 11 and officers elected. Altogether our auxiliary has accomplished considerable in the past year in the way of numerous articles for the soldiers—as well as cash contributed, \$70.00 having been donated to Red Cross, beside which we have \$44.00 on hand. This will be used in the near future for some needy cause and the auxiliary wish to thank those who have helped in any way.

ROARING RIVER ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the above Association was held on December 15.

After the president had given a brief outline of the work done by this branch during the year, the secretary gave his report and financial statement. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. L. Crichton; vice-president, Tom Martin; directors, Ben Cox, David Reid, C. H. Spicer, Fred Qbee, Roy, Ireland and R. J. Walker; secretary, John Livesey.

OAKBURN PATRIOTIC ACRE

The Oakburn secretary writes:—You will please find enclosed the sum of \$98.00 for patriotic purposes, the enclosed pledges show how the donators wish their acre squandered. There are seventeen more to hear from and I will send in the money as soon as I get it. The following are the contributors:—John Black, John D. Black, David A. Black, Jos. W. Eastcott, George Reid, C. Compton Lundie.

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Previously reported	\$441 22
Paterson Bros., Stonewall G.G.A.	35 00
W. J. Fraser, Glenella G.G.A.	28 25
A. E. Hill (Brandon), Woodnorth G.G.A.	15 90
J. Matthewson, Woodnorth	13 35
Oakburn G.G.A., per—	
John Black, W. Eastcott, J. D. Black, Geo. Reid, David A. Black, C. Compton	98 00
Wm. Hill, Woodnorth G.G.A.	15 00
Jas. Strachan, Woodnorth G.G.A.	5 00
Jno. Mellwraith, Ingelow G.G.A.	29 64
Brandon Hills G.G.A.	457 00
J. G. Radcliffe, Medora G.G.A.	15 00
D. M. Ballard, Medora G.G.A.	22 00
Ninga G.G.A., per 32 contributors	490 10
Geo. A. Kent, Kenton	32 00
Dunrea G.G.A., per—	
M. Muirhead	15 00
W. Coulthard	20 00
N. Leslie	17 60
G. T. Watkins	15 00
C. L. Coulthard	20 00
W. Fliggs	20 00
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D. S. McLeod	25 00
C. Condie	20 00
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Woodmore and New Bridge, per—	
B. Brewster	20 00
E. Post	20 00
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J. McKillop	20 00
Archie McKillop	28 00
G. Jardine	29 00
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J. McQuay	91 65
Lenore G.G.A., per—	
Wm. Wilson	20 50
L. Hill	25 20
Thos. Hodgins	23 50
Jos. Wall	34 40
Cameron G.G.A., per—	
R. R. Dalgarno	27 70
J. R. Gugin	40 00
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These figures refer to stock companies only and do not include the business of the Municipal Hail Insurance commission, which received in premiums approximately \$850,000 and paid losses of approximately \$675,000. There are no mutual hail insurance companies operating in Saskatchewan. The stock companies' charge was 6½ per cent. for cash and 7½ per cent. when the premium was paid by note, with an additional charge in certain districts regarded as being specially liable to hail. The surpluses earned by the stock companies, from which of course all commissions and expenses of management have to be deducted, show that the companies are operating on a safe basis and should enable them to secure large reserves against a specially unfavorable year.

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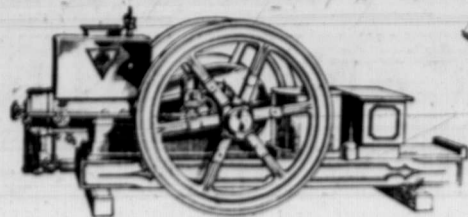
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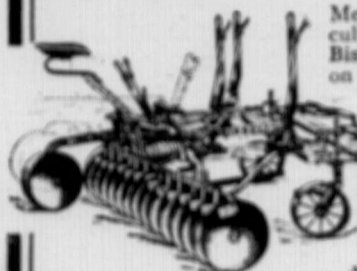
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The Cattle Man's Survival

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profitable business, and a man did not have to stay up nights figuring out on which side of his books his balance would be. It became a rather different proposition when land rose in value to \$25 per acre. Farmers bought up the land around Collicut's ranch, and land which had been considered only good for growing hay or grazing herds of cattle produced good crops of wheat, oats and barley. Farmers sowed timothy, western rye grass and alfalfa, milked cows and kept thrifty hogs and poultry. As taxes and all other expenses rose the bonanza cattle business began to yield a decreasing margin of profit. It looked as the Collicut would have to quit, but his faith in the cattle business was not easily shaken. The man who had handled his "big bunch" could not be content to go mixed farming on a small scale. Frank Collicut sat down to think it over and decided that if he was to stay in the cattle business the only way was to keep better cattle. He reasoned that a pure-bred animal would eat no more than a grade, but when the pure-bred calf was dropped it would be worth five times as much as the calf from the grade cow. Instead of being worth \$20 it would be worth \$100. He estimated that he could run 800 head of stock cattle on the ranch, but stock cattle worth \$50 per head, or \$40,000, were not good enough, in his opinion, to occupy \$150,000 worth of land. The stock cattle would cost to run, including expenses, taxes, insurance and buildings, without counting interest on the money invested, \$7,000, and if he cleared \$15 per head on them that would only represent \$5,000—or two and a half per cent. on an investment of \$190,000. By keeping pure-bred cattle—and the ranch would support about 700—he figured he could run them for an additional \$3,000 as compared with the cost of running 800 grades, and if he could turn off 200 young bulls every year at \$200 per head, that would leave \$30,000, or twelve and a half per cent. on an investment of \$250,000.

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Having decided to go in for pure-bred stock, it was not surprising that Mr. Collicut, being accustomed to handling range cattle, chose the breed which has been most identified with range conditions. In 1912 he started in the pure-bred Hereford business, purchasing 120 head of cows and 7 yearling heifers from the Baxter-Reid ranch, east of Olds, Alberta, the owners having decided to sell out. The foundation stock of the Baxter-Reid herd had been brought from England in 1903, and included some of the very best Hereford blood existing, coming from such herds as that of John Price, of Pembridge, one of the makers of the Hereford breed. The bull "Bostock," used by the Baxter-Reid ranch, was a direct descendant of three of the most noted sires in Hereford history, including "Longhorns" (2239), "The Grove 3rd" (2490), and "Lord Wilton" (4057). A number of the cows also traced back to these famous sires. Some of them are still in the herd. One of these, "Kenswick Laverder," had her eleventh calf last spring—the first two having been bull calves and the rest heifers. "Imported Ashleaf," now 13 years old, out of the herd of John Price, has an equally good record of seven heifers and four bull calves. The prolificacy of these imported cows continues in their descendants, and the number of calves raised every year on Collicut's ranch totals 87 per cent. of the herd of breeding cows and heifers.

In January, 1914, Mr. Collicut purchased 19 head of pure-bred Herefords at the sale of Simon Downie's herd. Mr. Downie had built up a splendid herd at the Elkhorn Stock Farm, Carstairs, Alberta, using as a foundation some of the best stock from the herds of those noted American breeders, W. T. McCray, of Kentland, Indiana, and W. H. Curtis, of Eminence, Kentucky. When Simon Downie sold his herd, Frank Collicut secured among the nineteen head purchased by him the splendid breeding bulls, "Beau Perfection 11th" and "Drumsticks," while among the cows was "Sally," mother of one of Mr. Collicut's present herd headers, "Fairfax Perfection," son of "Perfection Fair-



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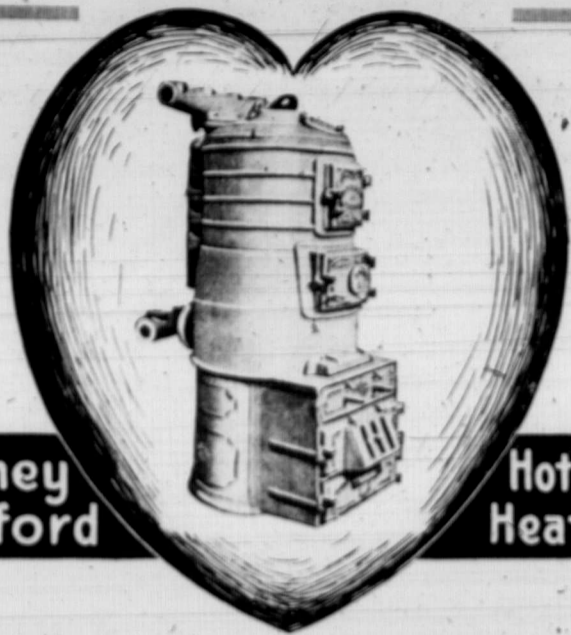
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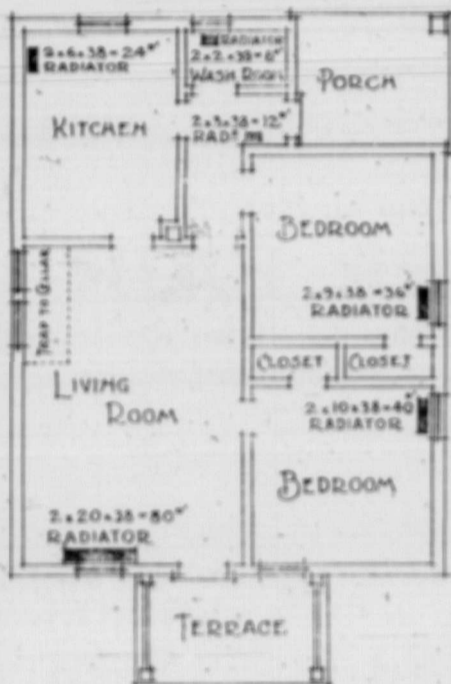
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The city house builder always objects to these plans on the score of the hall being at the back of the house, and when it is explained to him that the reason for its being placed there is that the back door is the one most generally used in the country, he wants to know why farmers don't train people to come in at the front door. That sounds like a city person, doesn't it?

The answer is that country people use the back door in winter for the same reason that city people cut across a corner lot, because it is human nature to follow the line of least resistance. The farmer himself keeps the road between the barn and the back door well beaten, whereas the front door is probably feet deep in snow and it would take continual shovelling to keep it clear. The custom thus established for a very excellent reason in the winter is continued in most places thru the summer. So it is felt that this back hall arrangement should fill a very real need in the farm home, and that it has done so is evident from the enthusiastic reception the houses planned by The Guide have met with from its readers. It makes it possible for the housewife to receive her guests without ushering them thru the kitchen, which even the best of housewives cannot always have in spic and span order.

Even in this small house there is a little wash room where the men of the house can leave their smocks and wash up without trailing the chaff and dust from the barn thru the house or getting in the housewife's way while she is taking up the dinner. It is in just these little things, which makes all the difference between

comfort and discomfort, that The Guide houses excel.

The Guide also has done one thing more that is unusual. It has assumed that houses with pleasing, interesting exteriors will be as much appreciated in the country as in the city, hence the very charming outlines of this little bungalow.

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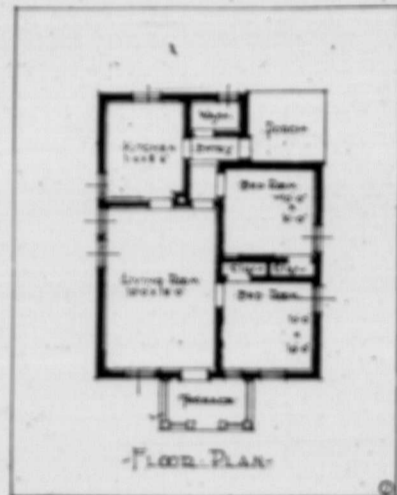
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The principal room of the house is the living or family room, 12 feet by 18 feet, from which gives off the principal bedroom. The kitchen is reached from the living room as well as from the entry, thus saving many steps for the house-

keeper. From the rear entry, which forms a connecting passage from the living room to the back of the house and the porch, a wash room is arranged sufficiently large to permit the storing of outdoor garments and boots without transgressing on the kitchen. Also a second bedroom, which is arranged that it can be used if desired for the hired help. The porch should be screened, as then it is to all intents a second and outdoor living room in summer protected from that curse of the prairie, the house-

fly and the mosquito. Build the house of wide six inch siding and wider if it can be obtained, in fact ten inch would not be too much; plain gables and open eaves and a shingle or metal roof. Stain the roof a soft moss green and the walls a rich tobacco brown and trim with a soft dull yellow. Use edge grain fir floor and plan for the ceilings to be about 8½ to 9 feet high. Plain lath and plaster finish and simple trim and all woodwork stained a soft dull gold. Heating, hot air, hot water or steam; and outside dimensions 24 feet by 31½ feet. The cost according to the locality from \$1,100 to \$1,400, and if the owner is ambitious the cost can be cut to \$1,000.

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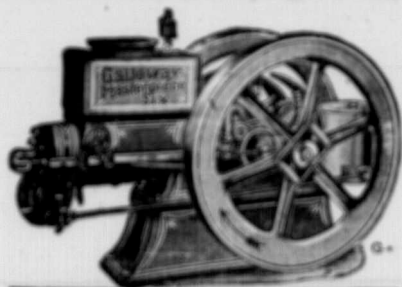


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A Missouri School

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for the safety of the little children, and built in a commodious, good-looking book case with glass doors and locks, elevating this on a small double platform, which added seating space in case of a "full house."

The Mothers Helped

The mothers were deeply interested, and found numberless ways and means to help. Thru the energy of one good mother, a new teacher's desk and chair were provided; also two large hanging lamps, looking to the community gatherings of the future. A local merchant contributed an organ. A water system was installed in the basement; a Delphi school wagon was secured and run co-operatively; the school and teacher's cottage were connected with the community and Kirksville by telephone.

By Christmas, means had been found to cover the walls with a soft tan-otmal paper, the ceiling with light paper; the woodwork was changed to golden brown; adjustable dark green shades made good lighting possible; an eight-day clock and thermometer were added to the equipment; the seats and desks had been repaired by the big boys and suitably placed for the business of the school; several good, well framed pictures had been loaned and now adorned the walls—all done without a dollar of expense to the district, at an astonishingly small investment of dollars and cents, each improvement costing thought and effort to provide, such efforts bringing people constantly together in constructive efforts for their children and their neighbors' children. These contacts making surprising revelations of fine character never suspected in their neighbors, and verifying the truth of the advice: "Get acquainted with your neighbor; you might like him."

The children of all ages learned the great lesson of co-operation from parents and teacher, and placed high value on the improvements, coming as they did, one by one, after much planning and sacrifice. Many a world struggle studied in the history classes was better understood because of the hard fight their parents and neighbors had to make constantly, in those first months, against ignorance and prejudice, and thus were seeds sown that in due time and with continued co-operation would insure this farm-owning community a wholesome social life, improved economic conditions, and cheerful lives because of the presence of sons and daughters finding happiness and reasonable prosperity in developing family estates.

Improved Homes, Too

During the week of December 9, 1912, school was conducted at the cottage to give the men opportunity to put the finishing touches to the interior. On the following Monday morning, when the children returned, what delighted surprise was expressed on all sides! Seventeen-year-old boys said, "I never could have believed that the old house could ever look like this!" One young fellow asked: "Mrs. Harvey, how do you think that kind of wall paper would look in our dining room?"

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A simple Christmas program, with good, appropriate music by the children brought all parents to the school the afternoon of the twenty-fourth. There was an inexpensive little hand-made gift for each parent, and the "Not what we give, but what we share" spirit of Christmas was introduced into the neighborhood thought. This offered opportunity for the teacher to make clear some of her purposes and hopes for children and community, and consent was obtained from their parents for four boys, ranging in age from fourteen to seventeen years, to accompany her to the State College of Agriculture in town, and attend the annual state farmers' institute at individual expense, something less than \$10 each.

A community gathering was called shortly after their return in January,



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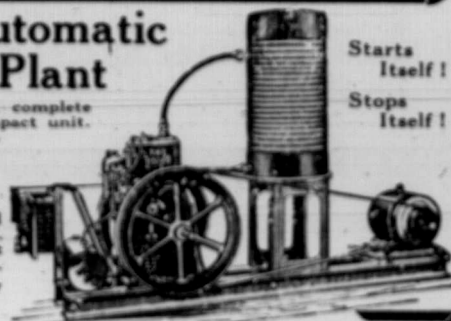
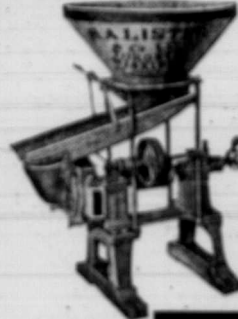
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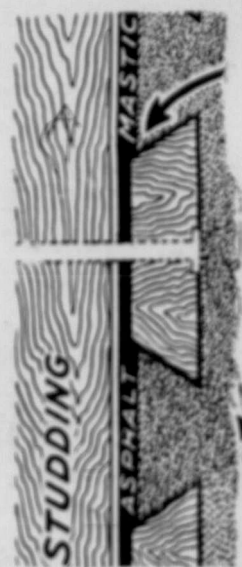
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and these boys were unexpectedly called upon to make reports. Parents and teacher alike were happily surprised in what had been learned and in their excellent reporting. All the younger children were deeply impressed with "the pioneers to the College of Agriculture," as they were now styled, all of which combined to make the next step towards bettering agricultural practices a possibility.

Agricultural Education

The next important step in making the school serve the agricultural interests of the community required considerable effort on the part of the teacher. It was necessary to persuade the college authorities that a rural school out in the open country was the logical centre for a branch short course in agriculture; it took persuasion also to induce a sufficient number of farmers to subscribe the fee of one dollar and promise to attend, for they were very dubious about "book farmers." The first short course in agriculture ever held at a one-room school in Missouri was held at the Porter School, November 3-8, 1913. Boys and girls above fifth grade rank were permitted to attend these lectures and demonstrations; younger children attended school at teacher's cottage with Miss Margaret Crecellius, former pupil of Mrs. Harvey's, now a college graduate, and her volunteer assistant, serving efficiently without pay.

Men and women attended in increasing numbers. The Farm Woman's Club of Porter community, organized October 14, 1913, served free an appetizing luncheon of meat sandwiches, cheese, pickles, and freshly baked pie, together with hot coffee and Jersey cream. Two hundred persons were reached that week. Thirteen persons attended the State Farmers' Institute in January, 1914, the party including fathers, mothers, teacher and students. Three boys returned with honors; one had won the gold medal for judging sheep over all boys attending; one won second place in judging draft horses; the third, second place in a corn contest. These boys were banqueted by the Kirksville Commercial Club; their achievement won more friends for the new kind of school and strengthened ties between the college and Porter community.

The School Farm

Next came a patriotic citizen who granted us the use of seven acres of good land adjoining the school property to be used as a school demonstration farm. This was platted and crop rotations planned for a term of five years, the farm to be worked co-operatively. A fruit plot with a young orchard of fifty trees, thirty grapes and other small fruits has already aroused interest in raising fruit for home use.

The younger children learned the first principles of agriculture thru the school garden adjoining the cottage. In spite of the handicap of working with tools borrowed from home when not in use, of beginning their work in a garden spot indifferently prepared, and of a distressingly dry season, the results won the respect and confidence of the most skeptical farmer before October, 1913.

Children worked in small groups directed by Miss Crecellius; they were called by telephone. They came on horseback in most instances, kept a record of their work and observations, and paved the way for good home gardens in future.

The special aim was to enable the younger children to establish a "green market" on every farm, near the kitchen door, so as to insure a varied diet for the farm family for as many months in the year as possible. Such flowers and vines were "tried out" at the cottage as would be effective without requiring too much care, because farm folks are so busy with pressing work.

Their cold frame, the regular mid-week visit to garden and school during the summer, when problems were discussed; the reading, writing, spelling and language lessons growing out of these experiences, to say nothing of their having gained a first hand knowledge of forty vegetables, twenty-six flowers, nineteen shrubs and eleven vines during the three years, is in itself an achievement under the circumstances. But this is not all. Mothers watched the new plants that found their way to the home gardens and cooked

and served these as suggested by the children; thus has an important end been attained.

The School Grows

The curriculum, greatly enriched, is adapted to the individual needs of that community without depriving the pupils of the joyous influences of music, art and literature. No "fads" are tolerated, but "a balance" of vocational and cultural subjects has been kept throughout. No "manual training" or "cooking," as generally understood, are taught.

In the three years not a credit mark, grade card, prize or penalty has been given. No artificial stimulus has been used. The enrollment has reached the forty mark; attendance and punctuality are high; absences occur only in case of grave necessity, in which cases explanations come over the phone often with a request that if possible a certain class lesson be postponed until their return.

There is a motive back of everything the child does, and he pursues his studies with the zest of a scientist. His letters, compositions and journals tell of the various activities, and require the use of words naming plants and insects, as well as those from literature and history. He notes the weather and import-



The school room as it was. Note the broken plastering, hanging wall paper, projecting floor and ill-arranged furniture.

ant local and school events. Bean bags and individual towels were made by the younger group when needed. The boys who dug the 26x61 ft. pit and filled it with sand and sawdust for a mat under the horizontal bars were equally ready to sing a new piece of music or dramatize a good piece of literature.

Emphasis is placed on "reading," the kind that masters the mechanical difficulties early, and enables the child to interpret the printed page readily. It may be said that this school has returned to the "three R's," only here the first "R" makes inroads into history, geography, literature, science and all the rest.

Land Values Increased

The school has reacted satisfactorily on both the economic and social life of the community. Several farms sold during this period were bought to get this school's benefits. Land values have increased \$10 per acre. During the year 1914-1915, a calendar of social events was planned especially for the senior class, after a mutual understanding that its members would accept no other invitations without the teacher's approval, and would demonstrate by good school work the advantage of this plan, which more than justified the teacher's efforts.

The school house has become the clearing house of the community interests. Here meet the Farmers' Club, the Farm Woman's Club, the Poultry Club of twelve young children, an Audubon Society of twenty-three members, a Boys' Band of sixteen pieces, a three-day School of Home Economics, lectures, musical entertainment and a well chosen library of fifty books from the State Library commission will contribute to the social and economic needs of the community this winter of 1915-1916, all

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made possible by a resident teacher and community having a common purpose and working in unison; and no one doubts the future of Porter community after meeting its children and hearing them say so understandingly and with such zest:

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"I believe that work is work, wher- ever I find it, but that work with nature is more inspiring than work with the most intricate machinery.

"I believe that the dignity of labor depends not on what you do, but on how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy in the country, as often as it comes to a boy in the city; that life is freer, larger and happier on the farm than in town; that my success depends not on my dreams but upon what I actually do; not upon luck, but upon pluck.

"I believe in working while you work and in playing while you play, and in giving and demanding a square deal in every act of life."

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Just a farmer out here in the West, Toiling the long years thru; Up early and late with seldom a rest, Fighting along and doing my best As most of us farmers do.

And far from easy the farming life, As most of us farmers know; Year in, year out, it's war to the knife, With weeds, and seeds, and insects rife, Few friends but many a foe.

With weather vague as a woman's whim, What could we be but poor, For our hopes of success are oft times slim, Spite of the words of the old time hymn, Making seed time and harvest sure.

But our direst foes are the fellow men, Who live off the farmer's toil, And befoul them with words of tongue and pen, Till they up and struggle on again; Poor simple sons of the soil.

Robbed of the fruits of their labors right along, In the open light of day, Sell, for the old proverbial song; Buy, well they deem there is something wrong, When their bills they have to pay.

So they call for measures to set things right, And commissions now and then Tickle the monied men of might, By deeply blurring the aching sight Of the simple farming men.

And the interests working hand in glove; Bleed them a little more; Let them live, but by the heavens above! Their work shall be but a labor of love Down to the smallest chore.

O! the land is good, if the laws were fair, And equal favors shown, If justice meted out the share Of the working man, and the millionaire, And the farmer received his own.

If those who were sent to our councils high Were true to the nations trust; They would banish the old protection lie, Tho the campaign funds should wilt and die, And the grafters bite the dust.

In honor, give us an honest deal For your own, and our country's sake; E'er the day dawn; when men shall feel It were better to work for the common- weal, When the sleeping farmers wake.

Yet their hearts are sound, if their wits are slow, For when the call came loud and clear For aid against the common foe; Farmers' sons 'mongst the first to go; We are Empire's children here.

For those that were left, as they followed the plow And thought of the blood to be shed; Straightened their backs as they reasoned how

They could give of their toil, and the sweat of their brow, That the fighting men be fed.

It is hard for us to make ends meet, And we know the money lust When we look at a wobbly balance sheet; Still, we felt that our rest would be more sweet, If we stood by a cause so just.

Thus an acre of wheat it came to be, What the poorest of us would give; An acre of wheat the farmers' fee, With the farmers' blessing on all things free And a prayer that our cause might live.

And the Lord hath granted a bounteous year To the simple farming men; He hath bent His head, and inclined His ear; There never was such a harvest here, And never may be again.

And the farmer thought to still further the cause, With the dollars that he could spare; But the shipping combine made him pause; They had framed new economic laws And the farmer wasn't there.

And the patriot sharks in the offing lay, Patriots? by the Gods! Let Empires fall, and want who may; Nought counts but the cash that goes their way; Thus the acre shrunk by rods.

Still the farmer he hath done his best, And he always gets that name; But the carriage who feather their nest, Whilst the life blood drips from the Empire's breast, May they sink to hell in shame. ZOCHSIDE.

AIM OF AGRICULTURAL CLUBS

The principal objects to be attained thru the promotion of boys' agricultural clubs in the States to the south, as defined by those in charge of this work, are:-

- 1. To encourage and train boys along the lines of the activities of country life.
2. To put into practice the facts of scientific agriculture obtained from books, bulletins, etc.
3. To bring the school life of the boy into closer relationship to his home life.
4. To assist in the development of the spirit of co-operation in the family and in the community.
5. To dignify and magnify the vocation of the farmer by demonstrating the returns which may be secured from farming when it is properly conducted.
6. To enlarge the vision of the boy and to give him definite purposes at an important period in his life.
7. To furnish to the aggressive, progressive rural school-teacher an opportunity to vitalize the work of the school by correlating the teaching of agriculture with actual practice.

The aim of the boys' club work is the same as that among men—viz., to secure the adoption of better methods of farming and greater yields at less cost. Many of the boys in the clubs who begin to study agriculture in this way will continue the study in the agricultural colleges; others will continue such efforts on their farms, and all of them will make more useful and more efficient citizens. From the pleasant and profitable experience of owning and managing their small plots, they will develop into independent, intelligent farmers.

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Breeds of Poultry

Continuing the discussion of the characteristics of the different breeds of poultry

By M. C. Herner, Professor of Poultry Husbandry
Manitoba Agricultural College

The general purpose breeds which seem to be best adapted for farm conditions are the Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds and Orpingtons. These are all somewhat similar in their utility qualities and also in type. As far as egg production goes there is no best breed in this class. It is simply a question of strain or family.

In taking up a discussion of the merits of these breeds we should know a little of their history and development in order to understand certain peculiarities that occur from time to time. For example, we have in the Barred Rocks a natural tendency for the males to run light and "washed out" in color and the females to run dark, "smoky" and "blurred" instead of clear cut barring. This is due to the breeds used in making the Barred Rocks. Light Brahma, Black Java and Dominique blood were used to make this breed. It is understood that a Light Brahma male and Black Java female were used, hence the tendency to revert back to light males and dark females. The color pattern was obtained from the Dominique and later on intensified and fixed by the introduction of Silver Pencilled Hamburg blood.



PROFESSOR HERNER

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In type the Rocks may be described as being of fair length, depth and width, with fair length of leg, or as a blocky type of bird. They can be classed as one of our hardiest breeds, probably the oldest and best established of any of the utility breeds. They are vigorous, mature fairly early and are well adapted for this climate. They make good layers, good setters and good mothers and are well suited for almost all conditions. Weight of the cock birds is 9½ pounds, hens 7½ pounds, cockerels 8 pounds and pullets 6 pounds. These weights are known as the standard weights, but they are not an absolute necessity. As a rule the heavy layer is inclined to be underweight and also a little undersize, while heavier than standard weight birds usually are off in type or shape. Probably the strongest point in favor of the Barred Rocks is their economic meat producing qualities and their stability in going thru all sorts of conditions. For farm conditions probably no breed can fill the requirements better than the Barred Rocks. This variety is the best and the oldest and best established of all Rocks. The White Rocks are sports off the Barred.

The Wyandottes

The Wyandottes are also of American origin and the Silver Laced variety is the oldest in this breed. This variety was made up originally of Dark Brahma, Cochin and Hamburg blood. The White variety, a sport off the Silver Laced, is undoubtedly the most popular of all Wyandottes. This variety has gained more favor and prestige and was bred up to a higher state of perfection in a shorter time than any other single variety of any breed. Fifteen to twenty years ago they were just coming into prominence and today we find in this variety some of our most perfect specimens in chickenland.

In type the Wyandotte might be called a bird of curves or a ball-like bird. Looking at a high-class specimen from any direction we expect to see this rotundity. Wings should be curved, the breast full, plump and round and the back short. They are a little shorter in the leg than the Rock. The very type of a Wyandotte commends it as a quick maturing chicken. All short backed breeds will mature early and quickly, hence we find the Wyandotte a good breed for our country when the summer or growing season is comparatively short. Like many of our other breeds the Wyandottes have also their drawbacks, most pronounced of which is the apparent lack of vigor and vitality in the White variety when hatched and reared under artificial conditions. This is probably due to this special variety being perfected in such a remarkably short time by probably continued inbreeding. Practically all our White Wyandottes trace back to one of the three leading strains

of America. In the comparatively brief space of time in which this variety has been perfected they appear to have overlooked the importance of a rugged constitution. This will of course in time be remedied, but can only be done by years of selection and breeding. The statements in regard to this variety are based on personal experience, raising thousands of them on a commercial plant and also on college poultry plants. The White is the most popular. Other varieties are the Silver and Golden Laced, Partridge, Buff, Columbian, Silver Pencilled and Black Wyandotte. All of them are hardy, vigorous and well adapted to the Western climate. They mature quickly, make good layers, setters and mothers and dress out exceptionally nice, neat, plump and well rounded carcasses. What may appear as a point in their favor is the rose comb, but often our rose combed

breeds have larger wattles and what may be gained by having rose instead of single combs may be lost by large wattles, which when frozen are far worse than any frozen combs.

Rhode Island Reds

The Rhode Island Reds have been raised in the state of Rhode Island for over a century, but they never received recognition in the standard until about fourteen years ago. The farmers in that state raised and bred them any way at all and the result is that even today a flock of single combs may throw quite a few birds with rose combs or vice versa. It is very difficult to breed this tendency out entirely owing to the mixed breeding of this breed. Their original make up dates back to the Shanghai, Malay and Game breeds. In type the Reds are rather long in the back, somewhat narrow in the body, when compared with length of back, and rather upstanding altho they have very good depth of body. Both rose and single comb Reds are hardy and vigorous, good layers, setters and mothers. They are well adapted for this climate in that they mature fairly early, altho not quite as quickly as the Wyandottes. In weight the Reds and Wyandottes are the same with the exception of the pullets: Cocks 8½ pounds, cockerels 7½ pounds, hens 6½ pounds, Red pullets 5 pounds and Wyandottes 5½ pounds.

While the Reds are a high class utility or general purpose breed, still they have little peculiarities which should be bred out by breeders. Among these we notice that of the tendency not to make as good use of their food as some breeds might and often they are a little disappointing as feeders. As a rule by lengthening out the back of a chicken the cost of production is increased. The shorter backed Red somewhat off in type will usually make better gains than the one of good type. Often there will be a large number of birds in a flock that are inclined to be "leggy" even if fairly good type birds are used.

The Buff Orpington

The Orpington (Buff) is of English origin having Hamburg, Dorking and Cochin blood in its original make up. It is the heaviest of the general purpose breeds, the standard weight for cocks being 10 pounds, hens 8 pounds, cockerels 8½ pounds and pullets 7 pounds. Orpingtons are probably the most popular breed in their native land. They are rather long in body, deep and wide, with full breasts and broad backs and are quite low set. The buff variety is the most popular with the white second and black third. The Jubilee Orpington or Speckled Sussex is probably the oldest variety of this breed.

All Orpingtons are hardy and vigorous, but a little slower to mature than the other general purpose breeds. They are fairly good layers, exceptionally good setters, in fact some of them might almost be termed inveterate setters. They do very well in confinement and can be kept in a backyard to good advantage. An Orpington dresses out a somewhat rough and coarse carcass. They are always inclined to have a raw, prominent breast bone lacking somewhat in covering.

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Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE.—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Erma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.
Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. H. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the women's provincial secretary for Alberta.

PLAYS WANTED

Dear Miss Stocking:—Will you kindly let me know where to obtain plays suitable for entertainment in the coming winter? We are going to try and be a little more sociable this winter, and I think we should practice what we preach about keeping the young people on the farm.

Can anyone beside a delegate go to the provincial convention? I would like very much to go, but would like a little more information on the subject.

Your little talks in The Guide have been a great help to us. Our nearest town is about thirty-eight miles from here, and we miss so many things socially that make things better and brighter, so reading what people say is the next best.

MRS. E. J. DEMAIN,
Pres., Demain W.S.G.G.A.

I am glad to be able to send you a catalog of plays suitable for amateur production, and will be pleased to mail copies to other clubs who may be interested in developing the latent talent in their community. We are delighted at your interest in the coming convention, and assure you that everyone is welcome. Only a delegate has voting privileges, but others will reap as great benefit from the addresses and business part of the meeting. —E.A.S.

A PROFITABLE CAKE

Dear Miss Stocking:—On Tuesday, November 23, the usual meeting of the Surbiton W.G.G.A. was devoted to raising funds for the Red Cross Society.

After an excellent fowl supper, served on tables tastefully decorated with the Red Cross and red and white chrysanthemums, an interesting program of vocal and instrumental music, arranged by Miss Grieve and Miss Hagerman, was given. It was evidently much appreciated as evidenced by the numerous and insistent recalls.

A very lovely two tier cake presented by Miss Mayo and appropriately decorated and surmounted by miniature Red Cross emblems realized over \$2.75 per pound for the good cause.

Mrs. James, president of the Bratton Association, who was present with most of her fellow members, brought candies to be sold. So many ladies and gentlemen outside of our Association helped us by bringing fowl, etc., by contributing pleasing items to our program and by their generous responses to our president's appeal on behalf of the Red Cross Society, that we were able to forward \$100.00 to the Regina Red Cross headquarters.

GRACE HALL,
Sec'y Surbiton W.G.G.A.

We appreciate the interesting report from Surbiton and are glad to learn of their success in so good a cause. We wish we knew the total weight of that valuable cake, but still more ardently do we wish that we had been so fortunate as to purchase a piece. The report should prove an inducement for other clubs to raise money for patriotic causes in the same way. —E.A.S.

READINGS INSTEAD OF PAPER

Dear Miss Stocking:—The Bratton W.G.G. held their last meeting on November 18 with Mrs. James, the president, in the chair. Correspondence was read which replied to our contribution of \$50.00 for a cot for the soldiers, which we had so anxiously been trying to raise. Fortunately the cots were all given, but we gave it to the general fund, hoping it will do some good and as useful a work. We extend our thanks to the boys of a threshing outfit who had a concert and helped us. After the business our subject for the afternoon was "Readings from Magazines or Papers which had Appealed to Us." I would like to hear of other clubs trying it as it was a complete success. The readings were grave and gay, but well chosen, as follows:—Old Fashioned Party, Mrs. Beattie; Complaining, Mrs. Gibson; Marriage, Mrs. Lett; German Made Goods, Mrs. Adkins; Social

Life on the Farm, Mrs. James. The last named article, I might say, was taken from the club page and was written by a member of one of the clubs.

We all enjoyed the meeting very much and were all the better for it. Perhaps we do not always keep to strict parliamentary rules, but we hope to make our club a useful one and we are endeavoring to make this little place a bright one in which to live.

Next meeting we have a debate, "Country Life versus Town Life." The pamphlet "How to Conduct a Meeting" is good, just what we needed. Comforts for the soldiers are being made. We raised the money by each member taking twenty-five cents and increasing it. We shall bring our work in the future to the meetings. Our hostesses were Mesdames Adkins, Brundige and Nicolson. Afternoon tea was served to the members. Over the tea cups arrangements were made for a supper and concert for the minister who attends here on Sundays.

The Bratton W.G.G.A. sends greetings to her sister clubs, wishing them a successful time in the coming year.

MRS. A. JAMES,
Pres. Bratton W.G.G.A.

We are pleased with the idea of a reading of interesting articles from magazines. It is certain of adding variety to the meetings. Bratton has done well in their patriotic work. We hope that the bread they have cast upon the waters will return with many fold increase. —E.A.S.

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Dear Miss Stocking:—In regard to your request for my idea concerning the educational system in Saskatchewan, I should say that I should like to see some changes made in the manner that several subjects are taught.

I would first do away with so much home work. If the teacher cannot teach the child enough in the school hours when they are under his or her care, then something must be wrong with the teacher. Six hours daily with hard application to lessons is enough brain work for the child, and the time out of school should be devoted to manual work or some form of recreation. I know personally two children whose eyes are badly affected from over-study, occasioned by this everlasting home work.

What good does it do any child to have one hundred words to learn daily for spelling, when he does not know the meaning of them? What use are they? It does not enlarge the child's vocabulary. I would suggest, ten, fifteen or twenty words daily; have the child learn the definition of these words, and be able to construct sentences, of his own using them.

In history, instead of giving so many pages to be committed to memory, I should cut the lesson shorter and have the pupils draw a map in connection with their history, placing in the map towns, rivers, etc., that are mentioned in their history lesson. Tracing the routes of armies or discovery parties, with dotted lines, and impressing upon the minds of the pupils the reasons why these armies did this or that should be a part of every lesson. I would go slower and more thoroughly, and in many cases teach in two years what is now crammed into one.

Too often pupils are taken from the sixth grade and placed in the eighth, skipping the seventh, thus necessitating cramming them. I do not believe in finishing pupils at the age of ten or twelve, just because they are naturally bright.

MRS. G. E. NOGGLE,
Director District 3.

We invite more correspondence upon the school question from our Women Grain Growers. There are few things outside of the home that are of more concern to the mother than the education of her child. The subject should be thoroughly discussed in club meetings. —E.A.S.

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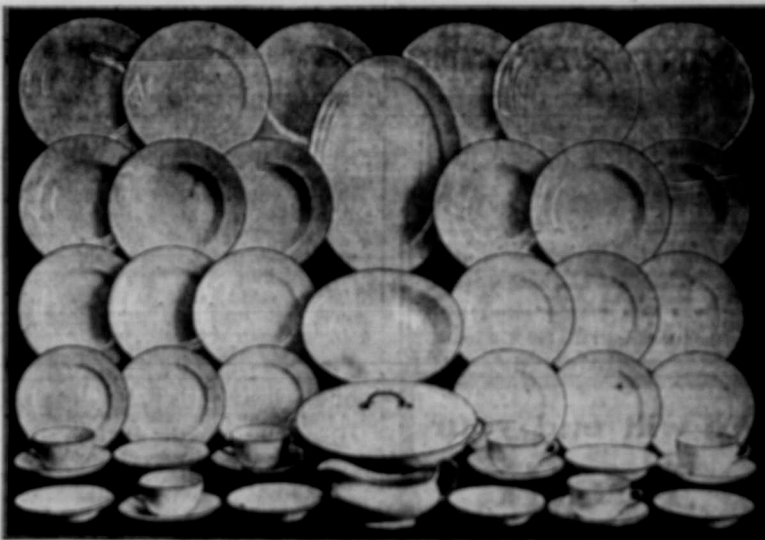
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Young Canada Club

BY DIXIE PATTON

LITTLE HIGHWAYMEN

In reading over the stories written by the little people for the last contest I could not help thinking how cruel small people can be without ever meaning to hurt things.

For example, more than one child told about finding little birds and rabbits in their nests and taking them home. They never stopped to think how terribly upset their own home would be if some great giant were to swoop down upon it and carry them off willy nilly. Poor mother, how she would weep, and what a headache father would have.

They know all this very well, and yet they seem to forget that it is true also of bird homes and rabbit homes, and that every theft of theirs leaves a great sorrow behind it.

The most cruel thing of all is that nearly all these stories end the same way, with the death of the poor captive after a few days, weeks or months, as the case may be.

Indeed, our club members seem to be terrible highwaymen, going about in the summer time murdering and pillaging.

DIXIE PATTON.

AN EVENT OF YESTERDAY

Honorable Mention

When my mama was a girl of fifteen she and her younger sister, Grace, had three quarters of a mile to walk to school.

About half a mile from mama's home there lived three boys called Charlie, Fred and Harry, who were thirteen, ten and seven years of age.

These boys had been living in town where they had only a few blocks to go to school and they were not dressed warmly enough for such a long, cold walk every morning.

They would come as far as mama's home and stop and get warm before going on with the girls.

It happened on an unusually cold morning in January, when the roads were drifted full of soft snow, that the children all started out for school together.

Harry, the youngest of them all, wore a pair of rubber boots, which were very unsuitable for such weather and made it hard for him to keep up with the others. He kept stumbling and at last Charlie, who was rather a mean, selfish boy, said he wouldn't wait for him any longer and then ran on ahead, calling back to mama as he went, "You'd better take Harry home, Nellie."

The rest of the children soon followed him, all except mama, she stayed behind helping Harry as best she could.

But he was cold and kept falling down in the snow, which made mama frightened, for she thought he would freeze to death.

She put her own scarf and mittens on him and tried to make him go on. But at last Harry said that he was too cold to go any further and lay down in the snow.

Then mama picked him up and walked on as fast as she could with the boy in her arms.

They were going across a field and mama thought if she should stop there was no knowing as to when anybody would find them, for their parents would think they were at school and the other children would think they were at home.

At last they came in sight of the school house, where the children were anxiously watching for them.

When they saw mama coming with Harry in her arms they ran out to meet her and took Harry from her just as she dropped down unconscious in the snow.

Their hands, feet and cheeks were slightly frozen, so the others rubbed them with snow and when they were warm Harry said he wanted to go home, and as mama was tired and frightened she said she wanted to go too.

So one of the older boys went over to Harry's home and told his parents what had happened. Then one of Harry's older brothers came and took both Harry and mama home in the cutter.

Every year after that, on the seventh of May, which was mama's birthday, Harry would come over with some little remembrance from his mother and himself.

WINNIFRED LEMON,

Mair, Sask. Age 12.

THE WOLF'S LAST VISIT

About a year ago, when my father was plowing, he saw a big wolf. Father had a little black dog with him, which was very much afraid of wolves. The wolf came up to the dog and began to play with him. When father came home for dinner the wolf followed him home. Then father caught it and made a little shed for it. He fed it every day. In the fall father let it out of the shed and it ran away. About a month after it came back and took one of our hens. This time it ran away and we never saw it after.

RUBY HAWKINS,

Summerberry, Sask. Age 11.

THE BLACKBIRD'S NEST

Last summer when I was picking strawberries up in the bluff, I found a little blackbird's nest in some branches that papa had cut down the year before. They got a nice little place in there to build their nest. It was woven with horse hair and sticks, and old dry grass. The mother bird laid her eggs in it. There were five speckled eggs in it. The eggs were speckled brown. They were nearly as big as a pigeon's egg. In three weeks they were hatched. They looked so funny with their eyes closed, and no feathers on them, but a few hairs. Every day I went up to see them, but the two old birds did not want me to go near their nest at all. They kept on scolding and scolding, and when I would start off home they would fly after me. I think that they thought they made me go away by scolding at me so long, and that they felt quite proud of themselves. The next time I went up to look at them they were gone. I do not know where they went. I will close now, with best wishes.

HAZEL MUNN,

Denholme, Sask. Age 11.

RABBIT

Last spring we had a little tame rabbit, about a month or so old. It was the cutest little pet I ever had. My brother brought it home one rainy day from the field when he was plowing. It was so tiny he carried it home in his overcoat pocket, and when he took it out at first we thought it was a live gopher, but when we found out it was a little bunny, how we did hug and pet it. We kept "Rabbit" in a box and fed him milk, cabbage leaves, lettuce and sweet-pea leaves. He was a little scared for four or five days, but soon got to feel at home.

We kept him in a little box about a foot and a half square, for a few days, then we made him another box with a screen front and a little door, so he could look out around him. After a while "Rabbit" got so tame he would wash himself in our laps and would lick our hands. We used to tie a long string around his neck and let him loose, so he could run about and eat what he chose.

We were able to keep him about a month, when one night I put him in a granary while I cleaned his box, and he ate too much flax and got sick, for there was some there. He was dead in the morning. We felt sorry for him, because he was so cute.

GRACE M. BARKE,

Bavelaw, Sask. Age 12.

A NARROW ESCAPE

There once was a boy and a girl who had a goat that would follow them wherever they went. One day they were enjoying themselves by throwing stones into the river when they saw a fox chasing the goat. The goat ran as fast as he could till he came over to the children. The boy thought he could scare the fox by making a noise like a dog barking, but he was so frightened that he could not make any noise. The goat ran over to the girl, and she picked it up and carried it home. Both the children were so frightened that they went home weeping, and after that day the poor goat was forced to stay at home when the children went out playing.

LILLIE SLIND,

Kingman, Alta. Age 15.

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Owing to lack of space The Country Cook was crowded out last week, so it is too late to publish the recipe menus that deserved honorable mention. We can only hope that the ones who sent such excellent menus this year will be among the prize winners next year.

Several contestants gave me permission to publish any recipes that might be of use to others, and I am very glad to do so, for many of them are very good indeed, and I know will make a welcome addition to our Homemade Cook-Books.

Mrs. J. N. W. asks for a recipe for carrot pie. The following are both reliable:—1 cup milk, 1 egg well beaten, ½ cup sugar, 1 cup carrots grated or boiled and mashed, ¼ teaspoonful salt, a little nutmeg and cloves; ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon ginger. This makes one large pie.

Carrot Pie No. 2

1 cup cooked carrots, mashed, ½ cup sugar, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoonfuls molasses, 1 teaspoon cinnamon; ½ teaspoon ginger. Molasses may be omitted.

Buttermilk Biscuits

1 quart of flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 3 teaspoons baking powder, 2 tablespoons lard or dripping. Mix with buttermilk as soft as can be handled, roll out and cut. Bake in a hot oven.

MRS. R. T.

Beet Salad

This is something new in the way of beet salad and would be very attractive moulded in cups or other small dishes and served as individual salads.

Beet Salad

1 pint pickled beets, cut in small pieces and cover with a cherry jelly powder dissolved in 1 pint of boiling water. After it sets well, turn into a salad bowl and put plenty of salad dressing around it. Sprinkle with chopped walnut meats.

Pumpkin Pie

1 egg, 1 cup pumpkin, 1 cup milk, ¼ cup brown sugar, salt, cinnamon and ginger to taste. Cook in slow oven.

MRS. C. E. Y.

Mince Meat

I wonder if any two people make mince meat alike? And now I am going to make a confession. I have never made my mince meat by recipe, that is I know, a slipshod way, and this year when a number of people (several of them had never made mince meat before) asked me how I made mine, I just had to make some and measure what went in. The following was the result: 1½ lbs. of beef or beef heart simmered until tender and chopped fine, 3 lbs. apples chopped, 1 lb. suet, 1½ lbs. raisins cut in two, 1 lb. currants, ½ lb. dates, ½ lb. candied peel put thru the chopper, ½ lb. prunes, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, ¼ tablespoon cloves, ¼ tablespoon nutmeg or mace; 1 cup molasses boiled for two minutes, the rind and juice of one lemon and one orange, sugar to taste; about 4 or 5 cups of brown sugar, 1 tablespoon salt. Moisten with apple cider or fruit juice. I always put any left-over bits of preserved fruit or fruit juice in my mince meat. If this is kept in a cool place there is no need of cooking it before putting it in the pies.

A great many recipes for mince meat came in in the Christmas menus, and I am going to publish some of them.

Mince Meat

Boil 4 lbs. lean fresh beef till tender. When cold chop fine, add ¾ lb. apples, chopped, ½ lb. suet, 1 lb. each of currants and raisins, ½ lb. citron, 1 cup of molasses.

Put it over the fire with 3 lbs. brown sugar dissolved to a syrup, with water. While heating add spices as follows:—1 table spoon cloves, 1 of allspice, 1 of

ginger, 1 of ground mace, and 1 teaspoon salt. Add 1 nutmeg grated and the juice and rind of one lemon. Boil all together.

MRS. J. McK.

Mince Meat

1 lb. currants, 1 lb. seeded raisins, 1 lb. apples, 1½ lbs. brown sugar, ½ lb. beef suet, 1 small teaspoon of allspice, ½ nutmeg, 2 lemons, and ¼ teaspoonful of salt. Chop apples, raisins, and currants fine and add juice of lemons and spices, sugar and suet. Let stand for 1 day before using. If not sweet enough add a little more sugar.

MRS. R. T.

Some very fine light desserts came in during the Christmas contest. Mrs. W. G. G. sent the following:

Palace Cream

Take a jelly powder, any desired flavor, melt it in rather less than a pint of hot water. Make a boiled custard with 2 eggs and 1 pint of milk, sweeten to taste and set aside to cool. Put a few cherries at the bottom of a mould and pour over them a little of the jelly and leave it to set. When jelly and custard are nearly cold, mix them together and beat. If you have chosen a red jelly powder add a few drops of cochineal to make the cream a pretty pink. Pour the mixture into the mould and serve cold.

CANDY

Divinity Loaf

2-3 cup Cara eora syrup, 2-3 cup cold water, 2-3 cups sugar (granulated), 3 eggs (whites).

Boil syrup hard until it will soap, then pour syrup on beaten eggs; beat until stiff and almost cold. Add a cup of nuts. Stack on a greased plate in a loaf. Slice thin as you use it.

MRS. V. H. M.

Cream Fudge

2 cups of sugar, 1 cup cream, 1 teaspoon butter. Boil until it forms a soft ball in cold water, flavor with vanilla and add ½ cup of nuts. Pour on buttered plates and mark into squares.

Butter Scotch

2 cups sugar, ¼ cup water, 2 dessert spoons butter, ¼ cup vinegar; boil until it becomes brittle in cold water. Pour onto buttered plates.

M. L. P.

Cocoanut Cream Candy

1½ cups sugar, ½ cup milk, 2 level teaspoons butter, 1-3 cup shredded cocoanut, ½ teaspoon vanilla. Put butter into granite saucepan; when melted add sugar and milk and stir until sugar is dissolved. Heat to boiling point and boil until it will form a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Take from the fire, add cocoanut and vanilla and beat until mixture begins to thicken and sugar slightly around the edge of the pan. Put in a buttered pan and mark in squares. Nuts may be used in place of the cocoanut.

Maple Parfait

Parfaits are ices made with whipped cream and frozen without turning the freezer. They are smooth in texture and very delicious. Take 2 eggs, beat until light, add ¼ of a cup of maple syrup and stir in a double boiler until it thickens slightly. Cool and add 1 cup of cream whipped stiff, a pinch of salt. Put in a pan and pack in salt and ice or salt and snow; if the snow is very dry moisten slightly. This should be made about four hours before using. In making maple parfait it is advisable to stir occasionally during the first hour, so that any syrup that goes to the bottom may be mixed in.

Angel Parfait

This is also very delicious; candied cherries may be added if desired. 1 small cup sugar, ½ cup water boil to the soft ball stage, and pour over the beaten whites of 2 eggs, beat until cool and add to 1 pint cream whipped, flavor with 1 teaspoon vanilla or ½ teaspoon vanilla and ½ teaspoon almond; pack in salt and ice for four or five hours; serve in custard cups or sherbet glasses with a candied cherry on top.

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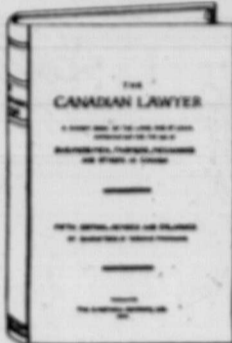
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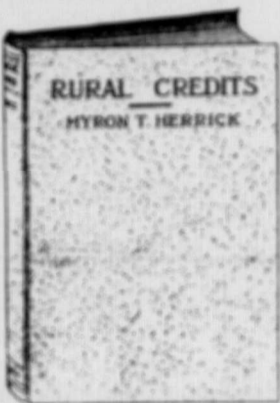
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A Desert Eden

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"My dear, this moon's certainly getting into my blood," murmured the colonel. "I'd like to throw off about forty years on a night like this, or about forty pounds. Hee-hum!" and he sighed. "Confound those young rascals! Eh, Kate? I'll catch them sneaking in."

His wife was breathing heavily; her eyelids were fast closed; placidity smoothed her full face. The colonel nodded. Presently he, too, slept.

Side by side they sat under the moon, pudgy arm about fat waist; and if Cupid laughed he laughed happily, for they appeared very content.

"What do you think of that?" laughed the girl merrily.

"I think," he said, "that it's a good example."

"To sleep—on such a night?" she protested in mock dismay.

"No, we'll cut out the sleep."

He kissed her; she kissed him back; and arm about one another's waist they stood for a moment, gazing upon the unconscious elders.

"And they have not seen us yet," she resumed wonderingly. "How do you account for it, Danny?"

"I don't, unless we're invisible."

"Naturally we are."

"Unnaturally, you mean."

They laughed.

"But why? They weren't invisible to us."

"No. But they ought to be—two silly old coots."

"We're two silly young coots, then."

"And they don't hear us, either; that's the odd thing."

"You didn't hear me at first; I called to you when you were looking for me. I must have got invisible first."

"But I found you, girlie."

She pressed closer to him.

"The garden must have done it, Danny. It's the garden."

"Maybe. It's something."

She sighed luxuriously.

"Let's go back, quick, before we wake up. We're still asleep. Hurry."

They fled away, hastening across the moonshine to their haven. Still and glaucous lay the mesa, breathing of love and peace.

Even the snore of the colonel blended with its somnolent spirit.

"The wireless. You forgot the wireless," she prompted, halting suddenly.

"Drat the wireless," he answered.

"We might shock Kunkle."

"I'm not engaged to him, Danny," she declared. "And I never was."

"And you never will be."

She sobered, eyeing him wistfully.

"Let's don't wake up," she pleaded.

"Hurry for the garden."

They again threaded, hand in hand, the cedars, fleeing like refugees seeking sanctuary.

The garden was waiting, bathed in the moonlight; the priest was there, progressing slowly with his hoe among the beans.

At their approach he paused, straightening, to smile upon them. Once more his finger blessed them with the sign of the benediction.

"We've come back, father," announced the girl.

The priest spoke musically.

"What did he say?"

"He said, 'Welcome, my children.'"

"Do you think he would tell us what has happened to us?"

"He might, if we could understand. I'll ask him what is the matter."

At the question the old priest smiled gently.

He carefully laid down the hoe, and with a lingering, loving look upon the plants which he had tended made sign for the twain to follow him. His tall figure moved around the little slope to the cave.

Here he knelt at the door; they likewise knelt—they knew not why, but within the cave was the rude cross—rising, he gestured for them to be seated; he rearranged the rushes at the door.

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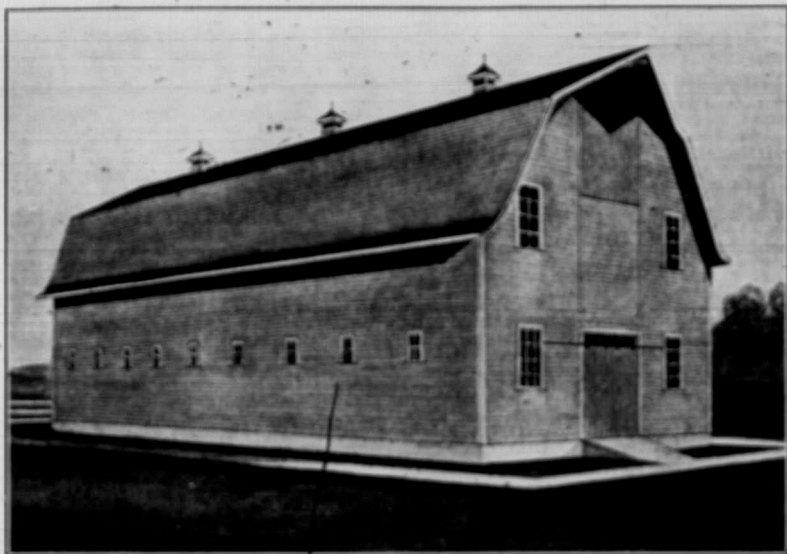
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This is the first of a series of four Western barns, plans of which will appear in the first issue of The Guide each month until completed. This week's barn is one designed to meet the needs of the mixed farmer on a half or three-quarter section farm who is in a position to put up a comfortable, general purpose barn. Individual requirements vary very considerably and the arrangement which will suit one farmer is often not at all acceptable to another. However, it is not necessary

so that any drip will be carried out into the passage way behind. Then above the flues are placed over, allowing more clear space for the hay fork or slings to work. The barn is floored thruout with concrete. The foundation is of concrete coming from eight inches to one foot above ground, depending upon the lay of the land. The plans call for nine feet clear to the joists and a sixteen foot five inch wall or to the eaves. This can be altered as desired. The stable walls are made up of resawn

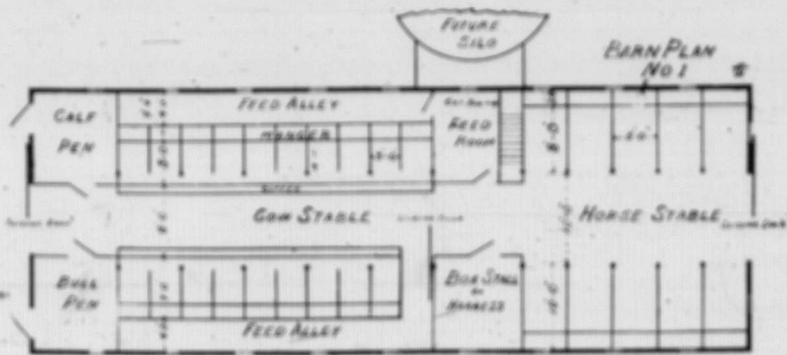


to adhere strictly to the layout suggested in this plan, minor alterations can be made as required. The barn is 80 feet by 30 feet. The layout provides for a horse and cattle barn, each part being separated by a partition. The horse stable provides accommodation for ten horses besides a box stall which can be used as a harness room. Opposite this is a feed room, with provision in it for a chute from the oat bin above on the loft floor.

The cattle stable has stall room for nineteen head of cattle besides a bull pen and a calf pen. The plan provides for a driveway right thru the length of the

boards outside the studs to the top of the joists, paper and fir drop siding outside. The inside is lined with fir shiplap to the top of the joists. Plank floors for the horse stalls are extras as also are hinge storm doors inside the sliding doors for winter use. Metallic shingles and corrugated iron for the roof can be used if desired and it is claimed by the manufacturers that this material can be put up about as cheaply as lumber and wood shingles.

Additions to the barn can be easily made when desired. An addition can be built on at any time, making an L shaped barn. A silo can be put up as



Plans of the mixed farmer's barn

barn, thus making as simple as possible the cleaning out problem. A slight alteration may be made in the end cow stall next the calf pen so as to make easy entrance into the feed alley from that end of the barn. The manger can be shortened eighteen inches to two feet, thus leaving enough room for a narrow passage way.

The Rutherford ventilation system has been provided. A feature of the outlet vents is that they are drawn back passing thru the stable ceiling to the loft floor above. The idea here is two-fold. The outlet openings in the stable roof are placed so that they will not be directly over the backs of the animals underneath

suggested in the plans. Before the framing is finished a gable can be put in on either side of the roof so that feed can be put into the loft or a straw blower turned in at threshing time. A water system can be easily installed, the tank being above or in the feed room and water piped to a trough outside in the passage way for the horses and to each individual cow stall.

In the bill of material accompanying each set of working drawings the estimate has been made to include the cost of a litter carrier, stanchions and hay fork. The approximate cost of the barn will be \$1400.

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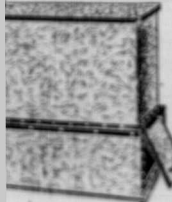
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To get attention now-a-days
On anything he'd sell.
A man don't want to hide his
light
Or whisper down a well.

A farmer with anything to sell, whether it be livestock, poultry, seed grain, etc., may dispose of part of it locally. His profit, however, lies in his being able to sell all of his goods at a reasonable margin. To do this he usually has to go outside of his own neighborhood. This is what the Farmers' Market Place is for. It enables a man to get the attention of prospective buyers over the whole country. Here is an example: A. E. Moore, of Regal Farms, had four Poland China Hogs for sale at \$25.00 each. He put two ads. in the Farmers' Market Place in December at a total cost of \$2.16 and was sold out inside of three weeks.

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My sales have been very satisfactory again this year. About 40 shorthorns have been sold and my two-year-old Clyde stallion.—J. Broadfield, MacGregor, Man.

We had a good number of inquiries as a result of our advertisement in The Guide.—McGill Bros., Bancroft, Man.

I received extremely satisfactory results from the advertisement that I had the past winter in The Guide, in fact more replies than I ever received previously from advertising in any paper for the same length of time.—F. J. Collyer, Welwyn, Sask.

If The Guide could produce such results for these advertisers it can do it for you. It is in a better position to do it this spring than it was last. Its circulation is larger and its Farmers' Market Place, with each succeeding month, has become better and better established. Having carried more of this class of advertising than the other farm papers, the farmers of Western Canada have earned to look to it as the leading authority on Want, Sale and Exchange items.

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Seed Grain

In the issue of February 10, I advertised seed barley. It was a small ad, costing me 53 cents, but I got 12 inquiries at once, four of them wanting a carload each.—Lawrence McAree, McAuley, Man.

I was well satisfied with advertising in The Guide. I sold all I had and got inquiries for about 50 bushels more which I could not fill.—A. E. Browning, Oadroit, Ont.

A little card I ran in two successive issues of your paper brought me excellent results. It helped me sell a carload of seed oats for which I received \$1,136.25.—J. E. Gosses, Calgary, Alta.

Poultry

I inserted my ad. in one issue of your paper. It cost me a little over \$1.00, and by the time we had received the issue had goodly number of inquiries. Have sold between two and three hundred chicks and about ten hens from this ad. alone.—Mrs. C. L. Tutt, Rouleau, Sask.

I have had very satisfactory results from advertising in The Guide.—W. S. Muir, Saltcoats, Sask.

My advertisement in your paper has given fair results. I did not keep track of just how many sales I made there it, but would say about 250 baby chicks.—Rohit, Wilton, Ebourne, B. C.

If you have anything for sale it will pay you to put an advertisement in the Farmers' Market Place for a few weeks. Advertising rates and full particulars are given at the top of this page. Send it in now accompanied by the amount for the number of times you wish it run and get in touch with hundreds of purchasers for every one you can sell without advertising.

ADDRESS: GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE, WINNIPEG

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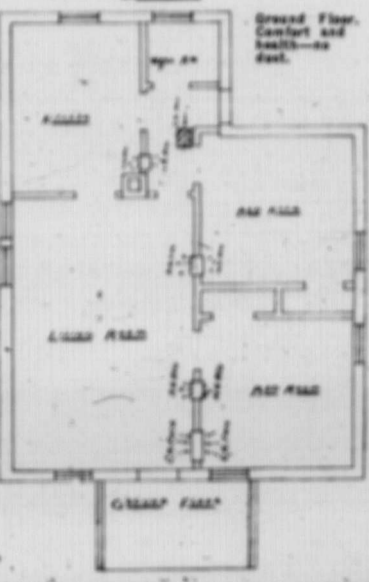
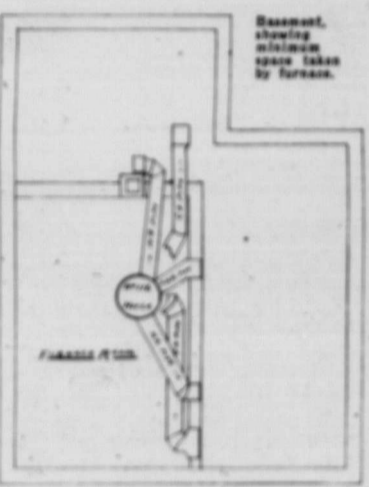
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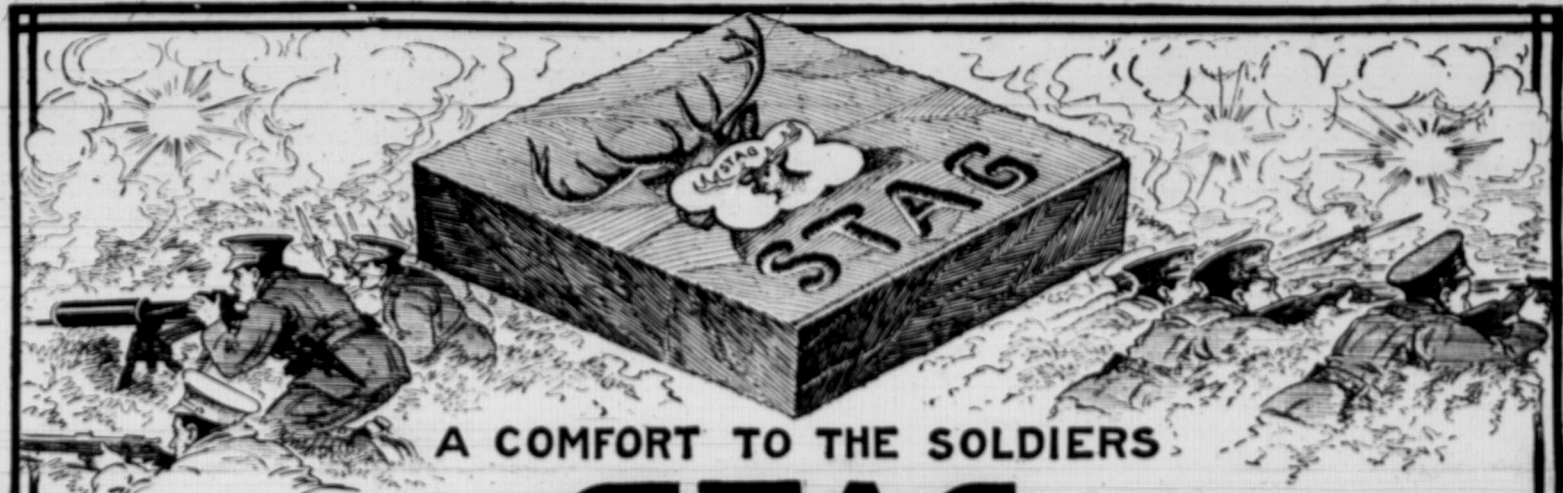
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30c	25c
25c-26c	25c
35c	30c
50c-60c	40c
75c	50c
	22c
25c	16c
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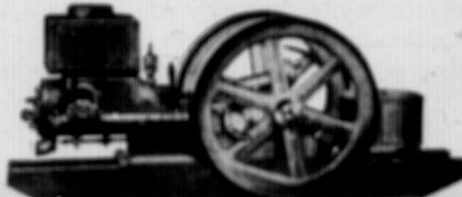


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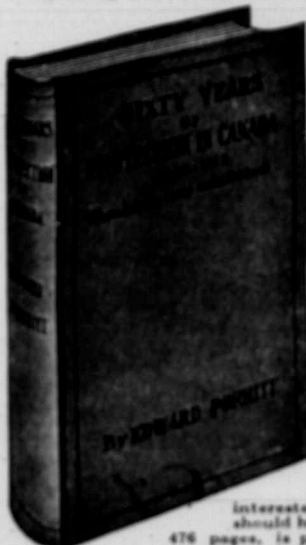
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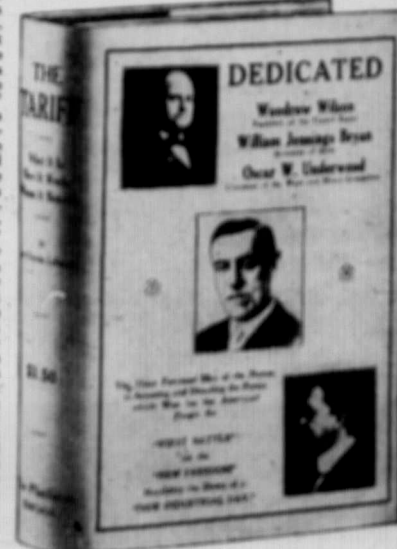


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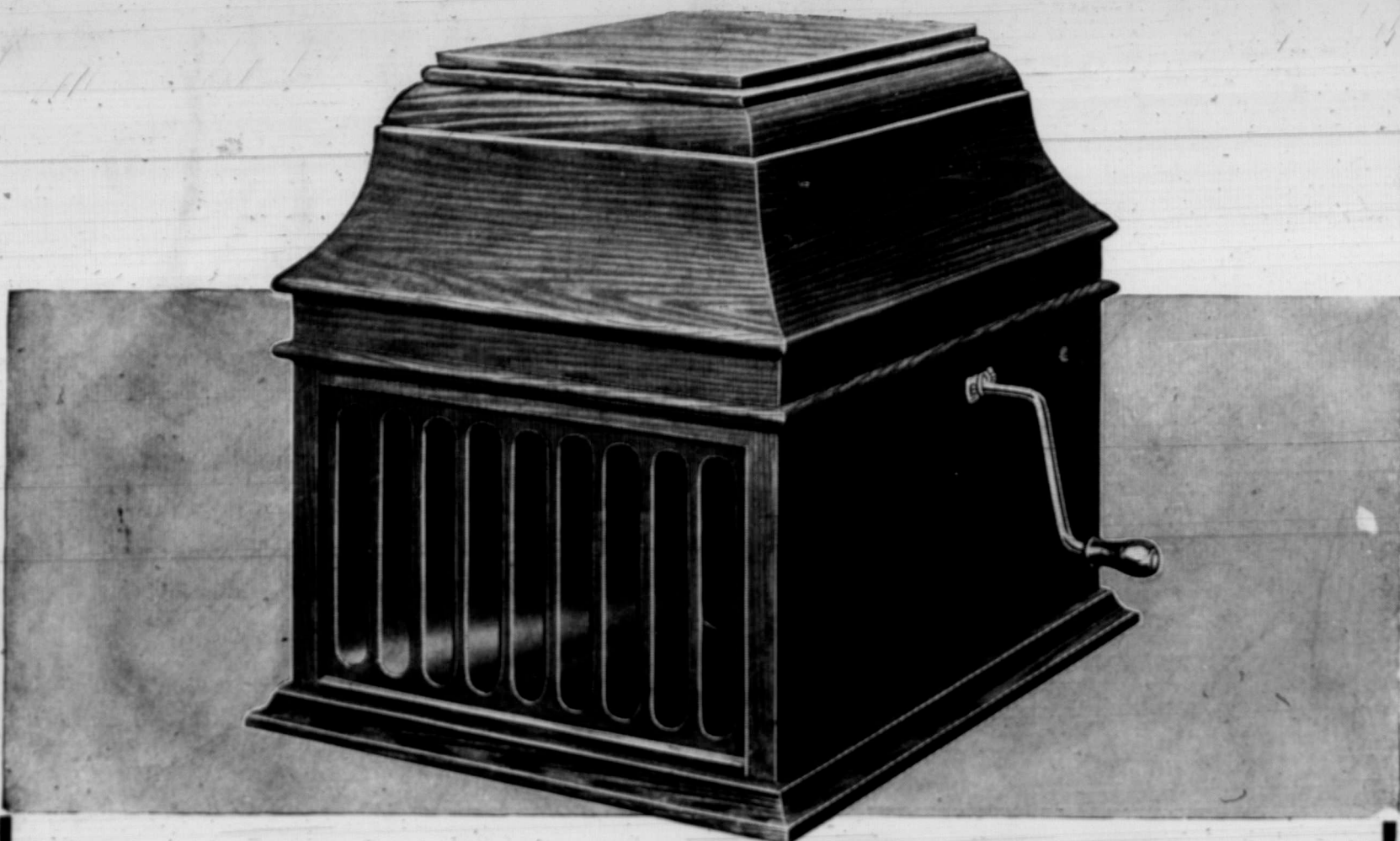
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