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## - Worship

Nothing is more becoming to mankind than worship. He who has no God can rise no higher than himself. He who continually adores an Infinite of Holiness and Beauty must grow to be like Him. Man advances towards the limits of his ideals. Such is the law of his being. To see God as truth is to become wise; to see Him as beauty is to become pure in heart; to see Him as goodness is to abound in deeds of kindness and mercy.
Strange too is it that man has power to create his own God. That man who yearns for faith and hope and love-the God of Christmas seems to satisfy. That man who looks for ease and luxury, will find a Being vastly different in His attributes. It may be that many of us have forgotten the God of peace and love and pardon, because our hearts have been set on lower aims. And it is in vain that, looking at evils around us, we should cry: "God give us men! God give us men!" For in the very nature of things we cannot get the men unless we first of all have God. There is no alcherny which can transmute the earthly into the heavenly, the material into the spiritual. Better far that we should cry: "Men give us God! Men give us God!' It is for us to choose this day whom we shall serve, and woe be to us if we choose the God of lust and pride and low ambition. To see the God of love and yield Him reverence is the only real need of this ages and this people.

God in the individual life - how His presence would illuminate, transform and sanctify! God in the family-how He would bring peace and love and kindness! God in the state-how He would dispel in-church-how He would end formality and pride and unseemly rivalry.
Would you know the origin of worship? Go find the mother who is sweet and holy, womanly and kind; go find the father who Where and truthful, considerate andipping children. And worship of a sainted mother, of a noble father, is indeed a stepping stone of a noble father, is indeed a stepping stone
to worship of the God and Father of mankind.

## Good Will

When the heart is warmed by the indwelling presence of the Spirit of Love; when the will yields loyal submission to the Prince of Peace; when intelligence cheerfully admits His right to reign on Earth even as in Heaven; then in thought and word and deed will there begin the
manifestation of that good will which is the condition of all joy and happiness in the world of men.

Good will in the home! How it establishes right relations between husband and wife, right relations between husband and wife, between parents and children! How it banishes all selfishness and meanness and
deceit-prompting each member of the little deceit-prompting each member of the little
group to seek first the comfort of others, group to seek first the comfort of others, and impelling each to speak the truth in love! You have been in a home where good will reigned and your visit there remains with you a blessed memory, or perchance such a home is now your own, and it is your most cherished possession. Value it then, my friend, above all earthly riches, and seek no higher delight, for God has nothing in this world to offer you that is so much to be desired.

Good will in industrial life! How it does away with recrimination and bitterness ! How it promotes confidence and loyalty!
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You know of a business in which employers and employees are ranged up in hostile opposition, you know of the lock-out and strike and all the sorrows and evils which follow in their wake. You know, too, of a business in which the lowliest worker honestly and cheerfully strives to give good measure, and in which the owner has constant regard to the welfare and comfort of his men. You know which business of of his men. You know which business of
the two is likely to thrive and which will the two is likely to thrive and which waill
come to an unhappy ending. And what is come to an unhappy ending. And what is
true of every individual industry is true in a national sense-industrial supremacy can not be attained by any people, unless the economic conditions which prevait dre founded in justice and equity. Lasting success depends upon a co-operation that is conceived in friendship and good will.

Good will in the state! How it would sooth the animosities of parties, and gradually erase the distinctions of race and creed! How it would make possible those enactments which render it easy to live a enactments which renferit to easy to live a
life of virtue, and diffictit to live a life of crime! Just to admit that my neighbor has crime! Just to admit that my neighbor has
the same rights and probably as much the same rights and probably as much
honesty as myself; just to concede that his judgment is possibly as sound as my own; just to confess that he is in all likelihood just as patriotic, as farsighted and as ready to further the pubfic good-this would
hasten the day when each man, forsaking the more ignoble ambitions, would aim first of all at his country's good. Right first of all at his country's good. Right
here in Canada, right now in 1913, is it here in Canada, right now in 1913, is it
necessary for us to realize that more necessary for us to realize that more
important than the affiliations of race and important than the affiliations of race and
language, party and religion, are the bonds that unite us in a great national brotherhood.

Good will in the church! But whydwell on such a theme? The divine institution founded by Him who came to preach good will to men, should have in it nothing of pride and envy and ill will, for these are contrary to its nature. If at times we perceive tendencies and practices which lead us to suspect the presence of these evils, let us attribute it to the fact that religion is the greatest need of man, that it calls forth his greatest earnestness and zeal, and that, therefore, it naturally leads to intolerance and impatience. But we to intolerance and impatience. But we
would that good will were so common that would that good will were so common that
we could join with Scott in his notable we could join with Scott in his notable
remark: "Had it pleased the Almighty not remark: Had it pleased the Almighip, our
to permit the varieties of worship, our observances would have been as distinctly presented to us as they are laid down under the Mosaic law."

## Peace

Now good will has, as its fruition, peace -peace in the home and society; peace in the nation; and peace in the world.
Never was peace needed more than now. Never was it more to be desired. The world is on the verge of a great war, and at the same time it is weary of war. Nations have seen their best and strongest sons slain in battle, while the weak and decrepit slain in battle, while the weak and decrepit
have remained at home to beget a race of weaklings. In the glorification of. the weaklings. In the glorification of the
masculine and more brutal virtues; the masculine and more brutal virtues,
feminine graces, which make for sweetness feminine graces, which make for sweetness
and loveliness, have been neglected. It has and loveliness, have been neglected. It has
been, a losing business all around. The been, a losing business all around. The
victors have fared almost as badly as the victors have fared almost as badly as the
onquered. Well has war been termed "The Great Illusion."
More fearful still is civil war-a war between parties, creeds or classes-a war between ideas. Every such war is a confession of inability for self-government; a confession of intellectual and moral weakness. Redmond with his insistence that Ireland be not divided, and Carson with his inability to see that the only way for a country to rise out of what he evidently believes to be ignorance and spiritual blindness is through the gift of self-government -both are taking the hard way to vietory. The former should say: "We shall show you Ulsterites that we are able to be just and progressive and able to rule just and , progressive and able to "rule
ourselves." The latter should say: "We glory in the opportunity of leading you to a higher life." That would be the way of peace.

In our own land we need peace. There is the clash of financial interests, the warring of creeds and races, the opposition of political parties-it sometimes seems that it is all war and nothing else. We long for a community in which there is no faultfinding and no room for it; no discord, because all is harmony in thought and action; no recrimination, because there is no injustice.

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## The Christmas Tree and its History

By Clement A. Miles.
$\checkmark \mathrm{HE}$ most widespread, and to children $\mid$ Germany. In many places, however, it the most delightful, of all festal Its picturesqueness and gay charm have made it spread rapidly all over Europe without roots in national tradition, for, as most people kn w, it is a German
creation, and even in Germany it attained its present immense popularity only in the nineteenth century. To Germany, of course, one should go to see the tree in all its glory. Many people, indeed, maintain that no other Christmas can
compare with the German "Weinnacht."
In Germany the Christmas-tree is not a luxury for well-to-do people, but a necessity, the very centre of the festival; no one is too poor or too lonely to have
one. There is something about a German "Weihnachtsbaum " a romance and a not possess. For one thing, perhaps, in a land of forests the tree seems more in place; it is a kind of sacrament linking
mankind to the mysteries of the woodland mankind to the mysteries of the wood and.
Again the German tree is simply a thing Again the German tree is simply a thing
of beauty and radiance; no utilitarian
presents hang from its boughs--they are presents hang from its boughs-they are $\begin{aligned} & \text { antion-spirit is evident, it is difficult to }\end{aligned}$


Group of Nurses on the balcony of St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C
laid apart on a table and the tree is
purely splendor for splendor's sake. $\begin{aligned} & \text { be certain of their exact ancestry. Dr. } \\ & \text { Tille regards them as coming from a }\end{aligned}$ However tawdry it may look sy sake. night it is a true thing of wonder, shining with countless lights and glittering ornaments, with fruit of gold and shimmering estoons of silver. Then there is the solemnity with which it is surrounded, the ong secret preparations behind the closed
doors, and, when Christmas Eve arrives, the sudden revelation of hidden glory. The Germans have quite a religious feeling for their "Weihnachtsbaum," coming down, one may fancy, from some dim As Christmas draws near of the wood place in a German town is filled with a miniature forest of firs; the trees are sold by old women in quaint costumes, and the shop windows are full of candles and There deck them
There is a pretty enough story about the Martin Luther: how, 'after wandering one Christmas Eve under the clear winter sky lit by a thousand stars, he set up for an image of the starry heaven candles, an image of the starry heaven whence
Christ came down. This, however be longs to the region of legend ; the first historical mention of the Christmas tree
is found in the notes of a certain Strasburg is found in the notes of a certain Strasburg
citizen of unknown name, written in the year 1605. "At Christmas," he writes, Strasburg and hang thereon roses cut out of many-colored paper, apples, wafers,
gold-foil, sweets gold-foil, sweets, elc.
With the century notices of the "Weihnachtsbaum" become more frequent: Jung Stilling
Coethe, Schiller, ind and about the end of the century its it seems to have boen firly general in
union of two them as coming from a union of two elements : the old Roman custom of decking houses with laurels and green trees at the Kalends of January,
and the popular belief that every Christmas Eve apple and other trees blossomed and bore fruit.
Before the advent of the Christmas-tree proper-a fir with lights and ornaments often imitating and always suggesting
flowers and fruit-it was customary to flowers and fruit-it was customary to water or into pots indoors, so that they might bud and blossom at New Year o Christmas. Even today the practice of picking boughs in order that they may some parts of Austria. The custom may have had to do with legendary lore about the marvelous transformation of Nature on the night of Christ's birth, when the rivers ran wine instead of water, and tre snow.
Let us turn to the customs of the Roman Empire which may be in part responsib for the German Christmas-tree. The practice of adorning houses with ever greens at the January Kalends wa common throughout the Empire, as w
learn from Libanius, Tertullian, and Chrysostom. A grim denunciation o such decorations and the lights which accompanied them may be quoted from of pagan and Christian " "Let contras of pagan and Christian. "Let them," h who have no light; let them fix on the doorposts laurels which shall afterwards hand; murnt, they for whom fire is close a hand; meet for them are testimonies o darkness and auguries of punishment
But thou," he says to the Christian
was not common till well on in the eighteen a Catholic institution, and it math than way but slowly in regions where the older faith was held. Well-to-do townspeople welcomed it first, and the peasantry were
slow to adopt it. In England it is alluded to in 1789 bu its use did not become at all general until about the eighteen-forties. In 1840 Oueen Victoria and Prince Albert had a Christ-mas-tree, and the fashion spread untilit it In Munich ad dualized.
In Munich, and doubtless elsewhere, the tree appears not only in the church The graves of the dead are decked on Christmas Eve with holly and mistletoe and a little Christmas-tree with gleaming lights, a touching token of remembrance an attempt, perhaps, to give the departed
festival
The question of the origin of Christmas trees is of great interest. Though thei


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" art a light of the world and a tree that is ever green; if thou hast renounced
temples, make not a temple of thy own house-door." That these New Year practices of the Empire had to do with the "Weihnachts-
baum" is very possible, but on the other baum " is very possible, but on the other
hand, it has closer parallels in certain folk-customs that in no way suggest Roman or Greek influence. "Not only at Christmas are ceremonial "trees" to be found in Germany. In the Erzgebirge,
for instance, there is dancing at the summer for instance, there is dancing at the summer
solstice round "St. John's tree," a pyramid decked with garlands and flowers, and lit up at night by candles.
Nearer to Christmas is a New Year's
custom found in some Alsatian villages custom found in some Alsatian villages : the adorning of the fountain with a
"May." The girls who visit the fountain "May." The girls who visit the fountain
procure a small fir-tree or holly-bush, and deck it with ribbons, egg-shells, and little figures representing a shepherd or a man beating his wife. This is set up above the
fountain on New fountain on New Year's Eve. On the
evening of the next day the snow evening of the next day the snow is
carefully cleared away and the girls dance and sing around the fountain. The lads may only take part in the dance by permission of the girls. The tree is kept all through the year as a protection to
those who have set it up.
In Sweden, before the advent of the
German type of
place young pines, divested of bark and


In the Old Land affectionate care is bestowed on the little Terriers
branches, outside the houses at Christ- [ procession and it's small wonder we feel mastide. An English parallel which doe not suggest any borrowing from Germany
was formerly to be found at Brough, in Westmoreland, on Twelfth Night. A holly-tree with torches attached to its branches was carried through the town in
procession. It was finally thrown among procession. It was inally trown among parties, one of which endeavored to take the tree to one inn, and the other to a rival hostelry. We have here pretty plainly a struggle of two factions-perhaps of two quarters of a town that were once separate
villages-for the possession of a sacred object.
Though there is no recorded instance of the use of a tree at Christmas in Germany before the seventeenth century, the "Weihnachtsbaum" may well be a descendant of some sacred tree carried
about or set up at the beginning-of-winter festival. All things considered, it seems to belong to a class of primitive sacraments of which the example most familiar to English peoples is the Maypole. This is, of course, an early summer institution, May is also known-a large branch or a whole tree, which is decked with ears of corn, brought home on the last waggon from the harvest field, and fastened to the roof of farmhouse or barn, where it remains for a year. Mannhardt has
shown that such sacraments embody the tree-spirit conceived as the spirit of vege-
tation in general, and are believed to
convey its life-giving, fructifying in convey its life-giving, fructifying in-
fluences. Probably the idea of contact with the spirit of growth lay also beneath the Roman evergreen decorations, so that, whether or not we connect the Christmastree with the
is the same.

Christmas and Common Sense
Christmas will soon be here, trailing in its wake boundless good cheer, numberles gifts inspired by love and friendship an
numberless other gifts dictated by foolish extravagance and the desire to equa someone else in the value and quantity o gifts bestowed. One of the least desirable
results of Christmas is the thousands of results of Christmas is the thousands o
tired, wan, overworked shop girls and boys tired, wan, overworked shop girls and boys
and men. Why can't we be a little more sensible in our gifting? Why this orgy of merchandising each Christmas season is friendship and love to be absolutely gauged by the strength of the pocketboo
as exhibited in Christmas gifts? Mrs. Jones sends a "little remembrance" to Mrs. Smith, It's nothing Mrs. Smith cares a picayune for, but she is bound by all the ties of honor and Canadian custon to go Mrs. Jones one better in the cost o urn again to raise Mrs. Smith in the matter of valuea So it goes on in endless


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rections for their dinner, smiled back
into the garden and forward into the room beyond.
"Don't you
"Don't you love every, one of them,
'Arriet?" she teased. Arriet "How can you teased. Arriet didn't funny little bits of folks?" Then the door bell rang and she went to its summons.
A little Titian-haired Jewess stood on the step with a baby on her arm. "I come to see," she said. She walked in reservedly and viewed the babies in the
prams. The thin bit one had one asleep. Foot to foot with her Mike lay and smiled largely at the world. Mike was fat and brown and attired in scant drab calico, a happy little Pole, crooning
and kicking alone. \Upstairs the white and kicking alone. \Upstairs the white creepers and toddlers. From the garden came the shouts of fun of the glder ones at games. The nurses looked kind. The tension on the face of the little Jewess "I leave It is good," she said simp y. denly in Nurse O'Brien's arms, turned to ga. * Day Nursery. One must know som thing of fathers, for instance.
her home, and the sobbing, responsible comfort and the further disgruntling of 'Arriet.
So the June day sobered away from its sparkling, scented morning to the time of returning mothers and the
home-going of little fcet. And beneath all the fun and responsibility and work and excitement and feedings and comfortings of the Day Nursery, there was a little pulse of pail, the memory of the tragic face of Izzy's mother and the quiet un-baby-like hostility of Izzy in
his pram. Izzy's motier was the last to come, slipping in at six in her little black frock, and, a red spot on either cheek, catching Izzy to her heart with a little strangle of her breath. Izzy snuggled against her, burrowing his warm neck, holding her with convulsive arms. But that was all. No word, or cry from either. Nurse O'Brien told of his refusal to eat or play or be loved. His mother understood. "Bye-and-bye," she assured them. "Bye-and-bye." Sh
would feed him at home. She bowe gzavely. "The ladies, thank," she said and slipped away.
The months wore on till November


## A beautiful Fawn from the hills of the Fighlands, commanding the complete admiration of

The little woman's mouth grew bit-ter. "My man, I leave him. He like too much pretty girls. I have spend all. I go work. did not cry when the little woman, after a long heart-achey
look at him, drew a black lace scarf over her tight drawn Titian hair and went away, but he turned his serious li:ttle olive face away from all ministrations or comfort, refused his bottle, and was more pitiful than any wailing.
Nurse O'Brien's eyes dimmed there are two people in the North End not happy this lovely June weather Izzy's mother and Izzy." A shadow lay across her day.
A sudden sobbing in the back-yard, a sudden clamor around tue sobbing, and
a rush of sobbing and clamor into Nurse O'Brien caught her away from tears to a new excitement. The elder Marchuck sobbed and the rest clamored until the matron understood that the vagabond day had got into Mary Mar-
chuck's toes and she was lost. search in the near-by streets and lanes did not reveal the missing Mary. Nurse O'Brien, remembering Mary's former vagaries, rang up the police station. Yes, lary was there, eating caraway cake, and adding to the gaiety
the sergeants. Mary was one person who regarded the nlice station as a place of much pleasantness. A dis-

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his bottle without his rebellious hands having to be held. It was another him on her knee, but there he must be treated with respect. One soft golden
Saturday in September, the little Jewess Saturday in September, the little Jewess
stopped at the gate of the Day Nursery stopped at the gate of the Day Nursery
to show Izzy in a glory of embroidery going to be photographed. His little round arms and neck were bare and his lovely round legs and toes stuck out so distractingly from the embroidery that Nurse O'Brien rashly caught him and rained kisses on them. And Izzy, for
the first time since they had known the first time since they had known a bit roguishly, but, oddlly enough, it
was the McIvor at whom he smiled was the McIvor at whom he smiled across Nurse O'Brien's golden, stooping head. And when the little Jewess brought them each a photo-card the next
week, giving it with a chy gratitude week, giving it with a fhy gratitude
across her reserve, Izzy sat with his dimpled knees and his embroideries, still wearing the tolerant, roguish smile. But that was an gccasion. And further liberties were not tolerated. In an eye always on the offing whence nurses or amorous small girls might
swoop. Blocks and toys he played with alone, abandoning them when gregarious youths approached.
And now it was November, a grey shivery November day, darkening at
four o'clock as the children splashed and clamored, getting ready for tea. The heart of Nurse O'Brien was heavy. One of the social workers had dropped in during the afternoon with wet eyes and a dead wee baby in a shawl and gone a dead wee baby in a shawl and gone
to her day's work leaving the three children playing at home. The little unconscious things had been playing doll
with the shawled tragedy and the girl with the shawled tragedy and the girl
had brought them away. The grimness had brought them away. The grimness of it was dragging at the matron's unheedingly while Sammy counted his pieces" over and over with a digit finger, and surreptitious bites were taken off specially jammy corners, and Mary Marchuck put out a graceless tongue at plaid stranger girl sobbed on unreconciled to a new world.
Nurse McIvor held the base of supplies for the just-over-a-year, bread-andmilk dozen or so who sat around her in a semi-circle, hands on knees, wide
waiting eyes, like little frogs on toadstools, opening and shutting toadmouths as the spoon came their way. "Nurse McIvor admonished as she fed. Are ye a nice girl, Violet Mather?"
Violet's Glasgow head bobbed in vigorous assent. Johnny Bisparka in vigorous assent. Johnny Bisparka nodded
over his spoon. Johnny was always sleepy as the late Duke of Devonshire. "Wake up, Johnny Bisparka!" she laughed at him. Jut he lapped his nourishment still with droopier, heavier
lids, swaying on his stool. Izzy devoted lids, swaying on his stool. Izzy devoted his eye lifting sometimes to Nurse O'Brien as she sat unusually still in the midst of the vibrant life of the Nursery, grievtd and apart. And with some queer instinct of his queer baby-heart, bye-
and-bye he slipped off his stool, crept in and-bye he slipped off his stool, crept in
his queer side-wise fashion to the distrait little matron, and, quite suddenly, laid a confiding hand on her white linen knee. When the little Jewess slipped in from the grey evening she found her her lips on his little soft hatron's arms, fort of tears in her Irish eyes. And quite suddenly, as Izzy had laid his hand on her knee, quite suddenly the little Jewess buried her face in Nurse baby, and Nurse O'Brien's around her them both the bitter reserve of her broke down for the first time since she had taken her baby and come away, storm of racking, terrible tears. "Godshe could speak said brokenly when she could speak again, and slipped
her baby tucked into her shawl.
They had grown very near after that,
the little Jew-Mother and nurse. And, all at once, it was Christmas Eve, crisp and white and starry The Day Nursery had had a delect ${ }^{\text {able }}$ ers and all the babies and all the mothers and all the babies and all the other
mothers who had made the Day Nursery
come to be, and even a redeemed father or two. Today the matron had sent her
staff all off to their homes or their friends. She herself was in a little green dinner-dress, the gold of her hair bound tightly above her gay face. She was going to dinner bye-and-bye with a cer-
tain distant cousin, a detrimental soltain distant cousin, a detrimental sol-
dier-man from a military base along the der-man from a mintary base along the
Pacific. Her eyes were very dreamy in her gay face. Izzy's mother had slipped in to sit a bit in the evening, had helped with the
unusual robing, and had been told of unusual robing, and had been told of
the soldier-cousin. "Lady-go away?" she wondered drearily.
"Not yet-not for a lime vet" Molly assured her, her face rosy, patting the black little shoulder
Then she flitted off, tying up a belated parcel or two. And the little Jewess
sat very still, brooding, Izzy straikit and serious on her knee. Molly $O^{\prime}$ Brien looked at her troubledly, her heart that had lifted to the com-
ing of the soldier-detrimental falling again at sight of the bleak little woman and the straight, serious baby.
"What is it. Ruth?" she asked pently. Ruth "ifted a wan face. "Izzy," she There is not-to come-anyones." Then again, as in June, the door-bell
rang. Before the women had stirred, rang. Before the women had stirred,
the door opened with a rush and he dor opened with a rush and a omely young Jew with tumbled petuously in the room, his arms outstretched to Ruth.
Ruth, the red spots flaming in her thin cheeks, rose with Izzy tight to her reast, and, standing, froze into a ter-
"Ruth!" the man appealed, his arms Still she pointed.
"Iis handsome face hardened
"I stay," he said. "I tell."
Then a torrent of Yiddish came from him, gestures, appeals, a tale of travel.
"Calgary"" the matron heard, and saw his hands full of the money he drew from his pocket. ${ }^{2}$. But wis wife stod on like a Fate, Izzy tight against her.
All at once she cut into his torrent of Yiddish with a s vord-like question. The matron heard that it concerned a Rosa Finkelstein. But it sent the young Jew
into a roar of laughter and another torrent of Yiddish. Then his face grew contrite as Ruth swayed a bit, and his arms went out again as the matron caught Ruth and steadied her into a chair. Her arms loosened around Izzy, and that unexpected young person, slip-
ping to the floor, looked up at the handping to the floor, looked up at the hand mother, hitched nearer, caught a cheer ful-checked trouser, and, ${ }^{\text {with an in- }}$
dubitable crow, stood up on his feet. dubitable crow, stood up on his feet. His father caught him up with a shout
of delight, and Ruth smiled unsteadily of delight, and Ruth smiled unsteadily $0^{\prime}$ Brien, her Irish heart lifting again nearly out of her small pulsing body, slipped a way and left them alone to-
"Lady!" a soft voice called at the Lairs bye-and-bye. And when she went down, "My man,' said Ruth shyly-"he
come." And, between them, they told her. There weren't "pretty girls" in earnest, it seemed. Ruth was jealous and her man had teased her. When she of unreason and went away, Jospeh
took Izzy one night in a sudden flame had veen equally furious and wouldm' explain. On the night he went suddenly to Calgary, Rosa Finkelstein had gone gone together. But Rosa andwer hus band were home from Edmonton for the holiday, Joseph had just met them. And now the lady was going out and they and Ruth had a shy "God bless" for the soldier cousin, and Izzy held up his funny little face of his own free will to
be kissed. "Theyd don't know, though, that it's whimsical pity. "But 'God bless' is
warm and sweet. And it's Christmas for them just the same. A little child Then she gasped and caught them
"How did you know? About here,
"ean?" she demanded excitedly of Jo mean
seph.
II
"I forgot. A Sign." Joseph was excited now, hunting in inner pockets for the paper that had wrapped his tobacco
in a survey camp, the paper that had brought him home.
From a crumpled, printed page the photograph of Izzy greeted the peering women, Izzy with his sweet bare toes sticking from his embroideries, and his
tolerant, roguish smile of that one day in September. Small wonder he had coaxed an angry father home!
All at once the matron remembered a reporter girl who hăd come over one day
with pencil and pad; eager from a rummage sale, to learn the end of the story She had been quite crazy over Izzy and coaxed to borrow his photo for her article. And that was how it all happened. Never again would she be cross "reporter girls!"
A big man in a long military cloak swung in the gate.
"What is it you're saying, Molly?" he asked at the top of the steps.
"Just "God bless," she smiled up at him. "Who?" he wanted to know, "wrong case?" "Re
"Reporter-girls and Jew-babies and "ldier-men and--
finish." He caug stop," he told her. "I the folds of the military cloak. "God bless," he said tenderly, "God bless Molly O'Brien!"
And, from the
late speech came back in cooing, sleepy echo, "Gobess!"

At the Christmas Season
L. D. Stearns

It is time, my friend, if you have not
already done so, to make up your Christalready done so, to make up your Christ-
mas list. Put love and thought into it. Have every gift you send suitable-the to receive - if you would feel, when the season is over, a satisfaction with your
efforts. Don't buy, or make, useless bits efforts. Don't buy, or make, useless bits
of trumpery that are of no earthly use to
anyone and merely take up room for a year, when they can be passed on to another unfortunate victim.
We have almost lost sight of the true
meaning of Christmas. We forget that meaning of Christmas. We forget that When, in that far-away century, the voices singing their hymn of praise, sending their message ringing through the whole earth, it was-" And on earth peace,
goodwill toward men." And we make it a season of hurry, anxiety, debt, in striving to keep up with what we are
pleased to feel are certain obligations.
"For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is Christ city of D
Fer to first, this year let us try and remem-
ber to, first of all, get the Christmas spirit into our hearts, and then make of the
Christmas season one we shall like to remember-one some other soul will like to remember
Don't go into debt. Don't make of the season, which was meant to be one of peace, a nightmare because of debts
that cannot be paid for many weary months afterwards. Be honest enough, and courageous enough, to do only what you know, in your heart, you can afford to do housegirl, or your landlady waiting for what is her just due in order that you may make a gift that seems to you appropriate. For when you do that you and which you have no right to spend. Make your list and do your shopping before the rush begins. If you wait until the last moment you are so tired out enjoy the day you have small heart to ways, even though a beautiful time also and if you get your shopping done early you are not only helping yourself but you are helping, more than you can realize, ine wopen and girls who work long hours
in the stores all through the Christmas season. It doesn't hurt anyone to be thoughtful and kind. Remember that the girl ache-and, most likely, her head also-
and while you can go home and rest a bit,
she has to stand there day in and doy out, from early morning until late at night. Be thoughtful. Smile at her, instead of rowning. She will serve you far better, nd it will leave a touch of human cheer in her heart.
what you are your mind, as well as you can, much you are going to buy and how then keep within the limit. It is a protty the limit. It is a pretty idea to, one year, make it an apron Christmas or a tie Christmas : and so on. It saves much worry and planning, and the gifts are always accepttwelve and a half cents, is far more pleasing than some bit of useless trumpery which costs more but amounts to nothing. Do your gifts up daintily and be sure pleasure of a Christmas gift. Don't wear your temper to a fine edge and your eyes to the point of blindness by doing fancy work morning, noon and night. Bette ar try the above plan and see what a And if you have had sickness-extra expense from any cause-and cannot see where the money is coming from for even
a handkerchief Christmas, then have the stamina and backbone to stand by what you know is right and good sense. Write oving notes of Christimas cheer and goodwill and send them forth. Any friend,
who is worth the name of friend, will prize such a greeting far more than some discomfort
But, beginning this year, my friend, why not make a resolve to give one gift each year to someone who is sad, and poor,
and alone ; a gift that need not necessarily cost money, but something that shall give oo some soul courage and cheer. It will dd a savor to the day that, is you have not already tried it, Christmas has never

I Feel So Rich On Christmas Day
By Mary Reynolds.
don't know of another time in all the round of seasons
When a fellow feels so kind of rich an he does on Christmas Day, another fellow owes him, An' would most as lief allow till Doomsday to pay.
It isn't that you've got so much, most Nikely, in your wallet; Nor yet it ain't the hay or
It's only that you somehow feel just like you owned creation, in your farm.
On Christmas Day Maria Ann brings out
her whitest inen,
And her willow-pattern china that's sure fit for any king;
nd our children-them that's married Come home and carry on and make the old house ring.
Some pay visits to the cellar where
there's piles of winter apples And mounds of yellow pumpkins and And mounds of yellow pum
heaps of "Early Rose;"
Some go upstairs to chatter where the open fires are roaring
And the rooms are
And the rooms are warm and cozy-like no matter how it blows.
Then after dinner, in the dusk, we all a get 'round the fire, match where'er you sought;
And Maria Ann sits by me an' the children gather 'round me, the kind that can be bought.
An' when at last the talking an' the I laughter grows more quiet, I get the Bible down an' read the An' I speak about the precious Gift the Heavenly Father gave us,
How we have it every Christmas-tide and every time it's new
An' then I try to thank the Lord for all the things He gives us,
But my heart swells up and chokes me so the words are hard to say; $n$ ' so you see there ain't no time in all
the round of seasons the round of seasons I do on Christmas Day.

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## Optimism of the West

Written for The Western Home Monthly, by William Lutton.

DHOUGH the towering steel structure pauses momentarily in its upwar
course the West is optimistic Though the Industrial Commissioner has put down his megaphone, no man, nor
thing, nor institution is dauntem. "Every man is cheerful," said Sir Thomas Shaughnessy who has been on his an-
nual tour of inspection" "When I saw nual tour of inspection" "When I saw the golden fields and unbroken stretche
of oats thousands of acres in extent, I felt the compelling inspiration of the passenger traffic manager of the C.P.R who has been visiting all the large
centres of interest. That money tight centres of interest. That money tightnessly. The people of the North West will have $\$ 300,000,000$ in their pockets
before the snow flies. The wad in the before the snow flies. The wad in the
hip pocket will give courage to trembling hip pocket will give courage to trembling
finance. The returning confidence of the finance. The returning conidence of the dating attitude of the banks. A good crop and paying prices will set such ac-
tivities in motion as suffered from momentary palsy. Three great railwa systems are moving heaven and earth
to provide accommodation for the crop to provide accommodation for the crop
which moves with celerity and abundance. The set back to inconsiderate
borrowing constituted a necessary reborrowing constituted a necessary re-
buke. An abounding prosperity probuke. An abounding prosperity pro-
duces a sort of delirium. Ambition stays at no bounds; and in the general prosperity circumspection is thrown to
the winds. That does not mean that the municipals are necessarily dangerous. It does not mean that we are suf-
fering a loss of credit in the West. It does mean that notice has been served on all wild "speculators," some of whom opened gilded palaces in London and de-
ceived the British public with dazzling propositions destitute of reality. It does mean that all respectable elements must set themselves like a flint against irresponsible creatures who would for a sudden gain, place an indehble stigma
upon the country. You see how Sir upon the country. You see how sill London with the simoleons in his hip pocket-millions of them. Necessary
municipals will get all requisite encourmunicipals will get all requisite encour
agement, flamboyancy will be discouraged, possibly even with good intent The pace was too swift, in more than one municipal instance. The develop-
ment has been marvelous, and as stable on the whole, as marvelous. Frst class institutions were set up in nearly every
case with the laying down of the streets and sewers-there was however a feverish desire for emulation-wholesome enough in moderation, but hable to produce to consequences. The growth under such conditions might tend to become hectic. The raucous megaphone, too,
rather alarmed the steady going British rather alarmed the steady going British
money market. There is no collapse, money marke.
there is a steadied nerve. There is no pessimism; there is the sober second
thougt est tremor respecting the future; all men feel that over exuberance is a dan gerous thing. The sixteen story building
pauses a moment, but is not daunted. The unfinished columns point irregularly upward, but in brief space they
will reach completion. The writer visited a family in a dug-out not long ago. One saw beaut rul silverware with
the monograms and crests which bespoke gentility; bits of bric-a-brac almost priceless in their speciosity. One mar-
velfed; but the husband and head of the family pointed with pride to the
timber and the bricks outside with which he intended to build himself a proper home when he could get time;
and also to his bank book, which was enviably fat, Asked if she had suffere said that she would not think of going back East after tasting the fresh, free
and wholesome life of the prairie,
which, too, was fast becoming a socialk and animated life, seeing that the
peopp. were coming in so rapidly. Mr.
d. 13. Foster, the assistant passenger peopl. were coming in so rapidly. Mr
I. I. Fover, the assistant passenger
trathic manager of the C.P.R. said to the
writer
thrill of the first car load of new wheat which reached Winnipeg. "The "people timed it to a moment" he said. "Everybody felt thrilled over that first car and rain. Of course the thrill would pass, but it was intense. Why? Because that was the guarantee of prosperity to the West and to the world for that mat eer. That first car load timed to
icety, was eloquent of what was nicety, was eloquent of what was
follow. It meant that $\$ 300,000,000$ or more. It meant the resumption of every activity-not that there had been any visible slackness, except perhaps in Real
Estate. It meant the cheap loaf for the sstate. It meant the cheap loar for tha-
poor of London, and it meant for Canada more population, the easement of money stringency; and the recovery of the general confidence. And when the wheat is sold, and the big wad stick
out of the hip pocket, the home is enourged, the sod covered roof disappears the church, the school is enlarged; the university adds to its degree-conferring power; and we remember the heathe in distant lands. Lord Strathcona, who
was recenitly in Canada, referred in conversation to the West-expressing his deight that the development was going on so rapidly, and that at the same time the conditions were on the whole so
sound. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, well understanding that the last great West halt in the West, continues his policy of ready made farms, and the laying down of the steel before the settler arrives. He does this with confidence-
understanding that the last great West has made its irresistible appeal to the world. Mr. Smithers, the chairman of the board of directors of the Gran Trunk said to the writer the other day here were at once a gain to the Domin on and the Empire at large. When they come to you they are ready-made citizens. They have been brought up to onserve the laws under which you live
They have sentiments identical with your own. They are merely enlarging their horizon a bit. That is all. And under the old flag they are ready at any noment to render necessary service to Moreover, they will leaven, in any community, the other elements and produce in time a wholesome citizenship. There ore, encourage the British emigrant, ost to the Empire. One can and that all the large centres the spirit is one of onfidence. While great work may hav paused a moment, normal life and ac loyment. Business is good. Nascent anufacturers are gaining in strengt upply West is fast becoming self-contained in espect to its fabrications. The urban opulation grows, supplying the marke icle is given in exchange for the desired natural products. Minerals which enter nto manufacturing and make it pos tities at the precise localities wher they are most desired-exactly as, by law of subtle compensation, you find the urative spring at the location which is rovocative of rheumatism. That indus trial feature needs emphasising, as does
the other hopeful feature of mixed farming, which one was able to see so much evidence of. These compenen
tary features assure the succes of the ary features assure the successy of the
Vest in all material regards; while the etting up of high schools and college culture, lacking which material succes ounger cities one visited there miglt be something to fear in their crudenes ppear before dawning aestheticism appear before dawning aestheticism
but there were also the hints of beau .
-in architecture, boulevard-while in striking evidence, was the cre of th cople for the education of their chip
ren. They are still gathering money i
ngland for the salvation of the England for the salvation of the North

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Real Satisfaction in Gift Making
Mrs. J. W. Wheeler

It is quite possible to plan and prepare one's christmas gits and at the same ith the "good time" to red To illustrate : Do you love flowers? Then why not carry out your Christma Nork along this mee ers not more atters shopping in crowded stores eateris
evecilly when one must stretch the the
dollar to do work of five II it in better than putting one's eyes out over
many kinds of needlework? Why not masolve never a again to discount your aarter of the time and a similar economy of expense would bring greater happiness
to the friend and to yourself ? for Mail your order early to any reliable seedsman for the bulbs you desire and you vil go ; then study your catalog for najority of flowering bulbs may be forcee Christmas blooming, or restrained, a he case may be. Use good earth for ands , you wish to merely remem er, and half-dozens of a kind in larger pots for those for whom you desire more elaborate gift. The larger pots are upon the dining table or in the parlor

Have the cards and holiday wrappinga in readiness, and when the gift time arrives you will hid it a moster of things You will feel quite Santy-like as you dro mon this friend and that, but if this not desirable there is always the smal penny at this is than tistying's one's beauty hunger during the weeks of bulb culture is grand compensa "But," the objector opines, "I canno get my wares to out-of-town friends, the transi.
The express companies have particular and very satisfactory methods of handiling
business of this sort, but if one is still
faMILY OF FIVE
anl Indulged Freely from Infancy.
It is a common thing in this country nervous systems weakened by tea and coffee drinking.
That is because many parents do not ealize that tea and coffee contain rug-caleine- hich causes the troubl "There are five children in my family," Writes a Western mother, "all of whom
drank coffee ffrom infancy up to two
years ago. - My husband and I had heart trouble and were advised to quit coffee. W now are doing without medicine an are entirely relieved of heart trouble. Cantinually used as in coffee drinking.) "Our eleven-year-old boy had a wea igestion from birth, and yet always raved and was given coffee. When we hanged to Postum he liked it and w restored to health by Postum and still

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Postum comes in two forms:
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sugar, makes a delicious beverage "There's a reason" for Postum.
 fiend nesidses and itherer the suat remember the old saying, "first come first served," prevails at this season. If art is your first love, put yourself in the atmosphere of art, selecting pictures
for the 1913 gift making. Everybody has room for another little picture selected with taste and consideration of the "four walls" of the friend you have in mind. There never was a time when a very little money could go so far in this direction.
The leading dealers in America specialty of faithful reproductions of famous pictures, both old and new, as well as pictures of the world's beauty spots, and either for a mere pittance. some on the picture postals are gems of art. On
marvels that they can be manufactured or the popular price, "two for five!" They are a valuable asset in Christmas Work.
by the girl delighted her friends last year views, places she had seen the summer before, matted and framed at an aston-
ishingly low figure. Her work assumed ishingly low figure. Her work assumed
such proportions that she was able to get such proportions that she was able to get
a special figure from the picture man. The moldings were cut and fastened at the comers, and the glasses cut to fit. The rest of the work she did in her room.
Narrow brown frames were selected for Narrow brown prames wed still narrower
the onetoned pictures, and sos for the colored postals that called
ones for a gold frame. A few she merely fini-
shed with passepartout binding. She shed with passepartout binding. She enjoyed the work greatly and became was of equal importanee, she had her
gifts fmished long before the holiday rush,
properly done up and in the hands of a property done up and in the hands of a
trusted mossenger for delivery, while she
was enioying snowshoeing with another was enjoying snowshoeing with another
weary teacher with whom she had fled into the heart of Maine for her mid-
winter vacation. Was she not a wise winter vacation. Was she not a wise
young woman ?
The fact that she had bought her The fact that she had bought her
postals across the sea is not as important as would at first seem for the same cards may be purchased of Me large dealers,
who import them at a a smal advance who import them at biny a smal advance on the price. The many equally bearus as
views of our land make just as satisfactory little -pictures
Another line that may be exploited with equal satisfaction is that of fine cookery preserving, confectionning, etc. The ony
disadvantage in this work is that it cannot be done ahead of time, but by arranging the boxes, ribbons and wrappings in advance the task need not result in too great a confusion. Very pretty baskets
and boxes are now sold for gifts of this

Bints for Christmas Gifts M. M

Our city cousins hawe a present-day fad or wearing necklaces of rose hips, reviving an old-time schoolgir cusem. Rose carefully strung make very pretty ornaments, and when fully dried, by their expensive hand-carved wooden beads.
For a Christmas gift to city friends For a Christmas gift to city friends
nothing would please them more. They nothing would please them more. Thy a little time, strings of two yards long being the right length. Gather a quantity and clip the stem and blossom end free
from anything adhering when pulling them from the parent stem. String from both ends, using a red druggist's cord, place a large hip in the centre, and graduate them so the smallest cone at the opposite end
When com-leted hang the chain in a sunny When com kitchen window where the sun and heat will dry it. Bally berries make very dainty hains. When gathered before frost and allowed to partly dry on the branch, then strung, when fully dry they are hardy
distinguishable from real beads. Necklaces of these come from California, made with every other one a gold bead, and are unique and expensive. A country girl might make a neat hains of these berries, without the gold beads, at stores where Christmas novelties are kept. Care must be taken to use only the large, uniform size berries, and when pushing them along on the string nill be taken.


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can shut him off at any point. can 1000 Car ion dealers are sary to take care of the demand he's sary to take care of the demand he s
created for himself. He's made a
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Christmas Customs in England
Written for Western Home Monthly by E. L. Chicanot, Lillico.

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CHOUGH the celebration Christemas has become considerably districts in England the in mabitants old continue the custonds' which survive the conkinue the custouss which survive the
times when each coynty had its separate customs and was as fistinct, in its way as one country is irom another. "boar's head feast," an At Oxford, the "boar's head feast" an northern counties is amnually celebrated
at Queen's College. A blast of a horn at Queen's College A blast of a horn
heralds the procession, and all eyes are heralds the procession, and all eyes are fixed on the door. First enter the provost
and fellows, followed by the bearer of
silver dish on which reposes the boar's silver dish on which reposes the boar's take their places and the feast begins. At Dewesbury, in Yorkshire, every
Christmas Eve-the Devil's knell is tolled. The bell is rung the same number of times
as the year-thus this year it would be as the year-thus this year it would be
tolled 1912 times. This practice signifies that when Christ was boin the Devil dies In certisin paits of Stasfordshire, the old Christmas cuatom of " horn and hobby dancing" still survives Each dancer encircles his head with reindeer antlers,
and these, together with the hobby horse,
are kept from year to vear. One of the and kept from year to year. One of the
are haviners leads the hobby horse, whist
another plays an accordion, and they another plays an saccordion, and they
altojetherperformsundry old timedances.
At the Atogetherperformsundry dance they send At the conclusion of receive quite a nice
round the hat and res dive
itttle ssum which the dances divide
among themselyes. After these celebraamong themselyes. After these celebrations the horse and antlers are stowed
away in the church until the next Christmas
Until recent years there existed in Essex
an old custom of wrestling for the boar's an old custom of wrestling for the boar's New College, Oxford, was elevated on a
pole, decked with ribbons and at the head pole, decced with noubons, and at the head
of proession brought into a ring already prepared in a field adjoining the church. Here the wrestling took place, the winner of the contests
At Haxeyp)in, the Lincolnshire Fen district a curcous old custom of "throwing
the hood" is annually celebrated. It was the hood" is annually celebrated. It was
finst instituted by a daughter of the Mobrays, a landed family of the district yo happened one Christmas Eve that was out riding and had her
youd blown off by the wind. Several
hod men working in an adjoining field ran to pick it up. away and their efforts to secure the cloak afforded the young lady so much amusement that she gave the men money, and promised that a piece
of land should be vested for carrying out a sport on Christmas Eve to be called
"throwing the hood." The villagers have held chivalrously to the custom and each Christmas they hunt the hood with the same zest as did their ancestors of old.
In superstitious Cornwall we should expect to find old Christmas customs, and we are not disappointed. Christmas festivities in this county begin on the second Thursiay previous to Christmas St. Piram, the supposed discoverer of tin, and on the first Thursday before Christmas the feast of Chewidden in commemoration of the first manufacture of
The Cornish miners have also a superstition against working in the mines on Christmas Eve, because of a tradition that on that night the fairies meet
together underground to hold a Mass in honour of the birth of Christ. Sounds of beautiful music are alleged to have been heard. On two occasions also, where love of money had conquered their super-
stitions miners have stitions miners have gone into the mine
on Christmas Eve and at both times fata explocions have taken place.
This supertition is also held by the miners of the Black Country.
Deyonshire, too, clings hard to its an-
cient custome cient customs In the neighbourhood of Dartmoor it is customary on Christmas a large bowl of cider with toast in it, and carry it in promescion to the orchard to
salute the tree in order that they may salute the tree in order that they may
bear well the following vear. The cere
mony consits in throwing the cider about
the roots of the tree and placing the pieces of toast upon the branches. All stand in a circle about the tree and sing carols to the tree, special honour being paid to one
bearing mistletoe. This custom is reving mistent in Somerset, Hertfordshire Shropshire, Hampshire, Herefordshire, and in some parts of Sussex. "Shooting the apple" is another old evonshire custom. It is customary on rees as if to threaten them if ihey do not In Manx plenty. In Manx land, annually, on the feast hunting of the wren takes place. Men and boys stay out all day hunting the poor
ittle wren. At the end of the day, one little wren. At the end of the day, one
of the slaughtered birds is fixed to a long pole decked with ribbons and flowers and carried at the head of a long procession, whilst sundry rhymes, pertaining to the wren, are sung. Afterwards it is laid on
a bier and buried with all funeral rites in bier and buried with
The custom of "hhunting the wren", also annually carried out on St. Stephen" day. Hunting parties are out all day and at night, accompanied by songs that have been handed down from generation
to generation, they carry home in triumph
the slain birds. Needless to say, this ractice has always been denounced by he clergy and all bird-lovers.

## From The Same Country.

One does not hear so much about Belgian hares as one did a year or so
ago. But the raising of these hares is still both a pastime and an industry $A$ man who has a prosperous hutc was showing a friend some of the young ones.
"And those little dabs of fur are Bel gian hares?"
"Huh! They look to me more like Brussels sprouts."

And now abides Faith-as bides Love, and bides Hope,
The three Godly Graces sent doon fra nd above! ye may speir, "whilk nd $\begin{aligned} & \text { gin } \\ & \text { ge eatest?" }\end{aligned}$, Give heed!
The greatest, the sweetest, maist God like, is Love! -W. Wye Smith

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Vuts. I am over sixty and weigh 155 uts. I am over sixty and weigh 15s bs. My son and husband seeing how "My son, who is a traveling man eats nothing for breakfast but Grape uts and a glass of milk. An aun ver 70, seems fully nourished on Grape,
uts and cream." "There's a Reason." Name given by Canadian Postum Co Windsor, Ont. Read "The Road to WellEver read the above letter? A new re genuine true and full of human are genuine, true, and full of human

## Christine's Christmas

Written for Western Home Monthly by W. R. Gilbert, Calgary.

| T WAS a dull December day and very |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cold, colder indoors than out; so at | into a home where destitute children were <br> least thought little Christine Denbigh as <br> fed, clothed and educated. <br> she |
| she busily dusted the draughty schoorinoom | summonod to Ming Christine had been again |
| of Miss Cubbitt's seminary for young |  |



The songster rendering sweet melody to the hungry squirrels
have become sour, cross-grained, and lay through a very quiet thoroughfare, and fault-finding. $\quad$ a barrel organ bursting into tune just Just over three years ago a cab had behind startled her not a little. The
drawn up before the front door of this
air was a very gay one, and as Christine rawn up before the front door of this air was a very gay one, and as Christine tall gentleman, holding by the hand a to beat her feet in time to the music. She small girl, beautifully dressed, and carrying a wax doll almost as big as herself, with
golden hair and china blue eyes.
The tall gentleman had been Mr. Denat that time Christine had been only seven, he remembered clearly how deferential Miss Cubbitt had been to her father as he explained that he was going abroad for an indefinite period and was entrusting his
notherless daughter to her care. Christine had new him
e had written frequently kind, affectionate etters, urging her to be good and patient at school until the happy day arrived when he should come and fetch her away and ogether.
The last letter was the shortest of all, others, for in it her father had stated that he was starting for home immediately and, a month. well, would be in England within And then just a week after he had sailed the terrible announcement appeared in the papers that the ship had gone down in
mid-ocean and all lives were lost.
Christine had been summoned to the the dreadful facts; she was also told that it was impossible for Miss Cubbitt to maintain a penniless child, and that an applica-
tion would be made for her admittance

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and began to play while Christine danced as before. Soon a crowd gathered, and many reached the childs" ona her dancing her succees, she performed her part of the entertainment with marvellous akkill and grate Then at last the organ-grinder's dilapidated cap was passed round for oontributions quite a shower of small coins was ca
Thus they moved on from place to place were one by one lighted up to display the Christmas wares inside. The streets were getting very crowded now, and Christine began to get tired of the perpetual glare
and buste.
Just then the and bustle. Just then the man stopped the organ in
began to play.
"I will dance just this once more", she said to herself, "and then I. . will tell the
man that 1 must go home
ghe man that 1 must go home.
A large crowd collected, and Christine onco again began to dance. The crowd
applauded voifer vailed upon to dance zain and wain pre her head began to swim, and she was orred to lean against the organ for support.
"Get on now," said the man, giving.

 have the happiest Christmas she had ewer spent, for she was taken away firom Miss the grandest of grand hotels staveed in father. It appeared that the shimin har Mr. Denbigh had sailed was the "PMince down was the "Princess Mary"
Christine is a big girl now, and hass lived for several years in the beautiful homse which she had so often dreamed abont. She has a grand party every Clunistmans
but she always says that the happiest she ever spent was that Christmas of long
when her father was restored to her.

Susie
Written for The Western Home Monthty
by J. D. A. Evans
She had realised the meaning of eme
word, ah! longer than she cared to gylamee word, ah! longer than she cared to gollampe
back into the mists those days of somenw which had obscured her life. It is true that grey had come to her hairs a certhain
firmess was yet visible in the equid
mot recollect as resident within a locality mot recollect as resident within a locality majority of the dwellers. For a few
moments she paused. No it could not moments she paused. No! it could not The possible. She looked at him again. Perhaps he would notice her. She wondered if the long years of sorrow were -that the man might be Herbert. She glanced intently towards him. The memCould he have face had not forsaken her. Min Mountberry and had come to see her?
She walked toward him. That one word she uttered sufficed-the sound of a voice he had once known-Susie!
Then-the mists had cleared away.
She syok walked together along the road
foll for that. Her lips whispered forgive mess, a forgotten past.s At last the tears
eame, Susie's long kept tear of Tame Susie's long kept tears of years. The broken chord was mended and

When the tongue has been bu hot food or liquid, allow sen burned with to melt or gradually in the mouth and im nediate relief will be afforded.
$\left|\begin{array}{l}\text { attitude of her eyes; depression had mott } \\ \text { been permitted to enter within her soull }\end{array}\right|$ Special Announcement the calm features of her face were indicartive of that.
The afternoon of Christmas Eve. Miss Atley, teacher at Mountberry, was stumuding in the porch of the school as the ethill A long, deep sigh escaped her lips The morrow was Christmas Day, and Then a tear rolled down her cheek. Th years passed away had not effaced fromi her memory a Yuletide, party at the olld The story she had listened to; the rememmbrance of that night was a bittermess, sim unending anguish. She stood deep iim thought. For nineteen years she bad mott seen him, never learned whither he wremt.
Rumor had said Australia. Possibly the lay buried in Antipodean climes.
Then she locked the schoolroom dom and walked homeward.
It was the usual custom in Mountliency to celebrate Christmas evening by a drumce Miss Als large barr. To this fumetion, As a general rule, she did not accept many ocial requests for her company a at the The Christmas dance was, however an exception. And now she was seateed in Parley's barn watching the arriving guestis
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 | make a formal presentation, Mrs. |
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| Golding and Colonel Sebright had | \(\begin{aligned} \& dog on paper! Really, he lived alone in <br>

\& the jungle. The solitude was too much\end{aligned}\) met before.
"So you know our lion?" said Lady Dallison; and Olive Golding, a little palely, "Oh, yes; Edmund and I were riends as boy and girl."
Jack Golding had charge of the colonel now, and he was delighted to come so
close to a popular hero, to meet him in the flesh and grasp his hand.
"we poor lifellows soldier's," he was saying; "we poor fellows that stay at home-
what are we?" The colonel
"Olive Moorsom's enlighten him. "Olive Moorsom's husband, forr one spoken out. "I hear he's to be knighted, a K.C.B. none of your Indian orders."' Olive was listening to Jermyn Dallison. "I don't Golding had he not promised? Jack done things never seem to care. I gave even something comic in Jack Goldings'

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five thousand for my handle-'services to
the party," and he laughed. the party,' and he laughed
spinster conel was presented to a vivacious spinster, and to a lady and gentleman who
took him very seriously indeed; who took him very seriously indeed; who made quite a point of taking him very
seriously. It was rather foolish of them his grey eyes seemed to say. He had another moment with Olive before dinner was announced. She must be thirty-eight - "Hand married and children in the nursery reflected, giving Lady Dallison his arm. There was just a whisper of excitement under all that dinner-party, a heightening, a something scarcely perceptible, but
nevertheless evident. Even the servants nevertheless evident.
were full of Colonel . Sebright and the exploit that had put his name in so many mouths.
He swallowed his soup, however, like
any other body; indeed, he seemed any other body; indeed, he seemed singularly young and cheery and unspoiled. ously, asked him whether he was not sorry it was over. IShe would like to have been in his place, it appeared. So would Jack Golding-more fondly still; though what
either of them would have done in it was not so clear. Over the colonel's face rippled a smile at "their enthusiasm.
"It's better fun tò be home," he said, "much better fun. You don't know how
we fellows abroad envy you and think' of we fellows abroad envy you and think of 'There was one poor chap I knerry in
Burmah-blew his brains out-couldn't stand the solitude. We went over his papers-pages full of imaginary sprees. such evenings! Dinners everywhere, and such good dinners- he gave you the whole six courses with all sorts of additions and corrections; but always salmon after the soup-seemed to have liked salmon; and
then to a music hall or a play, and suppers
warm insistence and pinning to a date;
and "any afternoon," Olive had said, "if you send a note in the morning. I've so
few engagements, and the children rather few engagements, and the children rather look to me," as she gave him her hand.
Olive Golding must be thirty Olive Golding must be thirty-eight. There had been three years between them. again he saw Jack Golding fixing the evening he should dine with them, waving aside his hesitations, begging him to accept
all kinds of hospitality, and finishing with, "We've a little place in the countryquite cosy for week-ends-if you could join us "" second a dangerous hardness crossed the colonel's eyes.

## II.

It was December now, and London of going abroad for Christmas, thought of going abroad for Christmas, and, before he chanced it one afternoon. If Olive
If were in, so much the better; if she were out, he would send aline when he reached
home. home.
She was in. It was the first time he had been alone with her informal
her in the quiet of every day.
"I suppose it'll be the South of France" he said, when Olive asked him whether he had made any plans.
"Rather a dull Christmas," said she. We shall be quite a party., My big girl
came home yesterday-she's just left school-and the two elder boys will be here to-morrow. 起 geems hard on you having "One doesn't, miss these things unless though in himself he had often made the same reply before.
She put her sewing before her and faced

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"Edmund," she asked, "why didn't you marry? Was int because of me?"
Sebright smiled. Sebright smiled.
"One likes to think itt," he said, "but, honestly, it wasn't that.
Her face cleared.
"Ter face cleared.
"rve always had you a little on my
conscience," she said with half a smile. "No need," said he. "Sometimes I've worked it out. I took three years to
recover, and then-I simply hadn't time, recover, and then-I simply hadn't time,
and a, second shot's not so easy as the
first,",
first."
"Why don't you marry, now?"
"Who would have met" said
"I know," he answered, 'IT've met 'em. All sorts of inappropriate people-all the
old maids in London for the old maids in London, for that matter". things, Edmund."
"It, saves one from dwelling on the
other."
The colonel looked at her even more whimsically.
going to give me a brigade- $T^{\prime}$ 've often
 "and I knew we would be good friends. One likes to meet one's youth again. But
that first thing was pretty impossible. You were eighteen and had just left school. I was tiventy-one and had just got my commission-and very little else. Your
people were quite right to say 'No' and cut off everything. I've often given, 'em
credit for it-reluctantly", he added with a smile, "from their point of view."
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Rocky Mountain Sheep
She smiled, too, remembering-remem"It was pretty mad," said he; " "all those
"Ing. garden-parties at Halesworth, and my governess, after I had been forbidden the house what a queer good-bye we whispered! Were you ever caught? And
letting the pony down when I was tryin leting the pony down when I was trying
to make a good impression on your mothake a good impression on your Hardly the right sort of impression that
was And Olive still smiled, rememberingremembering. Jack Golding had done
none of these foolish, ardent things, but had come in at the front door like other peopie. the five bob I got for the poem
about you? And King about you? friend ind king who was my bosom ruffian!" "What's becóme of King?" she asked, ${ }^{\text {laughing }}$. ive in America and is hen" "And you're not even that!"
They bort remembered a hundred
foolish things that were their youth "And Unica who befriended us-I've forgotten her real name-and Mrs. Perch
who told our fortunes-what's become of who told our fortunes-what's become of
them?"
Unica and Mrs. Perch had vanished. ""I've been pretty constant," he said, constant out there, one meets so few women-unless one particularly wants to.
I haven't wanted to very much," said he.
"' -"And now Im glad to think you've get better than all our memories. Kids are
real, and reality's the only wear. That' where I envy you, really. Women do you're ,young-that mave be pretty ripping. yut you've got other things," she "'T"ve been successful, made a career, eh?" and he smiled again. "One must have something, Olivel" he said laughing.
II couldni't have what I wanted, so I've I couldn't have what I wanted, so I've had this instead. It's not much fun, really like apything." the maids. They enjoy it "But the things you've done in Burmah and on the frontier!" Do you know, Olive, I've never cared. That's the whole secret. The married men were thinking how to win and how to save their skins, and I had the pull of them," to win. I rather The room was all but dark. The fire light showed him sitting there, almost in
silhouette, with cheek and chin outsilhouette, with
blotted by a hand.
"I've, done what people call 'reckless' things," he pursued, "done them alose mostly. There was that nine days' ride It with Arnold's message asking for help. it got me my first step. There was There never is, axcept by a fluke, or when you've done something showy, like this
last thing. Reckless, was I? All I felt was the reedom of those days and night and the goodness of being alone. Some-
times I heard the pop of a rifle and the
queer sigh of a bullet, and, just for the fun of the thing, I answered 'em with my
Colt. And sometimes men gave chase; and. And sometimes men ren rode away. It was like a game, and those others were my playfor we', And deep down in my heartsaying, 'I can't very well shoot myself,
can 1 , can There was the fellow who rode laughing, and the fellow saying that."
The colonel paused. O ive's drawing room head vanished, and he was again on a good horse with Arnold's message next his heart, and the wilderness round about him.
that nuntil knew why I volunteered for that until ta-day. In thought it was,
thousand to one against me, but it wasn't
I'w I've been like that for years, and never quite understood-And now, suppose you
give me a cup of tea?" he ended give me a cup of tea?" he ended.
He turned on the lights and rang the bell for her. slim, tall girl, fair, light ray entered a clear-cut as a a gem.
She had not seen Sebright, but he had seen her - not seen Sebright, but he had This must be Olive's "big girl," the one was a vision restored from twenty years ago. He stared at her, literally stared at her. Olive had been like that, as fair, as
exquisite, as graceful. exquisite, as graceful.
""what do yout my hair up, mother," she said; round do you think of it?" and she turned Then she discovered the colonel, and Would have fled. Sucy, this is Sir Edmund Sebright, a very dear old friend of mine." and felt
Mrs. Golding watched them and
proud. Her girl was chatting now, freely had opened, and they had The colone gether; and then she had caught, "You're like the photograph-we all wore it at
school in little buttons"-"Now you may school in little buttons"-"Now you may
go," said Mrs. Golding; and this time the go," said Mrs. Gold
girl fled in earnest
It was a a glimpse, a vision, real and unreal. Olive Golding was studying the She's a litt
she asked shyll-a little like her mother?"
she asked shyly.
a ghost," he said,
A very substantial one"
"Apparently," and he smiled
She gave him tea, and they talked of
other things.
"Why don't you come to us for Christ-
mas?" she asked at last. "We are going away into the country, "We are we'd just have room for you. I'd be so glad." " was his reply.
Their eyes met, making her meaning
plain. It swept through him plain' It swept through him. interval.
"You're not old."
"Quite a boy!"
his head. "Wouldn't have me," and he shook his head.
"Oh, almost as though she were ofl" It was, almost as though she were offering
herself to him. "You will come?" she herseff "Io him. "You will come?" she since our first meeting. You see, I owed it you so long!" "But she wouldn't have me."
"Have you! Oh, aren't you a hero and
an sorts of things! Do girls ever refuse all sorts of things! Do girls ever refuse "But she'll find me out."
"She'll think herself the luckiest girl in England, and you can make it true. A young girl's clay. I was clay. A young
girl's love is not a very deep thing, and girl's love is not a very deep thing, and it's easily won; but you can make it deep and win it and keep it. I know you'll be good to me.,"
Sebright was looking at her, his eyes a Sebright was looking at her, his eyes a
little dimmed. "If she would grow like you!" he said.
"I'll, come," said Sebright, "of course I will!"

## Before Christmas

Magdalene Merritt
Now comes the white snow mantle down And hides the fields so bleak and brown. The hardwood trees against the sky Uplift their leafless branches high, While nature in expectant mood Soems prophesying something good ; The happy Christmas of good cheer.
How gay the children run to school And quick obey each stringent rule !
With bright heads bent above their books, Right merry every scholar looks. With side-long glances here and there, And hopeful thoughts that wander where Old Santa Claus packs up the things
That every gladsome Christmas brings.

Then hurry up, good mother, bake The doughnuts, pies, and rich nut cake Till full your pantry shelves will grow With toothsome goodies, row on row There flanked by clear cranberry gell, And small plum puddings steaming well, The fattened goose is stored aw
To ripen until Christmas day.
And in a hamper, deep and wide, Pack close and well what goes inside For gifts like these that love doth send Since food touched by your finger tips Is magic to another's lips.
Thus each small portion sent away,
Kerosene is excellent for cleaning
Kerosene is excellent for cleaning
windows, mirrors, cut glass, etc. Rub the surface with a rag dipped in the oils
wipe off with a clean cloth and polish r:ipe off with a clean cloth and polish
with tissue paper or chamois skin. There with tissue paper or chamois skin. There
vill be no odor left on glassware, but

A February Picnic

## By E. M.

"Oh dear me!" sighed Nellie Page; "how I do wish I had been born in the summer."
"I'm sorry, too," said Nelliè's mamma ; you really ought to have been born in kissed you re such a rosy posy," and she kissed the little girl's plump pink
cheeks.
"Helen Barr has her birthday in August when she can have a lawn party.
Gracie Ford's is in July. She ways a picnic birthday party, and I have nasty, horrid; snowy, old February, when we've got to stay indoors and go home early because it gets dark and there's,
no flowers nor green things nor nothing." "It is too green things nor nothing." "we thought too bad," sighed mamma; we thought you were such a dear little ago that I really didn't think anything about the winter. And it was such a snowy day, snowier than any birthday you have had since."
"I think there is plenty of snow now," said Nellie, as she gazed out at the
windows watching the boys and wade home from school through girls wrifts. home from school through the
"We're not going to mind the snow," said mamma cheerily; "I've just written all your invitations and asked the little olks to come to a pienic on Thursday.
"A picnic, mamma, out in the snowy
woods!" cried Nellie, "No indeed. This picnic will be under green trees and with flowers all round." "Oh!" gasped Nellie; "where are we
going? South?"," said mamm "t tell",
"I can't tell," said mamma; "don't
ask any more questions; it would ask any more questions; it would spoil the surprise."
How it did
take off your won Thursday! "Don't mamma, to the things," said Nellie's arrived for the picnic; "all come in and carry a basket to the picnic."
Mamma wrapped a shawl about her head and with her guests trooping after her carried a big basket out through the
yard. They stopped, however, before they went into the woods behind the house; they followed mamma into the barn, up the stairs to the great big loft. How the bays and girls did shout
when they saw the wonderful grounds. The floor of the loft wienic covered with a green carpet and green, grassy-looking rugs, and all around stood pine trees, nailed securely to the floor. You couldn't see, however, where they were nailed, for the grassy mats covered
them. Two or three canary cages were hidden away in the rafters, and the birds were singing. There were two swings and a teeter board, and Nellie's big doll house and all her dollies. Best of all, off at one end there was a great, big mound of sweet-smelling hay. The
children dived into it and rolled on it and made nests, and what a good time
they did have. There were boxes and pots of real blossoming flowers, which mamma had been petting and tending lilies.
I couldn't tell you of all the surprises
which happened at that picnic. While she was playing hide and seek among
the trees, Dolly Loring found a whold the trees, Dolly Loring found a wholo
shelf of things ready to blow soap shelf of things ready to blow soap bubbles, and such fun as they had. In one corner, in, the hay, was old Doosie
with her three little kittens. Suddenly with her three little kittens. Suddenly
there came a burst of music. It was a funny old organ grinder. He had the drollest little monkey with him; it danced and bowed and played with the girls and boys.
At last the baskets were unpacked, and everybody sat down around the tablecloth laid on the ground to eat
supper. There were delicious sandwiches sugary doughnuts, red apples, nuts, cunning little saucer pies, candy and popcorn. The boys and girls were as hungry as bears. The big can had to be filled with milk. When they said good-bye and bundled into their big coats and
rubber boots, and got ready to wade rubber boots, and got ready, to wade
through the snow home, they all stopped to give three cheers for Nellie and her winter pienic, which had proyed to be "Really jolly good time.
"Really, mamma," said the tired Hittle hostess, when her guests had gone, fit was the jolliest, funniest picnic I ever
went to in all my life"

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## The Days of the Year

By Newton Forbes

"Few and evil have been the days of the years of my pilgrimage."

> | HIS frank admission on the part of |
| :--- |
| Amos Witherbee did not create a |
| sensation at the class-meeting |
| which followed the regular Sunday |
| morning preaching at Clark's Corners, |
| Familiarity may breed indifference, if |
| not contempt, even in a celass-meeting. |
| The good people of Clark's Corners had |
| heard Amos make this self-same confes- |
| sion at every class-meeting held in their |
| little church during the previous ten |
| years. It seemed good and pious- |
| eminently the correct thing, in fact-for |
| him to lay claim to a shocking |
| depravity, especially as they had never |
| heard a word from any other person |

| HIS frank admission on the part of | which would in the least substantiate |
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and about fierce temptations which
assailed her on every side! The evil assailed her on every side! The evil
pilgrimage, over which Amos almost pilgrimage, over which Amos almost
seemed to gloat, was "of a piece" with seemed to gloat, was "o
Elvira's wayward heart.
Then, Amos had always contended To those of his fellow class-members who might be suspicously inclined this went to show, indisputably, that his whole confession was highly metaphorical, or, as some of those who sat in the seats' of the scornful were wont to
say a "sort of sanctimonious josh." say a "sort of sanctimonious josh."
Amos, while his face was of a deep pink and his figure straight and buoyant, was certainly no stripling. His bald dome and the fringe of snowy, white hair surrounding it proclaimed the days of the years of his pilgrimage as at least three hundred and sixty-five multiplied by sixty-five. Setting aside such
fellows as Methuselah, Amos did not seem to have sufficient reason to complain as to scarcity of days.


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## Few and evil have been the days of the years of my pil grimage!"

Amos, was here interrupted by a loud "Amen" from Pastor Cragg who had a "buttin' in with it," as exclamation boys used to say) during the testimonies" of his flock during the ceeded, keeping up his self-deprecatory vein, and finally sat down amidst a He was followed by Nelson Bowers, big, solemn man with a long, red beard. Bowers didn't testify as to any depravity on his part. His past record seemed to be highly satisfactory to
himself. In effect he declared that he had made admirable progress and he voiced his firm determination to "go on and on - Nelson always stopped just as he was declaring his intention to go on and on, and in this way he always left his hear-
ers a little in doubt as to his proposed ultimate goal. But everybody knew that Nelson had a high opinion of his peroration, and that he distinctly desired that his testimony should be a refrain about "Marching on, on, on;
marching on, on, on-""
Therefore
Lem Briggs, who started the tunes, at once struck up and the rest joined in. Meanwhile Nelson, sa
with his head in his hands. with his head in his hands, evidently
overcome with the tumult of his emotions. It was in the reception of the testi-
monies of Amos and Nelson that one of the peculiarities of Clark's Corners wa shown up vividly. Perhaps the gam sort of thing exists in other congrega
tions where a testimony is reguire from a member at certain intervals. Amos' confession of depravity was heard and disbelieved, and he remained a member in good standing. Nelsen triumphant religious spirit-was hear and, to a large extent, disbelieved; yet he too was allowed to remain a ímember in good standing.
years previous to to Clark's Corners ten years previous to the time of which w
write, bringing with him his grand-daughter, Amy. He had pur chased fifty acres which he cultivated thriftily and seemed to be in quite in dependent circumstances. He. had sent the little girl to school, always showeraffection. While he lived wealth of his he had always been a good neighbor honest and liberal in his dealings," Aconstant supporter of the church, and in
every way a thoroughly useful and every way a
esteemed citizen.
Nelson Bowers, on the other hand, had a hard reputation as a grinder of power. He was rich and he had made his money, like, probably, not a few other rural capitalists, partly by acts of yranny and petty meanness. Hardly many were kept quiet because they owed him money. But he gave a little more to the church than any of the other members, and it may have been partly for this reason that his class-meeting testimony was always followed by the
rather vociferous singing of that hymn so admirably designed to encourage and inspirit the doughty, Christian warrior. A few more testimonies followed and then, with a closing hymn, the classmeeting was at an end. The members around the open door, the young folk and those of the older ones who had never achieved class-meeting status were congregated. That platform had been the scene of ing as those which were held inside the church. Before the services began and after they were ended, groups had been accustomed to stand on that platform discussing many matters, hardly any of things of the soul. It was here that the latest tit-bits of gossip were The platform, though serving as the
threshold of the House of God, had been threshold of the House of God, had been
the scene of pore than one wordy combetween women and as vet no blows had been struck, but harsh recrimina
tions had brought spiteful retorts, followed sometimes by showers of tears.
More than once the holy hush of the More than once the holy hush of the Sabbath had been broken when the calumniated had come face to face with
the calumniator. the calumniator.
Except for Pastor Cragg, Amos
Witherbee was the last of the class members to emerge from the church on the glorious Sunday morning of which we write. He seemed at peace with all the world after the religious exercises in which he had participated and the had spoken with such solemnity a little while before did not seem to weigh heavily upon him. He shook hands with those neighbors who came in his way, hardly noticing that they seemed unreturning his greetings. Then, as he descended the steps, he was suddenly arrested in his progress by seeing his grand-daughter, Amy, sitting on the bottom step, and sobbing as if her heart would break.
thing for Amy to be crying and most of all in such a public place. She was one of the cheeriest little women to be met with in a month's travel. Of course, pered by Amos, but for all that she was a person of some importance in Clark's Corners. She had, in fact, a marksty
dignity and prestige to maintain dignity and prestige to maintain.


A pretty view at the Sunction of the Skeena and Bucklay Rivers

Was she not the teacher of the village school? Amos felt a great deal of pride other pupils during the years when she herself had attended that school, and year to finish up. Then he had sent her to Normal school.
After Amy had become a full-fledged
instructress, instructress, duly qualified, she sought for and obtained an appointment as
teacher of the school at Clark's Corners. This appointment proved very satisfactory to the parents and even more highly satisfactory to the children. In fact there was but one family which viewed with displeasure the progress being made by Amy. The Bowers openly and say so, but Mrs. Bowers deplored, occasionally, the slow advancement of her boy, Hiram. Nelson, himself, used to declaim against the mono "polizing of the teaching profession by to declare that in the school at Clark's Corners the strong discipline of a man was sadly required.
"Not that Amy Witherbee isn't doin'
her best," he would add, "but the order her best," he would add, "but the order
in that school isn't what it should be, an' a school can't be run without order!" There were some people in Clark's Corners who were unkind enough to believe that the attitude of the Bowers Rowers, was inspired by envy. Matty for years been aiming at passing the examination/required for a teacher's certificate. But she had studied for and
faced examinations only to meet with

Putting his hand on her shoulder he
said with tender concern, "Why, what's the matter, Amy? Are you sick?"
Amy turned a tear-stained face to him, looking at him with distended eyes, full of pain and misery.
"Oh, grandad!" she choked out, "Nels Bowers has been telling something awful about me! Everybody is talking about it! Allie Carr told me what he
has been saying. Oh, grandad it's has been saying. Oh, grandad, it's could he (sob) make up (sob) such a lie?"
After she had grown a bit quiet, Amos, whose face had grown strangely dark and rigid, spoke to her with the
same tender insistence. same tender insistence.
been saying." (come, dearie me what he ha "Oh, grand
Amy. "He's told an awful lie about me and about Harold too. You know, be fore Harold took the train for the city last evening I took him into the school showed me on the blackboard how to teach a certain kind of upper grade arithmetic, and after that we had to run so that he could catch the train Well, Nels Bowers says that when we
were in the school-house were in the school-house he looked in
through. the window. Oh, grandad! how throught the window. Oh, grandad! hov
could he (sob); how could he (sob) how could he tell such a lie?"
Amos didn't say another\% word to Amy just then. He went straight over to the board fence where Nels Bowers was un-
tying his horse, tying his horse, preparatory to driving


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up to the platform for Mrs, Bowers,
Matty and the young hopeful of the Matty and the young hopeful of the
family, Master Hiram.
Bowers saw Amos coming and flushing as red as his beard he affected to be busily engaged with the knot of the
halter. Amos walked right up to him. This was a tense moment in the affairs of Clark's Oorners, but only one of those on the outside of the little drama seemed to sense the impending storm. That one was Newt Briggs. Newt was a brother of Lem Briggs, the in
hymn leader, and a partner with him in the carpentering trade, but, unlike Lem, he was not of a religious turn of mind If there was one thing in which the sou of Newt Briggs delighted it was the wit nessing of a fight. He was present at of which any sort of formal notice had been given, and instinct seemed to guide his movements so that he was generally around when any little impromptu affair of the kind was brought about Newt had been known to go tweive
miles for the express purpose of seeing what had been announced as "the settling of an old grudge." Once, it was
told of him, he had gone to see an old told of him, he had gone to see an old
grudge laid to rest in the approved form grudge laid to rest in the approved form
and had returned in a highly dissatisfied and had returned in a highly dissatisfied he had answered, disgusted to blows; they just had a few words!" Newt's proudest boast was that he had once
gone a thousand miles to see a real gone a thousand
championship fight.
Instinct, perhaps, led Newt to be on Instinct, perhaps, led Newt to be on
the platform that Sunday morning, for he seldom attended service. Something more than instinct led him to jump down off the platform when he saw Amos Witherbee marching on, on, on to-
wards Nels Bowers. Newt, with a big wards Nels Bowers. Newt, with a big
quid of tobacco distending one cheek, and his eyes alight with the gleam peculiar to the rabid pugilistic fan was
right behind Amos. He sniffed a battle right behind Amos. He sniffed a battle and his tawny, straggly moustache moved up and down as he worked the
quid of tobacco in his mouth, while his quid of tobacco in his mouth, while his with expectation and excitement.
However, it must be said, that Newt did not expect much of a fight. He didn't think that Amos would stand much of a chance before the bulky Bowers. However, any, kind of a fight was better
than none. Amos walked right up to Nels, as has been said before. Nels lowered his head,
more intent than ever upon the refractory knot. Amos jabbed out an impulsive and by no means gentle hand, and grasping
Nels by his long, red beard jerked his Nels by his long, red beard jerked his head around sharply. Nels straightened
up as quickly as if someone had set fire up as quickly as if someone had set fire
to his coat-tails. He had a hot temper and that jerking of his whiskers was of a nature to have stirred to wrath a much milder man.
"H-1!" he said, "no man can do
that to me, even if he is an old one!" that to me, even if he is an old one!" Amos slipped out of his black Sunday threw himself into a posture half defensive, half offensive. Nels threw his coat off also. Next minute they were at it.
Newt Briggs was right when he Newt Briggs was right when he
opined that the fight would not last opined that the fight would not last scurry, a few revolving arms, a few grunts, and then it was all over. But Newt was wrong when he thought that Amos would be the under dog.
The fight was over before Pastor Cragg, alarmed by the shouts of the men and the cries of the women, had crossed the churchyard on his way to the parsonage and he had come back on the run. The sight that met his eyes was the bruised and recumbent form of
Bowers, on the ground and propped up Bowers, on the ground and propped up
against his own carriage wheel with the against his own carriage wheel with the
militant and triumpliant form of Amos - strange transfigutation - pacing up and down
"Bowers!" yelled Amos, 'T never yet
hit a man when he was down, but" if you hit a man when he was down, but" if you
don't say that you sws spreadin' a lie about my little gal I'll punch the hea Come, quick now, or I'll land one on the p'int, of your nose; that ain't smashed

Bowers nodded his battered head. "Say that you lied about my little gal -an' say it quick Amos crouched
the demoralized as if to spring upon "I told a lie about Amy," said Nels, his words coming out falteringly from a hairy, bloodstained mouth, and seeming being forced through teeth that as if suing forced through teet
suddenly become loosened.
The ring of men, which had bee formed around the two combatants and Newt Briggs, growled somewhat angrily. Dutside the ring the voice of Mrs.
Bowers, trembulous with fear Bowers, trembulous with fear and apprehension, was demanding that her husband should be "Torth.
"ain't Peters!" screamed Mrs. Bowers, protect my husband ? Why don't you kill him! He's hurt! I know he's hurt!" "Tell us what you saw when you demanded Amos that window, Bowers! in his voice, which carried a warning. "Tel it all!" young feller doin' a sum on he board," responded Nels, quite front bench watchin" him, with he elbows on her knees an' her chin in her lan's. The young feller looked at his watch an said somethin, an' then they started to run for the train. I hid besaw. I lied 'about Amy; an' yon're served me right."

On the following Friday night Pastor Cragg presided over a gathering of the hurch members, assembled in solemn session. Amos Witherbee was there, Amos wos naturally an Amos than ordinary interest an object of Elvira Simpson declared to the Widow Barnes that she always had a stiong admiration for a brave man. "Now look at Amos," she went on. "He's as hrave as they make 'em. Just think of him my gracious he must be strong! Even if

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had opemed the meeting with, after he havereamed you meeting with prayer, "I cleall with a very solemn matter. It has beem proiven conclusively that one of our members lhas committed the grevious inn frantbidden on the tablets of stone, of The The witness against his neighin that the reviled one was one of the weaker sex, a girl whose reputation is spothess and against whom calumny coulld have been prompted by the evil mand it is not necessary for Bownens has written a note addre Mr. mene, which I will read." Amidst a dea sillemce Pastor Cragg, after clearing his thenent, read the following self-indict meant from Nels Bowers:

- Dear Pastor-It is true that I told Fens albonit Amy Witherbee. My wife
and my damghter knew that it was a lie,
and we made up our minds to do it The reason, I guess our minds to do it. The jealous. I went to look in the window oping I would see something, which, 1 uess, was worse and more sinful than he church and I resign as a member of Some day, and also in my wife's name repented enough to ask you to take me repente"
The pastor folded the note and put it way, and an impressive silence lasted or a few minutes. Then the pastor sank o his knees and said, "Let us pray for is unfortunate and misguided man."
After the prayer was over and the astor was about to dismiss those prenose with the benediction, Lem Briggs arose and said: "I think we have someabout Amos Witherbee. I got to settle any fault about him a-lickin' Nels Bowers, even if it was on a Sunday an' right at the church door. But it seems ten me that he has been livin' here for tences. He didn't fight Nels Bowers pre-
any other man in Clark's Corners would have done. If he had, he would, have But he fit like they do in them prizefightin' rings. I don't know this of myself, but, I'm sorry to say, I've got a rother as does know. Newt saw the whole scrap an' he says that the only man he ever saw scrappin' (an' he's seen a good few) who handled them pion fellers that he travelled a thousand miles to see. Now I don't think that the church at Clark's Corners has come down so low that it can afford to keep a prize-fighter in good standin'. and the silence was beginning time oppressive when Amos slowly arose. "Friends," he said, "T will begin by admittin' that I used to be a prizefighter. After that, when I got too old for the ring I was a trainer. But I ain't than ten years. I ain't sailin' more false pretences. That wasn't ever my style. I've always told, you that few an style. I've always told you that few an'
evil have been the days of the years of
my pilgrimage. If you don't believe mo it wasn't my fault; I wasn't tellin' no lie!
"But, dear pastor an' friends, I ain't 2 prize-fighter now. I only fight now stand a whole lot on my own account but not very much on hers. I quit the fightin' game a little over ten years ago; that is, I quit trainin'! I got re; ligion one night in a little mission an farm. I was raised on a farm an' I always hankered to git back. I bought this fifty acres here an brought my little Amy, my dead son's child, here with me. I don't expect to do any more fightin'; maybe there isn't anyone Anyway, Amy will soon have me on. protector, for she's goin' to be married at the end of the term an' then she'll "But the city.
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Pastor Cragg stood up and in a loud voice asked: "Those in favor of retain ing Amos Witherbee a member of this church in good standing say aye!" There was a loud chorus of ayes, so loud, in fact, that the pastor declared it
was umnecessary to call for the nays. was unnecessary to call for the nays. "Newt will sure have one on me now-a


## Christmas Time amongst the $\mathbb{K}$ wakioutls

Written by request for The Western Home Monthly by Bonnycastle Đale.

$\checkmark$ HIS glad Christmastide, when all the large openings left at the top to permit centre and eastern parts of Canada the smoke to escape. In front of it was | out on the western side of Vancouver | $\begin{array}{l}\text { the shack of Kwulh, the old canim (canoe) } \\ \text { builder. Between us and the ancient chie }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | Island. Here, if we except the tops and

shoulders of the mighty backbone of the $\begin{aligned} & \text { builder. Between us and the ancient chie } \\ & \text { of the scattered people was a forty-foot }\end{aligned}$ Island and the mile high Olympics on the ing wonderful skill, when you consider that opposite side of the Straits of Juan de this ninety-year-old man wrested it from a Fuca, in United States territory, there was mighty cedar log with only an axe and a no sign of Winter. The sallal bushes were bit of iron for a gouge and a heap of white green, the madrona showed its red barked
beauty, the far sweeping forests of fir and hemlock and cedar were masses of verdure Some of the simpler wild flowers showed late blooms and the air was as balmy as found in Eastern October days.
Ahead of us, close to the beach, was the
Potlatch House of this Pothatch House of this branch of the boards and covered with shakes, these had


Could this possibly be Christmastide, asked Fritz. All about us lay the forest primeval, green, luxuriant. How could
t be Christmas time when for miles up and down this Coast the fiords and inlets were nhabited by people that, in their native God of the whot a God, neither the true the Red Indian. These brown-faced semiOriental people have no God
Fritz and I walked on, past the big bright eyes noted the dried salmon swing ing in the wind, the big tub of Devil-fish (giant squid) tentacles near the door, the great heap of freshly gathered clams and cockles and mussels, "pon the sandthis translated from the coast Chinow,
the modern jargon of these people, meant ded back. feed". I nodthere was going to be feast that nightppropriately on Christmas Eve-but of the glad Christmas
season they had no samowledge. sudden thought crossed my mind-how sur-
prised these people prised these people mas tree

Kwulh," I caled to Fritz. "Please wait
here for me." The old man, although a native, is susceptible to bribery, so in a way untold I managed to get him to fall in with my idea, and he rented me the Pot-
latch house, feast and all. I hurried back atch house, feast and all. I hurried back of the Captain and in a few words told him
of plans, gave him full and cone nyy plans, gave him full and copious
instructions-he almost spoke once- the last I saw of him and the mate they were ambling down the shore laden with axe and rope, pulley and saw-in fact they were most hurrying.
Frit" threw on the power in the "Terra
Nova"", her enemies call her the "Turn Over," but she never did-at least not while we were on her, and off we sped for the little store on the Inlet. Now, Mr. Storekeeper had not what you might call a
Christmas stock-in fact he had less Christmas goods than I ever saw gathered under one roof. I first of all learned the number of children and adults in the wee "illahie"-as they call their fishing villages. Thirty souls all told. Also they had
invitations out for the feast to another score or so, so say we had sixty people to become our involuntary guests.
Now I admit earthenware bowls and candles and sugar and rice are not just the very first things I would select for a
Christmas tree, but Mr. Storekeeper was Christmas tree, but Mr. Storekeeper was
so enthusiastic that he had these out and so enthusiastic that he had these out and
done up in a iffy-my, how fast this done up in a jiffy-my, how fast this
Scotchman could part with his own wares. Fritz found some silk handkerchiefs, so

This idea recurred to me at each step | weird, so insanely colored that we felt an over the yielding sand. Ahead of us lay apology was necessary to our guests if we the litule village, a mere cluster of beach combed cabins-the harvest of the sea, leaned irom fotsam and jetsam. Som
from the white man's mills, some from the tide, some from the cedar tree in form or
shakes for the roofs-all copies of white shakes for the roofs-all copies of white
man's work.
As we approached we found the little
ones intent on a game of well we would call it "Duck-on-the-Rock"-they had a funny name for it in the Chinookremember this language is a manufactured one from Kwakiutt, French, English and Spanish-"Hant-mit-lite-stone" they call-
ed it. Anyhow away flew rock and duck and boys and all upon our approach, ass:they seem airaid of unknown whitemen. However, their curiosity made them return and Fritz soon had them looking through he marine glass and into the lens of the were running. Still that thought held sway-What would they think of a Christmas. tree? The captain and mate of the little vessel coast came rolling along just then and I put the question to him. It always takes time to get an idea through the headpiece of the Captain-after a few footshiftings and trouser hoistings and the installation of a new cud of tobacco he broke forth with
"isood ${ }^{\prime}$, he is always so garrulous. '(iood'" he is always so garrulous. ", is also a store up the inlet and we have a little filthy lucre.
Another "Good," and the mate almost spoke-so I considered things looked
fovorabte. -I I am going back to see
apology was necessary to our guests if we
gave them. Bags of four are not just glittering tree ornaments-but these paper
bags were well ornamented with the name of the miller in various colors. Soap-it does not appeal tó me as Christmassy enough-but the man works fast and it is papered ere I could venture my weak objection. Nails-Now, Fritz, we must
insist-too late-the man has them bundled. We bought a little of everything rom candy to socks, hairoil to canned peaches- and by great good luck we found lot of clippings of all sorts of colored paper in a packing case in the warehouse-
there were just fourteen toys--they were o faded and decrepit-looking that my heart almost failed- but the man's nimble ingers did not-he evidently looked on me as some insane person-perfectly harmless,
hat had to be humored. We "put-put puttered" out of the little Inlet with a goodly part of his stock aboard. When we arrived at the Potlatch House there was no sign of any change in the interior, so we cached the goods on one of
the wooden platforms that surrounded the earthen firehole in the ecntre of the huge room and off we set for the boat again. Lo, the Captain has a noble dea, the Mate is almost eloquent in his nods and shrug.
ingsa and coughs, and $I$ joyfilly gings and coughs, and I joyfully agree-a
little case is lugged out of the boat and off roll the two sailor men towards the big cedar house once more.
A.'ll durng that bright December day high-prowed canoes arrived and were
anchored in a little inlet near the Potlatch anchored in a little inlet near the Potlatch touse "Ancient men of the tribe and
their

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peeped into the big house once-all was peeped into the big house once-all was as
we found it in the morning-save a little garret room near the roof at one end-a
ladder and a couple of dangling ends of opes.
Christmas Eve at last. How we longed and pined for our own firesides-alas, they fere thousands of miles away, and hear
felt greetings were all we could send five o'clock the feast was in full swingFritz and I just peeped in. All along the rude platform the old and the young wer feasting. The sea had sent the squid and great hills had presented the deer an
grouse, the squirrel and the quail grouse, the squirrel and the quail. stream had sent as its Christmas gift ma.e.,
a salmon; these had been smoked and were a salmon; these had been smoked and were
eaten co'd. The lagoon gave of its wild eaten co'd. The lagoon gave of its wild
fowl, as did the beach, and duck and goose oyster catcher and plover, gull and plover were there in quantity. The silver of the white man had bought pilot biscuits and clacking were ashcakes" too. With much Now the great fires are roginsed.
Now the great fires are roaring in the centre and two long lines of males and
females are swaying and bowing in the old-


The Kwakiutl village children running past the Totems, fearing our approach

We just carried each a heap of impro vised gifts and placed them at the feet of each person-the Captain puffing and rolling along, the Mate chewing in a very frenzy, Fritz just a ruddy gleam of smiles Then twe turned off the current, the tre glimmered amid its candles and we beat retreat out of the side door and buffeted the dark night, following the wind-drifted threads of the Mate's leadership-
"Rolling home, dear land, to thee Rolling home to Merry England
thing that he owned he gave away, freely and smilingly to his dusky guests-truly
this was threatening to lapse into a wonthis was threatening to lapse
derful gift feast. Now his guests began to derful gift feast. Now his guests began
repay the favors they had received from each other during the year. They paid
them back with huge interest, ten-fold, an them back with huge interest, ten-fold, an
hundred-fold. A perfect carnival of giftgiving took place-a riot of generosity almost unbelievable to our staring eyes lightning-like rapidity The young gav their little all, truly a frenzy had siezed the simple people-but I found out later that this custom is of ancient origin. Now the dance is about to start again, to be kept up
until the sun peeps over the tall Olympics but the old host has a word to say. He said it in the true Kwakiutl language and, although I have their clacking tongue noted down I will give you the English sense only.
The great
old man made his quieted down as the old man made his way towards the huge fires in the centre. He raised his spare
old brown arm and silence fell on the throng- fore white me They ter that in their cour white men. This day is the great Potlatch Day., They wish to make Potlatch with us."
All the dusky figures seated themselves upon the platforms. I had seen two dark figures climb the ladder to the little room of the great hall. I missed Fritz. Soon I saw him. He was busy at the end of the hall lifting a sail off our strange medley of gifts. Now I heard musio-a Jew's harp beginning to glow from that little attic room. It increases. Soon a blinding glare of a searchlight is pointed downwards and in the bright column of light descends to the floor-slowly and with many loudly played Jew's harp-a brilliantlylighted Christmas tree, eovered with many I bright paper parcel and fickering candle. was so surprised at the results of our own
work that $I$ could not helo cheering and work that I could not help cheering and surprised for once from their solemn habit. With never a halt the tree sailed down and Fritz cunningly guided it into its socketstill the music sounded out-aided and
abetted by a large pair of feet that swung abetted by a large pair of feet that swung
in the opening whence the tree had descended. "Rolling home across the sea"-I think a board slipped just then,
for he missed a line, but "Dear land to thee" came along in good time and two dark figures slipped down the column of
blinding light.
time dance-out go all the right hands and the walls are covered with many grotesque shadows- Potlatch "Yaka" sing the menKlootchmen. "I will give" was the bur Klootchmen. "I will give" was the bur-
den of the men's songs, and "thanks" and den of the men's songs, and "thanks" and
"how are you" the answer of the women
After this dance After this dance had been kept up until
both lines showed signs of exhaustion, the real "Potlatch" or "Gift Feast" began.
The old canim builder gave to each guest The old canim builder gave to each guest
a handful of our money. I should think he
gave away fully a thousand dolt gave away fully a a thousand dollars-I
have known a host to give four thousand have known a host to give four thousand.
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## How "Mokwuh" Came Home Written for the Western Home Monthly by Geo. E. Clough.

"B| EAR! Bear!" At the cry Ahmik | Ahmik reached out a big arm and catch- |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| stepped from his log house, gun | ing up the fluffy ball of | stepped from his log house, gun with bis sleeve, gazed across the blue expanse of water. Far out in the lake two black dots could be seen travelling slowly from shore to shore. Ahmik's squaw, eager for the chase, launched the bark canoe and in a moment it was

speeding forward with Ahmik in the speeding forward with Ahmik in the Meanwhile Almik's little daughter Asahtee hurriedly climbed the rocky hill behind the shack in order to obtain a better view of the hunt. The bears quickened the one which proved to be the mother far out-distancing her cub. As she swam she kept up a continual roaring, partly of fear i.nd partiy by way of encouraging her offspring to top
speed. Almik, knowing that the animal was at his mercy, paddled leisurely beveniently near shore beóre firing the fatal shot. Panting from her long swim the mother glanced up appealingly at the Indian as he laid down his paddle and cocked the hammer of his shot gun.
Fired from such close quarters the heary charge of duck-shot quarters the heary force of a bullet full in the ear of the poor creature. The smoke cleared to reveal the water churned into bloody oam, in the midst of which a maddened times submerged, at times re-appearing to cough up great mouthfuls of water stained with its life-blood., Again the gun spoke, and "Mokwuh" the bear Calmly the Indians in the lake. proach of the cub. Almost exhausted the little thing swam up and sniffed at the body of its mother. Leaning over,
ing up the fluffy ball of fur deposited it
dripping and shivering in the bow o dripping and shivering in the bow of the canoe.
he said will be a nice toy for Asahtee,"
Several hours later, while the Indian were busy dispatching juicy bear steak Asahtee, on her knees in a corner of th room, was trying by means of a lump o sugar to establish friendly relations be "Mokoons" was disinclined to be firs forted, but perseverance carried the day and he soon consented to accept the tit bits which Asaintee tendered, for who could refuse what those little brown appeal of such red lips and merry Before many weeks passed Mokoons and Asahtee were fast friends. Ahmik made a leather collar for the cub and its days were spent in an out-house, driven firmly into the log wall was the first snow came Asahtee Whe the bush and gathered lots of moss and leaves. With these and the aid of some small sticks she constructed a warm den into which the young bear retired and
spent the winter drowsily sucking his sight paw. Asahtee often came to the outhouse, and by stooping down and peering through one of the chinks in the den could just make out the black form of her friend. "Surely he must be
hungry" she would say, and with that she would poke a bit of frozen moosemeat through the chink. When at last Spring came and Mokoons pushed down his den and emcrged blinking, looking fatter and sleeker than ever, Asahtee's delight knew no bounds, and every time
the fish-nets were lifted she brought him fresh fish from the lake.

Mokoons, being now a year old and quite big enough to protect himself
from the dogs, was allowed the run of the village and soon became a universal favorite. "He is now 'Mokoons' no longer but 'Mokwuh',' said Ahmik, as
he watched the animal with a well-dihe watched the animal with a well-di
rected blow of its paw knock over of the mongrels which was snapping and barking round him.
Ahmik at Asahtee's request made th bear a new collar, for he had already fa outgrown his old one, and the bigger he grew the more mischievous he became He would enter the house, and standing syrup from the shelf, and removing tl: lid, pour the sticky mixture into his mouth and down his glossy coat, and no one but Asahtee would dare to interfere with him. - ter a while the Indians a pet about the place. Several dogs had been badly maimed and there was scarcely a man in the village who had oot suffered some loss, however trifling possibly the theft of a piece of moosefish left drying in the sun. The some was reached the following summer, when Ahmik discovered that the bear had een scratching for ants in the bottom of his upturned birch-bark canoe, and it as decided that Mokwuh must go.
No one ever dreamed of killing him. better one agreed that it would be much the lake and turn him canoe trip down to fend for himself. So one hot summer's day a little party consisting of Ahmik, his squaw and Asahtee set off, with Mokwuh lying quietly in the country whose dim purple hills bristling with the blackened stumps of trees could be just seen from the village. A couple of hours' steady paddling brought .uem to where a fine creek, babbling over rocky boulders, entcred the lake, and put ashore and left to his fate.
"How will he live" asked Asahtee. "He will catch fish," replied Ahmik "He will starve," said Asahtee wit tears in her eyes.
"He will get fat on the blue berries," So Mokwuh
So Mokwuh was turned loose at the his haunches and regarding his retreat ing friends with a puzzled air, turned and quietly disappeared among tile tangle of bushes which fringed thie
tream.

Everything seemed very quiet in the verge without Mokwuh. Even the dog were at a loss for something to do, be bcar-baiting. Each Spring when Ahmik and his fellow-tribesmen set forth on the annual bear-hunt:ing expeditions they where the village pet was to the distrit where the village pet was supposed to
roam. No man thought of putting trap or snare in the bear-trail which ran beside the creek, and Mokwuh was allowed the unmolested run of the country.
It was two years later in the fall of the year that the white men paddled There were two of them, both hunters and they passed the village, travelling in the direction of the rolling hills where Mokwuh had his home. Seeveral
of the Indians saw thim pass and their of the Indians saw thim pass and their advent caused much comment among the
red men. Looking inwn the lake Ahmik saw the smoke of their camp-fire, and frowned. "These white men always bring trouble with them," he said.
In the meantime what of the pet bear! How fared he during the two years since he was cast adrift? At first he was rather at a loss as to how to
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One calm evening while he was lying the creek whipr ${ }^{-\ldots}$ ou ${ }^{+}$fish with his paw a familia" sound broke on his ear. It was the steady tapping of a paddle on the gunwale of a canoe. Picking up his ears Mokwuh abandoned his fishing
and broke into a shambling run in the direction from which the sound came. Bursting through some intervening bushes the bear rose on his haunches and gazed down the lake. A canoe was approaching, following the shore-line and keeping close in the shadow of the
willows. Memories of a long-forgotten village, of a comfortable den in an out house and of a little girl who used to come and feed him, crowded in a hazy way through the bear's brain. Suddenly a loud report rang out and some unseen in the face. Dizzy with the blow and mad with fear Mokwuh dropped on all fours. and set off at top speed into the
bush. He was dimly conscious of the

hoarse shouts of his pursuers, as, blinded with blood, he crashed his way through
the trees-he knew not whither. One the trees-he knew not whither. One thing he knew and that was that he
was badly hurt and dreadfully frightened. If only he could get back to the old village everything would be all right. On he ran, stopping at intervals to rub lay everywhere like a thick carpet. How thirsty he was! Well, he would make for the lake and, seek relief in the rotten logs, breaking through the tangled thickets. No time to stop now and dig for ants, No time to stop and search for bees nests. At length a gleam of the trees ahead and Mokwuh scrambled down a steep bank to the lake side. Right across the water half-a-mile or more distant stood a little collection of log huts. It was the old village. In plunged Mokwuh and struck out with It was getting dark and presently as he swam on lights began to appear in the windows of the houses. His course took him over the spot where more than three years before he had been picked up frightened and cold by Ahmik, but

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## White Star

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ern Alberta, is a great oairn of grey stones which stands out against the skyline so conspicuously that strangers
visiting the city are almost certain to ask visiting the city are almost certain to ask
why it is there. They are told it is in memory of White Star, and this is the story of why it came to be built.
Western Cana in the early days, long before Western Canada became the Domininn of
Canada, that Ralph Inman and his fami' $y$ Canada, that Ralph Inman and his fami'y the bank of Tumbledown River. Imman had four children. His son Shem, a boy of fifteen was the oldest, and the remaining three were still more or less in their
infancy when the events to be described took place. Their nearest neighbors were sixteen hiles away at Only Ford, which has since become White Star City-then a tiny mining camp of a dozen huts or so,
and the trail that lay between them was and the trail that lay between them was extremely rough and tortuous.
man of violent temper, and though he knew well that the saferty of his home and family depended upon the good faith of
the Indians with. whom he traded the Indians with whom he traded, he was
one day forced into a quarrel with one day forced into a quarrel with a
Sioux chief named Grey Eagle. Grey Eagle caime to the store, and took a fancy to a pair of daintily beaded moccasins, in return for which he offered the filthy old was in charge of the trading phem, who Was in charge of the trading post, shook
his head and said-"No trade." Grey Eagle was evidently out looking
for trouble. He glared into the boy's face, then taking the knife which hung at his hip he tapped the counter threaten-
ingly with it. "You trade pretty blame ingly with it. "You trade pretty blame motcasins he stowed them away in his wallet.
Shem, alone as he was, realized the folly of quarreling with this man, and did not had no idea that his father had returned and had been listening to their conversation outside the door.
Though Ralph Inman knew it was necessary for him to keep on good terms that it would mot do to to allow equally well this sort to happen, otherwise some of the Indians might make a regular practice of visiting the store when he was away and trying to procure goods by bullying the
weaker members of his family. In that Weaker members of his family
direction danger certainly lay.
As Grey Eagle turned towards the threshold and barred the way. "What are you doing with "them moccasins?" he enquired sternly "You give.them back to "I shem pretty blame quick."
sins," was the Indian's insolent reply sins, wo the the Indian's insolent reply.
in "No don't," snarled Inman, and
in an instant in an instant he had torn the wallet from Grey Eagle's possession and thrown it to With.
and rushed at the trader. Shem his knife, and rushed at the trader. Shem was
just in time to land the man a stunning blow with a rusty beaver trap, which upset his calculations, and next moment the trader's fist went home with a force
that sent Grey Eagle crashing among the that sent Grey Eagle crashing among the
store boxes. Inman snatched up the wolf robe, and throwing it over the red man's head rushed him and his possession
thro the the doorway, to fall headlong thro tgh the doorway, to for
down the low wooden steps.
down the low wooden steps.
(Irey Eagle, bruised and shaken, picked hinseif up with such dignity as he could the open door. Had he been an ordinary Indian such treatment would have taught him a lesson, and he would probably have been more judicious in his trading there-
after, but unfortunately he after, but unfortunately he had more gkinned kindred. than most of his red
Ralph turned to go
Binman Ralph Inmanareaw from the expression in
the Indian's eyes that he had made a bad the Indian's eyes that he had made a bad
eneny, and that Grey Eagle would never Torget the treatment he had received at
the trading post that II
In those days the Sioux Indians were the terror of many an isolated settler.
By far the most warlike tribe, they were
in the habit of making long and blood Crees and Salteaunting grounds of the parts they were at and though in many men, there was at peace with the white their warlike instincts a dand get the better of them.
For some m described, nothing was seen of Grey last at the Tumbledown River trading post and Ralph Inman and Shem had almost they were rudely wakened one evening hey were rudely wakened to the recol-
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report, and from the place where the
Indian was crouching issued a white
The two were fishing near to the shanty when suddenly they heard the report of a muzzle loader, which was quickly
followed by a hoarse, short bellow. The sound came from the direction of the shanty, and in that direction, with all possible haste, they made their way. Scarcely had they reached the edge of the clearing when they saw their cow lying under the rough snake fence, shot an act of revenge, and immediate'y recalled the quarrel with Grey Eagle. Then, as they hesitated, Shem caugh.t his father by the sleeve, and pointed towards an adjacent thickec. For a face of Grey Eagle peering at them through the trees, then eame at second
cloud of smoke. The bullet cut into the ground at their feet, scattering gravel over them, and without further hesitation they doubled for the shelter of the trading
$\qquad$ Scarcely had they gained it when a bush, and a dozen or more braves, each armed with Hudson Bay rifles, leapt into the open, and took up places of shelte rampikes. he p. In of the situation to realize ream had come true, and she knew now that the Sioux were upon them. Immediately she heard the first rifle sho
he ran into the large store room, and opened a trap door in the centre of the loor. This door communicated with an
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specially made to shelter the family in case of a raid of this sort. Into this pit she lowered the three smaller children,
giving them blankets, then knowing that giving them blankets, then knowing that
they were safe, for the time being at any they were safe, for the time being at any
rate, she took three new Winchester rifles from the cupboard and stood in readiness.
Thus as Ralph and Shem arrived at the doorway loaded rifles were thrust into their hands, and next moment the heavy wooden barge was shot across the
panels. All round the trading post walls were
small firing ports, from which the occupants could shoot while lying on the floor, and at these, so that they could
watch both the front and the back of the Watch both the front and the back of the
house, the three took up their positions. In the meantime the Indians had been firing steadily, punctuating each volley
with weird and bloodcurdling cries which with weird and bloodcurdling cries which
lent an atmosphere of savagery to the whole proceeding. Dusk was rapidly
falling, and since the red men had sense enough not to show themselves, it was only occasionally that an answering discharge came from the shanty, the occupants of which were nursing their none
too liberal supply of ammunition. too liberà supply of ammunition. bolder, and shot after shot now broke the silence of the hills. Inside the trading post white wreaths of smoke hung in the
atmosphere; the smaller children, frightpost white wreaths of smoke hung in the
atmosphere; the smaller children, fright- $\begin{aligned} & \text { impossible for those in the house to bring } \\ & \text { theifes to bear in that direction. }\end{aligned}$

The Norwegian national sportis popular in Canada
ened by the noise, began to wail dolefully, Shem possessed a small black cayuise their cries issuing faintly through the closed trap door. The room was in
darkness, and outside little could be seen among the shadows. A moving patch of grey was sufficient to draw the fire of the
defending rifles, as with blackened faces and smarting eyes the white settlers peered through the firing ports. Hour after hour seemed to pass by; the Indians fell silent, but in deadly earnest they continued the siege. Inman knew not that Grey Eagle, in the meantime, had
visited the land of his people in Dakota, returning on a scalp raid with a fresh band of savages who were now accompanying him. It was clear that there must be a fair number of them, and as danger presented itself. It was only possible for the three
occupants to watch three of the walls of the trading post at a time, and they realised how easy it would be for the ndians to creep up and set fire to the
house under cover of the darkness. If house under cover of the darkness. If
this happened they would be caught like rats. in a trap-even the underground pit would afford them no shelter.
At length, when it had become so dark crept up to his father's side and said"We can't keep this on much longer, Dad. We haven't any too much ammunition, and it don't seem as though they'll quit ill they've forced us out.'
Ralph Inman grunted agreement. He
knew only too well that what his kaid was true; yet no alternative but to fight grimly on occurred to his mind. Receiving no answer Shem crept back to his port, but only to think out the scheme
he had in mind. That the Indians would end the fight before daylight came if they possibly could he knew, and therethey possibly could he knew, and there-
fore, if he were to put his nlan intn
practice, every moment was of value.

His mind made up Shem groped his way to the trap door, and silently opened f two of two feet or so, which had been roughly pit so as to keep out the walls of the pit so as to keep out the cold. Once then with both hands pushed the peat wall till it yielded, leaving an open access to the air space, under the floor. This done he crept out into the chill night air,
which smelt refreshing and fragrant after the smoke-ridden atmosphere of the trading room.
It was the work of a moment to make up the gap, and this done Shem, knife in hand, proceeded to creep on through the
pitch blackness under the floor towards the stable. He knew that, at any mo ment, he might encounter one of the Indians who had crept under the house to fire it, and he knew too that such an that even if he were victorious it would probably put an end to his plan.
Nothing happened, however, as he crept himself out in the the till finally he found himself out in the open. Just ahead was
the stable, from which came the restles the stable, from which came the restless
movements of the two frightened horses. It was lucky that the Indians had nct finished the animals off, since it had been
 of which he was very proud, for it had
been given to him by a young Cree brave who was dying of a bullet wound. The boy was a good horseman, and though White Star, as he called his mount on account of the pure white star on its
forehead, was not possessed of exceptional speed, she was as sure-footed as a mountain goat and thoroughly at home amidst the rugged slopes of the mountain footStill on all fours Shem reached the door of the stable, and to his intense deor of the stable, and to his intense
relief found it unlatched. Slowly he reief found it unlatched. Slowly he aperture like a snake. Once inside he rose to his feet, and hastily took the
saddle and bridle from the wall. Then saddle and bridle from the wall. Then groping his way to White Star's head he "White Star," he. whispered. "It's neck or nothing to-night, old girl, and ve've got to get through with it some-
Then quietly he threw the door wide open and leapt into the saddle. wide open and leapt into the saddle.
Next moment the Indians were startled by a loud triumphant cry and the pounding of hoofs. Like a rocket White Star
and her rider shot from the stable, and and her rider shot from the stable, and next moment the Indians saw the racing
cayuse in the very midst of them. They had no time to fire even had they recovered from their surprise sufficiently to do so,
and while they hesitated the boy and and while they hesitated the boy and horse were swallowed up in the darkness
behind them. Shem shouted a farewell to his people, after him. Next moment he had plunged into the ford,' and the dark waters of Tumbledown River were splashing against he girth straps by his feet.
As already stated, it was sixteen miles,
to On! Ford by the trail, but Shem knew a wav which would at least halve the a wav which would at least halve the
distance, if only it could be accomplished.

True that no horseman had ever attempted it, but to-night, if ever, time was precious.
He knew that the Indians, finding the shanty impregnable, would set fire to before daylight, which would set fire to it mean death for his people, if not some thing worse. Once they were in the hand of the Sioux there was no telling what might happen, and unless he could succeed in gaining Only Ford and returning with a rescue party before the place was burnt down, it was clear that the worst must Star-with him and WhiteStar, and as they safely crossed the ford and once more the night air sang in his ears, all the wild dare-devilry of his errand came out neard an English missionary sing. And in tune with the song White Star's hoofs pounded the dry sand of the trail.

## III

Presently, however, the song died on he boy's lips, and sitting back in his saddle he listened intently. Behind him occasional cry of indescribable menace. The Indians were pursuing him!
For five miles or more the way led along the old trail, which was all sound going;
then, if he followed the course he had in then, if he followed the course he had in
mind, he would turn suddenly to the right

Live Canadlan Beaver going after food
down an almost perpendicular bluff, ford |look back. Then he saw in the heavens across the rugged watershed into the next a soft and fitful patch of light shining in valley, thereby cutting off the long and He knew well what it meant had come tortuous road round. Little did he heart froze within him. Drawing the think, however, what was in store for him $\begin{aligned} & \text { pistol from his belt he fired three shots } \\ & \text { if he attempted this passage, and for the } \\ & \text { in rapid succession. This he did time }\end{aligned}$ if he attempted this passage, and for the the bluff. the bluff.
he noise of rumbling hehind him came Shem realized that he would soon be out distanced by the larger and stronger mounts of Grey Eagle's detachment. He as an Indian himself, and as though she understood the peril White Star swept on it was an uneven race from the first, and while yet some distance from the bluff the Indians were near enough to open fire bullets whistled by, some minutes the the Indians realizing that the race was theirs, ceased fring and rode on in silence.
Finally one of them forced his cayuse was ullost, and a minute or so later He galloping alongside the white boy moment White Star darted aside off the rail. They had reached the edge of the luff, and Shem had turned his little mount down the headlong descent.
Finding himself foiled when, success
seemed certain the Indian followed. Togethed certain the Indian followed. Toawful incline. Huge boulders of rock, loosened by the horses' hoofs, sped along ahead of them, gaining strength with
every bound. It seemed that both riders and horses must be hurled to their doom, but somehow White Star kept her feet. they crashed on, Shem presently
zed that the Indian was down. He saty the man's cayuse rolling over and
the Indian fall with a sickening thud
then the clatter of stones drowned his cries.
The other Indians had more sense than drew up on that awful death ride. They rail and listened to the noise coming up rom the gulch. Then, when their tribes man did not return, they headed thei mounts once more towards the trading post, for to them, wonderful horsemen hough they were, it seemed impossible that any rider could safely descend that
How Shem kept his saddle he never knew. At times they were scrambling wedged her hoofs together White Star Down, down they went, till presently efore them opened up a sheer drop of twelve feet or more. Beneath it Shem water, and knew they had reached the creek. White Star leapt; the water closed over them, and in a minute or so they
were mounting the steep bank on the were mounting the ste
other side of the creek.

Shem patted the terrified and sweating pony's neck, and spoké words of till they had reached the top of Not watershed and could see below them the bickering lights of Only Ford, did he

after time till a light moved in the settle ment below. Then came the answering hischarge-the men at undy Ford had Shem heard the rumble of hoofs ascending the bluff. He remounted his cayuse and waited for the rescue party to join him. IV
In the meantime a stern battle was oing on at the trading post. Immed-
iately the Indians realized that they had tt one of the beleagured party pass hrough, they went mad with rage. Five or six of them pursued Shem, while the
remainder tried to take the post by storm. Ralph Inman and his wife, however, were fighting for the lives of their children and their own. Their rifles barked out with deadly effect, till the groans of the
dying were mingled with the mad cries of the savages.
Once, twice, the Indians were driven back, then realizing the folly of their were in no hurry to burn the store and were in no hurry to burn the store and
all the treasure it contained until they were forced to do so. If once they could capture the white occupants these treas-
ures would be theirs slipped by and the defence the hours sign of slackening their warlike spirits overcame their discretion.
At length one of them Tcrent up, t a fire under the cookhouse floor. The flames took hold readily, and in a fev minutes the cookhouse was burning like the forest, and Inman knew that the end


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so till the last moment. At his side he could hear his wife sobbing quietly, for she too knew what inevitably lay ahead,
Gaining strength the fire raged on, till Gaining strength the fire raged on, till
presently volumes of smoke began to presently volumes of smoke began to
pour into the trade room. The rosy streaks of dawn began to show in the east, and once again the Indians, with wild cries of triumph, crept from their hidings and paid the penalty.
Ralph Inman at length, clutching $h$ is wife's hands. "We'd better take the children out before we're all suffocated." But Mrs. Inman was listening intently. Heedless of the exposure she ran, suddenly
she darted to the window and looked out she darted to the window and looked out.
As she did so a volley of rifle shots sounded from across the creek, and in the dim morning light they made out the forms
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"The rescue party!" cried Mrs. Inman. "Shem has got through!"
Shem had led the men from Only Ford back to the trading post by the recognized trail, and as already shown they arrived just in time to save the trader, with the
result that only one or two of Grey Eagle's party escaped.
Later in the day the rescue party returned to the bluff to look for the Indian who had tried to follow Shem, They
found him lying among the rocks, bat-tered almost out of recognition, while tered amost out of recognition, while
fifty feet below lay his lifeless cayuse.
They buried the two together, and blazed They buried the two together, and blazed
a tree trunk near with the epitaph"Here lies Grey Eagle, who took his last who accomplished the impossible by descending this bluff in the year-", The trading post was of course des-
troyed, and Ralph Inman and his family troyed, and Ralph Inman and his family
moved to White Star City, once Only moved to White Star City, once Only
Ford, renamed in honor of the little black cayuse. It was the Inmans who, by their industry and success made the city what it is to-day, while for many years a broken-kneed and broken-winded little
cayuse lived a life of luxurious indolene cayuse lived a life of luxurious indolence
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Diamond Point Reproducer Mr. Edison's new invention is based in a large part on his new diamond point reproducer.
using a dia the sapphire he is now This diamond.
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half of Mr. Edison's constant attention. He tried mica in a thousand thicknesses, then single and double and other layers of paper, various metals and an almost infinite variety of compositions.

How Mr. Edison Experiments One of his assistants one day told him that a certain result could not be accom"It can't be done," was the report made to Mr. Edison.,", plied; "you haven't tried it Edison re sible way as yet."
"I haven't $t$ "" the assistant inventor exclaimed. "I have tried it 200 different
"Well, then, try it 2,000 wass, try it "Well, then, try it 2,000 ways; try it
20,000 ways-and then let's try it once more," Mr. Edison replied.
This reply summarized all of Edisontells in a sentence the story of Edison's life success.
The story got all
The story got all around the Edison laboratory, the story of the man who 4. Edison when he had tried a thing 200

Whether the laboratory actually experimaterial for the diaphram is not known, but Mr. Edison and his four assistants could not have been far from that number of experimenting-when finally the It was then that was abtained. various heads of his business called the ment into the laboratory and said: "Real, music at last."
Iour hou have never had an Edison in healthful enjoum can not imagine the

The Trapper's Christmas
E. G. Bayne.

The trapper's shack stood lone and low A dark spot on the prairie's face, In bold relief against the snow,Facing the storms that rise and race And lose themselves, beyond our ken,
Beyond the mountsin's Here, distant far from haunts of maze. Here, istant far from haunts of men
The lonely trapper spent his days.
Out of the single chimney curled Like some blue banne that rose on high To meet the azure of the sky. Deep snow the storm last the sky. Hid track of furred and feathered sentThe whole vast silence seemed a friend
To him with neither child nor wife.

$\underset{H}{\text { His solitary meal prepared, }}$ Scarce envying his those who whith cheer, A joyous feast with near and shared Yet gratitude within him dwelt; His only gift a holly spray, Left him for cheer and ppryy felt,
By mounted postman yesterday
All who make merry on this day, All who make merry on this day,
Forget not those who dwell apart, Getting a living as they may, Close to our Mother Nature's heart. Pray for contentment like to theirs
Even if gifts we lack, -what then! Even if gifts we lack, what then! "Peace on the Earth, Goodwill to Men."

## An Averted Tragedy

He loved the maiden-how ardently none, knew but himself and the land nity, They were alone together. Tim idly he seated himself on the sofa by her side, and still more timidly he lily-white hand in arm and took "Clotilda"
May I call' you breathed, "I love you! "Herbert Hinks," she said, "release my
"Answer me first," he demanded, the words hissing through his gold-filled "Let go my hand!" the maiden re"No cruel girl" be mult "No, cruel girl", he muttered. "Your beauty has made me desperate. I will your hand?"
"Because," she replied, "my hair is
coming down and I wish to fix it."

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Written for Western Home Monthly by W. R. Gilbert.
$T \mathrm{HEY}$ sat in front of the fire-the father, the mother, and the girl. jections to Jim as a man,", said the father with emphasis. "He's a straight, levelearning twenty-five shillings a week as earning twenty-ive shal filter is no mat my daugh-
ele ter." The firelight gleamed on the father as he spoke, big and kindly prosperous, and set in his ways." It shone on the
mother, a gentle, simple little soul. It mhone on the daughter Nancy, as bonnie clear-eyed, sunny a little person as you
could wish to see. could wish to see.
"I love him, and there will never be anyone else for me, dad. I'm twenty-five
now, and I I don't want to wait for $J$ jim any longer. He's gat enough put by to furnish a a very comfortable little home, and something left over. And," she laughcd
won't be watly, "all mother's training
wit wont be was
on so little.
" P 'll not have my daughter marrying on twenty-five shillings a week," old Joseph Mead said stubbornly.
The girl's face grew white, and she ear in her eyes. Whatever her father said her mother would stand by. And whatever her father said he meant.
" If you still won't let me marry him, Jim is going away abroad-to-to-find work that shall bring him in more money. Y have told him I won't marry him unless seem a chance of his getting a rise, so, soon rr than keep me waiting and waiting, he's ging to try and get a job in Canada that will bring him enough money for me to be with him. And, if you force, ,
go, it w ll about break my heart." Her face was quite white now, and her eyes were afraid, like the eyes of a child
left in the dark. And indeed, her wordd left in the dark. And indeed, her wortd Was dark when she thought of being left
alone in England by the man she adored. It was May, and not cold, although the still had a fire in the evenings, but she drew her chair nearer to the blaze with a little eshiver.
"I could be quite, quite happy on "twenty-five shillings a week" she pleaded. this house for you and mother. I make all my own dresses, too. I should find real happiness in my own home, and with
my husband." my husband."
twenty-five shillings a wcek, Nancy ।" "Then Jim will go abroad and I shall spend my days growing plain and narrow-
minded, and old maidish, waiting till $I$ minded, and
can join him."
"Hin
made up his mind to go abroad if we won't let you marry him?" he is going to throw up his job and try his luck in Canada.'
a long long silence in the firelit parlour The girl clasped her hands. If she had been a little less loving, she might have dis:egarded the old people's wishes and run away with the nan she loved, for she
was over twenty-one. But just brcause her sweet gentleness she never entertained the thought for a moment.
She was all they had in the world, and, She was all they had im the worla, and,
dearly as she loved Jim Attenbury, her first duty was to her people.
"No," the old man said at last, " don't, and I won't consider the question for 'an instant I I forbid you to marry
Jim Attenbury on his present salary." Jim Attenbury on his present salary"" her voice, "you have forgotten witen you her voice, "you have forgotten wh.en you
courted mother ! You"ve often old mee about it. It was in May when you acked her to be your wife. She was chamber-
maid at a house in Hampstead, and you maid at a house in Hampstead, and you
were a grocer's assistant in the same place, were a grocer's assistant in the same place,
and then after, you worked and worked and then arter, you worked and worked
until you had a shop of your own but you hadn't. much more than twenty-five shillings a week when, you married. You've often told me so."
"I'd twenty-seven a week," the old man said ; "but your mother was a born
A pleased little fush rose to the mother's
smooth faded cheeks. smooth faded cheeks. Her eyes were gen-
tle in the firelight.
"Do you remember, Joe ?" she asked, It was May about this time, one Saturday afternoon, you asked me to marry you, up on the Heath? Do you remember the rees just ,coming out, and there was They had forgotten the daughter. They were back on the time when it was spring, and their love for each other had been "Yost wonderful thing on earth. "Yes, Lucy," the old man said, "and "here was a seat beneath a tree that
overlooked the Leg on Mutton Pond, and we sat there, you and I , quite late in the afternoon, and talked of the little place
we would furnish. My !" he said "buyt we would furnish. My !" he said, "but
you've been a good wife to me, my lass," you've been a good wife to me, my lass,
Why wouldn't they give her a chance to ba that to Jim ?
"Haven't you been
fter. We were married pretty soon and here we've stuck here (to Balham),
and Joseph Mead had retired now, and the neat, wel'-kept shop in the High Street bore another name above the "Joseph
". Meampstead Heath must have altered," she hazarded.
An idea was growing in her mind.
"Ay, they've built, I reckon."
won't have taltered much round the Leg $o^{\prime}$ Mutton Pond since you and mother sat there so long ago. Why don't you pay it a visit and revive old memories?" Lucy?" ", thought of it, haven't we, little wrinkled on
"Dad, Jim's coming here to tea to morrow afternoon-that's Saturday-to hear your answer."
"I'll take it a again after you've done something for me." "What are we to do eh?"
"You are to go to Hampstead Heath tomorrow with mother, in the afterncon,
and visit all the places you used to lon and visit all the places you used to long
ago, when you asked mother to be your "wife". "Well, I never !"

And when you come back Jim and I will be here, and you can tell us whether we may marry or whether we must wait
And I will answer for Jim, as well as for myself, that we will do as you wish." "You think that we've forgotten what it is to be sweethearting, eh ? Times
have changed since then, my girl, and have changed since then, my girl, and
twenty-five shillings a week don't far today as they did when mother and I were young."
"Love doesn't change," the girl said, gently, "and human hearts don't change
dad. Jim and I love iust need each other every bit as much, as you and mother did.".
Then she bade them goodnight and Then she

They climbed Windmill Hill just for one peep at the big, solid house where she had been a chambermaid.
Her little hand trembled as she thrist "Well, I I never, Joe! There are yellow daffies on the lawn in front of the house just as they were when you and I ere courting The blinds and the curtains are dicerent from what they were true, but the daffies are there. Do you remember, I used to wear one sometimes n my evening out?
Did he remember
In imagination he saw himself, a young, In imagination he esaw himself, a young, nssistant, and waiting for his sweetheart just outside this very gate,
Did he remember!
They took the road that led direct to "Funny seeing all the old spots again,"
A lump was in his honest old throat
She stopped.
Before them stretched Hampsterd Heath, just as it had been twenty-eiplt. earr ago. The trees soft green, the sky
ont blue, the air gentle with spring
"Do you remember, Joe?" she asked, "Here you stopped and told me you
had something very special to say to me." "Did you guess?" he asked. "Of course I guessed." "She smiled up you had only twenty-seven shillings a week then."
"Yes, but I knew that I would be having a rise to thirty soon," cried the doesn't see any chance of a rise for years." doesn't see any chance of a rise for years." said the little mother with her wise old smile.

They walked on. of blue metal, lay the Leg $0^{\prime}$ Mutton piece "Do you remember the little seat not
far from there?" asked Joe Mead. We far from there?" asked Joe Mead. "We carved our names in the tr
Wonder if it is still there? "I don't expect the seat is," answered saying, just as we stood about where we stand now, Lucy, my lass, II, say my say over there under that tree.'

And they seemed just young man and side, and the memories of their hopes, their joys, their sorrows and their trials "If you had your chance over alherLucy," asked the man, "would you marry me again ?" "Oh, my dear, you know. I would!" They they rose, for it was twilight, and "I stood looking down at his wife. "I think," he said, "I'll give our girl
her chance to get as much happiness and her chance to get as much happiness and She shall marry Jim Attenbury on one condition."
"And that ?"
"And that?"
dear, as you did that as big a kiss, my dear, as you did that day you sat here
and promised to take me for better or for worse."
"Well, perhaps I had forgotten. what



## An ex-monarch of the wood

"And I' did," chuckled her husband, "Lucy, if you hadn't said 'Yes 'Yes'?", asked the little old lady. Jim's case is different with our at all. "Young fellows don't love as they did in our young days,""
"Oh, yes they do!" smiled his wife.
They came to the tree and the same old
seat. "Why, the seat is there!". cried Joe
" "Why, the seat is there!", cried Joe laughed like a delighted schoolboy. "And here are our names just as we carved them! Well, I never! It doesn't seem any
time, does it now! Ay Lucy?" His time, does it now! "Ay, Lucy?" His
eyes crew misty. "We mattered a mighty lot to each other in those days. I should never be what I am now if you hadn't helped me every step of the way, You've been a rare good helpmate, lass!" hand, and stared at the shining water. "Joe," the old lady said, timidly, " if
someone had stepped in and forbidden us to marry, as we are forbidding Nancy and her lad, what then?" shillings a week and good prospects when
"And so you can have each other ! The girl's face was very white, and fear had been in her eyes. Now her color flashed back, and her sweet eyes were radiant.
"Jim's had a rise," she laughed. "So Thirty-two shillings a week !
But it was obvious that the information would have to be repeated, for the tw,
old folk were gazing into each other's eyes, and finding love, and youth, and many memories down in the dear faded depths of them.

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tender-hearted as his brother, could nct understand the reason for any postponement.
"Why should you wait until Christmas
to begin to do good?" she osted to begin to do good?" she asked.
"Well," explained her son, "d
medl," explained her son, "daddy promised me a rifle for Christmas, and just
as soon as I shoot that cat that comes around our back fence every night I'm
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## THE YOUNG MAN AND HIS PROBLEM

## By James L. Gordon, D.D., Central Congregational Church, Winnipeg

FOR YOU
At this season of the year our thoughts turn to home, Christmas comes to us weighted with precious memories. We eare thoughtful weith emotions
of appreciation at Christmastide - if at all and all. The best is a verbal or written acknowledgement of the love and consideration which has been lavished upon him Such an expression of appreciatioa brings infinite joy to a father's heart. He has been planning for you, working for you, living for you-and all his soul asks for is just one word of spoken gratitude. Here a beautiful picture.

## YOUR BEST MOOD

What do you think about when you are in your best mood? Is it money, fame, power, or achievement? The fancies of fifteen are the facts of fifty.
When God has some special work for a man to do He speaks to him in his youth. These dreams, visions, "moods, sentiments, aspirations and ambitions of youth are shot through with a glorions prophetic quality. So study them, prize them, and treasure that the German people were separated into more than thirty kingdoms. It was the dream and ambition of his life that they should be united into one great fellowship. The ideal was realized when the smoke of the Franco-Prussian war cleared away and
the venerable King of Prussia was crowned Emperor of a united Germany in the palace of Versailles.


#### Abstract

DON'T BE DISCOURAGED The greatest danger in life is the danger of discouragement. We are apt to get discouraged even when we are doing well. The physical reaction which comes from a splendid effort in which we have thrown in heart, soul and mind is prone to open the trap door of doubt for every shadow which fear can suggest. It is a great thing to keep the mind clear, bright, normal and hopeful. God Himself can quered him. Remember that every great soul has quared a battle with doubt. "During the nine years that I was his wife," says the wi'ow of the great artist Opie I never saw him satisfied with one of his productions, and often, very often, have I seen in an agony of ding-room, and throwing inmself in an agony of despondency on the sofa, exclaim, never, never shall be a painter as long as I livé!'"


## SYMBOLS

Everything in nature is a symbol. When we have learned the whole meaning of nature we shall have learned the whole thought of God. We are
here to learn. We are here to learn how to learn. here to learn. We are here to learn how to learn. bird that flies, or a speck that floats, or a wind that blows which does not bring you a message. The lucky man is the man who learns how to think. Every man has two eyes-an eye which looks outward and an eye which looks inward. An original thinker
uses both eyes and looks both ways. It will be well for us if we learn to heed the suggestions of ne wature "Innumerable apples had fallen from trees, often hitting heedless men on the head as if to set them thinking, but not before Newton did any one realize that they fall to the earth, by the same law which holds the planets in their courses, and prevents the hurling them wildly back to chaos."

## THE PRAIRIE

Here we are, in a thousand wind-swept towns and villages, living, dreaming and working, on a vast prairic without deep valleys or high mountain, strug-
gling with the dead average of nature and the monotony of life. What have we, this side of the foothills of the Rockies, to inspire thought or set the soul on fire? I answer that sublimity is not in the mountain, or the river, or the valley but in the soul. And the mind which can find beauty in the vine-clad hill can find splendor in the moor and fen
and rock. When young Marshall, afterward Chief Justice of the United States, made a journey with some friends to Virginia, and came to the mountain cenery amidst which Patrick Henry was born and grought up, he suddenly stopped, and, gazing at the nount-inspiring and thought-producing! sight! how s $^{\curvearrowright} 11$-inspiring and thought-producing! No wonder
Patrick Henry was an orator; no wonder he was eloquent; how could he have been otherwise, reared amidst such sublime scenes as these!"."Young man," said an old farmer, who had accompanied the tourists, Henre was, born, and there has been no orator like
him since!"

## A YOUNG MYSTIC

Learn to look on the spiritual side of things. By the spiritual I mean the hidden, the interior, the unseen, the meaning back of the netaphor. Every nature is an alphabet spelling out the thougift of God. There are thoughts which come to us through an intuition which is indefinable and without explanation and indefinable. These are suggestive words not more than eighteen years old" Heart." "I was an inner and esoteric meaning began to come to me from all the visible universe, and indefinable aspirtions filled me. I found them in the grass and fields, under the trees, on the hill-tops, at, sunrise
and in the night. There waso a deeper meaning and in the night. There wase a deeper meaning
everywhere." And again he writes, "I looked at the hills, at the dewy grass, and then up through the

## UP AND AT IT

The time to get up is immediately after you have fallen aown. Never mind looking at the spot where you fell or rubbing that part of your anatomy where your physical form first struck the earth. Kemem-
ber that life is a conflict and the man who wins, if ber that life is a conflict and the man who wins, if he falls, must rise before the bell rings. Many a man spent in moping doubt and crouching fear had been occupied with determined effort. There are just as many odds against your enemy as there are against you. Fight your fears by fighting your enemy. Get on your feet. Get into field. Up and at it. Waste "Me time on useless regrets. Gen. Sherman, in his of Gen. Grant, made to him after the close of the first day's battle of Shiloh. He said, "At the crisis of the battle it often happens that both sides seem to be defeated. The side that is able, at this point, to
renew the attack, is sure to win."

## KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is great and vast. It speaks out in biography, history, poetry, philosophy, and science silent corridors of a great library that universal knowledge in its length, breadth, height and depth could never be grasped and comprehended but there are only a rew things which it is absolutely neces Mr. John Morley has defined words of John Morley, elements of character which the university should develop. And these two elements are of the simples nature, yet the two which from his experience he found to be most frequently forgotten. First, ther effect the clear understanding between cause and and wrong. "I know of no two lessons," he right "more to be impressed upon the two great political parties-more perhaps on one party than on the other-than the need of this appreciation of the relation between precedent and policy, and between
right and wrong."

## WORTH WHILE

That book which you are reading, that song which you are singing, that play which you are that game which you are playing, that are building ou are writing, that habit which you are which vating-is it worth while? Tell me, friend, is it worth while? Here is a remar: from "Publi opinion" about Heling would have been thant' aims of the younger men, for all their clevernes of execution, were often futile," says the Times. "The old realist would have been ill satisfied with have said, and 'paint it as you see it; but take care that what you see is worth painting!',"

## T00 SENSITIVE

Don't be too sensitive. Thin-skinned people have an exceedingly unhappy time of it. They are affected and influenced by the words which they imagine ought to have been spoken but never were. The trouble is that the sensitive man imagines that the universe ought to centre in and around himself. sweet when folks are abusing you. Keep quiet when the crowd is cursing you with adverse criticism. Act on principles which are universal and never open
the door of your mind for the damning influence of a the door of your mind for the damning influence of a
personal grudge. Dr. Rush used to sar, in his valepersonal grudge. Dr. Rush used to say, in his vale-
dictory address to the students of the medical college: "Young gentlemen, have two pockets-a
small pocket and a big pocket; a small which to put your fees, a large pocket in wocket in
put your annoyances." to

## THE POWER ROOM

The greatest power room in the world is the human brain, and the human train can operate thinker can thank behind bars or in dungeon depths. Thought is free, democratic and universal. There are no chains which can hold down or hold in a man's inner sentiments or emonions. Thought is free. Hard floor, stony wall, narrow window, or
plain equipment never robbed a man of the possible plain equipment never robbed a mon of the possible New England philosopher wrote the "Freedom of the Will" in a little closet six by eight feet. But Jonathan Edwards was victorious over his surroundings, and compelled the Scottish philosopher's tribute, "The intellect of Edwards was the greatest achieve-

## PROMPTNESS

Get into the habit of doing things promptly. force of character. Promptness is generalship in th details of life. The strong man compels the firs thing, the last thing, the "next thing" and the "othe thing" to get into line and march orderly in the daily procession of events. Such generalship creates cer way." When the Lords of the Admiralty, in a cas of pressing need, asked Sir Charles Napier London, when he would be ready oo start for India he replied: "In half an hour, gentlemen, if

## BEARING UP

Are you game? Can you accept punishment like a stoic? Can you bear up under criticism when it is cruel and unjust? Can you "pass under the rod" when circumstances seem to cut and when fate is
wantonly unfavorable? Can you smile in the hour of your social of your social neglect and keep sweet when men are hings which test a man's of social rejection and the coronation hour. The author of "As I Remember" writes: "I saw General Scott when he returned from his Mexican campaign overed with glory, to confront his political enemie at home, and I was also with him in 1852 when the a presidential candidate. Were I called upon to decide in which character he appeared to the greater advantage, that of the victor or the vanquished, I should unhesitatingly give my verdict to the latter There was a grandeur in his bearing under the glamour of arms could not compare"

## THE GREATEST PLEASURE

Most men are seeking for happiness and looking for pleasure. One man finds his pleasure in those ther gives himself to ambition and seeks for all hose elements which add to a man's personal power. There are still others who have discovered the pleasures of the intellectual realm, poetry, art, music round them a circle of tested friends and live in the golden light of glowing fireside companionship. The higher the ideal-the better the man. But there s one joy within the easy reach of all: A gentleman reatest pleasure in "What action afforded you the reatest pleasure in life?" His answer was: "When paying a small sum due for her rent and received her lessing." Hënry Drummond remarks that if we ook back through our lives we will find that the moments that shine the brightest and that we count the happiest are the moments when we have done
things in the spirit of love.

## TEMPTATION

A reputation for honor helps to keep a man A reputation for honor helps to keep a man
honorable. As a rule men do not ask a temperance man to drink. The suggestion would be an insult. The saddest thing about an intimation that your co-operation is desired in the accomplishment of that on your own character reflection which is thus cast very deep and profound thing about Himself when he said: "The son of perdition cometh and shall find nothing in me." Henry Ward Beecher said in his oration on Charles Sumner: "In a venal, corrupt time, he held trust and power unsullied and unsuspected. Nothing can speak better for the judgment
of corrupt men than the fact that they never dared to approach him-for Mr. Sumner said, with inim-
itable nairete, 'Pepred itable nairete, 'People speak of Washington as being
corrupt. I do not believe corrupt. I do not believe a word of it; I have been
in Washington fifteen years and more, and I have never seen a particle of corruption!' No, he never

## Hank's Merriest Christmas

Written for the Western Home Monthly by Edith G. Bayne.
Merry Yuletide is generally conceded was not only a bachelor but an unattached one, without kith or kin, chick or child, without even a sweetheart, so that in the whole city of Winnipeg there could scarcely have been found a person who
looked forward to Christmas with lese enthusiasm. For many years Hank had been a mere looker-on at other folks' happiness and to tell the truth he had one very little toward helping to make the Day a merry one for any man, woman Portage Ave. early one December morning he noticed just ahead of him a young woman with auburn hair and a very attractive figure walking rapidly along was evidently a shop or factory employee The morning was bitterly cold but she wore no furs and had no rubbers on her
feet to protect her from slipping on the eet to protect
gish, thought Hank, "they will minute."
Even as the thought crossed his mind the young woman slipped, grasped wildly for support at a window railing and just managed to avoid a fall. But in the
momentary excitement she dropped her handbag.
Mr. Judson came up just then, picked up the fallen article and returned it to the lady, raising his cap. With an "Oh Hank passed on wondering vaguely how it was that freckles did not accompany that shade of hair in this particular case. But then. Hank was perhaps a little short-sighted at his age
He met several acquaintances who
wished him a Merry Christmas, and to whom he responded with a like wishspoken mechanically. Hank had said "Merry Christmas" every year at this time to his few friends and acquaintances much as he said "Good Day" on any one days. One would have thought that in his capacity of post office clerk he would have had very little time to speculate Yet Hank's loneliness weighed upon him. with greater force at Christmas than at any other time. The happy smiling faces at the wicket, the recipients of delichtfullooking red-labelled bundles-these he who came to have packages weighed and sent. How he did wish that somebody somewhere would send him a package even if it only contained a handkerchief. without realizing the fortieth milestone not the getting was the true Christmas
Joy Before the cold gray dawn had ushered in these December mornings Hank and many other clerks were hard at work in any of his sixteen subordinates, for al though he was one of the foremen he did istingux in his industry. You could distinguish him running up and down on the top-back of the litle bald patch his hat on passed for thirty. "Ho, passed for thirty. Judson"," a letter for the dead-box he aimed a missive at the aforementioned
bald spot. wide f stamping wach of the mark and the stamping machine drowned the words. out did Mr. Judson notice the oblong of white lying at his feet.
"Mister Androo Carneggy, Skybo Cassel, Ole Country," he read in puzzled wonder. characters, the flap had been sealed with a smudgy hand and a one cent stamp adorned the corner in a half-hearted way,
as if the sender had liked the taste of as if the sender had liked the taste of mucilage so well that he or she had regrethold the stamp to the envelope. "Haw haw ain't it funny" Tom Hatton coming up, "guess you'd best chuck it, into 'Dead' or 'Insufficient "Wait, maybe it's genuine."
"Deer Mister Carneggy," it began, "you are a kind and very rich man.
Plese lend me three dollars to make a Plese lend me three dollars to make a
Merry Xmas for Ma and Milly and will sure pay you back soon. I sell
papers but Ma has been in the hospitl papers but Ma has been in the hospit
sick and I have no money left from paying that. Milly is four. I am ten.

Yure friend

on her doctor's bill and on food fo elf a poor woman. The landlady, herut could not be lenient lenient enough thing must be done Shorever. Some hildren out to done. She must put the up the room and her trade and find give light work. This was the tilemms that Mrs. Dutton faced on the twenty-fourth of December. As she sat patiently mending Milly's dress in her invalid chair at the front window late in the afternoon, Fred came bursting into the room, in
such an unusual state of excitement that the poor woman dropped her work and cried out, thinking that some accident had happened in the street. Fred was such a quiet little chap commonly, old for his years.
"Hooray, hooray!" he shouted jumping Little Milly left her battered dolly in "Read that"" at lenth the tosssing a letter into his mother's lap and subsiding into a chair.
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with the letter
notice it at first.
"Mr. Fred Dutton-Your message was transmitted to me by wireless. Enclosed is a small gift which I hope you and your I do not loan such small sums as you i do not loan such small sums as you
asked for so please consider this a gift and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Your friend,
Andrew.
"Andrew?" cried poor Mrs. Dutton,
"who is he Fred?" who is he, Fred?"
But Fred only laughed and taking little Milly up, whispered something the little girl clapped her hands in glee. The ten dollar bill had infused the
widow with such life and hope that she widow with such life and hope that she
said she felt quite equal to dressing and said she felt quite equal to dressing and
going over as far as Eaton's. Fred going over as far shopping tour there might tire her, but she had her way and in a trembling sort of haste she made
ready for the street. It was after four o'clock; "We'll save five of it, Freddy," said extravagant."'
Surely no such joyful shopping expe-
dition on five dollars ever came off before. dition on five dollars ever came of before. It was surprising how far that sum could
go. Mrí. Dutton and Fred plotted and
the driver and a sudden cessation of bells. Mrs. Dutton, Fred and Milly were prepared for anything now- even the vision of Santa Claus himself. This time it was.
a case of invalid's wine for "Mrs. Dutton." a case of invalid much amazed to protest. "Oh mother! Somebody must know you've been sick! Just what you needed!"
cried Fred cried Fred.
"God bless our unknown friend!" said
the widow. the widow.
Mr. Judson slept heavily until noon on Christmas Day and then dined as usual on holidays, at his favorite cafe. He
elaborated the meal somewhat, to the extent of oysters and fresh fish as extra dishes. But Hank was a plain man. In the afternoon he took a long walk about the city bringing up toward dusk at the shabby little home on H - street where of their good cheer the Duttons had forgotten to draw the blinds in the front windows quite down. Looking up and tained the quiet street Mr. Judson ascer-tip-toed up and peered underneath $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{t}}$ blind.
A feast was in progress. How had the six o' clock for that Christmas dinner? The room seemed to be full of people-


What was that?
planned and invaded the shops, coming the generous widow to share in the good was almost with full arms. was almost exhausted at length, although
she would not have admitted it. So they turned homewards. The merry jingle of sleigh bells on the air was real
music to-night. The shop windows never looked more fascinating and there never was such a jolly good humored crowd on the streets. They jostled one another and pushed by in happy haste, nobody seeming to care for the inconvenience
caused at times. One little fellow slipped at a busy corner and a small crowd gathered, expecting him to burst out into loud lamentation. But he only rose, brushed the snow from his coat and laughed merrily. Just as the two shop-
pers turned their own corner, talking of the surprises which little Milly would experience on the morrow, a delivery sleigh drew up at the pavement and the unusual sight of packages from one of the city's best grocery shops being taken into
number ninety-two, their own shabby abode, caused mother and son to hasten their steps. The landlady had not yet responded to the messenger's knocking so ""This to the two, asking:-
"This where a Mrs. Dutton lives?"
All the "bundles, it transpired, were There was first of all a turkey.
"Twelve pounds if an ounce!" cried "Come right in," said Mrs. Dutton to the man, "if you're sure you haven't made
But she had no time to express doubts. A bag of sweet potatoes was brought in next and then followed smaller parcels-
sugar, rice, cranberries, nuts, candy, sugar, rice, cranberries, nuts, candy,
oranges and apples a large plum pudding, oranges and apples a large plum pudding,
a box of table raisins - everything that could possibly contribute to a complete
Christmas dinner. And as the sleigh drove away, another came speeding up
and stopped with a loud "whoa!" from
(almost as big as herself) was running
about the room. The doll had outshone the dinner temporarily. Mrs. Dutton's usually pale face was pink with excitement as she did the honors from the head sight of a face that he knew, although he had seen it but once before. The owner of the face had auburn hair and merry brown eyes, and a neat figure. She sat
beside Fred who was doing ample justice beside Fred who was doing ample justice
to the good things provided by his unknown friend. things provided by Hank longed to join the happy company
and just then bethought him of a neat and just then bethought him of a neat little trick whereby he might gain an
honorable entree. In the early afternoon he had found a lady's glove in the snow. It was a respectable glove, brown kid, silk-lined. He had stuffed it into his pocket, for no particular reason. Now he
was glad he had done so. He had found was glad he had done so. He had found
it down Portage fully a mile from the it down Portage fully a mile from the up to the door of ninety-two he rapped
everal times. At last the hilarity in the ront room subsided somewhat and a stout woman answered his knock. He had hoped the red-haired girl in the took his courage in both hands.
"Will you please ask the young lady "I have found step to the door?" he asked, lost yesterday.'
At another
At another time Mrs. Gook, the landlady, might have been incredulous. But room of her lodger had filled her with so much satisfaction and good humor that
"Certainly. Will you come inside?"
Hank did not require a second bidding. a short interval the young woman in the

No the glove did not belong to hershe was sorry for the trouble he had
taken. She had a glove almost that shade but not silk-lined.
"Why-why you're the gentleman who returned my bag yesterday, aren't you?" she then said, recognizing him for the first time.
"Yes-and-and I hope you did not hurt," your ank'e that time you nearly
"Well I did wrench it a bit. After this I shall wear my goloshes. Over in England I never used to wear them but I find I shall have to here. This is my first Canadian winter."
"I'm Canadian," said Hank "but I-I
like the English awfully well," like the English awfully well." "but I-1


It ended in Mr. Judson hanging coat and hat up in the hah. Then they joined the merrymakers and another of the roomers possessing a fidale which he phayed in a creditable manner, the against the wall and everybody enjoyed a. little hop. Even Mrs. Dutton, in the flamior of the occasion, took a turn on the floor. Tue room was not large to be general enjoyment.
"II say little chap," said Hank, as the party broke up at midnight, to Fred, "I can get you a, good job at six a week if you want it.
ejaculated the boy. "You bet l'll take ejaculated the boy. "You bet I'll take
it." "Then come down to the
To the young lady in brown he said at parting: Did you say you were at home Tuesday and Friday evenings?
Many Christmases have come and gone since Hank married the lady in
brown. When you meet him on the street and wish him the season's greetings now he responds with," a hearty shout of "Merry Christmas!"
And this time he means it.

Domestic Affiction
A bright girl in a a large school applied
to to her teacher for leave to be absent lalf a day, on a plea that her mother that company was on the way. "It's my fatlier's hatf-sister and her three boys," said the pupil anxiously, "and mother doesn't see how she can do without me, because those boys always "t so dreat fully."
li.t of reasons which justified abored and acked if her case cane under any "I think it might come under this head, Miss Rules," said the girl, point ing. as she spoke,
numtic Attliction."

## Horse Sense

Discussions regarding the ability of
animals to reason are continually finding animals to reason are continually finding causes of renew:-1. The question is often
raised, indeed, as to whether they are able even to imitate.
The latest contributor to the facts of these questions is an old mare belonging to Mr. Richard Begley of Glendale, near
Neepawa. The illustration given is from Neepawa. The illustration given is from
an actual photograph of the animal while she was at work pumping water
for herself and five ered round. What the others think of the ability of their companion is of course not known. They either decline
to be interviewed or what is perhaps
nearer the truth, we do not understand their language The pumping of the water by the mare is a regular daily occurrence. How is a case of imitation, the animal having noted the mode of operation as the pump was being worked by human hands. At any rate she is able to perform the work as effectively as any farm od of pumping. The pump handle is taken between her lips and lifted up and pushed down as regularly as a human being could do it. When the water has been caught by the plunger so that
greater power is required owing to the weight, the down stroke is made by the jaw and muscles of the neck. Enough water is pumped to satisfy all the other animals and when these
retire the mare pumps more for herself. retire the mare pumps more for herself. In frosty round the pump handle to protect the animal's mouth.

## He Caught It, But -

The ferry-dock was crowded with weary home-goers wh n through the weary home-goers wr n through the
crowd rushed a man-hot, excited, laden

nd ehin with bundles of every shape and size. He sprinted down the pier,
his .eyes fixed on a ferryboat only two or three feet out from the pier. He paused but an instant on the stringpiece, and then, cheere. on by tine amused crowd, he made a flying leap cross the intervening stretch of water man happened to be standing on the exact spot on which he struck, and they both went down with a resounding rash. When the arriving man had omewhat recovered his breath apolgized to the fat man. "I hope I wun't
hurt you," he said. "I am sorry. But, anyway, I caught the boat!" "But, you idiot," said the fat man,

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## Their Anniversary

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$V^{\text {HEN the hands of the clock in the }}$ office of the Amalgamated Cotho
$\begin{aligned} & \text { office of the Amalgamated Cotton } \\ & \text { Industries } \\ & \text { Limited }\end{aligned}$
six o'clock, John Long straightened his
$\begin{aligned} & \text { desk, put on his hat and coatt, and d aying } \\ & \text { "Good-night" to his fellow-lerks, left the }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Good-night to his fellow-clerks, left the } \\ & \text { office. } \mathrm{He} \text { bought an evening paper, }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { office. He bough an evening paper, } \\ & \text { boarded a street carr paid his fare, and } \\ & \text { settled himelf }\end{aligned}$
settled himself to read the day's news. At
$\begin{aligned} & \text { the corner of JJackson and Richmond } \\ & \text { Streets he folded his paper got un pand left }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Streets he folded his paper, got up and left } \\ & \text { the car. A walk of five minutes and the }\end{aligned}$
$\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { the car. A walk of five minutes and the } \\ & \text { insertion of a latchkey in a Yale lock }\end{aligned}\right.$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { insertion of a latchkey in a Yale lock } \\ & \text { brought him into the parlor of his little }\end{aligned}$
home. Such was his procedure on the night of
November 30th, $19-$ So far as he could
$\begin{aligned} & \text { remember-if he ever bothered himself to } \\ & \text { think about it-this }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { think about it-this had been his pro- } \\ & \text { cedure for the past ten years }\end{aligned}$
For John Long was a meth
He lived his life according to a definite
$\begin{aligned} & \text { plan, and it had to be something very } \\ & \text { unusual and extrar }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { unusual and extraordinary to be allowed } \\ & \text { to interfere with his well-ordered, regular }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { to interfere } \\ & \text { mode of living. }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { He wasn't a young man; nor was he an } \\ & \text { old man. What he really was, was a }\end{aligned}$
prematurely aged man. Teally was, was a
$\begin{aligned} & \text { young fellow of twenty-four, he had } \\ & \text { courted and married the daughter of a }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { courted and married the daughter of a } \\ & \text { wealthy banker. If either he or Ilsie had } \\ & \text { been able to ee litle }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { been able to see a little way into the future, } \\ & \text { they would have waited a few monts }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { they would have waited a few months } \\ & \text { rather than directlly oppose the wishes of } \\ & \text { Richard Shat }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Richard Shaw, Elsie's hard and harsh } \\ & \text { father. But then neither John nor Elsie }\end{aligned}$
impetus from what they both believed to
$\begin{aligned} & \text { be a perfectly overwhelming love, they } \\ & \text { dispensed with the consent of papa to their }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { dispensed with the consen } \\ & \text { marriage-and eloped. }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Next day, Richard Shaw cut his } \\ & \text { daughter out of his will }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { daughter out of his will in the approved } \\ & \text { fashion. Four months later he died }\end{aligned}$
His huge fortune, willed to charities, was
duly handed over to them, and daughter
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Avenue home, and bring you to a little } \\ & \text { house in a narrow street in }\end{aligned}$
house in a narrow street in a suburb, far
$\begin{aligned} & \text { ronsions, and the round of society lifite } \\ & \text { mand }\end{aligned}$
mansion, and be dear to the heart of one of
Society's fairest belles. It seems like
plucking the rose which bloomed in a
$\begin{aligned} & \text { sheltered bower, and transplanting it to a } \\ & \text { garden where there were none of its }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { garden where there were none of its kind, } \\ & \text { but only a mass of weeds. And yet" }\end{aligned}$
and here his voice seemed to caress the
words as he uttered them, as if they were
$\begin{aligned} & \text { very precious to him - "and, yet, we wave } \\ & \text { been happy darling haven't }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { been happy, darling, haven't we?" } \\ & \text { He paused, and for a moment there was }\end{aligned}$
no response. Then, "Of course we have, dear. You
$\begin{aligned} & \text { are all I 1, want, and so what does the rest } \\ & \text { matter?, }\end{aligned}$
matter?"
And again there was quietness.
"John", Elsie was saying, "I am wcn-
It's just ten years ago tomorrow since re
and I were married. I feel I would lile
$\begin{aligned} & \text { somehow, to make to-morrow a red-letter } \\ & \text { day. Couldn't we do }\end{aligned}$
day. Couldn't we do something to ccrr-
$\begin{aligned} & \text { memorate the fact that you and I hev } \\ & \text { been together for ten whole years? }\end{aligned}$
this time $I$ haven't been to a theatre; have
$\begin{aligned} & \text { never seen the people ', way up.' No, no, } \\ & \text { I'm not complaining," she went on " }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { I'm not complaining," she went on, "' } \\ & \text { have never wanted badly to go, but I dcn"t }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { have never wanted badly to go, but I Icn' } \\ & \text { know why, I would like to make to- }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { know why, } 1 \text { would like to ma, } \\ & \text { morrow stand out as a great day." }\end{aligned}$
She stopped, and looked at her hescend
$\begin{aligned} & \text { "Well, John,", she said, "why don't you } \\ & \text { answer?" Is it because we can't off }\end{aligned}$
answer? Is it because we can't afficrd it,
"It's not that, dear," he returned, "it's
$\begin{aligned} & \text { not that. I would like to please you, but, } \\ & \text { listen. For ten years the world way }\end{aligned}$
has seen nothing of you. It has gone
$\begin{aligned} & \text { rolling on while you and I, in that, at any } \\ & \text { rate, have stood still. There will be fresh }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { rate, have stood still. There will be rresh } \\ & \text { faces. Won't you feel just a little bit out }\end{aligned}$
of it? Id hate to have you come home to Elsse got nothing. Which was undeniably
hard for Elsiethat it was a pity she could not have seen into the future.
But her husband did not'seem to mind.
of course his father-in-law's money would Of course his father-in-1aw's money would
have been useful have been useful, but it was not absloutely
indispensable. He was earning twenty
dol indilspensable. he was earning twent
dollars a week, and, with care, they might manage on that.
A year later, a wee bundle of frail
humanity lay nestling next its mother humanity lay nestling next its mother, and there ewere no prouder people in the
whoe of New York City than John and Elsie Long. Year after year came, and
passed. There hrd passed. There hrd bcrn three more, little
ones, but except for them and the conones, but except for them and the con-
sequent scheming necessary, and also the fact that every two weeks a pay envelope
for sixty dollars, instead of the onetime forty, was handed to John; nothing very
much had happened much had happened.
True, he was getting to look older. Here and there thin streaks of grey showed in
his dark brown hair. His face seemed to grow a little more tired-looking, and to shoulders developed a litle more pro-
nounced bend. But he was still plain nounced bend. But he was still plain
John Long; even, quiet, methodical John
Long. With his wife there was still less change. She was only thirty, and still retained her wealth of beautifil aund surn hair, and her
erect, almost stately carriage erect, almost stately, carriage.
And tonight, tonight was the eve of
the tenth anniversary of their wedding the tenth anniversary of their wedding.
After dinner, while playing at the back of the house, Elsie pame and sat upon the arm of her husband's chair.
dear?" she said. "Ten years ago you and dear? she said. Ten years ago you and
I ran away and were married. Ten years ago. It hardly seems that long, does it, John?",
"No, Elsie,, indeed it doesn't. Ten
vears years, ago, eh? Weed
many times during the well! - and many times during those ten years have
you regretted the step you took, dear?
Don't Don't bother to answer; I know you don't
regret for a minute. Youre the best little regre in the world, Elsie, and we've got on the best fine together, you and, I. And then the children-how happy they have made us,
havent they? But tometimes I feel that,
hat haven't they? But sometimes I feel that,
after all, it was hardly fair to you to take
you from the comfort and lusury of a Fifth
versary."
She saw what he meant, and was prepared. "Out of it, John?" she said. "Why, I "Out of it, John"" she said. "Why, I
don't want to be in it. I only want to be
with with yount Io be in it. I look only wane those that I used to know. They are nothing to me, for one night, dear. You can get out your dress suit, and you know how well you always looked in it. And I have my nd make it as good as anyt ing that Lu ille or Pacquin has turned out this season." She was "almost childishly
enthusiastic now. "Come, John, say And, of course, she got her way.

The next day John Long came home just as methodically as he had done for the
last ten years. But tonight there was a fush on his cheek, and the light of interest and expectation in his eyes.
An hour later his wife came down the stairs.
darliny, Elsie, what a picture you look, darling. You don't seem a day older than when we ran over to the Falls, and were
His face shone with a pride that was genuine. But it flashed across his mind again that he had not done right to take
her away from the world of lights and joy her away from the world of lights, and joy,
and pleasure, to which she belonged. and pleasure, to which she ber
A taxi drove up to the door.
"Oh, John. This is good of you, dear A taxi to take us down. Whell, we are
entitled to one big night, after ten years, entitled to one big night, after ten years,
aren't we, John?", Arrived at the theatre John handed his wife out, inquired the fare, and gave the
driver a quarter for hiself He had driver a quarter for himself. He had
caught the spirit which had prompted Elsie's request, and felt r.diculously like a schoolboy who had just had a hamper from
home, and wanted everybody to sho good things. The play-which they saw from a box,
which they had to themselves-was good But it was hardy themselves-was good
ocupuants occupants of Box C. as the people around What wound he not give to to be one of them He would have a house in Fifth Avenue and an auto-the best that money could
buy-and Elsie should have diamonds
galore, and--he stopped. What strange coinc.dence was it that made his hand touch the remainder of his thirty dollars, laid out for the week, in his pocket?
After the show they The salpon was magnificently lit, and
splendidly appointed. The best band in New York played delicious music in one corner. The plate and cut glass seemed to be resplendent with a blaze of light, and scintillated like a thousand gems. The perfume of the flowers on the tables, and
the maddening intoxication of the whole scene seemed to fire the brain of John Long.
But how out of it he felt! His dress suit, fashionable ten years ago, seemed
oddly out of date. He fancied other men were noticing it, and scorning him for it Oh, why couldn't he be like the other men in the room?
"Why someone was talking. "Why, Miss Shaw, fancy seeing, you
here! And yet I knew I couldn't be herel And yet 1 knew I couldn't be
mistaken. We have all wondered for ten years where you had got-Ah! pardon!", he stopped, and followed the direction of her eyes till' they rested upon John. "Your husband?" There was a note of well-bred
surprise in his voice. And then "How surprise in his voice. And then, "How a
you, Mr. Long. Glad to know you,"
But the man addressed wasn't glad. He was sullen. The stranger- evidently one of the set to which Elsie had briginally belonged-was politely ignoring him. Gradually his anger rose. Why had he not counted upon this? What a fool he he could not bring back the rose into its he could not bring back she rose into its
native garden without' some one eagerly seizing the opportunity to try and make it bloom again.
His wife
"Gis wife had risen."- "Good-bye, Mr. Devine," she said, "so glad to byeve Met yovine, sagein. said, "so has seemed like old times to aalk with you." And, turning to her husband, she, went on, John, Mr. Devine is going now.' The two men bowed, and Percy Devine, dollars, left them. When he was gone, and husband wife were left alone, there was silence.
Elsie spoke. "That was one of the bo I Elsie spoke. "That was one of the boys I used to know, John. Isn't he nice? She stopped and looked at her husband. John Long said nothing for a time. Then, "Let's go home, dear. We're
through, aren't we? Come on, then." So John and Elsie Long, of the SixRoomed House, lett the world of glitter, where
coat.

The next evening, John Long, pursuing his, regular systematic methods, arrived home n the same way,
as for the last ten year.
And late that night his wife came to him and said: 'John, dear, I know how you felt over last night. And I'm so sorry.
But I want to tell you that to me the face and form o: John Long with hair growing grey, and shoulders becoming bent as the years go by, are infinitely more precious than the recognition and conversation of one who does nothing for himself or for
others. For you, John, have loved me others. For you, John, have loved me.
We have been together all these years. I have borne your children and am helping to train them. And there is no one in the
whole wide world that I can admire so much, nor love so deeply, as my dear, dear husband. that love.

Modern Methods of Teaching the
Cause of Nervousness Among
Young Children
By Addie Noble
The growing tendency to nervousness Horcibly" lefore me, particularly the t two years, that I began to ponder
to the cause of it, and after much obPation and tliought on the subject have decided that perhaps many
ar ancalled "Modern Methods" ulling may be somewhat responsible Being a tor studying the question, and will
two circumstances which have
ear. A little six-year-old girl, attendwas naturally of a nervous temperament, grew almost intolerable before the holidays. About Thanksgiving time we had a new book of Pilgrim stories,
which were greatly enjoyed by the which were greatly enjoyed by the older
pupils, in which bears, Indians, etc firured conspiculously. This little, firl seemed much interested and I noticed that when I read anything particularly pathetic she cried. The effect I saw it
was having upon this efid was having upon this child was, so it
seemed to me, sufficient to cause me to forbear finishing the book. She asked
me if me if those stories were true, and if
there were any bears and Indians now there were any bears and Indians now,
and many other questions of a similar nature, which proved to me, beyond a doubt, that they worried her, and I was
afraid that they worked and feelings to such an extent that it may have increased her nervousness. This circumstance alone taught me how very careful we should be in the selec
tion of our stories for children tion of our stories for children.
The past few weeks I have had the privilege of tutoring an eleven-year-old
girl, who had not been physically able to do justice to her work during the past year, and now, during the summer vacation, is taking review work with me in order to more fully understand the work gone over. She was telling me
how very, very nervous her arithmetic work made her. It seemed that for special Friday afternoons or for practice
work they had a plan in her room of work they had a plan in her room of choosing sides, and sending a representa
tive to the board to addition, subtraction, multiplications in division. And she being much stronger in addition and multiplication than in subtraction and division was alway pleased when they had that kind o problems, and when she had her choic she cliose those , subjects, but when he
adversary had that privilege and seadversary had that priviege and so
lected those of subtraction and division, she says, "I just got so nervous and hur
ried (for they were fighting agains ried (for they were fighting against time as well) that I couldn't do any thing," and consequently lost out. I car mental condition ater having known her all her life, I know she is of a nervous temperament, an so very sensitive that she can bear n scoldings or punishments, and is on
whose highest aim is to do "just right" whose highest aim is to do "just right."
Naturally delicate, it will require the utmost care of her health to enable her to even reach high school.
It seems to me that if we, as teachers, would study the effects our methods of promoting the health of our pupils cultivating the mind.

Young wifie made hubby a biscuit, He ate it. She didn't dare friscuit. He lay back and moaned,
And painfully And painfully groaned:
"I sure was a fool to riscuit."

- Out of the Grand Central Station the other day came a couple the sight of whom
caused citizens who sav them to themselves that there might be, after all some basis of truth in the "Uncle Josh"
jokes of the allegedy funny papers. Th jokes of the allegedy yunny papers. The ing green umbrella firmly, and ooked up and down the street, his mouth agape. "There's a heap o' sights in New York,
I guess, Maria," he said. "I misdoubt if I guess, Maria,","
TWe old lady's, mouth set grimly. manner was more than significant, "bein' as I'm with, you, there's some, I' expect that you ain't goin' to seel"


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#### Abstract

TWO CERISTMMAS CAMPAIGNS The "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" campaign, which has come to be a regular annua good campaign it is. Early Christmas shopping is an excellent thing all round, and saves much stress of work-day work and night work, that should not be necessary, in manufacturing and in selling and in distribution. There are those who cannot make all their purchases early, but those who can make a real contribution to the Christmas spirit by doing so. Another Christmas campaign which is becoming annual, thought it is as yet, only a couple of years old is the 'Spug' movement-the name being formed from the initial letters of the title of the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. This is a movement for the promotion of the rrue Christmas spirit of unselfish though and sympathetic understanding of the real needs of others, and the lessening the giving of needs of others, and the lessening the giving of useless things. The "Spugs" do not want u; to give up Christmas giving-not at all. They wout the a set of feeble-minded cranks, if they imagined to for a moment. They want giving to be the free and joyous expression of affection, an festation of the true Christmas spirit.


## A TRIUMPH OF TEE WILI

Christmas joyfulness would be a hollow thing if it were wholly regardless of the serious undertone of human life, like the deep-toned bells that give body to
the music of the chinces. And so it may be said that the music of the chimes. And. so it may be said that just come to The Philosopher's table is fitly entitled to a place among the Christmas books. Sad, and even heartrending, it is, being the diary of Captain
Scott, unde" the modest title "Captain Scott's Last Scott, unde: the modest title "Captain Scott's Last figures not at all as a dismal kill-joy among the books Which are gay and festive with seasonable holiday jollity It tells the terrible trials which Captain Scott
and his companions were subjected to in their endeavand his companions were subjected to in their endeav-
orings to pierce into the last fastnesses of nature and of how they clung together while pressing onward to in failing strength from suffering and priva tale is told in a plain, straightforward way. Worthy of special note is the fact that though the party had opium tablets sufficient to put them all to sleep forever of the drug in the face of certain death. The diary continues, alinosist to the end, in a calm, steady tone the writer giving his last thoughts to others. The very last entry is, like all the rest, in firm handwriting. This book furnishes proof incontrovertible that Captain

## THE GREATEST POWER IN HISTORY

Each year, as Christmas comes round, our thoughts are car wonderful things to the world. So many years hav passed since the shepherds watching their flocks by night saw a bright glory in the sky and heard the angelic song, that we speak of the birth of the Child at Bethlehem as nineteen centuries ago, measuring
time by hundreds of years. Using the word "centuries" in its exact sense, we may let our though's go back nineteen centuries in this closing month of the year lehem, and try to picture to ourselves the boy Jesus
nearing his thirteenth birthday-a village boy in the country districts of Galilee. It helps us to realize how the Son of God was human, even as we ourselves, growing from helpless infancy into childhood and youth
and full manhood. As we ponder over that then upon the whole pageant of Christian history and then upon the whole pageant of Christian history, and
think of the message which came to men on the night of the birth in the manger at Bethlehem, and as we eel in our hearts that peace which such thoughts can
 God." With Him came a new power into the Son of new force in the shaping of the life of humanity, a new leaven working in the world. It created a new ruellest persecutions and eventually conquering the Roman Empire. And as we let our thoughts travel down through the centuries we hear the knockirg at hetions rising into being. Wild and fierce the new barians sweep over the Alps, they overthrow the great cities, they ravage the provinces, they capture
Rome itself. But the power that came into the world with the birth of the Child at Bethlehem seizes then.
It captures the conquerors, and by them obtains a new and ever spreading dominion. New nations start
into the world to gain a new life, and still are inspired by the same faith. New continents are discovered,
and that faith establiskes itself in new lands that the of world never dreamed of. And so, with the advance

of our prairies, everywhere throughout the world, presented to pur thouk mrue think the Christmas day is still far from realization, but no less true it is that human progress is towards that realization. It brings us humility to think of how much slower that progress is than it might be, because of our selfishness, our passions and our moral weakness;
but there is also inspiration to hope as we note what has been gained, and that we are "sweeping into the wider day," in the growth among us of perception of our duties and responsibilities to other lives than our own, in the spirit of the teaching of Jesus, which means our daily lives-an everyday religion.

## THE WORK OF THE SETTILER

There are articles appearing in many German newspapers designed to deter intending immigrants to
this country from leaving the Fatherland by decloring this country from leaving the Fatherland by declaring
that life in Western Canada is filled with hardshin which are unknown anywhere in Europe save in the most inclement regions of northernmost Russia. Suc misrepresentations are not as successful in this age of
rapid and active communications as they would be in rapid and active communications as they would be in
the days before steam and telegraphs hed the days before steam and telegraphs and all the other
wonders by whieh science has created a veritoble wonders by whieh science has created a veritabl easy work that faces the settler in this country who sets to work to reate a home for his family. But it makes him an independent man.

## DIVINING RODS AND DIVINE RIGHT

The r:mark made on this page last month to the effect that if Alberta were in the German Empire the Kaiser would have offcial diviners w th divining rods Kaiser oover the country to locate wil divining rods
brought from Mr. James Harper of Verieposits has
bask, an orought rom Mr. James Harper, of Verigin, Sask., an interesting letter on this whole subiect. Like the German Emperor, Mr. Harper is a be'iever in the
divining rod, or to speak more accurately, in diviners. The Emperor has avowed his faith more unreservedly than Mr. Harper, who takes no stock in the German claim that deposits of minerals can be located in this way. In Mr. Harper's belief, the divining power is a natural girt of certain exceptional persons, and is
confined to the locating of flowing water underground The subject is a curious one. As for the German Emperor's avowal of belief, would anything be surprising from that extraordinary man? He believes profoundly in his own divine right to rule. He is a man of genius, who would have found himself in a He certainly fulfills his role of "heedal of the State." $A$ triking example, by the way, of his way of being the ead of the State was farnished a couple of weeks ago by his edict that Captain Roold Amundsen, the he magnetic pole-and was in Winnipeg dist covered may be mentioned- would be allowed to lecture in Schlesig-Holstein on his coming Antarctic. expedition only on condition that he spoke in German, not in Norwegian. Captain Amundsen's appeal to the
Kaiser to reconsider the matter was decisively turned down. The Kaiser's idea is that the Norwegian language being much like the Danish, and there being Danish anti-German sentiment in Schleswig-Holstein, it would be injudicious to allow Captain Amundsen to speak in Norwegian. Captain Amundsen, who speaks from the Canadian point of view there is something absurdly inexplicable in the German submissiveness to being bossed. An Imperial edict of the Kaiser might order the arrest of a wearer of a red tie in Germany,
and it would be submitted to and philosophically accepted as a decree of immutable fate.

## Not Charity, but JUStice

Maternity allowances are already being paid by
British Government, and in several States in the the British Government, and in several States in the country to the south motherhood pensions are being
established. The Dominion Trades Congress at estabiseal a couple of months ago favored some such action by the Government of this country. The first official report of the actual working of such a s system
on this continent has just been made ubulic on this continent has just been made public. II is
the report issued by the State Government of Oregon the report issued dy the state covernment of tregon
setting forth the results of the experiment tried by establishing in that State pensions for mothers with
voung children who find themselves in need wheth by reason of the death of their husbands, or the ina bility of their husbands to provide for their families,
or by reason of their husbands having abandoned or by reason of their husbands having abandoned
them or having been sentenced to prison. The Oregon them or having been sentenced to prison. The Oregon
report discloses certain unanticipate results-unaninipated in their extent, at any rate if not in their
.hiracter. In the first place it is to be noted that 50 per cent o the applications for mothers' pensions
in Oregon have been rejected as fraudulent. In in Oregon have been rejected as stradulent. "In
many cases," says the official report, "perjury Has been aonimitied, and false affidavits rs to finaneial statt:s
made." On the other hand, deserving widows have
shrunk from the publicity of asking State aid. "In the mass of the inquiries conironing the pension that there may be many needy and proud mothere whose wants are not even known." These are grave and difficult problems, which are also presenting themselves in other States. While there are many omen found who seek fraudulently either of their own motion, or as the tools of others, to obtain the puserving mothers who would ra her endure healthbreaking privations than submit to what they conceive would be a violation of their, dignity and self-respect in accepting "public charity", In the time to come act that every child has the right to a healthy ental in life and every mother has the right to the means of providing it and that it is in the interest of the publio welfare and progress that there should be public pro-

## ABOUT MAKING SPEECHES

Among the books which have come of late to the Philosopher's desk fill the Book of Public Speaking, ever has to "speak" anywhere There is one who ever has
which for not a few speakers would come first and it is: Don't. A man of sincerity and earnestness, with a reai nessage to deliver, will somehow manage to get it spoken, for all that his tongue may be unready, and his who cultivate the art of speaking simply here are men he attaining of their own self-seeking ends, who are ctors simulating sincerity and earnestness. and publio spirit, and whose eloquence is "sounding brass and inkling cymbal." There are still others who love to speak for the sake of speaking, who are so charmed by
the music of their own voices that they opportunity and occasion of holding forth. Great is the power of speech, when used with truth and conviction for the right and against the wrong. Our ${ }^{\text {schools should devote more attention to training the }}$ citions citizens of the future to be able to stand up, when it
is necessary and say briefly and fo cibly what they feel it to be a public duty to have said. They should be taught especially the value and the beauty of brevity. And still more especially they
should be taugt to despe should be taught to despise windy "oratory" with no
sincerity behind it.

## AS TO IMPROVING OUR ROADS AND WAYS

These be times when we are hearing much about the importance of Government provision for bette roads. Truly there is nothing more important than mending our ways. This of course, applies both literally, and figuratively In this connection it is interesting to note that Lord Durham, in his colebrated Report to the British Government on Canadia Afrairs in 1839 relates that the Nova Scotian Legis for roads and bridges, which sum was divided into
830 Local Improvement Grants, 830 Commissioners being appoin'sed to expend fhe money, one for each ocal district, "giving, on an , yerage, one Commissione for rather more than $£ 12$," wrote Lord Durham in a further remuneration of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the outlay, In those times the Legislatures found the money fo roads and bridges, and made the appropriations for
those purposes as large as possible those purposes as large as possible by holding down
the appropriations for other purposes nee appropriations for other purposes. It was not
necessary then, as it is now in both the Dominion necessary then, as it is now in both the Dominion
House and the Legislatures of the Provinces the money votes should be introduced by Mroviniseers, thare was a general scramble among the members, with much log-rolling, and the one who obtained a goodly
share of the public money for his constituents was in a position, to quote Lord Durham's words, of being able to "render an easy account of his stewardship, with confident assurance of reelection. ${ }^{\text {E }}$ In Uperer Canada the extension of municipal government improved matters, but in the case of the heavy expendi-
tures by the Province upon needed coloniza ion roads in the newer districts, it it always charged, rightly/ or wrongly, by the party out of power that there is an enormous leakage and that the party in power sees to it that party advantage is reaped from the outlayan accusation by no means confined to the polititical
history of Ontario. From New York papers which ave come under The Philosopher's notice recently it appears that that State is now spending $\$ 50,000,000$ ry is that politics has teen a curse. In England the cry is that politics has teen a corrse. In England the e
Road Board, a non-partisan body, was given charce that work a couple o years of that work a couple o years ago, apparently with
satisfactory results. The plan of the Board is to give ian s to rural municipalitie in aid of local improvements up to 75 per rent of their cost. The income of
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(Continued from page 66)
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narrative form with the war of 1812 narrative form with the war of 1812
and subseguent years, especially as it
and was carried on on the Creat Lakes. The
book is most beautifully illustrated with photographs and drawings. The drawings are $\boldsymbol{r} \cdot$ ny of them reproductions of originals from the collection of Hon. Jas. Ross Robertson, and the pho-
tographs were taken by the author himtographs were taken by the author hing-


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## skin. Fat little worms and larrae, hidden under the bark and in the crevices under the bark and in the crevices, produee heat, and they are therefore produe heat, and they are therefore devoured wholesale by the birds that we see on the trunks and the larger boughs of rough-barked trees : smooth bark seeretes o grubs. It pays to attract such

 visitors around our homes.One of the first to respond to your nvitation will be the rriendly little gray suit, and black cap, is really one of the most contagiously cheerful presences in birddom. Surely he is most welcome to the feast. Storms never keep him
away: no fair-weather friend is he. His cousin, the tufted titmouse, while rather shy about approaching men's houses, is a common and very noisy bird in the woods south of Washington.
Another guest that is likely to accept
our hospitality without delay is your hospitality without delay is the black and white fellow wearing a red cap which his mate lacks. "Tappety tap-tap-tap,' 'resounding from the tree-trupk where they cling, however numb their
frostbitten toes, informs the hostess of frostbitten toes, informs the hostess of
their arrival. Once they discover your free lunch they may be depended upon as steady company through snow, sunshine or rain. If the truth must be told they are rather greedy and selfish even to each
other, but no less amusing to watch cn that account. Look twice to make sure it is not the similar hairy woodpecker you are entertaining. The large red-headed woodpecker, more common in the South and lidade west, relishes the same menu relative, the flicker, often condescends to fick up his food off the ground like any plebeian sparrow.
Far better acrobats than these tirelces coodpeckers are the red-breasted and the nastic feats anv circus performer might envy. These little slate-blue birds run either up a tree or down it, head first, side of Wrizizr.tal limbs, and save them-
selves from many a tumble by fluttering in the air an instant to gain a firmer foothold When they have secured a morsel of food they usually take it to some favsorite cre-
vice in the bark that vice in the bark that serves as a vise, nut, seed, cocoon or suet. If you want to see some fun seleet Christmas are on your liwn, tie unrcasted peanuts by strings to the tips of as rany
wigs as you can twigs as you can reach, then natch peckers dangle and swing on the necto
while trying to to while trying to force an entrance to the kernels. Indeed, there is no more accert. able food that you could place in the
treeboxes or scatter, when crushed ree-boxes or scatter, when crushed, over Once it is didsoovered you, oily reanut.
feathered visitors. Meadow-lack
Oct feathered visitors. Meadow-larks, crcv: 8 ,
bluejays, grackles, quails and grouse are specially fond of it.
Possibly those charming little sprites ine ruby-crowned and the golden-crowned That $a$ red-letter day. The fidgety Carolina wren is even more nervous and shy about approaching the anquet than the winter wren-strange
beravior of bircs next of kin to Jenny Wren and Sir Christopher, who acted all summer as if they owned your house and grounds.
Though you may not chance to see the ittle brown creeper hitching his way up
the bark and using his stiff tail-fathers as a prop, he may be, nevertheless, a daily ensioner on your bounty.
Quite a diff erent menu must be prepared if one would attract another set of birds, and the scrapings rom the dinner-plates, minced fine, may be mixed with waste canary seed, hemp, sunflower seed, buckwheat, cracked corn or other cereals, pea meal, broken nuts, acorns, dried fruit
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Miss Springfield Republican, of the Canadian Roekies, says: "Europe has its 'Switzerland, famous throughout the world for the splendor and magnificence of its mountain scenery, which has lured variety an charm, as well as because of Variety acessibility, Its scenery is un-
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changingly changingly beautiful, and the Alpine
heights retain a ceaseless fascination for heights retain a ceaseless fascination for
the mountaineer Yet we turn' with the mountaineer. Yet we turn with
wonder and admiration to our own Switwonder and admiration to our own Swit-
zerland. The paradise of our own continent lies among the rugged Rocky Mountains of Canada."
So thought these travellers, looking from a train window at the glories of our Canadian Rockies. What must be
the feeling, and what the thought of one who has lived among them? They are something too imposing for mere words. They are to the eye like sweet music to the ear. They must be seen and studied. One must live among them and watch
the glories of sunlight upon their everlasting snows and peaks. One must climb their heights and breathe the cold thin atmosphere of $t$ e dizzy eleva-
tions, and train one's eyes to measure tions, and train one's eyes to measure pinnaoles and hollows ere realizing their
stupendous grandeur. One must hear the voice of the storm amid their peaks; the avalanche tearing the forest from its native roo s; the avulsion of crag and towering boulder from buttresses above the clouds, ere the full power of thes his mind.
As they rise before us in imagination or reality, we cannot but be impressed
with their greatness. Think of the with their greatness. Think of the
power that pushed them up till they power that pushed them up till they
piereed the clouds! Engineering science knows of no machinery adequate for so gigantic a task. Gaze at the gilded peaks as they glisten against the sun-
set sky! The imagination of the most set sky! The imagination of the most gifted architect could not evolve their jugged beauty, mor
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self into a lake, and it seetimsas if self into a lake, and it seetmsas if peace
had established herself in the bosom of strength amid these mighty mountains. A murmur of Eternity and Immensity, of Life and Death steals through one's soul, and he feels as if Death and Life
were one; as if the earth were not dead were one; as if the earth were not dead;
as if the spirit of the earth had its throne in that splendor, and one's own spirit was holding communion therewith. It is good to turn occasionally from the stagnant atmosphere of the city, and breathe the fragrance of the
heights; from the dead level of the phin to the inspiration of these everlasting pyramids of Nature; to let our thoughts rise like the mountains to meet the deep blue of the sky. Who that has onee
experienced it can ever forget his experienced it can ever forget his feel
ings as he stood beneath the blue dome of Heaven, walled in by are-scarre mountains, enthralled by the ceaseles roar of tumbling, tossing waterfalls, and the mysterious whisperings of forests o graceful branches-all Na swayed the in wonder and beauty?
During a brief residence among the mountains of Canada the writer has more than once lain and watched the morning as the sentinel stars waned and disappeared, a soft pink glow touched
the east. Gradually it changed into the warm red illumination that lends to those wild regions a charm that cannot be surpassed, as each rock, and tree, and crystal stream suddenly sprang into vision when the full glory of the sun
radiance lit up the mountains radiance lit up the mountains. mastered by the sea of glory that filled the western sky. The flaming scarlet crimson, gold, with clouds of darker hiue, rolled together in mighty billows,
momentarily taking on new tints as momentarily taking on new tints as
luminous as the shapes were varied. Now royal purple. predominated, then beaten gold. Here and there a coloud glistened with that dazzling whiteness that carries with it the thought of the Eternal.
"Emblem, methought, of the departed
To whose white robe the gleam of
bliss is given."
Caught in the spell the earth seemed to partake of the glory. The red and green took on hues that vied with the plendors of the autumn. The mountain brook looked like a stream of nolten gold. All faded away with the arched with the star-studded sky. On all sides the great stern Rockies, those age-long watchers of the rise of man-
kind, seemed to give their consent to kind, seemed to give
the thoughtful mind.
These mountains, what changes they have witnessed! Great silent watchers
of the life of man, could they but speak, what histories they could tell! Slowly the mind takes in the surrounding vastness. Far as the eye can reach the grandeur stretches, as if the ocean,
tossed by the wild storms of centuries, with billows tossed to the clouds, were caught by an Almighty hand, and held motionless forever. Upon these rugged slopes the Red Men once thronged. Driven from the prairies and foothills,
upon these rocky grounds they hunted upon these rocky grounds they hunted
and fought and died. Far up and down the valleys stretch, clothed with waving forests. Far up the slopes these forests
stretch, till the white-capped. peaks rise from out the green and pierces the
clouds. Glistening in the golden light,
these clonds. Glistening in the golden light,
these jagged, ice-bound summits rise
above all else, chane all else, unchanged amidst the The irrestible grandeur of these lofty peaks and shadowy vallees lifts us up
into that a tmosphere where great sonls
live and move and have their being It into that atmosphere where great sonls
live amd move and have their being. It
wil-wa- trom his high wate their be be "sitting
lone" with the stars." that Tising alone with the stars," that Tishindorf
saw all thin complesity of human life.
its silent sea of pines, that inspired its silent sea of pines, that inspired
Coleridge to write his "Hymn Before
Sunrise."
And the mountains have a message for us still. We need the wider they ever remind us. We too which they ever remind us. We, too, need to
look out on the great wide Universe. We need their lesson of Tuggedness and strength, of vastness of vision, of the infinite patience of a persevering purpose. We need the uplift of magnificent dis-
tance. We need the beauty tapce. We need the beauty of snow-pine-clad branches, of blue cliffs, and dazzling glaciers, for they all tell us of the might and majesty of the Eternal. fought and won. Generations rise are pass away; but these mountains and main. Born of fire, earthquake and the pressure of gigantic forces, subjected to all the disintregrating influences of
heat, frost, and water, they still stand Gre
Great beacons of Eternity!

## Why Faith Cures Fail

Faith is a large element in many cures. Everybody admits this. In olden times fa:th cures were much more num:purpose to call attention to some of the purpose to call attentio
reasons why this is so
While practicing medicine in the city of Elmira, N. Y., I was somewhat intimately associated in a professional way with the practice of a very eminent surgeon of that city. He was the propriwas of a large surgical institute which York, and some of the adjoining states People came hundreds of miles to consuit him, and his office was the theatre of many curious incidents. Some of these incidents fell under my observation.
oining town man of prominence in an a foing town, by a sudden wrenching c
the knee, dislocated the semilunar cartiages. This accident is rather unusual doctor he consulted did not recognize the difficulty and the knee was treated for a sprain to no avail, and finally of the troubas attributed as the cause of the trouble with his knee. came to Elmira to conseral weeks he above referred to. A careful exargina the of his knee revealed the nature of lages were ty and the semilunar cartithe almost replaced, which resulted in been a very serious cure of what had knee joint.
The young
went away man came on crutches and tried to away able to walk. The doctor happened explain to him exactly what had could say the news spread that an in stantaneous cure of an old case of in-
$\square$
matism hà been made in his office. The young man returned home and became miracunder of the neighborhood. The wide.
A maiden lady about fifty years of ge, who had long been an invalid from hronic rheumatism of the knee 'joints eard of the incident. She sent a messenger to the young man to investigate self that the the reports and satisfy hermira had the wonderful surgeon of Elous cure. She immediately made up her mind that she would go also and be healed.
A few days afterwards a carriage drove was to the doctor's office and a woman as the doctor came to understand the situation his first impulse was to protest against her expectations and ex-
plain to her that her case was entirely


Sheep Feeding in Western Winters
different from the case of the young man, but a second thought caused him the keep silent. Leaving tne patient in the consulting room we retired together was, in substance, as follows: was, in substance, as follows: rheumatism. The other case was a condition of the knee joint, which, if it could be cured at all, could be cured instantly by simply replacing some displaced cartilages. Now, this lady is
strongly of the opinion that her case is the same. She is thoroughly convinced that her case is as quickly curable as the case of the young man. Is it wisdom to destroy that faith that has sprung up within her by a conspiracy of circumstances for which we are not re-
sponsible ? Shall we go lack into the consulting room and tell her that her case is not like the one that inspired her to come here and thus destroy in her the faith which may possibly lead to the benefit of the faith that had so accidentally been acquired.
The patient had heard of the mis placed cartilages and insisted that the cartilages in her knee joint were also
misplaced. The doctor allowed her to misplaced. The doctor allowed her to think so and went through some per-
formance or other with her knee which formance or other with her knee which
led her to believe that he had replaced the cartilages. The knee was badly swollen, tender, and deformed and sur rounded by several bony enlargements. Despite all this after the doctor had pronounced the cartilages replaced, not step for several years, she immediately arose from the operating table and declared that she was able to walk. She was literally carried into the doctor's ffice an The
the city for a few cays, which she did coming to the office every morning in a carriage, but always walking from the carriage into the office and from the of-

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This woman returned to her home with in a week able to walk, a wor could be credited, suffered no pain or in stiffness and muscular weakness. Why cannot every case of joint disease, similar to this lady's, he cured in
this way? Simply because the mental this way? Simply because the mental
condition, under which this lady was condition, under which this lady was Give us a patient, however, with the same amount of faith in the doctor and expectation of cure as this lady had, and the same thing, in all probability, could be done with every other case.
In olden times the people held notions of God and science which prepared them to believe in miraculous happenings. They were instructed to believe that disease was of such a nature that it could be instantly cured. Disease to them was an entity which could be frightened way or other.
It was thought that everybody could be healed in those days, and this might happen any time if one was lucky enough to find the one capable of performing the feat. Some of them be of great sacrifice that God would intervene, and cure them miraculously.
Every now and then a man or woman would arise among them who seemed to be possessed of miraculous powers to ward with expectation that some day

Dust Room Exterminates Lice
Henry Bishop of New York has worked out an unusual success with poultry have been more than $\$ 2$ each for a flock of 200 White Leghorn hens. These hens are kept in warm houses, with windows letting in maximum sunshine, but fitted
with storm doors that can be closed over with storm doors that can be closed ove part of them in very cold or stormy with litter in winter and the hens ar compelled to work for their early morning meals. Later they get their mash of balanced ra
alfalfa meal

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Thrice a week they are fed coed cooker mr. Bishop cooks on a stove and his feed room. Pure water, shells an grit, in addition to the above, make the
conditions in his hennery in conditions in his hennery in winter as
near like summer as possible near like summer as possible. He says
that one reason for his success is, the are no vermin in his hennery ; they could not live in it. If he buys a lousy hen the lice on it soon disappear. His lice exterminator is a dust room, not a small
dust box, where ncarly the whole flock dust box, where ncarly the whole flock
can take their bath together, and rid themselves of vermin in nature's way On sunshiny days the hens like to dust themselves, and they fill the whole house with a cloud of dust that destroys vermin
in all parts of it. The dust room, abut in all parts of it. The dust room, about

## A Premium Worth Having

ALTHOUGH we only offered the combined Tea and Dinner Set for the first time in our November number we have already received many orders, enquiries and appreciations. The following should encourage other readers to try for this premium which for value we guarantee to be unsurpassed:

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few more. Yours reapectully
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or some way a miraculous cure would come. The whole drift of their education in those days was to keep alive
such hope. Therefore, it was that this such hope. Therefore, it was that this
class of healers found an excellent field for operation.
for operation.
But in this
people have been educated the world people have been educated to look to
drugs for cures. Surgical operations or large bottles filled with nauseating mixtures are the sources from which the people are educated nowadars to ex
pect a cure. This has been drilled into them from infancy. Very few of us think of prayer or faith in God or miraculous cures when we are sick. Our
faith is pinned to medicine. We faith is pinned to medicine. We look
to the drug doctor for a cure. He comes to the drug doctor for a cure. He comes
with his unpalatable mixtures. We take them with the same faith the people of olden times used to receive the ministrations of divine healers. The drugs
often do us great injury, doubtless, but often do us great injury, doubtless, but
the beneficial effect of our faith has rethe beneficial effect of our faith has re-
acted upon us in spite of the drugs. acted upon us in spite of the drugs.
Thus it is that divine healers today, if they for any reason are unwilling to
use drugs, find themselves confronted with a skepticism which is well nigh universal and perfectly sincere. People stubbornly refuse to accept any other cure but drugs, except in some great ex-
tremity when all other things have tremity
failed.
The divine healer today has to contend with the whole trend of popular
education of the schools and the church es. He has first somelow to contrive way to set aside nearly everything that
the people have been taught. in order to the people have been tanght, in order to
fit them to receive the benefit of mental
hennery. It and the other rooms are partitioned with wire netting, so the dust is filled with fresh, dry fine soil in the fall and renewed each year.

## Her Little Game

As a married couple were walking down one of the main thoroughfares of a city the usband noted the attention which other women obtained from passers-by, and "Folks never look at you. I wish I had married some one better looking." The woman tartly replied: " 1 t's your ault. Do you think a man will stare at he when you're walking with ne? You tep behind and see whether men don't The husban ards, and for hung back about a dozen urprised to see every man his wife passed and hard at her and even turn around and look after her.
oined her "I " he exclaimed as he reback. I'll never say aught about your ooks again."
The wife had made a face at every man she met.

Pantry shelves covered with white table oilcloth will keep clean for years and warm water. Cut the oilcloth in strips three inches wider than the shelves. Cover thee front edge and paste under-
neath, lett ng the oilcloth come up about neath, lett ng the oilcloth come up about

## Poultry Chat

WHAT is this in the press - eggs whole wheat per day for sixteen hens is
seventy-five cents a dozen in thought enough with sorts, and the dry
New York? Surely it will pay or the to build up a good laying strain of for winter laying. There is house them for winter laying. There is no question
about the market in Winnipeg or any of our Western cities for new-laid eggs of our winter sixty cents and more is
All
cladly paid. The requirements to secure gladly paid. The requirements to secure
eggs are within' the reach of all poultry eggs are within the reach of all poultry
raisers who take a personal interest in raisers who take a personal interest in
their laying flock. First, a good, comtheir laying flock. First, a good, com-
fortable house, not heated, remember, and not costly. I have never had as much as a stovepipe in my henhouse in a dozen years, and the hens always lay in winter when I can personally super-
vise them. From early December all vise them. From early December all
through the cold dips of January and February. The house should not be overcrowded, and should face the south;
contain three windows, placed to catch the sunlight in winter. Each window
should be provided with wooden shutters to keep out the intense cold at night prefer these to double windows. One window should have a cotton sash in stead of glass for ventilation. This is
better than a dranghty better than a dranghty ventilator
Whenever possible, open a window at Whenever possible, open a window at
noontime. When the sun is high is a good opportunity to thoroughly air the working like niggers digging out kernels of grain in their litter six to eight inches deep on the floor.
s used by many people. over the roosts house it will doubtless keep the hens warmer at night. I have not found it necessary in any of my fowl houses and wonder if hens are not better without a
suffy curtain shutting in all foul odors stuffy curtain shutting in all foul odors
and fowls are "odorous" enough at the best of times!
Provide some wheat and oat sheaves and as winter draws near, when the bitds are shut, in a good deal, throw a copple of sheaves in a sunny spot, south
of the house. Let them scratch here for an hour. Fresh air and exercise spells perfect health and vigor for the fowls; and winter eggs result. Do not, however, look for the "gold nuggets" from old, tired-out hens that would be on the
voters' list were suffrage granted to the gentler sex. Well-matured pullets and ear-old hens divide the honors usually in laying contests. But, a word in your ar, do not put your fine breeders into the laying pen if you look for strong fertie eggs in Aprit. ing stock. Then place them in another house or pen, and don't let them lay if vou can help it. Guard against dampness - a most insidious foe to perfect
health. Clamy walls and floors are deadly, and croup and rheumatism soon make an appearance. Cleanliness, heaps of sunshine and fresh air with comfort re antilotes. Air-slaked lime scattered freely in damp premises will dry and
prrify the atmosphere greatly. As I said before all houses should be whitewashed before winter comes and perfectly cleaned. Poles, or lathes. nailed a few inches apart near the ceil-
ing of a damp or cold house and the ing of a damp or cold house and the
space packed with clean straw will helly space packed with clean straw will heln
to dry dampness, absorbing it-wonder-
fully heard of a fine henlouse on the C.P.R arm near Winnipeg where the entire fall had mesh wire stretched over it splendid; a dry house all winter. Mesl asket for cabbage, turnips, beets and potatoes-all to be given in the rav: The to our winter layers. to the window :Ils and bige banked ip to the window s:lls, and higher again
"Il the north exposure of the building.
When snow comes, ith it snow comes, bank up again

## Feed. of course is a great factor. heat, oats and barley in turn are good.

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ther is fashionable. One quart of
or steamed mash. Judgment must be Orpingtons need plenty of grain, th the Leghorns requiring somewhat less. But severe. Rran, our winters rather Bran, shorts, crushed oats,
severe.
ome linseed meal, make an excellent dry mash to be fed in a hopper. Hens person can be overfeed on this, and food if the hopper is regularly give a steamed a while for a change buttermilk or water; and any regetables handy. Green feed should be alway available, and no doubt sprouted oats is deal, but alfalfa is as good, I am sure steamed up well. Tliere are now excel

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essentials, of course. Green cut bone is useful, but I do not put in quite the same class as last winter. I could not
set the bone cut at all, and the hens get the bone cut at all, and the hens
gave such good results, laying freely in gave such good results, laying freely in
the collest weather. If bone is te be obtained, give three pounds to fifty crease egg prodiction a week, crease egg production. it is very
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Never fail to provide this. The patent water fountains are handy, but not a water fountains are handy, but not a
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does, on cold nights. As long as the hens' combs do not get frozen the house
is not too cold if the hens are in good shape.
Spices, I do not speak of, as a wise poultryman uses none of these condi-
ments which stimualte and then injure the general health.
Next month I shall give some reliable egg records to slow what has been done recently to my knowledge.
grain they eat, and keep down al


How to Kesp Warm
By Elizabeth Sregg

## Assemble all the men in a large city who pass their worktor hours in stores

and oflices, their worknog hours in stores
enough of them are free from cough or colds to decently flog the rest, sup-
posing them incapable of resistance for their carelessness which brought them though the busiest of discomfort. Al and most filled. with the habit of haste a city is really less active than the smallest country village; that is, the men who do sedentary work in stores and offices stay near hot fires through the day, walk rapidly to the cars, the atomobiles and the ferry-boats, an
then stand or sit in the cold for a time varying from five minutes to two hours Opposed to all this are the rules for keeping warm, which are: First, have abundant fresh air, not a draft directly pon the person, but a constant renewal
of air in the room. Out of the thousands of offices in a city, there are not probably, fifty decently ventilated, yet the body is simply a stove, and its warmth proceeds solely from the conumption of cool air by the lungs, and
the warmer the air that is breathed, the less heat this combustion evolves. The second rule is: Let the throat alone and throw mufflers to the poodles; tying up
the throat has the sime effect that the throat has the sime effect that
burying has on celery, it generates local cold air and insures a cold whenever the an instant unprotected. Cover the lungs, the arms down to the hands, the legs and feet, and the rest will take care of itself. For the third rule, the sine qua non, do not be a stupid, weak, help-
less lundle at the mercy of the railroad inguisitors, but just walk home, and
walk all the way. If you are cold walk walk all the way. If you are cold, walk
fast; if cold still, run; but sooner than take the cars to get warm, sit a while
on the curbstone. Two legs will carry on the curtstone. Two legs will carry
you home sonner and in better condition
than four will, and if you take the ears than four will, and if you take the cars
you will take cold too. Let us not be You wies, but having , leg. learn to to depend
bo them. A brisk wall of an hour at night is a counteraction to the torpor of
all dayss sitting, besides being a better
digester than was ever made. The ladies
of the of the city shouild also wakk more, Furwoman is healthy who cannot walk her two miles without giving out. Do not be afraid of a quiek stroke of the heart. sluggish blood, the relish of existence and the secret of keeping warm are in
bounding red blood, which is not to be bounding red blood, which is not to be
found in hypophosphate syrup or any found in hypophos
preparation of iron.

## Christmas Trees and Trimmings

ift is a mistaken idea to spend the month shiutting out the children from the living rooms, hustling them off to bed at unat or touch anything for fear they may get a glimpse of the wonderful surprise. get a glimpse of the wonderful surprise.
It causes them many a heartbreak and many a silent tear. Why leave the
children out and make them wish Christmas "never was," as a wee tot expressed and have them help you with the trimming for the tree Santa is to bring. dollars properly expended will trim a tree splendidy, and give a hundred dollar
worth of pleasure for seyeral weeks. Worth of pleasure for seyeral weeks.
Purchase two balls of twine
one pink and the other blue and a quire of best
mixed colored tissue-paper. Cut the mixed colored tissue-paper. Cut the
paper into ribbons two inches wide and foir inches long. The string should. be on these strings about three inches apart, alternating the colors. Have on hand several pasteboard boxes to place them in
when finished, being careful to arrange when finished, being careful to arrange
newspapers very lightly between, to keep
年 ears of poo-corn nicely popped and strung will furnish amusement for several evenings. A practical and useful idea is the
study of paper, how it is colored, and all about pop-corn, where it is colored, and how it about pop-corn, where it is grown, how it how happily and useful the evenings can be spent.
One of the very prettiest decorations is cranberries; $;$ these, however, should be
left until the last thing, then strung and placed on the tree between the strings of pop-corn, the bright red of the berries
contrasting very prettily with the soft contrasting very prettily with the soft Japanese lanterns and opened parasols
jive a fine and unique touch of Criental give a fine and unique touch of Criental
color, while a dozen mirror-balls and a few tiny flags with a bunch of si'ver and gold sprays are all that is netiful to the youngsters. Add to this about two dozen candles with fixtures and he tree will be complete. II, however, Little novelty is desired, take some ntact, remove the meats, gild or silver he empty shells, place a tiny doll, candy or motto inside and tie with brightcolored baby ribbon. Small stockings and rabbits made of different colored filled with candies, nuts, raisins and popcorn, and arranged so that each little visitor shall receive one of these simple
gifts, will give more joy than some elabogifts, will
rate gift.
A Christmas tree should be stout, strong and sturdy, with branches that do
not too much lop or bow not too much lop or bow. A pine box,
sufficiently large to hold the tree securely should be propped with small brackets made of strips of pine. Take an old sheet to cover the carpet, and fasten at each
corner with small tacks. corner with small tacks. Place the tree
in the centre, and cover the box with or the centre, and cover the box with green
or red cheese-cloth. The trimming of the tree, of course, is left to the good judgment of Santa Claus. Remove dainty bric-abrac and cover costly furniture, thus
giving perfect freedom giving perfect freedom of action.
A very pretty Parisian novelty, used also
in the South, is the little French-table tree about a foot in height, usually artiticial, about a foot in height, usually artificial,
though any small tree will serve the
purpose. This is p'eed on the purpose. This is paced on the dining-
tabie, prettily though simply decorated and is kept lighted through Christmes
week. Friends invited week. Friends invited for breakfast,
luncheon or dinner will find amonf luncheon or dinner will find among its
dainty boughs a gift from Santa Claus. It serves as a convenient and clever
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minquent, but always of forgives under a
iv le speeches are then made songs of the
in te speeches are then made, songs of the
dare sung, and the younger children
climb into Santa's lap, thoroughly enjoying his visit.- At last comes the grand distribution of girts., From his Fack ringing of sleigh-bells is heard in the distance, and he must go. Such a tugging and pulling the dcar old saint never waiting, other presents to other children We cannot diasppoint so many, so he must speed on his way. English, ho he must The good old English custom of from the fact that most of the presents are too large to go into it. Then, again, it is quite an expensive affair to fill stock the one feature of Christmas which children look forward to more than to anything else, so it is well to know what Lill fill the stocking at the least expense.
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Christmas
The writer of a contemporaneous story puts in the mouth of a clever character until one has got rid of his ideals. If that were true, it would give grounds for increased thankfulness that happiness is not essential to good living, and that
mankind is not under an inevitable obligation to attain it. But of course, the observation was not, one that was meant to be a vehicle of absolute truth, but rather to evoke a closer approximation to the But even to do that, o remark must at least have a suggestion of truth about it, and this one about ideals and happiness has that. For it is conceivable that a

man should not be of much use, and man should not be of much use, and therefore not particularly happy, unt | he is so far freed do as to settle down to |
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| the accomplishment of what he can do | the accomplishment of what he can do.

Moreover, while a man who has effectually Moreover, while a man who has effectually
got rid of his ideals is of little account, there is a property in man that is akin to
ideals, and yet not identical with which, can be spared without detriment
to his higher nature, and with very considerable advantage to his practical side. It would seem that a certain decay
of one's interest in one's self as an indiy of one's interest in one s self as an indivi-
dual is an indispensable condition precedent to the full development of a salutary interest in one's self as a fellowcreature. A man must be interested in himself if he is to amount to anything,
but it is possible for the individual interest to dwindle while the human interest develops, and in the very greatest men that process is usually found to have taken place.
The
The application of which is, firstly, that we are not to allow our ideal of what
Christmas ought to be and of ought to spend it, to discourage us from tackling it as we actually find it, and tacting as much out of it as we can. And
gecondly, that Christmas is the time of all secondly, that Christmas is the time of al the year most fit for our interest in our-
selves as individuals to be supplanted by
an interest in ourselves as fellow-creatures. Wherefore, because our ideal of Christmas feasting is terrapin and canvas-back
duck, let us not disdain turkey, which is just as filling, and better fare no doubt than we deserve. Because our ideal of Christmas-giving is point, lace and
diamonds, let us not scorn the modest remembrances that our pocket may be able to endure. And if as individuals, with exalted ideals, we may have become careless of Christmas pleasures and opportunities and obligations, let us ourselves merely as one of divers fellowcreatures whose Christmas happiness it is our business to promote. It is an axiom
that to make things pleasant for one's that to make things pleasant for one's If we lump ourselves in as a fellow-creature with as many other fellow-creatures as we can reach, by making Christmas joyous for.the whole lot, we are bound to cheer ourselves among the rest. And so by getting rid of part of our ideals we may continue to make the rest so productive as to make us suspect before we get that we parted from, but only one phase of our seffishness.
A man of affluence was heard once to say, "I loathe Christmas, the very
thought is distasteful to me." When asked why this was, he replied, "My father did not believe in Christmas and its youthful follies. He said he intended his sons to be brought up to know better than give themselves up to such foolish
ness. So when my mother took my little ness. So when my mother took my little
stocking-I was then a curly headed lad of five years-to fill it for me he demoished the playthings and candies, and forbid her to purchase more. As he was a very austere, severe man she felt obliged
to cbey him. The next morning I was ou to cbey him. The next morning I was out
of bed bright and early for my stocking. There it hung, limp and empty. With a ery I fell in a forlorn heap, feeling in my tocking to see if there was not just one bit of candy. Had I found the most all right. As it was, to my child-mind I stood convicted by the children's patron saint. Crushed to the earth, I could neither eat nor sleep, and was ashamed to meet my playmates. I was disgraced in as it may seem, that feeling has follorved me all my life. My Christmases are always a dire and bitter failure." However well meaning that man may have
been, to say that his conduct on that been, to say that his conduct on that the matter in the least.

A club of young women on charitable purposes intent make happy many a poor child's heart at Christmas time. Dividing the town into divisions, each takes so
many houses to visit, dressed in some many houses to visit, dressed in some
unique costume. They all visit the poor unique costume. They all visit, the poor
families, acting as Santa Claus' cousins, sisters and aunts. Ascertaining the number of children in each family, a little gift is left for each. It may be only a penny
doll or a stick of candy done up in tissue doll or a stick of candy done up in tissuepaper, but the joy, the gratitude that
wells up in that small heart over perhars the only gift, is in itself enough to bring the Christmas peace, amply repaying the charitable donors for their days of laber and sacrifice. So it is the wide world over, be it a tree, Santa Claus or a tiny
tin whistle. Remember the day. Let it bring to your heart " peace on earth and good-will to all."

## Tragedies of Christmas

There are homes where the Christma season brings a series of tragedies. They
are where the father refuses are where the father refuses to give his
daughters a little money for her Christ mas presents-sometimes he refuses the son as well. A sister one time listene to a father answer his son with oath as he refused to give him money for a few presents. When the brother gave
his sister a little gift, her eyes fill with tears, for she knew how much had suffered in his efforts to get the money for that gift. Today all those
children are away from the home circle. children are away from the home circle.
As every Cluristmas season approaches As every Cliristmas season approaches.
memories dark and bitter crowd into their minds for the recollection of the
sad Christmas of their chilliood and
youth can never be forgotten. The
father died and left them father died and left them each a com
fortable property - but what does amount to compared with the fathe who filled the hearts of his girls and boys with love and kind words during the Christmas season. A little con sideration keeps boys and girls at home

## Deposed

I useter be "it" at Christmas; The whole darned thing was me For we've got a baby-see? An' happens that I ain't in it

Of course I do get some presents,
The same's I useter get;
If I d dn't-well, if I didn't
If I d:dn'd well, if I didn't There'd be a kick, you bet. An' we have the etree an' fixin's
The same's we useter; yet-

It's "Baby! Oh, see, see, baby!"
"Does baby like it? There" "Does baby like it? There!"
"Did Santy bring lots of pritties?" "No, baby mustn't tear!" Let babykins have it, brother"-
Till a feller wants to swear

They've give him a lot more stuff'n He what do yuh the An' what do yuh think? It's my stuft
He always has to choose! He always has to choose!
An' I have to hand it over Eor "baby" to abuse!
He's p'ayed with my truly engine An put he's sat on the bum, An's stuck a hole in my injuns, An' it ain't such fun at Christmas Since that there baby come.
But they needn't think they can "Santy"
Him like they' Him like they've "Saritied" m There ain't to tell him An' mebbe he'll think he'd rather
Go back to Go back to heaven -see?

The One Thing He Wanted
After waiting the usual five or ten minutes the new arrival was served with the moment as he glanced at his plate, he guest said to the waiter:
"I'll bring you another kind, sir," said the waiter as he took it away. "Neither can I eat this soup!" said the
guest a trifle more emplatically, when the guest a trifle more emphatically, when the
second plate was served. second plate was served. The waiter angrily but silently, for the third time brought a plate of soup. "I simply can't eat this soup!" once
more said the guest, in a low, emphatic more said the guest, in a low, emphatic By this time the waiter was furious and called the hotel proprietor, while the way with curious glances.
"Really sir, this is unusual. May I ask why can't you eat any of our soups? demanded the proprietor
the guest quietly. no spoon," replied

## Home Keepers

Bright, like the comforting blaze on the hearth,
Sweet, like the blooms on the young apple tree,
Fragrant with promise of fruit yet to Are the home-keeping maidens of

Better and greater than talent is And where is the glory of brush or Like the glory of mothers and molders The home-keeping women of earth?

Crowned since the great solar system They reign unsurpassed in their
beautiful sphere, They are queens who can look in God's face without fearThe home-keeping women of earth.

## The Woman's Quiet Hour <br> By E. Cora Hind.

Keeping Christmas-I suppose it is ${ }^{\text {shenther ther dear ones are alive or dead. }}$ a sign of increasing years, but it seems like yesterday when I was writing copy now the editor is clamoring for Christmas copy for 1913. The weather has been so mild that it has helped the illusion that Christmas cannot be quite so close, but it is just 41 days away. Somehow it rejoicing in the face of the great ca'amity which has befallen the merchant marine of both Canada and the Un ted States. There are hundreds of women and little children scattered all over Ontario and in the states bordering on the great lakes some cases they are not even certain

No such disaster has overtaken the great lakes before in their known history. Just what happened in Lake Huron particularly, will probably never be known, but length from 264 to 615 feet, were wtterly destroyed, is sufficient to indicate that the storm was one of phenomenal severity. Even as I write the matter of providing up and there is not being actively taken of them will suffer actual want unless it should be some isolated case where they are too proud to make their wants known, but the sadness of bereavement will be with them at what is usually the festive
season. I try to think that
superstitious, but I fancy most of us will draw a breath of relief when 1913 gives
place to 1914 . The 13 of course nothing to do w th it, but the year has been one of very terrib e disaster, both on land and on water and somehow the old superstitions about thirteen still- lurk is not very cheerful Christmas talk. When we come to think of it, it is very wonderful that no matter what disasters have preceded it, no matter how many sore and bereaved hearts there may be
in the country, when Christmas actuall comes it brings with it a spirit of joy and this year will be no exception.
On the Prairies-It must be more difficult to prepare for Christmas on the Prairies than it is in any wooded country. When I think of the Christmas days of my childhood, I realize how large a part Days before Christmas we went out and if necessary dug, the snow away from the
berries grew and gathered all the sprays with red berries on that we could find. cedar, surely one of the most beautiful evergreens in the world and the gatherirg of spruce and cedar boughs; a large sleigh load was thought none too much to decorate the old farmhouse. The oldest part of the house was built of logs, with a
dwelling of lumber and lath erected in dwenting of lumber and lath erected in
front of it. The new section of the house was good enough to sleep in, or to entertain company, but to the children home meant the great living room which had originally been the kitchen and bedroors
for the farmhouse, and which had when the new section was built, all been thrown into one, giving a great room scme 25 feet long by 20 wide. There was a huge stone fireplace and big flagged hearth, on one side a closed-in staircase to the
chamber above, with a wood closet telcw and on the other an immense built-in cupboard, on the top shelf of which recupboar, on the top shelf of which re-
posed the best china and the bottom

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shelves were given over to preserves, cake boxes and cookie jars. The mantelpiece was a plain plank of oak, but time and
the fire had mellowed it to a rich brown, which made an admirable resting place and at Christmas time it was the place where the stockings were hung, so as to be duly convenient for Santa when he
came down the chimney. The chimney was so wide that he could have driven
the reindeers and sleigh down it without any reindeers and sleigh down it without
any singed in the roaring fire. At the other
end of the room from the fireplace, was end of the room, from the fireplace, was
a large window. In summer this was a large window. In summer this was
shaded by a sweet currant tree, but in shaded by a sweet currant tree, but in
winter the branches of the tree were winter the branches of the tree were
fastened back and this window never had a blind. The house was on a very high hill and the light from this window was
a beacon that more than once guided a beacon that more than once guided
travellers who were bewildered in a snow storm. Light mus'in eurtains saved it one of the laws of the Medes and Persians that that window should not be dark.
The big stone fireplace was admirable for The big stone fireplace was admirable for
spectacular fire, but it was necessary to spectacular fire, but it was necessary to
supplement
stove stove, which stood not very far from this window. The sides of this stove
were an endless source of diversion to the were an endless source of diversion to the
children, because they represented the children, because they represented the
arms of various periods in British history, arms of various periods in British history,
and with a page of the Encyclopaedia open, it was great fun to trace what the


ILillian Laurie (Mrs A. Verron Thomas)
Anded Canadian story inated Canadian story writer wrose picture was
different arms and flags were. The walls of the room were whitewashed, and also the square beam which ran across it but for some reason the board ceiling which rested on these beams had been left un-
touched, and the touched, and the oak through the years
had been colored a rich dark brown. The effect was quite striking. The floor was of white oak, and was kept scrubbed to a miracle of whiteness and strewn here and
there with pulled rag rugs there with pulled rag rugs.
For some reason the Christmas of 1871
stands out with special stands out with special vividness, perhaps
because the writer was ten years old The children of the present day, who are accustomed to steam heated houses and flats in the city and to hot air furnaces in the country, have little idea how cold were the houses in those days, where
there was no heat at all in the chambers and where the banked fires on the hearth and in the big box stoves gave out mighty
little heat during the night. Very early little heat during the night. Very early
on this particular Christmas morning on this particular Christmas morning,
three stockings were hung on the front of three stockings were hung on the front of
the mantelpiece while on the hearth out of range from possible sparks from the
fire, were scattered packages fire, were scattered packages. From the
doorway leading to the new part of the doorway leading to the new part of the
house came three little figures, all in house came three little figures, all in
nighties of scarlet flannel. The oldest boy climbs on a chair and cautiously lowers the stockings. It was a a great
point of honor to take them back to bed point of honor to take them back to bed
unopened, and there was a grand rush unopened, and there was a grand rush
back to bed. Once safely back under the covers, there were suppressed shrieks, not by waken the grown-ups, the grown-ups, hour, but wisely refrain from interference.
Simple Gifts-T am afraid the sophisturned up their noses at the contents of
tur those stockings. The girl, the youngest
of the trio had a wonderful doll with a pink crocheted sacque; one boy had a
knife, the other a $d$ awing slate and there was an orange in the toe of each stocking.
There were ginjerbread men and horses,
hazelnuts and butternuts from the woods, and 'nigger toes" from the store. "Squares of delicious maple candy, home made,
and the crowning glory of all, red and white striped peppermint walking canes. When daylight came, and the wonders of the stockings had been somewhat exwere and dress in frant of the big fire which now blazed and roared up the chimney. Christmas breakfast had one great disNot but there was no mush or porridge. very good dish, but Christmas must be diffierent, so there was home made sausage, hot Johnny cake and other indigestible
things not allowed to juveniles on ordine things not allowed to juveniles on ordinary
days. Brealfast. over, there were small days. Breakast over, there were smal
duties which each child had to per-orm. The boys did the chores in the stable as all the stock got an extra ration on Christmas morning. Then there was a woods. The sparkle of the cun on thas woods. The sparkle of the sun on the
snow, the winding wood trails with deep snow on each side, patterned with the tracks of foxes, partridge and squirrels, and every step enlivened by stories about
bears and wolves in the erly bears and wolves in the early days, for
grandfather was a wonderful raconteur The Christmas dinner was at half past twelve and the table was set in the big living room between the open fireplace and the box stove. The black walnut rrop leaa table would be a priceless
treasure if it were extant in these days Covered with a snowy tablecloth it had for a centre piece a large cut glass dish on a high stand. This dish was a family
relic and wa; always known as the relic and wa always known as the
"porringer." It was a special treat to be "porringer." It was a special treat to be
allowed to tap i with a knife, when it rang like a miniature chime of bells. On Christmas day it was filled with oranges and rosy cheeked apples, poished till
they shone like mirrors and round its base was a wieath of fragrant ceda sprinkea a
The Christmas dinner began with oyster soup, cconsidered a great luxury by the
grown-ups in that remote inland district therefore it was eaten with a great show of relish by the children, though as matter of act none of them liked it. The soup was followed by speckled trout Now even in those days speckled trout there was a particularly wicked relish in having them. The trout were followed by the home raised turkey, festooned with strings of sausages, and with a spray
of rowan berries to take the place of English borries to take the place of served potatoes twith the turkey were crowning glory of the dinner was the plum pudding. It was brought to table n a dish of famous willow pattern, which Philadelphis in 1832 from England to Alleghany mountains in across the "Muddy York.". My! what a tale that dish could tell if it had been able to talk. The pudding was decorated with a sprig
of cedar and scarlet pigeon berrics and came to table scarlet piteon berrics and came to table in a blaze of blue spirit.
The dinner took time and it was two ${ }^{\prime}$ 'clock when the last item was discussed. Then came tea, a lighter meal than dinner, nd at this meal was cut the Christmas the previous last bit of Christmas cake of the previous year was always eaten on
Christmas Eve, and the new cake cut on Christmas Day. The child en he ped to clear this meal away, and were very expeditious, as the Christmas tree was to day in the had been safely locked up all day in the sitting room of the new part of
the house. As soon a the tea distes were washed, there was a litt'e procession from the old house to the new, grandfatt er leaning on his oaken stock, then the aunties, who supplied the place of father
and mother to the the and mother to the three children, and
the dog Ino, a fine collie, always a part of every festive occasion. The tree wis ablaze with candles, and gaily decorated with strings of nuts, bright ribbon, insel,
and all the glories that and all the glories that go to make a proper Christmas tree. There were a
few simple gifts, and here were the gifts which the children had made for the grown-ups.
It is late when it is finished, grandfather bids them children, and as he repeats the prayer of Tiny Tim, "'God I wish for thone," and what mo e can Quiet Hour and I too say with Tiny Tim,

## Sundlay Reading

## The Trip To Town

 Mifi. A. H. Floyd.There are families in which the husband buys the hoisehold supplies. He does not
stop to consider that his wife can do stop to consider that his wife can do
this better than he. He does this while this better than he. He does this while she is busy with her household duties.
She needs some rest from the general routine of life. She needs to see more than the four walls of her home afford. It is rest to get away from one's home, if only for a little while. There are many things she will see and strive to
imitate. Every store has different maimitate. Tvery store has different ma gests a way to make her own dresses or how to remodel an old one. In children's clofhes she gains new ideas. Many little articles of neckwear she can imitate if
she has, patience and she has, patience and an artistic mind.
Then in the ten-cent department she finds'so many things for her kitchen and home.
There are lessons in every step, and
she will enjoy her own home more for she will enjoy her owri. home more for her little time from it. And in this trip
to town don't drive the slowest old to town don't drive the slowest old
horse on the farm, but drive one with some life in it and let her enjoy the
where father, mother and the children work together and play together. Few children wish to leave their home en
vironment, be it country or city, if it is a place where they have been happy. The children should be encouraged to have good times in the home and outside. Let them have their friends in in
the evenings for parties the evenings for parties. The expense
need be little. Apples, popcorn and nuts need be ittile. Apples, popcorn and nut
or sandwiches, cake and cocoa or doughnuts and cider are surely not expensive or troublesome to prepare, and yet will
be sufficient in the refreshment line. If be sufficient in the refreshment line. It
the housa does have the houss does have a somewhat
disheveled appearance the next morning, what of it? In a few hours it can be set in as good order as before, but the memories of the evening's pastime will linger in the memory for Bears. Play is quite as essential as work for everyas a legitimate part of one's life

## Telling Truth Effectively

Upon the mind of the young boy or girl who is employed to sell goods be-
hind the counter of a big shop, tha thought is impressed by constant reitera-


## cene on Lake Lakelse, B.C

rip to and from town, as well as the time there. If possible, and your means
will allow, take dinner at one of the will allow, take dinner at one of the a great while. You will find an improvement at your own home in the way be served in a new style. The glasses will receive a better polish than common and the meal be more inviting. Try it and see for yourself, and you will not be insane, said he couldn't see what could be the cause, as she hadn't been out of her kitchen for four ${ }_{5}$ years.

## Taking Time To Play

- We are often criticized as a nation because it is said that we do not know how to play. In the early days, life for
our forefathers was strenuous, and it took most of the waking hours to keep the wolf from the door. That probably accounts for it, but times have changed. Yet how many people there are whom
we all know who are always planning we all know who are always planning
that when the mortgage is paid off or when they have just so much in the bank-then they are going to stop working so hard and enjoy themselves. But, alas, when the particular goal is
reached, if it ever is, they find it well nigh impossible to overthrow the habits of a lifetime.
No sight is more pathetic than that of a couple who have worked hard and long, trying to enjoy themselves when they have forgotten how. And what has the home life been meanwhile? Many
times the children have left the home nest to enjoy themselves elsewhere, or if still there, they are discontented and
unlhappy. A home should be the place
tion by the buyer or shop-walker You must know how to talk with a customer so that she will buy!" A sales man who cannot sell will soon be given his discharge. It should be impressed
on the minds of all candidates for the ministry that, within limits, and with certain allowances, they should understand how to talk with their customers -the congregations to whom they preach -so that they will buy the sacred ware money and without price. Many gospel truths, very precious in themselves, go unsought of the multitude because the homiletic salesman does not understand how to attract attention to their i
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the salesman to sell goods successfully How to dispose of these gospel ware is a problem which will engross the attention Corgies of a true minist


## Beautiful Old People

Mrs. A. H. Floyd.

We often meet old people whose old age is as beautiful as the bloom of youth and we wonder how it came abarec-
Some old people try to forget disagre able things. They look for all bright spots along life's pathway and linger there as long as possible, remembering there are missions to be filled here in pleasant things instead of the sad. Be an optimist and think, "If I live to be ninety years old I will enjoy every bit of time the good Master has allowed
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Some old people have the art of saying pleasant things and they are the ones who attract people to them-the young people as well as children, and what a benefit to come in contact with them when discouraged or blue. They have traveled the road ahead of us, and if they have passed successfully over the rugged places and still remain sweet and pleasant what an inspiration to us jounger ones along life's pathway. Some old people do not expect too much from their friends, but practise the art of giving up gracefully and retaining all the world is wicked and unkind. As old age grows apace, their faith is stronger in their friends. They are so cheerful that the miserable cannot stay near them long and remain miserable. Yet this same person is filled with sympathy for the sorrowful: Old people do not have to be handsome or entertaining to be loved. Somehow they
make you comfortable because they are so comfortable themselves. They shame never cor of complaining because they as many blessing as they may not have enjoy them to the full' extent with their sorrows they simply extent. With Some old people know how to show a real interest in you: your sorrows, your joys, your tastes, your belongings, and this is what gives them an influence over you. For influence is action of mind upon mind and heart upon heart. They did unto others as they would be done by, and now that old age has come and hair upon their heads ther of white respected. We call them our bequtiful old people.

## A Fountain of Living Water

It was said of Luther that his words were born "not on his lips but in his
soul." That is where the best sermons are always made-in the heart. The enough will come fast and effectively enough when the heart is full of God
and of Godlike feelings. Many disand of Godlike feelings. Many discourses as a fact represent but lip service. They are either acid with illconcealed contempt of the world or arid scholastic processes. The true metaphor for the ideal sermon is that of a fountain of living water. God fills the soul of the true preacher so full of goodness and gospel that the blessing inevitably overflows to fructify the lives and hopes of others. In His discourse at the Feast of the Tabernacles, Jesus used the curious expression, "He that believeth of living water." In the Greek, the word "rivers" stands first, receiving strong emphasis, and when the Hebraistic Orientalism is when the Hebraistic modes of speech, the fore the

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pression is seen to be, "He that believeth on Me, rivers out of his inner self shall outflow being placed in contrast with tha single ewer of water poured forth each ay during the- Feast.
The teaching is plain-the convert hould become a fount of anspirationthe testimony of the lips 'being', but the outgushing of rich emotional forces first
stored within the soul by the Spirit stored within the soul by the Spirit of
all grace and power. all grace and power.

## Somewhere Out

Somewhere out from the toil and grind, Somewhere out where the road is kind,
Somewhere out where green trails wit For weary feet through the city's gate From the snarl and tangle in marts of trade
To the peace of God in the open shadeThrough the purple dusk, through the silver dew,
Where the rose-sweet dreams of the years come true.

Somewhere out-and we who drive The heart and soul through the city's Where life is bound in the city wallsHave little care where the Red Road calls;
Or, little choice where the Trail may wait.
So that it leads from the city's gate
To the seagrit east or the northern To the sur
Sone or fro Somewhere out from the grip of greed, Somewhere out as the road may lead, Or where the winds of the world may the
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Submission
I do not ask the furnace fire to shun, I would not flee;
I only ask that Thou Thyself wilt come, And walk with me.
I do not ask the lion's den to miss
One single joy, my Lord, and it is thisChrist in the cave.

I do not ask that paths with flowers be lined
If flowers many hues,
flowers would mean that Thou be left
behind, Then thor
I do not ask that all my way to Heaven Be hours of ease; only pray that every task I'm given
Christ oversees.

If many joys should mean to me the loss Then nail my pleasures to my Saviours Cross
onl sorrows send
With that all my life may be And what Thy loving Hand doth m:x Be in my cup.
Then all that's dark will be illum'ed with
And all that's bright
Be but a foretaste of my joys above
-J. A. W. Hamilton.

## A Sound Conclusion

A woman asked her husband to go in the cellar, and draw a jug of beer. He stairs slipped and fell hear the cella the cemented floor. The wife hastened to the cellar avor, The wife hastened an anxious voice, "What is the matter, David?" "Can't you see what's the matter? I've fallen down!" "My goodness, did you break the jug?" There was a pause. "No," replic 1 David, "but

## Fashions and Patterns



9756 A Pleasing Model. Ladies' House Dress with Three Piece Skirt, in Raised or Normal Waistline.
Figured percale in cadet blue and white with facings of blue was used to white this design. Lawn, chambrey, gingham, cashmere, or flannelette are equally appropriate. The pattern is cut in 6 sizes; $32,34, / 36,38,40$ and 42 inches bust measure. it requires 5 yards of 44 -inch material for a 36 inch size.
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Chinchilla, cheviot, wool mixtures, serge, or corduroy are suitable materials for this style of garment. The back is plaited below a square yoke. The fronts the neck. breasted and closed high at 3, $5,6,8$ and 10 years. It requires $21 / 2$ yards of 54 inch material for a 5 year size.

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## When the Bumble Bees Come

I don't know what the bumble bees Have got to do with swimmin When you're talkin' to the wimin, And ma, she's took a notion, That the hummin' birds may hum But we can't go a swimmin'
'Till the bumble bees have come

The robins and the thrushes Are a singin' in the wood And everybody's happy And a' feelin' mighty goodCept me and little brotherAnd we can't help feelin' glu 'Till the bumble bees have come.
I went down to the river
And it looked so clear and cool I 'most fell in a lookin' down At our old swimmin' pool;
But then-I knowed I dossant'Cause ma she'd say I'd swum, 'Fore the bumble ood swimmin

There ain't no use of waitin As far as I can see,
Cause I ain't goin' swimmin But when the fellers whistl I 'tend I'm deaf and dumb, Cause I can't go a swimmin 'Till the bumble bees have come. Christian R. Galloway, in "Wester (

Two Germans who were crossing th Luxembourg frontier declared to the cus bottles of red wine each. How thre is there to pay?" How muol "Where is it?"
"Well, inside us,"
The official gravely looked at his tariff book and read: "Wine in casks", 20 shil keys' hides, free." "Ghentlemen;" he don ed, looking up, "you can go."-Der Gut-
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it has cost to make a man, how much Someone has figured up out of you: Someone has figured up the cost in
money of rearing a child. He says to bring up a young man to logal age, care
for him and educate him, costs $\$ 5.000$ which is a educate him, costs $\$ 25,000$ flesh and blood.
But that isn't a
Knockts and short your father many hard gray streaks in his hair. And and mother-ah, boy, you will never know You have cost her days and nights o anxiety and wrinkles in her dear face an eartaches and sacrifice.
It has been expensive to grow you.
But-
re you are what we think you are, you $\underset{\text { mere. }}{\text { mer }}$
Be sure of this: While father does not say much but "Hello, son," away dow thinks you are the finest ever heart he for the little mother, she simply cannot
and keep her love and pride for you out of
her eyes.
You are a man now.
And some time you must step into your father's shoes. He wouldn't like
You to call him old, but jus you to call him old, but, just the same
he isn't as young as he used to be see, young man, he has been workin pretty hard for more than twenty-five years to help you! And already your
mother is beginning to lean on mother is beginning to lean on you.
Doesn't that sober you. Twenty-one? Your father has done fairly well, but you can do better. You may not think
so, but he does. He has given you a so, but he does. He has given you a
better chance than he had. In many ways you can begin where he left off He expects a good deal from you, and
that that is why he has tried to make a man of you,
Dontt finch, boy
The world will try you out. It will put to the test every fibre in you. But lou in fairly strapped on your young
shoulders, you will carry it and scarcely shoulders, you will carry it and scarcely
feel it-if only there be the willing and feel it-if only
cheerful mind.
All hail, you, on the thresholl
It's high time you were beginning It's high time you were beginning to pay the freight and your balk debts
father and mother. You will pay them, won't you, boy?
How shall you pay them? By being always and everywhere man!-Grand Rapids Chronicle

Other Days
The auld Scots sangs, I l.'e them well, Sae tender and sae real, man, They touch o. hearts an' make /us feel They, workin thocht. o' ither days An scenes oor childhood saw, mal Again we wander ower the bras
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The Drunkard's Soliloquy All that's left me now is a bottle old, A bottle old and black With "whiskey" written across its face
And hell across its back. My glass I fill to the brim Though the devil I know is laughing low, For he thinks I belong to him.
Oh, ho! he thinks I belong to

Forgotten the ways of boyhood days, Forgotten are manhood's years But the thing I never can forget To drown thal scet with tear The bottle old and black,
With "whiskey" written across its face And hell across its back.
Oh, ho! and hell across its back

They fade away in the distance gray, The face of child and wif And fainter still the outlines grow Of a noble, manly life.
I gave them all for the bottle old, The bottle old and black With "whiskey" written across its fac Oh, ho! and hell across its back.

## Ben-Hadad's Canteen

Some meniare made immortal by their folly. Ben-Hadad lives in history to bring on himself and others by strong drink. There were thirty-two kings confederated for the overthrow of Samaria hey had horsemen and chariots and a tremendous host of infantry. With flying banners, pomp, and great ceremony ery earth trembled beneath their feet They would show King Ahab a thing or two! Said the boastful Ben-Hadad: If my warriors would each pick up a handful of the dust of Samaria there would not be earth enough in the whole city to go round!" Making full allow-
ance for the swagger of this oriental braggart, there must still have been a tremendous army. But all that vast host was ingloriously defeated and whipped back home by a skinful of ing-rescuing his city from the fury of the invader-the wine glass did in a very short time. That's what comes of having a canteen in the army
If Ben-Hadad and his thirty-two kings
had stayed out of the wine history of their invasion might have had a different ending. The word "pavilions" is marginally rendered "huts." They were wine huts, the canteers that day. Let the secretary of war and a note of it. The invisible make wine has wrecked more campaigns than those of the Syrian nobles. Mene, tekel, upharsin, has been traced by many a bodiless hand where voluptuous leaders of armies and nations have made merry over the wine-cup. Belshazzar drowned
his kingdom in goblets of red wine, and Alexander the Great was not great enough to conquer the demijohn. Titan:c intellects have been swallowed up in oceans of alcohol. At the bottom of the sea lie wrecks of the mighty and the proud The eup the ine ter of persons. The Ben-Hadads an the Belshazzars, and the Alexanders, and all the nameless, yet drunken potentates of lesser note, down to the ragged substance has been wasted in madnes and riot, come at length to the yawning jaws of the same wild chasm. "The ways they are many, and the end it is
one." He who says, "Drinking never hurt me" has less wit than the inebri aria. bin-Hadad, rushing away ingloriously, babandoning his associate genera: to their fate, dishonored, disgraced, drowns his judgment, and wrecks the strongth of, his soldiers in the canteen
work promising strength, happiness and
efficiency to the nation."
The hancellor
The chancellor drew an encouraging cheer from the House with the state
ment that although the consumption o spirits had actually decreased by 28 , 000,000 gallons in four years, the rev nue had increased by $\$ 25,000,000$, 8o proving, he said, that his method of taxing the traffic in liquor was one of the
most sucessful imposts that had ever been levied.
"There are no indications that the trade boom has reached its maximum and there are no signs of over-production," said Mr. Lloyd George, "and taking all pacts into consideration I feel
justified in coming to the conclusion that we have entered upon the most growing year that British trade has ever
The chancellor estimated that the increase in the customs and excise taxes death duties, $\$ 7,500,000$, and the increase in the income tax and super-tax, $\$ 5$,720,000 . The balance of the shortage would be made up with the income tax and other revenue due last year, but only paid at the beginning of the current year, and $\$ 5,000,000$ taken from
the exchequer balances representing money voted for the navy in 1911-1912, but not expended.
The chancellor estimated that the total revenue on the existing basis of taxation would be $\$ 979,125,000$, leaving a
margin of $\$ 925,000$ over the expenditure.
"The cost of armaments," Mr. Lloyd George remarked, "is the largest and most sterile increase in the expenditure, and I cannot see any prospect of this menacing development coming to an
end unless some change takes place in the attitude and policy of ne nations concerned."

## The Root of Evil

The Detroit Saturday Night puts a discriminating finger on the root of that if the municipal problem in other cities were studied with enough steadiness and penetration the same formula would be found:
"The common council of Detroit has evaded the state law as far as it dared owned or controlled to a large council is the saloon. Of the thirty-six members of the new council, eight are saloonkeepers. How many of the remaining members owe their election in whole or in part to the aid of the saloon and its


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Mr. Lloyd George, in submitting his
budget statement in the House of Com mons, stated
The expenditure on education and so
cial reform was lauded on the other hand by the (.ancellor as "reproductive



The outstanding features of the above key map are as follow
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city as the saloon has secured in this the that he wasi seen alive wa
las town and you invite incompetence, inefficiency, corruption. This would be true if the controlling interest sold peanuts or potatoes.
Yes, but the mere fact that it is beer and whisky, and not peanuts or pota. peanuts or potatoes might "invite inpeanuts or potatoes might invite in,
competence, inefficiency, corruption,"
bit but beer and whisky bring a good many other things, compared to which inef-
ficiency is harmless.
Here is the maficiency is harmless. Here is the ma-
chinery of $a^{\text {ceity }}$ government borrowed chinery of of a city
to help stimulate the consumption of a to help stimulate the consumption of a stroys the consumer. If the social evil is not largely a commercialized incident of the liquor traffic in Detroit, that city
is happy above most others. The sa. is happy above most others. The sa-
loon-keeper is, of course, merely an ill-poon-keeper is, of course, merel an
paid vassal of the brewer and distiller. The real overlords of Detroit, as of many other cities, are apt to be a few wealthy men at the top of the liquor
business ; they make their money out of the consumption of liquor and the social evil, and they use each to stimulate the other.-Collier's Weekly.


## Not Needed

Indian Cemetery, Hazelton, B.C.

The old theory that a liquor license success is no longer credited by sensi success is no longer credited by sensi-
ble people. As a matter of fact, free dom from liquor selling is one of the attractions of many summer resorts, and
is freely advertised as such. The Owen is freely advertis
Sound Sun says:

There is a There is a persistent rumor in the wownship of Sarawak that a petition of the municipality asking the council to submit a by-law to the electorate with a view to repeal the Dunkin act which has been in force in Sarawak
for a great many years. It is for a great many years. It is under-
stood that the main object of the movement is to get a liquor licence for the King's Royal Hotel. The people of Sar-awak-should be careful not to become implicated in a movement of this kind, and particularly as the surrounding
country is almost entirely under local country is almost entirely under local
option, and the granting of a licence would make the little township a mecea for boozers from all parts of this dis-
trict. A licence is not necessary to the trict. A licence is not necessary to the
success of a summer hotel; as a matter success of a summer hote ; as a matter
of fact fully 50 per cent of the summer
hels hotels in Muskoka and other parts of the province are operating successfully
without the sale of liquor.
without the sale of liquor.
He was a young man, jet the tired lines about his eyes convinced his companions that he had known many a
bedless night. But he was among his elders night. But he was among he sipped his coffee that evening around the fire at the colony camp. The company was made up mostly of quiet men, subdued by a stern fate, who talked little and thought much. This young man, a new arrival, believed
his stories of daring would serve him well as proof that he, too,. was an initiated, a knight of the dusty road, but to his questions the men replied, for the most part, in monosyllables or left them
unanswered. unanswered.
States; freighted in the city in the States; freighted in the Canadas; was
with Coxey on his invasion of Washing. ton. I have met all men of prominence; visited with the highest and the lowest "Have seen everything!"
"Have you ever had delirium tremens?" asked a trembling old man, moistening culty. "Have you ever had the tremens?" he demanded.
"No," said the young man.
"Then you never saw. anything," answered the old man, rising abruptly from his chair and leaving the room
without another word.-The Self Master Without an
Magazine.

[^4]At about 5.30 Acting Chief Singleto went into the cells to get the name of the prisoners and look them over He called to Casselman, but got no re ply, and seeing that his dinner had been untouched, went in and found him hang-
ing behind the padded cell. The body ing behind the padded cell. The body
was stiff, and had evidently been hang. ing some time. A sheet from the bed had been twisted into a rope and slung over the overhead steam pipes. This had evidently stretched a little, how ever, from the weight of the body, for
Casselman's feet were touching the floor. In his hat, which was placed on the top of the closet, was found a note bearing the written farewell," "Good-bye sweet Frank." God bless my baby. (Signed),
Fren rank.
He had previously been arrested for public intoxication, and although he had spent much of his the brick-yard, he drank heavily, and, it is reported work, life unpleasant for his family--Brock-
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## Wasting Christmas

Thoughtless buying of expensive pre－ sents is wasting Christmas．The most beautiful way to celebrate Christmas is the distribution of service．Are you giving real pleasure？Are you giving
part of your service？Or do you rush madly into the whirl of Christmas shop pers and fret at the worn－out girls be hind the counters and go home to your family tired and cross？This is wasting Christmas．Thave great admiration and
respect for the clerks in our ．Winnipeg stores．I know many of them person girls．For this reason I urge the Christ mas shopper to be considerate．Why not sit down and make a list of the friends you wish to remenmer，consider each
one＇s tastes and determine the present you will give each one and write them down with the approximate cost of each． Then go down one day to the stores be
fore the rush begins．This is the most economical method and the most satis－ factory．By the way，I do hope married
women who want to make some Christ－ mas money will not crowd the unmar ried wage earner out of her position． This is done every year and it is not fair．The married woman who is sup ported by her husband is better dressed and perhaps better nourished than her
wage－earning sister；thereore she is more able to serve her customers than is the girl who has a hard time to live
comfortably．She robs the girl clerks of sales，and they worry for fear their score card will not stand the test．Man
of the steady clerks long for the Christ mas season that they may make more sales for their score card．Then the new clerks come in and take their sales from them．This is a common complaint．
Perhaps after Christmas the girl loses Perhaps atter Christmas the girl loses
her position．It has been given to the her position．It
married woman．
I find so many loyal，worthy girls in ur stores．The other day I passed a busy at that moment，and she infused the spirit of happiness among the girls around her as well as the passing cus－
tomer．I looked back to listen to a bright，helpful quotation on content ment that she was repeating．I smiled， so did sies．girl Henry Drummond says ＂We do not know what ripples of heal－ ing are set in motion when we simply
smile on one another．Christianity wants sile on one another．Christianity wants
nothing so much in the world as sunny nothing so much in the world as sunny
people．， people．，The clerk with a s
courtesy is sure of good sales．
Then there is the clerk who studies her customers．Last summer a custome bought some embroidery and forgot her the counter，a clerk stopped her，saying： You forgot your change some time ago I have kept it for you，＂Though the customer was a stranger，the clerk had
studied her，and had a beautiful sense studied
of honor．
＂Are you a new clerk here？＂I asked of a bright，obliging young woman in a ing personality．When she replied＂Yes，＂
ind ng peed her if she had difficulty in Yes，？ ing the position．＂No，＂she replied； ＂none whatever．＂I knew that her per－ sonality was the best reference she could give．There is a kind of personal
pride that lifts a girl to her true level and gives hier prestige．It is pride with respect and confidence behind it－pride with enthusiasm and large plans．Un－ less you take pride in your work，unless you are too proud to do less than your
best，you will do inferior work．False pride eats away personal independence and makes one narrow，but honest pride
 Christmas spirit honored in the true

## Character in＇stifche

The hand－made Christmas present is much appreciated．Girls are busy a this season of the year making gifts for their friends，and I wonder if they realize that the kind of fancy work
they do reveals their character． John，of Manitou，read a paper not long ago on this subject．She convinced her audience that one may judge a woman character from her fancy work．The girl who selects a poor grade of material
and does her work hurriedly and cial lessly is inclined to do all of her care in this way．One girl of my acquant ance makes her own dresses．They fit well，but she leaves hooks off where they should be，and neglects to finish her sew ng．I am familiar with her office wor as well，and find her books carelessly
kept，and much of her work is neglected kept，and much of her work is neglected
She lost a good position for this reason －but she never knew why she lost $i$ it Another girl sees a beautifully painted ushion． she buys a imitates carelessly a neatly embroidered pieee of linen．This girl is，as a rule artificial in her dress and character；she is not sincere．On the other hand a girl embroiders very carefully on a good
piees of linen． small and is not so conspicuous as the flashy pillow－cover，but the work is well done and the material is good．The work is genuine．It is not a pretence of another article，and this girl does all her work well，as a rule．She does not
imitate．Her housework and everything mitate．Her housework and everyl． I were a woman employer，I believe I could judge more ably the applicant rom an example of her needlework than rom her letter．Think of this when making Christmas presents．

## What Shall I Give Him？

Every year at Christmas time I urge ny gir readers to be wise in their nan＂friend．of Cirst，do not give pro－
First miscuously，else the young man may＂be ike one I know who placed his gifts aout the room for inspection and the other byift＂after the gereng in his oom the boys spent are subjected to nuch ridicule．Then do not attempt to buy your young man friend by giving
an expensive present．He will feel that he must give you a present more expen－ sive and may go in debt to pay for it， or worse－buy it on the instalment plan．Young women often lose their oung men friends for this very reason．
Ten like simple gifts．
Initialed hand－ Cen like simple gifts．Initiale hand needlework of your own pleases them． Make the gift a part of yourself．One girl of my acquaintance is nursing ${ }^{2}$ ． ried another girl．I know why．One utfit and a locket set with a diamond． He could not afford to buy her an ex－ pensive present，but he did．It required o much sacrifice to pay the debt that he became disgusted with the girl．Then in the matter of engagement rings－do not
measure the young man＇s love by the measure the young man＇s love by
size of the diamond he buys．Girls do not realize just how much young men sacrifice to buy a diamond for＂Kate＂ that will be as large as＂Mary＇s．＂One young man went without a warm orer．＂
coat to buy a diamond equal to＂Marys＂ iamond．${ }^{\text {He }}$ has neyer been strong since that winter．By the way，young men from the old Country complain of the Canadian girl＇s extravagant de－ rands．They say they are a fraid to take Canadian girls out for they have so
little consideration of expense．Girls are ften responsible for their own Toneli－ hess because young men really feel that they cannot afford to ask for their com－ pany an evening because they expect too make your presents＇to your admirers ample and inexpensive，and ver？diplo－ are for an expensive present．मfo will

## Woman and the Home

## The Weaving of Eate

Fate at the loom, how the shuttle flies Toiling early and late; Her händs are firm, her looks are wise, Fashion a web that is wide and fine Fmooth and soft, with a silken shine The very best, I would have for mine O, grave, unyielding Fate!
I wound the warp with the greatest care Patiently spun the woof,
Sent it forth with many a prayer Now I would see the proof; Such careful work is not done in vain, Do not tangle my hard-wrought skein! My heart is weary, and filled with pain,
Give me, my due, 0 Fate!

With lowered head, lest I read her eyes, She swings the clanging bar;
She does not heed my puny cries
As well to a brazen idol pra
As well I a brazen idol pray, And she crossed my golden threads with So merci ess, is Fate!

I laugh in thy face, $O$ sombre Fate! You cannot daunt my soul;
God rules e'en over thee, 0 Fate! While eons onward roll And you shall weave as He doth command The woof and warp pass through His hand, I will not fret, O Fate! - Frances

Parental Firmness with Sick Child
One of the hardest things a tender hearted mother is called upon to do is to with kindness and firmness not only the child's health is endangered, but the uture happiness of the whole family is in peril. Not long ago a very devoted nother could not resist the pleadings of her ck child for some favorite food, and she disobeyed the doctor's orders in giving it mother really cannot say no in such a case she should be kept out of the sick room Children have rights in ife, and one of the oost important of these is to be protected m foolish maternal affection
Often a sick child works itself into a high fever by teasing for some prohibited thing, when a quiet, firm denial at first vould settle the whole matter. A mother vho imagined herself a very pattern of devotion argued for half an hour with a article of food, and then sat down to weep because the doctor told her sternly that she had injured her child's chances of gatting well. The nurse who was called
later merely said to the whining child later merely said to the whining child
that he could not have the food and then soothed it to sleep at once. It takes two tol carry on a conversation, and the child was promptly allowed
to remain alone in the room when the to remain alone in the room when the
whining began. To the mother this was whining began. To the mother this was
hard-hearted, but the child recovered promptly under the nirrse's care
Then, too, often a sick child becomes a regular tyrant when getting well unless steps are taken to discipline it. "If you
don't do it, I'll hold my breath!" was the don't do it, ' 'll hold my breath!' was the
familiar threat of a sick tyrant, but one day in the absence of the mother the father spanked him soundly for making the assertion. That settled the matter and thereafter the father took his sick son well that sickness is temporary and bad habits permanent in many cases, there would be fewer spoiled children. Many a child has had a fair start in life, but sickness or delicate health has so ruined its disposition as to make it a perfect nuisance at home
and abroad. Of course no oné $\mathbf{n}$ his senses would advocate harsh treatment of a sick or well child, but harsh treatment is no necessary. Merely to be firm and kind
anl just is all that so needed and just is all that is needed.
remember that the well-being of the only is of first importance and personal convenience or personal likes the last things to be
thel of, sick children will likely get
better attention and recover quickly Dread of a scene gets chi.dren many harmful things, but such dread should never be A little firmness in the start will usually control the patient and quiet wim as well so there is no use allowing things to reach a climax. A calm manner and a quiet tone with the absence of all indecision gives the nurse the great advantage in the sick room, and it is well for all parents to
copy the bearing and manners of the copy the bearing and manners of the
trained nurse in the sick room for present success and future welfare.
in line with Mrs. Oswa'd's observations in this article, was the case of a sick child hat I knew of several years ago. He had been very sick and was on a lighter diet.
Bananas for one thing were crossed off his list of eatables by the physician. Ye when the child teased for them, the mother yielded in the end, and let him have them. "It was the Lord's will" mother said "It was
Oswald.

## Warm Lunches for the Children

With the beginning hourhtfuk beg of winter the children's dinners at school.
There are women who never wory ore it one bit. They carelessly butter two or three pieces of bread and stick them together, put in a pickle and a boiled egg and the deed is done. I've known one less than would put up four lunches in less than five minutes and considered reason I did not. And I was her children's teacher.
To me there is nothing more pitiful than he thought of so many healthy, happy being in school a while.
There are many reasons for this. One is that the little ones are often homesick and lonely, and the unhappy individual apt to be sickly, whether six years old
Mothers can often help here by visiting school and noticing little things that can be worked out at home. The lessons that seem so cold and lifeless will be very differust waiting to hear all about it is remember when a child running till I was nearly out of breath, I was so eager to tell mother a story the teacher had told. Another harmful thing is impure air. We hear a great deal about improved air of the ordinary schoolroom (in either city or country) is bad. If I were a school
board member, I'd watch the ventilation even more closely than the teaching, It
may save the life of some weakly child.
But the worst thing is the cold dinners our children have to eat. Some school have already done something along this line, but I'm afraid there are only a few If you could see some of the dinners I have you'd wonder how the children have the heart to open their pails. I've often I'd at least see that they were well fed. Doctors all agree that food is mor ourishing and mueh more easily digested when it is warm. Also that the more we And we eating it y the more good it does tastes.
But when children live a mile or two rom school, giving them something warm sn't so easy. I know that. Still it can be one. And it will be a little more work, If it's worth it.
If it has never been tried before in your whole thing may fall through for there are very few children foll tho would have grit to ry this if the others did not
The best thing to do is to have all the mothers (or as many as will come) meet will help by asking the mathers to come to chool late in the afternoon and talk things over after the children are gone. Mother's meetings are so unheard of in the country, but are common enough in the city. It's
a pity the country people don't take it up or much good comes both to parents and children.
In this case the thing to be done is to have enough people to go into it to prevent he children who take warm dinners from
being laughed at by those who don't. When the mothers see how wice a warm dinner will be, there are very few who won't join in, for the extra enjoyment given to the hungry, growing boys and girls will
trouble.
I will tell a few things that can be Won't the rest of you send in plans that you think worth while?
In the fall and spring when eggs are raw en let each child take one or two raw eggs. Some large girl shou d be appointed to boil them. She can put a and a couple of minutes at noon will finish the work, especially if a wire egg basket is used. Really, this is the best thing I know of until the hens gg on a strike. Eggs are
about as nourishing a thing as a child about as nourishing a thing as a child can cooking them.
Another thing that works well is toast If a good fire is built at recess by noo there will be a fine bed of coals. Then i children bring toasters or long forks from home they can make their own toast and
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weather, but in winter it would be nice if you care to go to that amount of work, and you care to go to that amount of work,
live in a locality where it can be done.
If none of these things please, you can at least give the children a, cup of hot tea
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Making tea is even less work. Give each child an empty cup and half a tea-
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heating bottles of coffee is ise tea and bother, give each child a tiny bottle of coffee strong "as lye". At noon empty into a cup, fill with hot water and ther These things will all work well, and if managed rightly need be very little work The main thing is for one or two con${ }_{s}$ cientious women to start the ball rolling. And really, dear friends, it is worth and be The children will soon grow up and be gone, and then the thought of
having helped will be sweet indeed. Anyhaving helped will be sweet indeed. Any-
thing we can do to add to their health or strength will be bread cast upon the water,
which will return to us after many days.which will return to us after many days.-
Rebecca Porter.

Agricultura` College. This paper pointed 'stay at homes' might be kept interested in country life, and strenuously advocated the wisdom of giving a girl a separate allowance for ler dress and The Misses needs. who substituted for Mrs. McDole, gave much pleasure y si gin. "Silver Threads Among the Goll, as a duet. Miss Alice
Gordon gave the la $i t$ contribution on the programme by explaining the origin and significance of Thanksgiving and Hallowe en. A good deal of this paper wa as being and was very interesting as well as being clearly and sympathetically
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Abroad, she rules the waves! It is true, "No fortress,
However manned and strong Is stronger than its weakest point,"
Can strength to her belong? Can strength to her belong?
The foe within our borders And many a seeret lurking place And many a well-planned mine From many a well-manned fortress Oh, Brothers, Britons, Chisist Ought these things so to be?
Come ye, and join the battle! Come and take up the sword
What if the careless mock us? They mocked our Kinf Look at the tyrant's triumphs; Mark ye' his blood-stained crown Look at his deadly palaces, And vow they shall come down.
If ye look at strong men ruined, Body, and mind, and soul, And say they chose their own mad race,
And have but reached the goal: If ye say they are but reaping, Albeit with tear and groan, The evil fruit of the evil seed
That their own hands have sown

If ye look at grief-worn women, And say they do but bear
Their own appointed portion Their own appointed portion
Of this world's pain and car Of this worlds. pain and care
Yet, pity the little childrenIf ye have not hearts of stoneCondemned to tread an evil path
For no fault of their own;

Trained in the tongue of curses, Breathing the breath of sin, In homes where hardly a gleam of day
Or of truth can enter in. Oh fathers, mothers, round wh Sweet little children cling, For the sake of the little children, Rise up against this thing! -National Good Templar

## A Mighty Influence

The story is told of a young English nobleman who rode up and down the street one day, in a village of Cornwall,
seeking a public-house wheh would fur nish him with a nice drink of liquor. Not finding what he ranted, and meeting
a grey-haired peasant returning home a grey-haired peasant returning home
after a day of toil, in angry tones he asked him: "Why is it that I cannot get a glass of liquor in this wretched little village ?" The old man recognized him as a nobleman, and lifting his cap humbly replied: "My lord, about a hun-
dred years ago a man named John Wesdred years ago a man named Ann es-
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As our cares-and our shekels-elope.
We enjoy a great peace-and our worries As our bundles-and debits-expand While the blithe Yule-tide fun-and the
Fill the air-and the mails-through the land.
The mistletoe green-and the pawnbroker keen-
Gay enchantments-and needed cash-
The holly's warm glow-and the debts
Christmas $\begin{gathered}\text { that } \\ \text { portend }\end{gathered}$
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Earning Christmas Pennies
"Do you know where Johnny Locke
lives, my little boy?" asked a gentle-voiced lives, my little boy?" asked a gentle-voiced old lady.
"He ain't home, but if you give me a,
penny I'll find him for you right off," replied the lad.
"All right, you're a nice little boy. Now, where is he?",

On their Honeymoon
A recently married young woman of Boston was touched by the evi
dence of thoughtfulness on the part o her young sister who, in packing up the
bride's belongings, had included several bride's belongings, had included several
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it was .stevenson's "Travels With a
Donkey."


## When Pat Laughed Last

Western city had just left a theatre one night when he was approached by a beggar, who said:
face! A little charity, sigh, forevolent cricele.",
The politician gave the man some coins, saying:
"And how are you crippled, old man?" as he made of, sir," ans,

Not Dressed Fit for the Party
A proud young housekeeper who had been presented with a piece of statuary was giving a party one evening in Christrived she locked through the rooms to see that everything wasin order. Missing the Venus from its place on the hall pedestal, she asked the old butler what had been done with it. "Miss Weeny, |you mean, ma'am?" he replied.
"Wes, the Venul. Where is it?"
"Well, now, Wiss excuse me, ma'amy but 1 jesgrit, ma'am, gemmens was expected dis evoning, I',

A shor time ago two Englishmen (n s visit to Ireland hired a boat for the
purpose of having a sail. purpose of having a asil.
One of the Britons, thinking he would have a good joke at Pat's expense, asked him if he knew anything about astrolog.
"Be jabers, no," said Pat. "Then that's the best part of your lift just lost," answered the Englishman. The second Englishman then agked Pat "Be jabers, no," answered Pat. "Well," the second, said, "I must sax.
that's the very best part of your life lost." that's the very best part of your life lost.'
A few minutes later a sudden squall A few minutes later a sudden squall
arose and the boat capsized. Pat began to swim. The Britons, however, could not swim, and both called loudly to Pat to "Do you know anything about swimology?", asked Pat both Énglishmen." "Well, be jabers," replied Pat. "then both of your lives is lost."

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## Children

When Uncle Jimmie Whistles Written for The W.H.M. by Francet When Uncle Jimmie whistles. The winds applaud with groans The trees clap hands, in weird-like sounds,
Suggestive
While, from the dry bones; While, from the corners of the hal
Strange faces look and leer And elf-like shadows and leer; All twisted up and queer.


When Uncle Jimmie whistles.
I dare not go upstairs,
Because-just at the landing's turn A demon paws and rears! And goblins from the garret com
To peek and squint and grin The goose-flesh rises on my spineTo hear him just begin!
When Uncle Jimmie whistles!Rose, Mary picks up pins; Grandpa sits d And father views the smiling skiesFor signs of wind and rain While mother mutters wearily
"There, Jimmie goes again!"
When Uncle Jimmie whistles Some day, he'll sure repent! His breath is ${ }_{\text {good }}$ and spent, The imps he conjures with that no:se Will charge him, in array That awful, awful day.

## The Litening Express

By Isla May Mullins.

A new house was being built across the street from where Dicky Drayton lived, and Dicky had watched the carpenters at work with the greatest interest.
One day he said to his father: "Mr. Jones, the carpenter, says he will make me a nice wagon, if you want to have him."
Mr. Drayton smiled, for he felt pretty sure Dicky had first said to Mr. Jones; Then they went over to see Mr Jones about it.
When they started to talk it over, what size it was to be, what kind of wheels, etc., Mr. Drayton said: I wow, Mr. Jones, there is one thing can make an accommodating wa you You see, Dicky and I don't want one of those red painted things you can get at the stores, for they are so apt to be all for fun. They are selfish, and only want want is a nice homely sort of wagon that is willing to do kindly errands-an obliging little turnout.
Mr. Jones looked down at Dicky's
wondering wondering eyes with a twinkle in his
own.
"Why, I am pretty sure I can, Mr. Dryton. I know just what you and So Mr. Drayton and Dicky walked
So want."
turnout made such fine speed that Dicky printed in big letters on its side, "Litenin Express," Dicky even carried, with little brother's help, a monstrous bundle of wagon, and there seemed nothing that he and the Litenin Express were not
willing to undertake. The little turnout
was simply perfect except for one thing:
Dicky thought he really needed a little dog to run beside the wagon and bark Everything went beautifully for a least a week, and then one morning when Dicky was playing marbles with a dot
of boys at Willie Dow's, next door, and mother called him to take his wagon quick and go for some sugar which the grocer had not sent, and which she mus have at once, for there would be company at dinner. Then came trouble Dicky did not want to go-in fact, saic Mo wouldn't go.
Mother went sorrowfully away, while Dicky looked in another direction and continued to say he wouldn't go. Some of the other boys assured him were in his place, were in his piace, he looked crossly over
Then suddenly her
into his own backyard and there stood into his own backyard and there stood
the Litenin Express, ready and willing, the Litenin Express, ready and willing,
at the baek door! at the back door!
With a dash Dicky was out of Willie Dow's yard and standing at his own baek door waiting orders from mother. Soon he was off with his wagon, though he didn't want to go one bit and leave that game of marbles; so the tears dropped down his cheeks as he went
along to the grocery. There were still traces of them left when the grocery man leaned brightly over the counter and asked what he would have. The grocery man liked the little boy very much, for several times Dicky and his wagon had
done errands for him when it had accommodated him greatly.
When the sugar was put up, and Dicky
was ready to go, the grocer exclaimed,
as though he had just thought of it, "Why, Dicky, you've just come at the
right minute, P've got a mighty pretty right minute, ive got a mighty pretty to do with. It's been bothering me all morning. I wish you'd take him home with you and keep him." The grocer had orten heard how Dicky needed a
dog. Dicky's eyes glistened in reply till Dicky's eyes glistened in reply till
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and the Litenin Express and the little doggie, who had at once made friends with him appeared at mother's back door, she smiled down upon the happiest
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## AGood Deed

Harry Blane had been sent by his mother to a neighboring store for a pound of tea. He had just emerged from the gate at home, and started on his way down the sidewaik, when he
heard footsteps approaching from behind heard footsteps approaching from behind
him. A moment later someone called: "Wait a moment, boy, I would like to speak to you."
Harry waited, and before he was aware of it, a kind hand was laid on his shoulder, and he stood side by side with thus in a polite manner:
"What is your name, my boy9"
"Harry Blane, sir," answered that person.
"Ah, the very boy I am looking for!" erested and asked:
"Why are you looking for me, sir?" "Where were you yesterday at this time?" asked the stranger, without heeding Harry's words. Harry.
"And did anything unusual occur on your way from school yesterday afternoon?"
"Noth
"Nothing, only a horse ran away,"
said Harry laughing said Harry laughing.
"A horse ran away. Tell me all
"Yesterday

Yesterday afternoon as I was coming along past the church I met a horse which was running away. An old lady was riding in the buggy, but she had lost control of the horse. I sprang to
the middle of the road, and as the horse the middle of the road, and as the horse
drew near, he slackened his pace considerably, and started to the side of the
road, where he could easily pass me.
But he was not quick enough. ${ }^{\text {I }}$ I made
a jump, caught the horse by the bits, and after some pulling and jerking I
succeeded in bringing him to a stop. The woman was very much frightened, but otherwise she was unhurt. After asking me my name, she thanked me for helping her, and started on her way." "You are a very good boy," said the stranger, giving Harry a pat on the
shoulder, "and your mother ought to be proud of you."
The boy smiled in gratification, and once more made an attempt to start on his errand, but again the stranger de "I him.
a suppose you would like to know who am, my boy, and why I am keeping "Yes, sir,' I' would," answered Harry politely.
"Well, my name is Kenneth Colby, and yesterday She whose horse you stopped yesterday. She informed me that the
bridge over which the horse must have sped had you not stopped him wa
baid badly broken, and she was in danger


Enjoying the Morning Spin.
of her life. Now, I' have kept you here to tell you this, and that me here to find you, and present you any reward, Mr Colby," answered Harry. "I. do not deserve it."
"But you must take it, because my aunt sent me here on purpose with it and told me not to rest until I had placed it in your hands," said Mr.
Colby, drawing something from his pocket, which proved to be a handsome leather purse, which he passed to Harry, contents, which consisted of about titty dollars in bills.
"This is not the full value of your services but it cannot be fully paid. service and I shall remember you for
"You are very kind, Mr. Colby. I will give this purse to my mother. She will be pleased with it, and call me a good boy, and she will not have to work so hard to pay next month's rent. Tell reward and that I would gladly do as much for her again. And now, Mr. Colby, I must be going on my errand." ou so very sorry for having delayed you so long, Harry, and if you wish, I tained you." "I dink it is necessary", an"I don't think it is necessary," answered Harry, "the present will make
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ing along. Good-by, Mr. Colby." ng along. Good-by, Mr. Colby.'
The two passed on their way, Harry going on his errand and Mr. Colby to
When Harry returned home he found his mother impatient because she had to wait so long for her tea, but when been gone so long, and when he gave her the money, she was more than pleased, and called her boy by many a loving ame, and said that he was the prida of her household.


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Tommy Chickadee's Tree
Carolyn Bailey

Tommy Chickadee stood on one spo on the snowy front lawn. He was so cold that he kept hopping from one foot to the other and his feathers were puffed out until he looked like a little It had been a hard winter for Tommy Chickadee with the snow so deep that the berries and seeds were all covere up, and very few bread crumbs to be found on the kitchen doorstep. It was adee knew without anyone having told him, for hadn't he seen the green fir trees being cut down in the woods, and the sleighs full of white parcels dashing by beneath him as he sat on the telegraph pole, shivering, and hadn't he
listened to the Christmas bells and the
children singing their Christmas carols? "Chick a dee-dee, chick a dee-dee," sang Tommy Chickadee, for he was a
cheerful little bird in spite of being cold and hungry.
"Chick a
in the morning." "Tommy Chickadee, oh, Tommy Chickadee, look here at what Santa Claus has Tommy Chi
Tommy Chickadee looked up, for he in the big white house who sometimes gave him food and he was not one bit fraid of them. Yes, there they were, the dear children, Doris, and Joan, and the window pane and all their hands the window pane and all their hands And there on the snowy window sill
stood a little green Christmas tree, all
for one little bird or one little bird-Tommy Chickadee adee," shouted Jack. "I fastened it to the window sill," laughed Joan.
I hung all your presents," said Doris. Such a fine little Christmas tree as it was. It was hung with strings of
raisins and draped with festoons of seeds strung on white thread and of seeds every branch. There were bits of bacon and fat suet tied with bits of red ribbon and hanging from the ends of the twigs and on thĕ very tiptop was a cooky cut
in the shape of a star. Tommy Chickadee fle dow sill and he ate and ate and ate When he was no longer hungry he looked in at the children who had been kind day and he puffed out his Christmas day and he puffed out his little gray
breast and sang very loudly: "Chick a dee-dee," but it was "Merry Christmas" that Tommy Chickadee meant by his cheery song.

## Christmas Games

Try these games at your Christmas party. You will find that they are great Royal Mail-A large room is needed for this. game, and all pieces of bric-a-brac
hould be removed beforehand if your hostess is to continue in a peaceful state of mind. - The players stand in a circle, and each one is given the name of some town. The postmaster is placed in the center and calls the name of the mail players are changing places while the

slip into the place of one of them. If one is so dispossessed, he becomes postthe name of the city the other has lost. Suppose the postmaster calls: "Winni
ing these names exchange places. Some-
times the postmaster calls three or four pairs in rapid succession so that half a dozen players are moving at the same time. He may not, however, call upon any one city to deliver mail to more
than one place at a time than one place at a time. Every few, and this means a universal scramble, everyone trying to change places at
onee.
Imitation-This requires five or more players. A leader is chosen and the The leader goes through various motions, such as splitting wood, sawing wood, washing clothes, wringing clothes, hopping, jumping, etc., saying with each When he says, "Do this!" Do that the players are to imitate him; when he says "Do that!" they are not to do so. Any player who imitates the action at the wrong time or fails to do so at the right time is out of the game. The the leader remain. The player remeining becomes the next leader.

## Christmas Conundrims

What is the key to the situation at Christmas time? Turkey.
Why is the letter G like a plum cake Because it makes a lad" "glad:" If twelve men sat down to eat one pie, what time would it be? A.quarter Which
in the is one of the longest worde cause there is a mile between the first and last letters.

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## About the Farm


#### Abstract

The Farmer Written for The Western Home Monthly by Madge S. Smith First Year-Deep down in his heart, he always had been a farmer. It was arm. It was not his fault that he had been raised in a grimy town, and packed off to work in a bleach-croft before he off to work in a bleach-croft before he was of an age to be the master of cir- cumstances. hen, deep down in his heart. Even in the blue-vat, he saw green, and tended imaginary stock and watched things growing out of soil. Now he was one-and-twenty; and he had crossed the ocean to the country where farms were to be had. And he to be had. And he was going to be a farmer at last. He had not got very far yet, it is true. Just now he was far yet, it is true. Just now he was driving a milk wagon on a surburban delivery round. But there was a horse in the wagon, which was a step nearer and the milk came off a farm, which was two steps nearer, and he, was saving Some day he would get there Second Year-He was going to be a farmer. It was all turning out as it was written in the book and in the


## Start Fattening Hogs Carefully

J. H. Smith, Illinois.

About this time of the year, or at any rate, around the first of Novembrr,
I look over my hogs and decide which to fatten for market. Of course, thiere is no difficulty about it, if the hogs be barrows of the proper age. The spring pigs that have been well taken care of are in fine shape for putting in the feed Tot. These are not difficult to handle. to start with, 1 usually put them all together in a $o t$ and begin feeding,
principally corn, in moderate amounts give them the run of our blue grass pastures, and some years, but it does not happen to be this season, I have a
field of turnips to run them on just be ield of turnips to run them on just be-
fore the weather freezes up ore the weather freezes up. This
season, fortunately, I have a splendid season, fortunately, 1 have a splendid
Elover pasture and this, in connection with the new corn,' is first class for starting them.
After feeding together for a little while, I separate the sows and runty pigs from the main herd and feed in a separate lot. I give them slops, made
by mixing shorts with water, and casionally add a little bran. Moreover if we have any skim milk or butter-
vivid imaginings of his own heart. He had worked in the town, saving every
cent he could spare, living austerely and keeping himself very fit. He worked all day, and often did odd jobs in the evenings. Now he had preempted a piece of land, bought an axe and a tent, and a case of
provisions and started in. The virgin orest rolled down to the thundering surf, challenging him to the conquest oh, the joy of realization! He was going Third Year-He was a farmer.
Ye had cleared half an acre. He had great muscles on his arms, and a greater courage in his heart. He häd also a cow, a pig, and a small wooden house. He had no neighbors for four miles, and own company. He had learned to tighten up his belt when provisions were scarce, and what was better, to troll for salmon in the sea, and to dig clams, and waking that halley-slave on the roadpig fell sick, and he doctored it, The animal miraculously recovered. and the cow had a calf, and he was making first experiments in butter-making, as yet
too unsuccessful for any but his too unsuccessful for any but his own
table. He had raised three dozen cabbages table. He had raised three dozen cabbages as big as his head, and had learned by
useful experience to "bust" logs without useful experience to "bust" logs without a man's place in a lumber-boom and shoo ${ }^{\text {c fitis }}$ own game; and he knew something about well-boring, also from ex-
perience.. He was making good. He perience.. He was making good. He
was a farmer. But thent, he always had was a farmer. But then, he always had
been a farmer, deep down in his heart.
milk to dispose of, it goes to these feed and pigs. With this additional before very run on clover pasture and rate, may be turned in with, at any herd. It requires abouth the main me to get my hogs on full month

Corn Chief Fattening Feed.
In common with other farmers in the corn belt, my principal fattening feed corn. I find that it must be fed carefully at first. Many of the swine
troubles frequently reported as cholera. are due to the feeding of too much immature corn. I have never had any serious trouble, but I have always been careful. However, as I said before, do not start in too rapidly, but begin gradually and add to the amount given is given them at each feed. I feed twice a day, in the morning and between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Sometimes toward the end of the feeding period 1 feed a little less in the morning and then give them a second feed at noon and the This will cause middle of the afternoon is necessary; and I more work tha eeds a day properly handled will be just as satisfactory. properly handed will be A few years ago I built a feeding
foor $20 \times 30$ feet, of foor $20 \times 30$ feet, of concrete, this adjacent to the hog house. I can now feed fect safety. No matter how much mud may be worked up in the lot, I keep the feeding floor clean, and upon it dump the corn morning and night. This is

Of course, just now my hogs are running on clover pasture and do not need much
else to supplement the green feed. A eittle later, when the pasture is gone, I have some third cutting of alfalfa hay which I will use.
ways: The easier is, of course, to simply put it in a rack, as I would for sheep and let the hogs go to it and eat it as their appetites demand. The best way then mix it with swill. This I do when I am coaxing flesh on small pigs or old stock. It is not so necessary with healthy, vigorous hogs. of course, cutting and mixing with swill adds to the cost of fattening hogs. I give them a little oil meal, not very much, but good condition. I am tempted at times to feed a little cracked wheat, but un-
less I have screenings on hand, I won't less I have screenings on hand, I won't do it. This year, of course, we have no
winter wheat in our neighborhood, and I will have to depend principally upon corn. have to depend principally upon hogs. I previously used it with growing pigs and found it exceedingly satisfactory. It seemed to help the fat hogs, but not as much as the others, so I do not think that I will feed it again this winter, except to my growing stuff.
I think it is a grand feed, but fattening hogs when well along need very little protein except that furnished by the alfalfa hay.

Spraying for Lice.
A few years ago I found my hogs were badly infested with lice. I secured some applied once a month. I then dipped my hogs, but when the cold weather came this was rather disagreeable and ometimes an unsatisfactory operation 0 for the last few years I have used a hogs in the morning I wo 1 feed my and see that they are thoroughly sprayed. After they are once free from ice, I am not sure that spraying once a month is necessary. However, it is not much trouble, costs very little, and I believe it pays.
I find it necess
able to feed cob charcoal as highly desirIt seems to be very palatable and is easily prepared. I dig a hole in the ground, start a fire, fill with cobs, then cover with a piece of sheet iron. When the cobs are pretty well charred, re move the sheet iron and pour in water Make the hole large enough to secure lasts only two weeks. I find also that -breaking up ordinary soft coal in small pieces and feeding it to hogs gives good results.
I find that pure water is very essential to the rapid fattening of hogs. I have a wind pump on the place and the water this I pipe it to my hog lots, and thus it is possible to have pure water in the troughs at all times. If the troughs become at all filthy I clean them out and wash them thoroughly without delay. and during that cattle quite extensively, ber of hogs following steers. The last few years it has been impossible to get steers at anything like a satisfactory price, consequently I have been feeding
my hogs by themselves. I think I will again go into the cattle feeding business in a small way.
hogs is probat my method of fattening of hundreds of others. I try, however to have clean pens, pure water, spray to keep the animals free of lice, and then give plenty of corn, alfalfa hay, cob
charcoal, etc. If this is done you will have very little difficulty in putting woll hogs on the market at the earliest your sible moment in fine condition. The time of marketing is somewhat governed by the weight most popular with shippers and to a greater extent by the pric
of fat hogs in the central markets.

Getting Eggs in Winter
C. N. Whitaker, Van Buren Co. Mich. Eggs will bring high prices this their poultry yards show a nice balance
during December and January should bear in mind that to bring this about
more can be done in a few days more can be done in a few. days during winter is here.
Start, right now and clean out th henhouse. Take out the dirt to the with clean, in by the hens and fill in out before winter comes. Spray the interior well with some good disin ectant. Examine the roof carefully may become leaks ber weak places that the windows and replace all broken panes of glass with new ones. There will be several months during which the hens will be shut indoors, and everything must be as confortable for them their best work in filling the egg basket.

Liberal Feeding an Egg Secret
The hens have probably moulted by this time and growing the moulted by is keeping them thin. The sooner the new feathers are grown the sooner the eggs will come, and to hurry them along as fast as possible the fowls should be fed liberally. Give them all the mash grain at night. To many it looks of throwing away money to practice heave feeding while there are no eggs coming in, but this is one of the secrets of getting winter eggs. The molting season is the most critical period in the life
of a hen. Growth of new feathers heavy strain on vitality. As the hen is fed on the average farm it takes her two to four months to recover from the effects of it. By giving her the necessary materials with which to make the eathers so she will not have to take will be ready for work of her body, ${ }^{\text {an }}$ she her new plumage; often before. Pullets should be handled in the way. They are not yet fully the same and will not begin to lay until the amount of food they consume is enough to support growth, with a surplus to wo into something else. This supplus whether the food given is fat-forming to egg-producing With both the heng or egg-producing. With both the hen an
the pullet it is the surplus food that
goes to make the egg. The reason the verage farmer does not get more keeping the body in good physical conkeeping the body in good physical
dition the hens have no surplus.

Food Formula for Eggs.
The laying mash has become generally ecognized as the most convenient, as roviding the hen with these materials. The following is a good formula: Coarse wheat bran, coarse middlings, ground scrap, each 100 pounds; meat meal 40 pounds, fine table salt 10 pounds This 550 pounds of feed, costing around 10, should be enough to last a flock of 100 hens one month, and should produce uring that time, at December and of eggs. There is $\$ 50$ to $\$ 60$ worth on the farm that will show this profit rom the same amount of feed given in addition to the regular rations.
As soon as snow comes so the hens are confined to the house they should be given a good litter of straw, in which
they are compelled to dig for they are compelled to dig for every them active and in good health. In the morning give them a light feed of wheat, buckwheat or oats, and about 10 oclock put enough dry mash in the hoppers to last all day. Be sure it is when you begin to and remember that when you begin to economize on mash you will get fewer eggs. It is a good daily so the fowls will always have fresh feed before them. About an hour before time to go to roost give them a liberal feed of cracked corn in the litter. The exercise they get in scratching for this Pure Water and Pure Air Always. Be sure they have plenty of pure ater, and though authorities differ, I If warm water is put in it warm drink. cold in a short time, and the change from warm to cold and from cold to warm is not beneficial.
One thing more, and this is by no means the least important; pure air good health, and, therefore, to good egg

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commenced now before the milk tlow is cut down by short grass and scant feed. Those who are fortunate enough to own
a silo should give each cow about 25 a silo should give each cow about 25
pounds of silage a day ${ }^{25}$ Every cow pounds of silage a day. Every cow cowpea hay she will clean up. This cowpea hay she will cean up. This
will amount to about 10 pounds a day win tamount to about 1 silage is fed. If silage is not fed
if the sila more hay should be given. It is well to


## Panorama of Havelton, B.C

should be as distinctly feminine in her A cow like a bull, should never have a "steery" countenance, but should look
"breedy" and refined about the head breedy" and refined about the head.
She should be wide between the eyes She should be wide between the eyes
and have a wide muzzle, but in all points where the male is strong and muscular the female should be refined.
There should be 2 look of sweetness and There should be a look of sweetness and
general refinement all over a breedygeneral refinement all over a breedy-
looking cow which is worthy to be described as of true feminine character. The word character, as applied to a breed ing animal, includes much that is difficult to explain in writing, but at the same
time it behooves the breeders of pedigree time it behooves the breeders of pedigree
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show-yard ant animal with show-yard ant animal with strong
character will always beat an equally character will always beat an equally
good animal without the quality, and in the science of breeding every breede
of experience knows the value of it.

## Keep Up Flow of Milk

P. M. Brandt, Missouri.

Butter fat is scarce. The price is to produce more butter fat, but it can not be done by feeding the cows fall
grass, cornstalks and timothy hay grass, cornstalks and timothy hay. It
is also a mistake to neglect the cows for is also a mistake to neglect the cows for
a few weeks, intending to make amends a few weeks, intending to make amends
by liberal feeding when very
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went milk yield never be allowed to decline It is almost imposible to bring a cow
back to her normal flow after it has been back to her normal flo
permitted to decline.

To a person of experience it is a fair gives a heavy yield for a month or two after calving, simply judging by her ap-
pearance, but it is far more difficult to pearance, but it is far more difficult to
discern those cows that keep up a steady quantity throughout the lactation be this cow that is discarded, the owner being disgusted with the moderate amount she gives at first, and does not wait to see how she goes on. This type of cow usually bears a rather more beefy
appearance, with a level top and under appearance, with a level top and under-
line, and not being so much of the familiar wedge-shape. The udder is
placed rather far forward and exten placed rather far forward and extends
well out behind. As most persons know, well out behind. As most persons know,
the richest milk is that obtained during the richest milk is that obtained during
the latter half of the milking period, the later half of the milking period,
and is here that this type of
milker scores. It milsor scores. It is surprising to notic
ane steady yield tells a what a large quantity it works out to It is a good plan to buy when the
cow is within three to cow in within three or four months of
caiving, as one can find out what quantity of milk she is giving aut judat for oneself as to whether she has kept
up her yield well or not besides up her yield well or hot, besides being
more easily able to tell whether she is more easily able
certain in-calf.
I am a great advocate of keeping only
pure-bred stock or a pure-bred stock or a first cross. So
many farmers seem to keep a herd of so-called Shorthorns, many of them be-
ing begging brutes ing begging brutes, quite incapable of
laying on flesh at all quickly can only, fill the pail for a few which
call can onlv nill the pail for a few weeks
after calving, and then gradually dry
themselves oft. Ihemegelves off
I consider ing one-third or thereabouts of her full remember that cowpea hay is one of the
cheapest cheapest of dairy feeds.
Cows giving over a gallon of milk a day should be fed grain. A good grain
mixture is corn chop mixed with bran or cottonseed meal. Corn and cob meal may be substituted for the chop. A pound of this mixture should be given each day for every three pounds of milk
produced. The best of cows will not produce milk unless fed liberally on the right kind of feed.

Choosing a Cow
The choosing of dairy cows has been rendered much more easy now that the
keeping of milk records has become popular. When purchasing from a reliable source (which is always advisable), where we can rely upon the cow's record
being given authentically and when it being given authentically and when it
is satisfactory, we need trouble no is satisfactory, we need trouble no
further about: her appearance as a milker, as the "proof of the pudding is in the eating."


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milk yield when within two or three months of calving again, and require to be dried off by hand.
Among the most useful breeds to keep may be mentioned the Shorthorn, are dual purpose cattle that will, if carefully selected, give a very satisfactory amount of milk, and their bull calves can be turned into excellent butchers' beasts, besides the cows themselves yielding good carcases when their
duties at the pail are over.

Buy Feeding Cattle Carefully
There has probably never been a year when the buyers of feeding cattle were exercising greater discrimination in
supplying their needs for the feed than at present. Animals that are well grown for their age, and that show evidences of a good proportion of the blood of one of the leading beef breeds, find a ready market at good prices. The
steer that seems undersized for his indicating that it has been stunted in calfhood, and those having no evidence of beef blood, are touched very lightly and at a large discount, when they find purchasers at all.
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kind that pays.

A Chance to Rise
Said the farmer: "I'll give you work all
rightWe're up it
light in the morning before it is And my offer is fair for a boy of your Twelve dollars a month and a chance to rise."
-Eugene C. Dolson


A British Columbia Cherry Tree
the country bought feeders at the high prices that were based upon the fact of shortage, and found themselves losers at the end of the feeding period. In many to show for the corn he had fed was the company of the steers while he was feeding them. The lesson sunk deeply into the minds of those who thus practically received it, and the live stock press of for the benefit of others who had not actually tried it. The result is a very general realization on the part of the feeding public that it scarcely pays to feed poor cattle at any price, and that only good ones can be made profitable.
There is still another lesson in the situation by which the growers of feed ing cattle, whether for their own use or for sale, should profit, and that is that grow calves worth while to raise and grow calves at all unless they be well well grown kind pay now, and always pay. The poorer stuff does not pay now and it is only under exceptional circumstances that it ever will pay. To get good cattle of the paying kind means as possible, and a good as, high a grade

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conditions almost immediaters will alter these condtions almost immediately and will sweep
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in contact with this medicine, which is iving medicine most beneficial to the young constitution, and as such it has no supperior,

## The Best-Kind of Sow

In selecting sows they need not all neecssarily be pure breds, but should have a good dash of the Berkshire breed in them. They should be roomy, lengthy, well shaped and for breeding purposes,
with at least 12 teats. They should be put to a well-bred Berkshire boar. is important that the sire should, in all cases, be pure-bred. As pigs are liable to degenerate from inbreeding, new blood may" be introduced periodically with advantage. The Tamworth boar will also
produce good results from such sows The young will mature early sund sows. The mixed quality of flesh-lean and fat. The improved Berkshire is generally, however, preferred to all other breeds, Yorkshire (cool climate) and Wssex breeds will give good results under close attention.

Pig Manure
Few farmers, says the Victorian (Australia) Dairy Inspector, appear to realize the value of pigs' manure, or we
would not see so much going to waste as is the case on the majority of the arms in this state. Most farmers have proved that increased returns are obtainable by manuring crops with some pur
chased artificial manure, but do not trouble to conserve the more valuable material they have in their piggeries,
for besides this containing all the

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enable the plants to make use of the by pir feeders that every ton of feed bought and fed represents so much more mapure made available in a more valuable form than it was originally.

## Indiloation of Prepotency

 It may be argued from the commercialpoint of view that provided a good bull, for example, is posisessed of a good
straight top and underline, good level flesh, and an the rest of it, whatever difference of his value can it make
whether he is possessed of character or not? It just makes this difference-that if a well-bred animal has no character, then he is "common", and his qualities would give ro indication of prepotency or the oower to impress his qualities and the importance of character. With. out it there is not much likelihood of propotency, and moreover, a male animal possessed of strong, character will not Only impress upon his offspring his own likeness, but will also impress upon them any good points that may be lying dormant if not exposed in himself. The supreme value of style in a sire was case of. Belyedere, nor for than in the case of. Belyedere, nor, for that matter, breeder's eye and genius than the story of Thomas Bates and his purchase of
Belvedere He heard of the bull and of
his breeding, and the blood being what


## Food for Hens

Hens, as a rule, are kept much too fat, especially when they are not laying When fowls are inactive and standing that they are overfed, and when they are underfed, they are almost sure to be on the move, especially when they see anyone about.
It must be remembered that when a fowl is laying her system has to be
supported just the same as when she is not laying, beside being supplied with the material or substance to make the eggs. In the evening the birds require
a feed of sound grain and next to a feed of sound grain and next to this,
oats. In some cases where the grain is oats. In some cases where the grain
mixed for them-such as wheat, barley and Indian corn-they will eat the wheat and Indian corn and leave the
barley. When they do this the ber should be hiven they do this the barley ing from 42 lbs. to 46 lbs. per bushel, are most nourishing for fowls; but these should always be separate from other grain. In cold weather, or on wet days, catter a handful of oats in every poultr house or covered run amongst the litter after-breakfast, as this gives them scratching exercise and varies their
systehir systems and
about on they on cold days. Then it is raining, they go
the oats.

## Green Fly

I made an attempt to get rid of the green fly by washing them off (writes
a correspondent)' I got a bowl full of
water and a soft brush with long bristles. An old clothes brush will do. Hold the spray which you wish to treat, dip the bush in the water, and brush until yo have washed off every fly you can see
Look it over again in a week's time, and repeat the treatment if flies are present A third washing may be necessary. After the third time my flowers were free from green fily all the summer. I
seemed I had killed the breeders. seemed I had killed the breeders. Try
this method on small rose bushes, byt take care to throw the water down the drain. Don't let it go on the soil, or the fy will return and your labor will be wasted.

When Judging a Horse
In judging a horse he should always be made to stand still. Defects in the limbs or feet that would be unnoticed whe in motion will, says a conto rest weak or diseased muscles when standing still. If perfectly sound he will stand firmly on all his legs, the feet fat on the ground and without moving. one heel is raised, disease of the is probable.

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## Are You One?

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shaken, whose brains are muddled, ideas confused, sleep restless, confidence gone, spirits low and easily depressed, who are backward, hesitating are shaken, whose brains are muddled, ideas confused, sleep restless, confidence gone, spirits low and easily depressed, who are backward, hesitating, unable
to venture because they are afraid of failure, who want somebody to decide for them, who are weak, puny and restless. It is to men who have part or all to venture because they are afraid of failure, who want somebo
of those symptoms, and want new life, new force, new vigor.

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ing your Belt for two months, I feel sure $I$ am cured. I believe it is the surest and quickest cure known. I feel twice as strong as I did when I
 man.

Dear Sir,-I am glad to tell you that after using your Belt for forty with backache or any other troubles. I remain, yours very truly,
HORMISDOS LAMOUREUX, Lamoureux, Alta HORMISDOS LAMOUREUX, Lamoureux, Alta.
Dear Sir,-After giving your Belt a fair trial I now drop you these
few lines to let you know how much good your Belt has done for me. I few lines to let you know how much good your Belt has done for me. I am glad to say that my back and stomach are all right. I can sleep fine
all night and eat well also. I think your Belt is all right. I would

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not part with it for its weight in gold. Hoping you will excuse me for
not writing sooner, I am yours truly, F. L. COGHLAN, Edmonton, Alta. Dear Sir,-Your Belt yours truly, F. L. COGHLAN, Edmonton, Alta. glow of warmth in my stomach and back. The Belt is all you claim it to be;'in fact, more. It is Nature's own remedy and a good one, for I am
feeling twice the man afready-no emissions-no pains. - THOMAS feeling twice the man already-no emissio
MURRAY, 152 Gladstone St., Winnipeg, Man.
Dear, Sir,-My Indigestion has quite disappeared, and my kidneys are Dear Sir,-My Indigestion has quite disappeared, and my kidneys are
from pain. I no longer feel any weakness in my spine, and my appefree from pain. I no longer feel any weakness in my spine, and my appe-
tite has returned, so that I can enjoy as good a meal as any man my size.
I have gained five pounds in I have gained five pounds in weight. I am also free from diarrhoea, which was severe during the summer months. I am most thankful to say that
the Belt has about cured me of other weaknesses. I believe your the Belt has about cured me of other weaknesses. I believe yo
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## Scotch Column

The news frae Moidart cam yestree For ships o, gar mony ferlie And landed Royal Charlie! Come through the heather, around him , gather,
Ye're a' the welcomer early! Around him cling, wi' a' your kin
For wha'll be King but Charlie

The Kilt. ${ }^{*}$ After ${ }^{*}$ the "Prince ${ }^{*}$ Charlie" escapade, the wearing of the kilt was senibited by statute. In 1782 this pealed. The kilt again became was reand fashionable; but it was the influence of Scott's romances was the than any other one thing, led to its present position of respect and honor.
Syboes. "What way do you married
women no come to kirk ${ }^{\text {on }}$ "O, we hae to stay at the kail for the suday at hame to mak "Mak them on Saturday; and warm them up after kirk!"
"They'll no keep; they'll be "Pit neither leeks nor syboes in t" and I caution them!" replied the minis ter. Whether the absence of "syboes" (onions) wrought a reformation in the matter, we are not told.

## Bird's Eye View of Lorne Creek, B.C

The Gaelic. The Glasgow Herald A Grand Scotsman. In the heart of says: "The present fad among would-be Highlanders is to have a hybrid name-
half Gaelic and half English. And half Gaelic and half English. And
those who were baptised plain John Macdonald and James Macgregor now sign themselves Ian Macdonald and Hamish Macgregor."

After Burns! An Ayrshire poet, (a very long way after Burns!) thus al-
lowed his Pegasus to kick over the lowed his Pegasus to kick over the
traces:-
traces:-
"Unmanly, shameless, worthless villain Devoid o' every finer feelin', Who with a base affected grace, Applauds thy brother to his face, Admires his humor, shares his plack,
And cuts his throat behind his back!

The New Act. Under the new Act for Scotland, the "pubs" are not to be open
for the public till $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. for the publasgow paper, says: "It juist comes to this, man, that when the new Act comes intae force, a Scotsman'll no be able tae get drunk unless he maks up his mind tae keep dead sober 'a' the time he's drinkin'!

Burns.
If Independence in the heart
If loves and lives of manly men
If loves and lives of manly men
Have given the world a treasure
If on the brow of honest worth If on the brow of honest wor
A halo has been lighted Thank Burns! who taught that never more man by man be slighted!
W. Wye S

Africa, among the Great Lakes, I have remembered the only white man the ever saw before - David Livingstone. And as you cross his footsteps. in that they speak of the kind doctor who passed there years ago.-Henry Drummond.

Giving Him Honor. Rob. Herrick was a grave-digger in Falkirk for nearly lifetime. And he had a sound estimate of character. One day he was digging a
grave for a man who had been greatly respected as a good and just mareatly respected as a good and just man. "He
was a fine chiel," he explained to passer-by; "I am howkin' his grave wi"

Edinburgh. The bailies (aldermen) and town councillors of both Edinburgh and Glasgow have united in sending a letter of protest to Premier Asquith on hem on the question deputation from suffrage. And they are right. Mr Asquith should have received so respect able a deputation, even if his mind was
already made up against their request

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## The Home Doctor

## Look After the Teeth

Physicians now claim that bad teeth are a fruitful cause of disease. Decayed teeth furnish a pleasant environment for the festive germ. A recent article in a medical magazine credits such diseases as typhoid fever, appendicitis and rheu-
matism in many instances to a bad condition of the teeth. Two years ago an experiment was made in Marion
School, Cleveland, Ohio, to determine the School, Cleveland, Ohio, to determine the
effect of poor teeth upon the mental condition. It was found that children suffering from disorders of the teeth
after being properly treated showed an aiter being propery treated showed an
improvement in their school work amounting to an average of fifty-seven per cent.

## Health Training tor the Child

I think it might be well to lay down a few rules that will apply to the child.
No time can be better spent for the preNo time can be better spent for the pre-
vention of tuberculosis than in teaching cleanly habits to young children. It
should be the constant aim of parents
15. Never cough or sneeze in a person's face. Turn your face to one side and hold a handkerchief before your 16. Have your own drinking cups whenever possible.
17. Breathe only fresh air day and night, simply avoid draughts. 18. Breathe, sit, stand and walk correctly. In so doing you awill do more
to prevent consumption than all thater physicians combumption than all the physicians combined. A good pair of
lungs the most efficient barrier to this disease.
19.
19. Go to bed early, rise early, take plenty of physical culture, helping school with mother before and after 20. Study physiology to know how to use rightly and take proper care of every part of the body.

## Playing

To learn to play, and indeed to play is an art, and one which is less known in nations know how it should be. Older we are not yet certain enough of our


Giants' Pot Holes of the Maligne George, Jasper Park.
and teachers to keep the hair, hands and nails clean, to prevent the picking of the nose and the scratching of the abraded
surfaces. Sanitary instructions now besurfaces. Sanitary instructions now being introduced into our public schools The following brief presentation of imple health rules was made by the Hawthorne Club, a group of tenementhouse children in Boston. The twenty 1. Health is wealth
2. Do not put pins into your mouth. 3. Do not pold money in your mouth. 4. Do not put your fingers in your
mouth.

5. Do not put pencils in your mouth 6. Do not wet your fingers in your mouth when turning the leaves of books.
7 . Do not put anything in your mouth except food or drink. in your
8. Never spit on your slate or on the floor or sidewalk.
9. Do not pick your nose or wipe it 9. Do not pick your nose or wipe it
with your hand or sleeve. 10. Keep your face and hands and
finger nails clean.
clean by allowing nothing to your body except in pure food and pure drink. 12. Do not keep your rubbers on in 13. Do not sit with wet feet or damp clothing, resort to the stove or register
until they are dry. 14. Do not swap parts of apples,
candy, chewing gum, half-eaten food candy, chewing gum, half-eaten food,
whistles, or anything that is to be put, whistles, or anyt
into the mouth.
selves to do it. The foreigners in our midst know how. Go out to a public mark on a holiday and observe the
Norwegians dancing on the Norwegians dancing on the green to the accompaniment of songs that sound strangely like Grieg. Observe the newly
arrived coster in a gathering of his kind in some quiet holiday place. Notice the Italian, the Hungarian, the Galician, the Icelander, and even our despised Doukhobors. They have their songs, their dances, their games, their jokes old as their race. We admire the abandon of Canadians attempted it, most of us would suddenly stop stock-still out of
very very self consciousness. The English coster on Hampstead Heath of a bank holiday can forget himself and his
troubles in a certain uncouth way that troubles in a certain uncouth way that tentment with his station. This, for one thing, is the explanation of the true Canadian inability to play. He is continually thinking of the class-so-called -above him into which he hopes to the manner of the last supposed lady she saw. The clerk sees ahead of him the day when he can amuse himself as his
manager does. We are self-conscious manager does. We are self-conscious excitement, that of the brilliantly lighted

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Dake the mistake of waiting for asthmi to Asthma Doesn't Wear Off Alone. Do not
meake the mistake of waiting for asthma to
wear away by itself. Whil you are waitig.
hie disease is surely gathering a stronger
 Asthma stronger attacks. Dr. Jid. Kevellogg in
cipient condition frem early, will prevent ind
saves hours of awful suffering chronic and

## Her HEART and MERVES

Were So Bad She Could Not Sleep.
To those who seep in a a kind of a way
but whose rest is broken into by fearfil but mbose rest is broken into by fearful
dreams, nightmares, sinking and smothering sensations, who wake in the morning
nstircas as when they went to bed wo as tired as when they went to bed, we can recommend Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. By taking them you can have
your old, peacefulu undisturbed, retresh
 Mrs: Chas . Teil, Horrcaste, Ont.
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kiow wht Milburn's Heart and Nerve
nion Pill did for me. My heart and nerves were so bad
least noise or orld not sleep, and the
exitement would make lea fel so that $I$ used to think $I$ was going
med to die and I would tremble until I could hardly stand. I took doctor's
medicine butit did not medicine, but it did not do me much good.
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ride. How ride. How often do you see a real Can-
adian expressing the mere joy of living and having enough to eat and a little
to drink to drink. His only moments of abandon are in a splurge at a vulgar restaurant.

## Mental Dyspepsia

There are so
people suffering thy thousands of people suffering from digestive difficulties
that the matter has beeome versal importance. There are so many opposing theories, so many conflicting
opinions as to the cause for this opinions as to the cause for this cond
tion of thin tion of things, that the suffering
dyspeptic is in a hopeless dyspeptic is in a hopeless quandary a
to what to believe pursue.
No one in the least degree familiar with the subject can fail to recognize the important part that the mind plays conrinced that its importance is we ar estimated.
Of the innumerable body of suffer
from digestive derangement throughout the worid, it is a positive fact that a large majority of them actually have
nothing the matter with them if the nothing the matter with them, if they
could only be brought to think They are really suffering from mo. dyspepsia, a disease that anybody can contract if he makes up his mind to adopt that particular form of idiocy, and oo get this form of trouble firmity is to carry all his cares and worries to If. a with him.
if a man sits down to eat while in a dition experts a disterbed mental con the digestive proeeserious eifiect upon viands may be the best procurable and prepared in a manner to tempt tho palate, yet under the influenco of HWS
depressed mental condition it is render depressed mental condition it is rendered
little better than a contaminated mass, a veritable than a contaminated ma a veritable poison to the system. The whore process of under the control of the nertous divs tem, which, has its seat in the brip
consequently a cheerful mental attition consequenty, a ch
favors digestion.
Anger is well kn
thought-poison. A ft to be a veritab known to completely arrest digestion anger and vindictive thoughts to this anger and vindietive thoughts to the
table with him, practically poisons the table with him, practically poisons the
very food he eats, or at least, seriously
bher very food he eats,
hampers digestion.
It is an equally grave mistake to take business cares or domestic worries to
the table thoughts, for it cannot be doubted that mese thought elements, have just as digestion, as they have upon the other nerve forces of the system.
Family discorde
Family discords and personal griev-
ances should be relegated to the cella and never allowed to accompany us into the dining room, for it is in the highest ing elements to mingle these disturb expect the full quota of nutrition. People need to have the fact impressed upon them that the nerves play a more important part in digestion than they
have hitherto suspected - that side of the process is if anything mare important than the physical. The trouble of the dyspeptic is in-
variably aggravated and prolonged by variably aggravated and prolonged by
his mental attitude toward his food is apprehensive that the food he is eat ing may be hurtful to him, and by that means brings about the very result he
fears. He does not realize that the effect fears. He does not realize that the effect
of these adverse thoughts will persist of these adverse thoughts wilh persist
after the thoughts themselves have disappeared, and that the results of these pernicious thoughts will continue to
manifest themselves during the later stages of digestion.
people say common experience to hear people say, when partaking of a certain
diet. " 1 know this will me," and it is seldom that the prediction is not verified, for they are setting in
action the very forces that wil prom $\begin{aligned} & \text { action the very forces that wil promote } \\ & \text { disagreement. } \\ & \text { Consciousness }\end{aligned}$ of the digestive organs is an offence to them.
The more a man is conscious stomach, the less will be its capacity for performing good service.
For this reason a dyspeptic should never attempt to follow an experimental
course of dietetics with himself, for if
he watches his stomach after his selected meal to note how it will serve him, he abnormal symptoms. It is never wise from anyything that has but good results pass beyond the palate, for that to Nature's infallible safeguard, it
inder province being to reject every objectionable thing.
If you want your food to disagree with
you, you only need to fear that it wil
do so and you are tolerably sure to find
your. gloomy anticipations realized.

## The Alphabet of Health

By Sheldon Leavitt, M.D.
As a man thinketh in his
Core servant. Courage is worth more than medicines. Eat plenty of odinary, but . confidence.
Fear not.
Get enthusiastic.
Hold tenaciously to your purposes. iness is a reflection of your mental Joy and gladness are physical tonics.
Kep in the road and youll meet no
Live as though you expected to five
Magnify-all the bright spots.
Mever stop to fight boys or dogs on the way. Go on!
Optimism leads to the hills.
Pessimism
Pessimism leads to the valleys
Quiet
Quiet your fears with a big dose of
confidence. Realize your
wers over your whole Smile in the
Think health
Utter no complaints.
View your ambitio
That's faith
Worry kills. Throw it out.
Xercise freely.
Yield not a peg to mere "feelings."
Zealously do what your hand finds to do
live rationally
you will keep well. expectantly; and
y

Mumps
Mumps is infectious. The child that comes in oontact with a patient with The disease consists to take the disease. and swelling of the glands underneath the jaw. Sometimes only the glands on one side are affected, sometimes both lands are swollen and painful. The welling extends into the face and neck. The disease is not dangerous if the pa.-
tient has proper care. The swelling will subside on the fourth or fifth day. The swelling interferes with the swallowing and breathing. Only liquid food can be taken. The child suffering with mumps uust have good care. The body must the child with mumps to be in bed ever for if it is not very sick. The child that tis round the house dressed as usual, is in anger of taking cold. He is more or less exposed to currents of air and doubly in danger of cold which distributes the mump swellings among the va-
rious glands of the body and creates a dangerous stage in the disease.
No violent exercise should be permit-
ted. Much excitement, too has ted. Much excitement, too, has a tene dency to change the location of the in-
flammation. Giving the child (the feet and legs in hot water and the body well wrapped is a good method to should have a physic, and the bowels must be kept open. A flannel around
the neck will the neck will maintain an even tempera-
ture. If the swelling leaves the thro and enters other glands of the body, a throat will restore the soreness to the original location. Hot catnip or pepper-
mint tea taken freel mint tea taken freely will keep the pa-
tient in better condition. It emphasize the previous statement: Ther is no danger from this disease if the patient has the proper care.
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follies of youth, hat has aured so many worn
and nervous men right in their own homes


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Right Shoulder, etc. Mrs. Wesley Estabrooks, Midgic Sta tion, N.B., writes:" "For several years I had been troubled with pains in the
liver. I have had medicine from several iver. I have had medicine from several
doctors, but was only relieved for a time by them. I then tried Millied frrn's Laxa-
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Editor.

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jiving again, giving an address, he will be
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A. Man's Sideal Man

Dear Editor-I am act. 13 , 1913. your paper and I am a subscriber folly agree that should do all the good we can to all the people we can. Glad to join your circle am a bachelor on a half section. There is sure something fascinating about the rand old prairie, and by the way the tains are the most beautiful thing on earth, night descends like a curtain
there. $M_{y}$ picture of an "'deal man" is as follows: He will be an active Chris tian worker, doing all he can to down the greatest foe the church has, and rom the W.H.M. for October, I quote understand the meaning of citizenshin after the British model." He will realize that the church will reách people, not ing step by step and side by side with ing step by step and side by side with
the citizens, He will be highly respected, a great lover of tchildren, he will
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they will write me,

The W.H.M. in the office
Dear Editor-Here is Oct. 19, 1913 . Dear Editor-Here is another loneity gir who would like to join your merry paper for a short time, and like it ver
much. I always look forward to it before it always look forward to it lon along to the office where $I$ am emploved I enjoy reading it there because I an so lonesome. I don't like staying in th much all the week. I like a farming lif to for some of those bachelors who live so far away from neighbors. It is not any one cares to write to a lonely. I will answer all letters and cards at once, my address is with the Editor,
Wishing the W.H.M. continued suceess,

Agrees With "Lancastrian" Dear Editor-Althou, Oct. 11, 1913, been a subscriber for a few months esting paper that I have ever sust inter for. I see quite a few letters discussing dancing and card playing. Everyone
has an opinion of their own, but my has an opinion of their own, but my
opinion is that it is all mght as long as it is not carried too far. We all like a little enjoyment of some kind-one will prefer this and one that. I surety ing for riches. I have seen many un happy homes through it, there are live. Try and make the district where and I am sure you will not miss the money. I came to Canada eight years ago, and find it a country of many op-
portunities for the man who is willin portunities for the man who is willing
to work. I would be very glad to get to work. I would be very glad to get
some letters and assure prompt answer. hishing the paper every success, I will sign myself,

Still Reads The W.H.M
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 6, 1913 . Dear Editor-This is the first time my letter will meet with success. am not from the country, like most' ${ }^{\circ}$ have spent six years in Western Canada, and I would like to go back West
again. I think cit- life is not muc') as compared with iife on the prairie. W $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { used to take the W.H.M. up West, and } \\ & \text { now I bay it every month, and certainly }\end{aligned}\right.$

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guess they get lonely sometimes guess they ges lonely sometimes．I am
enclosing a stamped letter to be for－ $\begin{aligned} & \text { whom＂Rose Bush＂describes；though } \\ & \text { I am endeavoring to lead a Christian life．}\end{aligned}$ warded to＂Buffalo Bill＂as I would like I am conscious often of many failures． to correspond with him．I would also Although healthy I am not particularly
like to hear from cowboys in the West， and will promise to answer all letters．
My address is with the Editor，I will My address is with the Editor，I I will
sign myself，

A Great Improvement
Sask．，Oct．14， 1913. Dear Editor－Although I have been a reader of your valuable paper for two
years，this is the first attempt I have made to write to you．I will endeavor to pen a few lines which may be of interest to some of those Eastern girls
who have a desire to know a little Who have a desire to know a little
about us．Western bachelors．First of about us Western bachelors．First of
all I want to tell you I have been seven all I want to tell you I have been seven
years in the West，so you can guess by
the that，that I am no newcomer．＂Lan－
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quite castrian＂of October number is quite
right when he says homesteading qis．an
uph－hill life．Certainly we have many up－hill life．Certainly，we have many battles．to fight．Don＇t be discouraged
＂Lancastrian＂if at first you don＇t suc－ ＂Lancastrian，＂if at first you don＇t suc－
ceed，try，try again．I am very much interested in Blondy＇s letter．Say girls， there＇s some sound advice for you which ＂am sure is worth remembering．



## Interlaken，Alta

Mother will prove a friend to us when tainly has helped to mould my ideals． hear from＂Blondy＂if she would care
hat to write to a lonely hemesteader Al though I am glad to say it is not so lonely as it used to be four years ago when we had to go sixty miles to town and used to get our mail once a month．
Now we are only nine miles from Now we are only nine miles from a
good town，and the country is well settled．Of course I have work enough to do to keep my hands out of mis－ chief．I have 320 acres of land；I had
200 acres in crop this year．I do all the work myself，so you yay．guess I am not idle．＂Rose Bush＂certainly gave us，
quite a picture of an＂ideal woman，＂ now girls hurry up and give us a pic－
ture of an＂ideal man．？ ture of an＂ideal man＂．I am anxious
to see that．I would like to hear from any of the girls，and T leave my ad
dress with the Editor，

A School Teacher＇s Ideal Man
Dear Editor Sask．，Oct．13， 1913. an appreciative reader of the W．H．M． for three years，but never before have
summoned up the courage needed to write to the Gorrespondence department．
If this letter is consigned to the waste paper basket I fear it will be more than
three ous enough to venture an opinion．
have enjoyed the October number even more than usual，which is saying a great ＂Rose Bush＂of the current numpler，
have provided the stimulus I was need－ ing to incite me to my decision to write
I hhall be very interested in the subject my＂diteal man，＂though in many re－ spects he will be a duplicate of＂Rose Bush＇s＂description of the＂Ideal Wo－ man．＂He will be an earnest Christian， though with nothing＂mamby－pamby＂ about his nature．As opportunity offers
he will，be an active Christian worker， healthy，height about 5 feet， 9 inches， age from 32 to 35 years，dark hair and eyes，a clear rather ruddy complexion， well educated，courteous to all，a lover of children and nature in all its phases．
He must above all have very high ideals of marriage and home life，though very patient with the little failings inciden－ tal to a home．May I add that I am English，though my residence in Canada has been of duration long enough to al－ low me sometimes to be mistaken for a
genuine Canadian．I I am a school teacher in a City in Saskatchewan，and thor－ oughly enjoy the work．I wish I could trespass long enough to tell of the help
the WH．M has been

I will welcome any correspondence，
Father＇s
Girl． Not an Age of Chivalry
Kamloops，B．C．，Oct．17， 1913. Dear Editor－It is a long time since B．C．，in this column，so if I may have a little space I will tell you hav have a are going on out West，but，first of all，I would like to praise you for the nice
issue of October．The picture of that issue of October．The picture of that
fine healthy girl on the front page is
worth the are many girls like her in the if there Club I would give all I had to meet them．It is pretty difficult to find such
healthy good looking girls as the one in the picture．The reading in the magazine is fine and very true．The first little paragraph about a visitor at ladies without one of them thanking him． You can see that all over，what with
the rush in work，and eating，and mak－ the rush in work，and eating，and mak－
ing dollars there is no chivalry．An－ other is about the religious feeling．in the
West－it West－it is materialism sure enough
but still I blame the Colleges for send ing us such men as they do．They send－年 versed in the Bible，but they have
not got the go and will power to hold not got the go and will power to hol
a crowd；they think they are safe，but and
 strong，though thanks to Canada－much stronger in recent years．Some of the
qualifications probably fit me．Now if qualiications probably fit me，Now if I may further trespass on your space，

## GRIL SUFFERED TERRBLY

At Regular Intervals－Says Lydia E．Pinkham＇s Vege－ table Compound com－ pletely cured her．

Adrian，Texas．－＂I take pleasure in adding nay testimonial to the great list
 and hope that it wil be of interest to suf－ fering women．For four years I suffered untold agonies at regular intervals． Such pains and andsicknessatstom ach then finally $h e m$ orrhages until $I$ would be nearly lind．I had five doctors and none of them could do more than relieve me for a time

I saw your advertisement in a pa－ per and decided to try Lydia E．Pink ham＇s Vegetable Compound．I took seven boxes of it and used two bottles of the Sanative Wash，and $I$ am com pletely cured the tompou．When weighed ninetr－six pounds and now I weigh one hundred and twenty－six pounds．If anyone wishes to addres me in person I will cheerfully answer all letters，as I cannot speak too highly of the Pinkham remedies．＂－Miss JES－ SIE MARSH，Adrian，Texas．
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the fish the fish, saw miis, and logs. You see
these at the eonst, generally skate if the weather will let us. Now as regards myself, I am a farmer of 33. My address is with the Editor, and I would like to get som letters from any members of Kamloops.

## A Cow Girl

Dask., Oct. 8, 1913. Dear Editor-I saw the letters in your I would like to write one too. I love sports of all kinds, horseback riding and skating especially. I live on a farm about a mile out of town, and am gen val cowgirl around there. I don't live and about twenty-eight miles from the City of Prince Albert. I have not been in the country quite two years, I came from Manitoba up here. I can sym-
pathise with "Buffalo Bill" in the half breeds as there are all kinds of them
around here. My address will be with the Editor, and I will be pleased to answer all who care to write to,
A Cow Girl Kid.

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## Household Suggestions

## Christmas Chafing Dish Candies

 10 make chocolate nut wafers place one or two five-cent cakes of German or of a chafing-dish. The under pan should atain a pint of water. Then light the ver the upper pan to keep the steam hocolate becomes soft and not too thin emove the pan and set it in some conWith an ordinary teaspoon dip out a shet of sluminium it on wax paper o heir shape neary cold the wafers, will keep ney lay in regular rows with a glace cherry a manu or pecan, a ribbon o ineapple glace or a blanched almond Chocolate Fis Daintie hocolate as directed above. Have pressed figs cut in threads with a sharp helted chocolate threads of fig into the quite thick. Dip out a small portion o iection with a dessertspoon, and dith a three-tined steel fork scrape the or an aluminium plate. Dip them out When the mixture is nearly cold so that tae dainties will hold, their rough appear- Make them the size of hickory-nuts or nutmegs. Place them in a cool room to harden.Cream Cocoanut Wafers.-Place one poind of powdered sugar (icing sugar) in trater to it or enough to ma ouces o dough when mixed in with a spoon. Have half a pound of shredded cocoanut damLight the alcohol lamp sweetened water. and and anol lamp under the waterpan and set the chafing-dish containing ture will melt down thin like milk. When the sugar becomes blood-warm stir the dampened cocoanut into it. This should make the cream very thick. Add a While stirring in the cocoanut. Dip out in lumps the size of English walnuts and arrange in rows over the surface of wax paper and flatten each one out into a thin wafer with a fork. Two or three tablegpoonfuls of melted chocolate may be
added at the time of stirring in the cocoanut.
Cream Fruit Wafer.-Slice up some glace pineapple into ribbons, also a few figs and glace. pears. Mix them into the melted dough-sugar, after the cream
cocoanut wafer mode. Have an ample cocoanut wrat mode. Have an ample thick and easy to dip out. Make the whole into a wafer-sheet on a sheet of wax paper ; thin it out with a fork and hen sets firm cut it up into blocks. Chocolate Crackle.-Procure or make some butter-scotch wafers. Crack them
up in very fine bits and roll them down almost to a powder with a rolling-pin. Melt chocolate in the usual way, and stir in an equal quantity of powdered but-ter-scotch. Mix it all in nicely and whon the mixture becomes quite cool dip it out
like chocolate fig dainties. Finish in the same way.
Chocolate Mince Lumps.-Shred a quantity of blanched Jordan almonds, also some figs and Cañton crystal ginger, same way that the butter-scotch meal was added in the chocolate crackle. Dip out and finish after the manner of other dainties.
Chocolate Roast Titbits.-Blanch half a pound of almonds by placing them in the hot-water pan of your chafing-dish ; enough to loosen the brown skins ; dip one out with a spoon, and if the meat will slip out nicely by pressure of the
thumb and finger they are all ready. Remove pan or skim them out on a plate and blanch each one. Let them dry and place them in a moderate over to roast. Have them in a bright tin and stir careully to have each one roasted through evenly. They may be roasted in the ofter Pat them in the drypan and light
the alcohol underneath. When they are
roasted bruise them into small particles or chop them finely in a chopping-bowl. he almond pound of chocolate and stir Drop them out in buttons on wax parer Finish in a cool place.
Chocolate Butter Dates.-Select the fresh glossy Persian dates; slit them down the sides and remove the pits. Stuff them with fresh peanut butter. Melt some chocolate ; hold a stuffed date butter-side up, and dip the lower part o
date in the melted chocolate. Stand them on wax paper or aluminium plates

## Household Suggestions-Western Home Monthly Recipes

Carefully selected recipes will be published each month. Our readers are requested to cut these out and paste in scrap book for future reference.

## CHRISTMAS CAKE

5 cupfuls flour
3 lbs. raisins 2 lbs. currants
1.1b. mixed peel
lb. brown sugar 1 lb . butter
$1 / 2$ teaspoonful soda
1 cupful canned fruit (strawberries best)
doz.
$1 \begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \text { doz. eggs } \\ & \text { tablespoon }\end{aligned}$
2 tablespoonfuls spice (cloves, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg )
B ike 5 hours

## GINGER BREAD

$1 / 2$ cupful butter
3 cupful $1 / 2$ cupful sugar
cupful molasses 2 teaspoonfuls ginger
2 teaspoonfuls soda $1 \begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \text { cupg }\end{aligned}$ 2 teáspoonfuls soda
I/4 teaspoonful cloves 1 egg

I/4 teaspoonful cinnamon

## ORANGE SHERBET

## 4 cupfuls milk

Juice two lemons
cupfuls sugar Juice two oranges Mix juice and sugar together; freeze milk until it is a mushyus freezingy, then add fruit juice and sugar and continue freezing; pack and let stand several hours before using.

## SHORTBREAD

1 lb . flour

## $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. butter

1/4 lb. sugar
Mix butter and sugar together on baking board; gradually draw in flour, kneading well and keeping dough firm in both hands; press into a shallow cake tin; pinch round the $3 /$ and prick over with a fork. Bake in a slow oven or $3 / 4$ of an hour. Sprinkle fine sugar over top.

TOMATO JELLY

| 1 can tomatoes | 2 teaspoonfuls sugar |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 bay leaves | t/2 teaspoonful salt. |
| 2 slices of onions | $1 / 2$ teaspoonful pepper |
| 6 cloves | $1 / 2$ box gelatine |

to finish. Wrap each one in wax paper and twist the ends of the paper.
Chocolate Crackers.-Use litt crisp crackers. Melt the chocolate nicely. Roll one cracker at a time in the melted
chocolate with a steel-tined fork ; dron chocolate with a a steel-tined fork; drop
them on wax paper in regular rows and hem on wax paper Have the chocolate very thick while dripping the crackers.
Confections from Confections.Frestr marsh-mallows are fine if half dipped in melted chocolate.
are finished dip raisins, glace cherries walnut halves, and so on, slightly in the
melted chocolate and place them lightly overt the half-diapped marshmallows. They will soon dry and will then be ready to
serve.
Mint Wafer Sandwich.-Purchase some plain, cream mint wafers at the
confectioner's and dip the flat side of one confectioner's and dip the flat side of one
slightly in melted chocolate, and put $1 / 2$ teaspoonful salt ng.
$1 / 2$ teaspoonful salt.
$1 / 2$ box gelatine

## Baking Powder Biscuits

Two cups of flour, four teaspoonfuls
of baking powder, and one teaspoonful of salt, mixed and sifted. Add three flourths of a cup of milk mixed with
flour and one-half tablespoonful of oliv oil, mixing well with a knife. Toss on a floured board, roll lightly to one-half inch
thickness. Cut with and bake in a hot oven from twelve to fifteen minutes.

## Ginger Creams

Make a soft gingerbread of two egrs,
three cups of molasses, one cup cream one cup of thortenings, six cups of cream,
one taur, ginger. Bake in thin sheets. While hot, cut the gingerbread circle with cooky cutter, place a generous spon
another plain wafer with it to form sandwich effect. Cream wintergreen, pis-
tachio or vanilla wafers are nice when sandwiched with chocolate.
Combinations for Date Stuffing.to a pante C Canton ginger chopped o a paste ; Canton ginger and glace assortment of glace fruits chopped to a thick mass; peanut cheese and chopped cocoanut finely minced.
it is well to know that cooking utensils which retain a disagreeable odor from fish or onions cooked therein, may be made sweet and fresh by being
thoroughly heated after washing and drying.
thickly with
immediately.

## To Cook Squash

Cut a thick slice from stem-end of the squash, and seoop out seeds and pulp place, and put the whole in a a shall pan in the oven to bake. Let cook slowly from one to three hours, according to the size. (A very small squash will require an hour.) It should be so ender that the rind will separate read
ily from the inside. Season as for the Iy from the inside. Season as for the
boiled vegetable, adding a little sugar inot of the sweet variety.

## Coffee Ice Cream

Coffee ice cream is one for which the materials are quite certain to be at demand, for the fruit supply may fail and other flavorings 'be put out of reach for the time being. To one quart of cream allow one pint of milk, two eggs, a cupful of sugar and a cupful of
strong black coffee
Put the milk double boiler and when hot pour siowly over the well-beaten eggs, add the sugar and return to the fire. Stir until the mixture thickens, then remove from the fire and add the coffee. When cool, beat
in the cream, add half a teaspoonful of vanilla extract and freeze.

## Lunches for Travelling

Nothing is more unappetizing than to have to eat from the same lunch the first meal it looks mussy and scrap. py. Try this plan:
Do up each meal by itself in a pasteboard box with change of menu as you boxes compactly together.
Let one, for instance, contain sliced ham, olives, brown bread and butter, cookies and apples. Another fried chieken, white bread and butter, cup of jelly,
slices of cake and tongue, chow-chow, rolls and butter, ginger cookies and bananas, and so
${ }^{\text {on. }}$ Throw box and scraps away at elce $\theta$ of each lunch.
each separate article of way is to wrap each paper and the of ood in oiled in a lunch basket or box. Thus the sandwiches, meats, relishes, cakes and fruits would each be by themselves. A generous supply of paper napkins
(they are so ciealy ${ }^{\text {a conts a hundred) }}$ should be found in all lunch basket These. should be thrown away after each meal.
Bottled tea and coffee will make quite an addition to a lunch; and where an alcohol lamp
served hot served hot.
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use in travelling more convenient for Regular travelling cups may be pur chased at a small expen A dozen lemons squeezed out into a
bottle will make it possible with the addition of sugar, to convert th ice cold tank water into delicious lemonade. Sterilized milk will also keep well, and is nice where little children are of any fun to travel u. less there is lunch or something to eat on the journey. An older child scorns the iuea of carrying a lunch, considering it green
and cheap looking, but the wiser ones and cheap looking, but the wiser ones
realize the onvenience and true luxury of the lunch box. The uning car may be a delight or one or two meals, but it is not always that dining car service
can be obtained; then th hurried staan be obtained; then the hurried sta-
tion restaurants must be resorted to. The greatest inconvenience is in being The greatest inconvenience is in being called.-Josephine Weatherby Coosing

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