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The Aspinwall Cutter is a great time and labor saving machine. Six to eight bushels of seed can be cut per hour. A boy can operate it. Division of eyes is better than average hand work. Potatoes can be halved, quartered or cut to any size and the seed end removed if desired.


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Let us give you complete information regarding the Aspinwall Potato Tools

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The first illustrates how quickly and easily a John Deere Quick Detachable Share can be changed. Only one nut is removed; only one wrench is used, and the operator does the job in easy comfortable position.
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It is a demonstration of the high development of John Deere Plow Bottoms. Features that give Quality and Service are built into these plows, that mean Time, Money and Convenience to every owner.


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organization then is the problem of the modern farmer.
The large tractor on the large without question an mical success. By many been thought that the tractor on the small has the same degree of sucThis would be true if conon all sized farms were But conditions are not for example in the number rses required. In Nebraska e average 800 acre farm, 22 horses are used, one horse 3 acres. On the 320 acre farm horses, one horse for every res, while on the 40 acre "n there is one horse to only acres. One function of the or is to replace horses. It readily be seen that even if mall tractor replaces horses same ratio as the large that on the small farm the


LARGE OR SMALL TRACTORS?
 percentage of horses replaced will been said, there are five farmers be relatively lower. It is a in our company, and the plan question, therefore, in the writer's works fine." The other method mind if the small tractor pays as of farming small farms with a well as the large one even for large tractor is for one man to small farms, because as will be own the tractor and hire out his

of 1913 was $\$ 180$. Let it be understood that unless otherwise stated these costs as given will be taken from conditions in Neluraska as found in the writer's thessis at the University of Sebravka in 1913. It costs
$\$ 105.10$ to keep a horse a year. This includes cost of feed, interest on 8180 at 6 per cent, shelter, depreciation, harness costs, shoeing. care and veterinary service. The value of 22 horses at $\$ 180$ is 83,960 and of cight horses, $\$ 1,40$. The average price of the $30-60$ tractor is $\$ 2.950$ and the cost of running the tractor a day, which includes depreciation, interest, fuel, lubricating oil, repairs, wages tractioneer, storage and
horse labor required in hauling fuel and supplies, is 118.40 . With these facts in mind, et the reader turn horse and tracequipment. In the con equipment a list equipment a list
will be given of the large tractor farm and a list of the corre-
ponding tools on the large farm upon which horses are used.
The prices given are the average The prices given are the average
prices of a large number of difierent makes of tools actually found on farms. The tools not listed
shown later, the small tractor does not replace as many horses in proportion to its size as the large tractor. The economical plan of farming small farms with a large tractor is the co-operative method. A number of farmers form a company, buy a tractor and equipment, and do as one company has done in Nebraska, which is reported to the writer by one of its members as follows: The ideal way to my mind, is for four or six farmers to form a company and buy a tractor, plow and separator, thresh for Jones first this year and last next year, and so on around the ring. The same plan could be followed in plowing-plowing first for the man who threshes last. As has
machine, furnishing the help. $t$ his neighbors. This latter plan s called the "custom" plan and in some localities has proven more successiul than the co-operative scheme. This article will not confine itself particularly th either of these last mentioned methods, but to the use of either large or small tractors.
Consider first the conomics of the large tractor. From an investigation, made by the writer. of tractor conditions in Nebraska it has been found that an 800 acre farm, as has been mentioned, if farmed with horses entirely, requires 22 horses. This same farm farmed by a large tractor requires only 8 horses. The average cost
are common to either the tractor or horse farm and so do not enter into this discussion.

Prices of Tractor and Equipment

tractor has the belt power there-
by to run several machines at different times of the year when not doing field work. For example, an ensilage cutter, the average cost of which is $\$ 111.00$, a thresher at $\$ 685.00$, and a corn shredder at $\$ 600.00$, bring the total investment up to $\$ 8,718,00$. As these last items are generally included as extras they will for the sake of exact comparison not be included here
The corresponding equipment required on the same farm operated entirely with horses is as follows
22 horses at $\$ 180$
Miscellaneous equipment
3 manure spreaders at $\$ 112.50$
4 gang plows at $\$ 62.50$
2 disks at $\$ 31.17$
3 harrows at $\$ 16.16$
2 corn binders at $\$ 125$
4 corn cultivators at $\$ 40$
4 corn cultivators at 840
2 grain drills at $\$ 79.40$
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2 grain binders at $\$ 1,4.10$
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found that it costs moer to equip the large tractor farm than it does the horse farm. According to many tractor owners that were interviewed, 1,000 hours per ycar is the average amount of time that a tractor is run. However, in Nebraska, a gas tractor can be run to do farm work as far as weather and frost are concerned, 172 days a year. According Minnesota Extension Bulletin No. 15 on "Cost of Horse Labor," the average horse working the power cost here may be com-
pared on the same basis. Referring to the 13th Biennial Report of the Bureau of Labor for Nebraska, the average monthly wage of farm hands is \$46.40. From the U.S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 73 it is found that on the average a farm hand works 2,479 hours per year. The cost of labor per hour is, therefore, 22.5 cents. For the tractioneer, the man who runs the tractor, it is found that the average rate is $\$ 5.00$ per day. In the power costs this item is only charged for the time the tractor is used, and for the other work on the farm the rate is the same as the other farm hands.
Take next the case of the small tractor and consider its economics to see what the costs will be to farm the same amount of land as given above, either in one farm or
several farms. A small tractor one drill, two grain binders, two of four plow capacity will do only corn cultivators, one tank wagon,

40 per cent of the
amount of work
that the large tractor will do in a day. Therefore if small place the $1 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{ge}$ tractor to do the same work it will capacity of two -mall tractors and half the capacity of another. In order to replace the large tractor effectively. it will be necessary to use three smail tractors. It is stated that they will be used upon a 320 ace two harrows, one ${ }_{\text {ess.20 }}^{158.80}$ will be used upon a 320 acte farm. corn binder, three cultivators, two ${ }_{125: 70}^{2088.20}$, 320 acre farm will have a crop grain drills, one grain binder, one 54.00 area of approximately 200 acres. lister, and one land roller. This
 and four horses, costing $\$ 720$. The total inves'ment for the small tractor and equipment on the above basis is 83,654 and for three farm $\$ 10,962$.

The cost of the hurses and equipment on each of these three horse farms is $\$ 2,888.50$. which includes 10 horses at $\$ 180$, miscellaneous equipment. two manure ment. two manure -preaders, two gang plows, one disk, Therefore, by farming three 320 investment for 3 farms is $\$ 8,665$. for one large tractor fit, than for three small tra outfits. By co-operative farmin the farmers have more time change work than in the c when each farmer has a st tractor outfit of his own, which must be considered in this day scarcity of help.

The overhead expense of the large tractor is less than tha: the smail tractor for several sons. The small tractor, like 'arge tractor, requires a tracti In both cases, one teathin must be in readiness to bring fit water and supplies. It is argue that it is more difficult to operat the large traotor on small field than it is the small tractor. Thes can be overcome by joining field or as has been done in Nebravka by joining farms. One farme writes, "That the day of the farm tractor is nearing may be inferred by the continued increase reveals the fact tha


A One-Man Job On a Hundred-Dollar Land.
acre farms with three small trac- From the actual saving in costs tors the crop area in the corn belt consider other reasons why
will be the same as the 800 acre farm with 600 acres of crops. Consider. therefore, the economics of the three small tractors as compared to the The large tractor. The "quipment used with the small tractor includes the tractor complete, costing $\$ 1,350$, miscellancous equipment, two manure spreaders, two disk harrows, four-bottom plow at $\$ 300$, one ten-foot harrow, two listers, must be made of seeding.
one land roller, two corn binders, Less storage space is required
 farming on a large scale with the large tractor pays better than with a number of small tractors. Withthe large tractor the work on any particular field is performed quicker. Back of the large tractor may be placed plows, drags, one seeder, and a roller. The seed will be put in when the ground is best fitted. With the small tractor an extra operation
there are many line fences that are of no use so tha: fields might be run together so as to be worked at a grea saving.

One great objec tion to co-operatil power farming that it is rathe difficult to work out an organization. Jones' field motor power along the lines where has already ente ed. Another son is the removal of many old hedge that have s divided the land. Still another reason is the uniot of two or mor is more commen than subdivision. A close study farms in Nebraska may be ready to plow and Smith has the tractor. A study of the weather and season condition: for 15 yeal 3 shows that in the a age spring in Nebraska there art eight days that plowing can be done for grain and twenty working days can be utilized plow for corn. These thirt days cover a period of forty fiv days, but out of these days fifteen are either rainy or sun days. For the crops to be raised on 800 acres of farm land, thirt days is ample time to do the seasonal plowing.

The idea of the tractor is replace horses and as all the horses cannot be replaced, as some are needed to supplement the tractor's use, the tractor that will replace the greater percent age of horses is therefore more economical. The question of the

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arge tractor versus the small actor is identical with the roblem of one large power plant r a factory as opposed to everal small isolated plants. The large single plant always causes the greater saving when an to full capacity. The writer realizes the great need of a suitble small tractor for the average armer, but also realizes that in he present design, it would cost more to farm the land with small ractors than with large tractors, assuming that the tractors are in at full load. The great roblem of power farming then organization. The effective rganization will be that of the arge unit farm area.
The tractor farm power and bor costs for one year is as fillows :

The two letters which immediately Wllow are of surpassing interest in the ubject of gas power in farming operaons. The first is without qualification a favor of gas-traction carried out on
mmon sense principles with a proper regard to the size, character and condicons of the man's farm. The second is fin altogether discouraging and conemnatory tone. It is written by a alued subscriber with whom we are not personally acquainted, but we read sinerity in every line. We deeply regret 5 unhappy exp. rience. Whether his joigment has been at fault or his sechanical experience insufficient we
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ARLY in the summer of 1912 I ined in a gas tracModel F, 7-16 ph. put out by the British Candian Agricultural Tractors Ltd., of Saskatoon and a ceis er Separator $4,24 \times 32$ with
self feeder, high
lader and weigher attached, and
traw carriers. A very satisfacory outfit and I find them apable of doing all that was caimed for them.
The tractor, I am using does wot pack the soil to any noticeable extent. It is easy to operate and very simple, no complicated parts to get out of order, exceping probably the magneto, which however, up to the present time las given me no trouble whatMany farmers who would ike to invest in a gas tractor, are draid that they would be up rgainst a heap of trouble and expense in breakdown or the engine getting out of order, and naturally that they required a deal of aperience theoretical and pracical to avoid this I remember after I had mine a friend

Tractor cost (including trac- remembered that the investmen. tioneer) for 1,000 hours of work for a tractor and equipment was $\$ 1,839,8$ horses for 100 hours of work
$\$ 840,2$ men $\$ 840,2$ men at $\begin{array}{cc}22.50 \\ \text { hours } \\ \$ 1,113, & 2,479 \\ \text { trac- }\end{array}$ tioneer for 1,479 hours $\$ 332$; total $\$ 4,124$.
The horse farm power and labor cost for a year is as follows
22 horses at 10.5 c per hour \$2,312, 5 men at 22.5 c per
hour $\$ 2,784$; total hour
$\$ 5,096$.
This means saving in power saving in power
and labor of $\$ 972.00$ in favor of horses for 1,000 hours work $\$ 420$, $\$ 1,137$, the tractor farm, but it must be 1 man at 22.5 c for 2.479 hours
 $\$ 1,577$ higher than the horse farm equipment investment. $\$ 1,577$ at 6 per cent is $\$ 95$, which must be subtracted from $\$ 972$ to get the actial saving$\$ 877$ - which of course is in favor of thetractor
The small tractor farm power and labor costs for one year are as follows. Small tractor (including traction-
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 Seager Wheeler's Success
With His Gas Power

passing the remark that now my necessary detail. Providing the troubles were commencing and that I would soon be gray.
wark $\$ 556$, tractioneer for 1,479 hours work $\$ 332$; total $\$ 2,445$. For the three farms the power and labor costs are $\$ 7,335$. The 320 acre horse farm power and labor cost for one year is:
10 horses at 10.5 c per hour $\$ 1,050,3$ men at 22.5 c per hoar $\$ 1,668$; total $\$ 2,718$.
This cost for the three farms is $\$ 8,154$, from which, if $\$ 7,335$, the tractor farm power and labor cost, is subtracted leaves $\$ 819$ in the tractor's favor. Remember, however, that the tractor investment is $\$ 2,197$ greater, which at 6 per cent is $\$ 132$. This item, $\$ 132$, subtracted from $\$ 819$, leaves $\$ 687$, the actual saving of the tractor equipped farms over the horse farms. When the large tractor was used on this same farm area the saving was $\$ 877$.

ary gang with an extra bottom attached. It may be removed and used as a gang plow whenever necessary.
In plowing summerfallow, I usually plow such land at first shallow at a depth of two inches to encourage volunteer and weed growth. In this plowing, I go on middle speed, viz: three miles per hour, with a small packer attached to the plow. Later on, I plow deeper. If I want to go six to eight inches deep I plow on 3rd speed two miles per hour, or by removing the third bottom and using the gang only I go three miles per hour, I find this more satisfactory and economical (Note Photo No. 1). By this method I am able to keep weeds in check. Dise harrows may' be used for the first cultiva on inctead of the low, but I

Being a novice and having had truns all day without trouble in no experience whatever in gas plowirg and threshing. It has tractors when it was first brought three speed, forward-viz. 2, 3 on the farm. I pinned my faith on the claim made by the firm I was dealing with and have not regretted it.
I had two hours instruction in plowing and this is all the insight I had and it speaks well for the tractor, that up to the present time I have had little or no trouble to speak of.
Whatever little trouble I had was
 and 6 miles per hour and one speed reverse.
Up to the present time I have had no occasion to use it for seeding operation other than plowing and in threshing (although it is capable of this) and in hauling two binders in cutting grain or hauling grain to market and a number of other uses.

## Plowing

due to my own inexperience In plowing I use a three furor neglecting to attend to some row 12 inch plow. It is an ordin-
plowing and allowing for the difference in the time taken between the discing and plowing which is really less than one would imagine, the better and more satisfactory work done compensates for this. (See Photo No. 2, plowing second time note volunteer growth started by first plowing).
In plowing stubble in the spring when time really counts, one may do more work with the tractor than with horses as with horse team I usually work eight hours per day. Formerly I used to work nine to ten hours in a haste to get the plowing done as soon as possible, but I find that I could do just as much in an eight hour day and it was easier on the horses. The average days plowing was four acres.

With the tractor I can average is a cash outlay, while with seven acres per day, and have horses, there is practically none; plowed as much as ten acres eer but while the horses have to be day, but it was a very long d

The advantage of the trac or time, the tractor costs nil. The


Preparing a good seed bed by plowing deeply, summer fallowing. Note, good work being
done by plow. This is second plowing. 6 to 8 inches deep. on third speed, two miles This is second plowing, 6 to 8 inches deep. on third speed, two miles
per hour. Seager Wheeler's farm. Small packer is now attached when plowing.
limited to the number of hourper day, and in seeding time this count for a good deal.
lis using the tractor in plowing and horses in the seeding operation the work goes on more comfortably for man and beast.

## Then conservathon of the

 is necessary, it is obrious that the tractor, pulling a plow with a small pack er behind is well worth consideration when the work is performed quickly and in season. In plowing stubble lands in spring and fall. I wee the three furron phon at middle speed, siz. three mile- per hour. In all the plowing operation 1 find that the tractor makes better plowing than with horees, as it pulls the plow at a uniform speed and depth, and turns a much more uniform furrow. It travels at just the right speed to turn the furrowTwo men are needed in plowing operations. I have done this alone by throwing the gear into neutral pusition at the end of the furrow and jumping off and throwing the plow out, and the same when entering the furrow. This not satisfactory anyway unless one has a very long furrow:
This mav be improsed on by using an automatic lift pl w when one man may operate the outfit.

Regarding the fuel used, a deal depends on the man operating the tractor, and some days we use less. The average may be fairly put at fifteen gallons gasoline per day, and 34 of a of 12 hours. Actual cash outlay for above averages $\$ 5.00$ per day. Average of plowing may be put as six acres, according to depth plowed, spring plowing probaily seven acres. Water used four pails per day, on a very hot day probably six pails.

The amount per acre plowed may be put at 85 c per acre. This ished in good time without any stress or worry, and this is well worth consideration.
I use the tractor for all plowing done excepting some small
howing deep. Second plowing on Summer
garden plots, as we can handle the tractor as well and probably better than with horses as it is very convenient and casy to operate in turning at the ends of the field.
(In the farm I have a number
if blufts and when the land waoriginally plowed with horses 1 had a number of headlands different shape. With the tractor we can turn on these headlands as easily as with horses and require no more room. It is surprising on what a narrow head land we can turn, and are able to finish up lands as easily as with horses.

## Threshing

The tractor is all that could be desired for this work. The first season I had some trouble as I made the mistake in using a long, heavy belt 100 ft . long. This last season I cut the belt down to $66 \mathrm{ft} ., 33 \mathrm{ft}$. centre, and had no trouble whatever. It is not neces. sary to use a long belt as with steam outfits where there is danger from fire.

time to have everything in readiness to commence operations.
One man looks after the tractor, two reth on the stacks, one at the straw and one man at the grain sprouts if threshing into sacks. When it is threshed into the wagon box, this man is dispensed with. One man looks after the grain with one team and I have not threshed grain from the stook, but in stack threshing the tractor not being tou wide, allows one to pull through the setting, and is just right for the feeder. It takes a very short two wagons. If it is stored on the farm, one of the wagons when full is hauled away and emptied whil the other wazon is filling (Note Photo No. 3.) Such an outfit as I possess the Model F. 7-16 b.h.p.) and a small thresher is within the reach of many farmers and would be a profitable investment to a farmer owning a quarter or half section of land, and would enable him to finish seeding in a reasonable time and do his own threshing early in the season when his grain
could be marketed early. This often means a difference of 10 c per bushel profit and many other minor advantages, such as plowing between wet spells during threshing. He has many advan-
necessary, of hauling grain other work on the farm wher power is needed.
In conclusion I would say I do not lay any claim to be authority on the subject of tractors or that the tractor replace horses on the farm. 1 have their own place. I thint would be a mistake to suppl horses in favor of the trac There are few men who could 0 and make it a paying busin. There are some men are expert in handling and car properly for the tractor could this; but they would be p growers pure and simple.
1 find that it is necessar use four horses as well atractor and combining the powers leads to satisfactory sults. ' am well satisfied $m y$ inv tment and find the s: tractor a very useful addition the power needed to farm ptent ably, and to eliminate mucl the rush and worry in seedi time and threshing

Any slight troubles I have hal is due to my own inexperic which is natural. By paving tention to some details tha: necessary but which the perienced may deem trifling, mu trouble and loss of time by thing getting out of order be eliminated.

> I am yours truly,
$r$ Wheeler

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And on the Other Hand Gentlemen
Yours of the 9th inst recel I note you desire informatio regards traction cultivation. my experience is of any bet to any one, I certainly will it most willingly

My conclusions after gasoline engines a fair trial a costly trial) are that they dismal failure both as to econ in operation and the result-


Threshing in 1912. This belt was shortened last season.
tages over the man who has to wait on the custom thresher, which often entails extra expenditure and loss.
It is possible to use it for cutting grain with two binders if
tained. From my own personz experience and after taking not of the experience of three fou dozen men whom I know tha have bought gasoline engines would say that the sale and ce


You must act quickly. Are you prepared to do your Spring work quickly, thoroughly and economically? Suraly you'll not attempt to work your farm with horses and hired men when you know for an absolute certainty that it can be done lots cheaper, easier and

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sequently the manufacture of traction gasoline engines for power purpose should be absolutely prohibited by law. They are simply a gold brick. Worse than even a gold brick insofar as they require a small fortune to keep them in repair after the initial cost has been paid.

I have no experience in the steam engine except that I keep my eyes and ears open when around them and know an injector from a whistle. It would appear from my observations that at any time a steam engine was worth about four of the same size of gasoline engine for threshing purposes with the possible exception of just immediately after a rain or snowstorm.
I have a $40 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. gasoline engine and 1 expect that it is about as good as the rest. In the contest it was supposed to have withstood its trial at at cost of twenty-
eight ${ }^{-}$cents $(28 \mathrm{c})$ eight ${ }^{*}$ cents (28c)
per acre. Well got one of their erperts to run it for me that fall for
a couple of months. and when it would work for him it cost me about one
dollar and twentyfive cents (\$1.25) per acre. Since
then it has cost all the way up to two dollars (\$2.00) per acre.
When an engine runs for half a day good and then bucks for three days and a half, it is bound to average up high for gasoline, because there
 is always waste when it is being coaxed to go.

I have never done any seeding with it for the simple reason I could not trust it to work when I most needed it. I have watched some of my neighbors trying that seeding stunt, and about once was all they did try it too.

Drive through the country and you can tell at a glance land that has been worked by an engine; and one gets that fact jolted into him just about right when he comes to sit on a binder behind an outfit of good fast horses in harvest time, especially when he has to ride across the field in an opposite direction to that in which it had previously been plowed.
I have been trying to farm two sections of land with an engine and horses. Thanks to the engine they may not let me farm any next year. If there is one cause more than another that has put the farmers of the West over their heads in debt in the past five
years, it has been buying engines, it. I could give more details but and mostly gas engines. Of I think I have made my position course I have the experience which is a very valuable asset. I believe that a man with a half section and six good mares can make twice as much money, and without half the worry; nay without one-eighth of the worry as a man with two sections and using engine power.
I admit that there might be people that get quite a engine and a gasoline engine in 1910. It was an aness he is of the 1st May when I got my enan extremely stubborn disposition gine, and I startel plowing and has lots of money at his stubble.
clear as regards
this question. I am,
Yours respectfully, Allan McBurney, Forward, Sask.

## Q

Traction Plowing is the Only Way
Gentlemen:
I received your
letter asking me about traction cultivation, and will give you my experience.

I bought an International 25 h.p. insure a good crop. Dear Sirs:
command; that, say, two years will cure him. It took that long to put me out of danger, but, although I would not admit it I knew I had a losing proposition on my hands after I had had it a month. I had a big outfit and never could run across a bigger fool than myself, consequently I have it yet.

As two years is generally admitted the life of an engine for plowing purpose (not threshing) and as it has always cost more to keep it running than the amount it made I think I am justified in comparing an engine to a gold brick. You can publish this letter if you see fit and I only hope that someone may profit by


I can plow 25 acres in twelve hours using from 20 to 25 gallons of gasoline per day, according to the soil. I will pull six Verity plows in stubble with ease, and five in breaking sod, and use about a barrel of water a day in hot weather.

When plowing, I have two men working on the outfit, a plowman and myself. We change from engine to the plow.

I have been threshing now for two Falls. In 1910 I threshed 25,000 bushels, but I did not thresh very much in 1912, as it was a bad year for rain and hail in Dauphin.

I think counting gasoline, oil, repairs and other expenses, it cost me $\$ 1.50$ per acre to break, and I thinn that pla ing is much harder on the enzine than threshing. I have an man \& Taylor separator 27 x with feeder, blower, high bagser, and it has a lot of power.

I have not had any experience with discing, seeding, or harrowing with the engine. I know that traction plowing is the only way to plow, as it is much cheaper than horses, and the engine wheels pack the ground well, and

There is about an equal number of gasoline and steam tractors in this part of the county.

Yours truly,
B. F. Fawcett,

Dauphin, Man

## Q

Gas Tractor Beats All Others
Your letter to hand with regard to information traction cultivation I might state in reply that I am not an owner of a traction outfit at pres ent, as I sold my complete outfit las Spring to Mr. J. H. Schmidt, of Vir den. He has done some work and is preparing to go to it extensiv next year. though I have sold out my outfit I am still very much interested in traction cultivation. The only work 1 did with my engine was to operate thresh ing machinery which I have been at all my life. 1 have never plowed enough to be able
to give you any information in that line. It takes a little more fuel to operate an engine when plowing than threshing. The engine I sold was a Hart-Parr gas tractor $60 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. and for all purposes I am pleased to say that the gas tractor is the cheapest power have had anything to do with.

With regard to your fifth ques. tion, how many men and horses do you use with your outfit? 1 may say right here that is where I think the gas tractor beats all others out. Six men are required to do all the work there is to be done around the outfit, where it takes at least nine men with the steam outfit and two span of horses. I might say here that never used any horses with my outfit.

I can't see that a tractor would be detrimental to plowed land. I this letter will be of any use to you I will be pleased. Wishing you success,

Jas. H. Lane, Virden, Man

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Dear Sirs
Your letter to hand asking for my experience about traction cul tivation, and in reply would say that we own a Hart-Par: 22-45 oil engine. We have not done much work on the land with it yet, but what we have done has been very successful.
Last Spring after seeding, I hired a set of Cockshutt engine plows, and did some breaking. and I think it is the only way to break, as two men can Treak 20 acre per day, and it only takes about 48 gallons of fuel oil for the 20 acres. 1 estimate that after taking everything into consideration it only costs about $\$ 1.50$ per acre for breaking.

We also did some when it was too summerfallow in $R$ hot for our neigh bors to work their horses. We could work right along and summer fallow about 25 acres per day at a cost of about $\$ 1.00 \mathrm{per}$ acre. We also have
a threshing ma
chine, and we get our grain threshed and on the market before the cold weather sets in.
We will probably do some seeding and discing this following Spring, as I cannot see why a tractor should be detrimental to plowed land, as the grain always seems to grow better where the big wheels have packed the land. I will probably be more ex-

will close.
Hoping that these few lines will be of some value to you, I am Yours truly, J. W. Hawkins Q
Dust a Source of Trouble but Otherwise O.K.

## Gentlemen :

In answer to your inquiry, I will try and give you my exper ience with a tractor and thresh-
ing outfit.
vorse; as the outhit when in motion with the discs and seeders creates a cloud of dust which the engine gets the benefit of.
We pull two discs, and two small drills and cover about 30 acres per day.
We run a $27 \times 42$ Aultman \& Taylor separator, which it handles all right under the most favorable conditions. We have operated this outfit for three seasons, and in our three years' experience we have found this outfit to be run at a profit.
tried to figure closely as to th ameunt of gasoline used per acre but believe that here in this tough turtle-back land $21 / 2$ to 3 gallons per acre would be required. We also find a big difference in the grades of gasoline and choose the better grade as more economica for the two or three cents differ ence in price. We pull seven of eight 14 feet P. \& O. plow breaking. We have an enginee plowman and a'man and team to haul gasoline and water, and help in general, though their service are not required a the time.
As this is a nem section of country we have done n stubble plowing discing or seedin: yet, nor do we ex pect to do any o very little this sea son. I believe tha this work can be done with g success and muct cheaper than with horses most ses sons, but in this section in a we season, I believe tractor of any kind would be of little use. The land in this country course should plowed and mostly

My engine is a 20 h.p. I. H. Case engine of the C. Type. When plowing sod, we pull a four bottom Mogul engine gang plow, which is rather too much for the engine in heavy tough sod, plowing four inches deep.
We burn $31 / 2$ gallons of gasoline per acre plowing sod, which costs us from 30 c to $321 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per gallon. We plow on an average of eight acres per day, and our expenses per day are as follows
Gasoline
Other oils and gear grease ...... 1.00 One man and team for hauling water and gasoline One man for operator For plow work per day Roard for men and tey. exter engine for extras at the end of the season was the largest bill we had to face.

The engine does seeding and discing very well, the cost per day's run being practically the same as for plowing, but the wear on the gear and bearings is much
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3.00 3.00 2.50 ine .

We have used kerosene, but can not recommend it. We used around 40 to 45 gallons of gasoline per day, breaking around 15 to 18 acres per day. We never

Last year we purchased an International Harvester Company 45 h.p. "Titan" kerosene gasoline tractor, which has given good service breaking and threshing. Fuel oil is getting to be the big item in gas traction engineering these days, as the price is unreasonable now, and promises to go still higher.

Our experience may not appear in your journal, but 1 know of others that have had just such experience as we have, and may not be willing to acknowledge the same.
D. M. Hall, Grassy Lake, Alta.

## $Q$

Tractor Does no Damage to Land if It is in Fit State

## Dear Sirs

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worked down in the Fall . really in a fit condition to work an ordinary gas tractor would d no damage by packing the soil.

> B. Brubaker, Drumheller Altz

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[^0]Tractor a Bad Investment for the Novice
Dear Sirs :
I have been using a tractor for five years and do not hesitate in saying that they have been a success and if I had to go on farming with horses again I would give it up without debating the question a moment.

## For the past two years I have

 used a $30-60$ Hart-Part tractor and on the whole I have found it a very satisfactory machine in every respect. It shows a very high order of engineering in design and construction but of course there are a few points where there is a whole lot of improvement possible and probably will be worked out later.I use my engine almost exclusively for plowing and threshing. I would not attempt to farm without horses and it seems to me that plowing in land such as we have is pre-eminently a tractor job, while discing, harrowing and seeding is better done by horses. It certainly does injure the land in this ocality to run a tractor over plowed land. Several of my
neighbors have used their tractors for discing and seeding, but the kind of work they turned off would not pass on my farm. I am not saying that it can't be done any twore than I would say that a dog couldn't walk on its hind
legs. I am only trying to say that it hardly serves worth while.
With us the price of gasoline is becoming so high that it seems doubtful if that fuel can be used much longer with any profit to the farmer. Kerosene is about 10 c per gallon cheaper but probably the price of that will be advanced. I am debating the purchase of a steamer for threshing purposes as water is abundant here and I can always depend on straw for fuel and so be to some extent independent of the coal and oil pirates.
I have not kept an absolutely accurate account of the fuel used per acre but I find at the end of last season my engine had furnished power to do approximately $\$ 5,500$ worth of plowing and threshing, figuring my own work at current prices and my oil, both fuel and lubricating cost $\$ 800$. Just how much of the balance should be credited to the plow and separator I would not under-


Seeding 25 yards at a stretch and aot a kernel wasted
amount of work. From the foregoing it might be inferred that I am a tractor enthusiast, which possibly is true, however, I have seen so many try the game and lose out of it that I would never advise a novice to jump in unless he has money to burn or shows considerable mechanical ability and a fair degree of fondness for hard work. Respectfully,


The Advantage of the "Cheap Oil or Dope" Tractor

## Dear Sirs:

I thought I would write you a short editorial for your valuable magazine of my experience with per day, while other years gas engines, hoping it will be of it has taken us five days with a naturally requires much less water, it being used only for mixing with the fuel oil. To show you the great advantage of it in plowing, two of us can handle the engine and plows and turn over an aver age of twenty acres

threshing with a $36 \times 60$ separator and three pitchers and teams. Our average on wheat has been 2,200 bushels on reasonably fair grain.
I generally haul a couple of barrels of water out in the morning and it is sufficient for the day so the bother in that line is very : nall owing to the cyinders being cooled in oil. It
five-horse team to do the same work.
When a farmer stops to figure the hay and oats and hired help and wear and tear on machincry and harness occasioned while farming in the old way, then think of the chores he misses and the extra amount of farming he can do in such a short time with the engine. When night comes the day's work is ended and with horses there is always a couple of hours of grooming and so forth. Some raise an objection to the packing of the land by the engine wheels, it has been my experience that wherever the wheels had packed the soil, the grain was just every bit as good if not better than the balance of the field. I expect to run a binder and my plows and drags this year. This can be done quite easily by throwing the sheaves over on the plowed land when the cutting is being done and the land is then ready for another season's I am taking up too much space in your valuable paper so 1 will close, wishing the boys a prosperous season with the modern farm horse. Respectfully yours, Art. Rowly,
Davidson, Sask. Q
Less Horses but "We Cannot do Without Them"

## Gentlemen

In reply to your letter re traction cultivation, I use a Rumely OilPull 30 60 horse power. As we use a tank, I could not say as to how much oil we use in a day, and we never get started early. We use oil for cooling, so only need about eight pails of water.
We have two men to run the outfit, one on the engine and the other on the plows, and use 10 P. \& O. plows. We seldom use the horses, as when plowing at home we generally run the engine to the yard for oil and water, as the engine holds a day's supply.
It takes three gallons more or less to plow an acre, and sometimes more, as we are gencrally breaking. I have never done any plowing that has been plowed with an engine before, and we have never done any big day's plowing. The most we have done in a day is about 24 acres, although thirty would be nearer the mark. There are a lot of V. shaped fieids to finish, which take up time.

# Here's What Mr. FREDERICK L. CHAPMAN, 

Editor of "BETTER FARMING" And Himself A Practical Farmer, Says About That

## ONEMAN HART-PARR OUTFIT

Hart-Parr Co., Charles City, la.
have had with the 27 B.H.P. Oil
Gentlemen: You may be interested to learn what success ( few months ago for use at my farm Tractor and Self and Hand Lift Plow which I purchased of you a few near Lake Geneva, Wisc.

Of course, I was not surpr'sed that the engine and plow worked satisfactorily, because I know your Company by reputation, ad know that you never put out a machine of an experimental nature, or one that does not fulfill the representations which you make concerning it.

I have used tractors for big farm operations in the northwest where the conditions almost require engine power for successful agriculture on a large scale, but I have believed for some time that farmers in the middle states could find tractors equally serviceable on the smaller fields if one could be found, which for size, flexibility and ease in handling would be adaptable to their needs. I was interested in the outfit bought of you this year because it seemed to me it met those requirements perfectly. The self and hand lift plow enables one man to manage the whole equipment and plow from eight to ten acres a day in a more thorough manner than could be done with horses. I am now using the engine for filling my silos. It will later be employed in grinding feed, sawing wood, cutting corn stali.s and running a rock crusher.

There are very few farmers, even in the middle states, who nowadays can easily get along without engine power for some of the above uses. I think if they realized that by getting an outfit like the one you sold me, they could not only do all the work of a stationary engine, but could do the heavier farm work like plowing, etc., they would quickly see the desirability of owning that kind of an engine. The big advantage I find in respect to plowing is not alone taat it can be done more cheaply, but that it can be done more quickly. There are times when even a few days' delay getting seed into the ground means a serious loss.

With my engine I pull a harrow behind the plows and the field is fit for seed immediately. Of course, the use of kerosene, which works perfectly in this engine, greatly reduces the expense of operation.

I congratulate you that you have so successfully met the needs for an outfit of this class and I should be very much surprised if you do not find your factory taxed to supply the demands for this engine as soon as its efficiency and simplicity are known.

> Yours very truly,


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## HART-PARR $\mathbf{C O}$.

I have not used the engine for seeding, as it was too wet last spring, and the land here has too many low places, so I did the seeding with horses.
As to the tractor being detrimental to the plowed land, I have not used it on any, after seeding was done, as 1 disc and harrow before, and think the tracts of the wheels would be a help. My land is heavy black soil, and the straw is stronger. and was ripe sooner, but 1 would like it better if the front wheeler was a roller.
When discing, I used four sets with drag harrows attached behind, but 1 intend to try double discing, in order to leave the ground more level.
I also cut two hundred acres of wheat with two McCormick 8 it binders. Both binders and hitchers w rked well, but we are the less the work or pull with and hauling cultivating tools bewere a little slow. It would take three binders to cut as much as two fast teams. I should have had at least four binders, but if we have to pay harvest wages to use four binders to cut say 300 acres I do not think would pay. What we want is a binder built for the engine to cut from twelve to sixteen feet. I got the team to cut two or three round cotners, and I think that it paid to do it, as we would have been quite a long way down the side in the time it took to turn. If the stooker would work satisfactorily it would be a help. tainly can pull them. I did not do any threshing with the tractor, as I have a half interest in a steam outfit, and would have had to change the pulley on separator.
I would like to say to the man with a quarter section, "Don't buy an engine, you will have to have a team anyway.'

To the man with half a section, "You will have to have at least four horses. I would say don't buy. You can't learn a different man to run it every season for some one has got to pay for it. We are told that any one can run them, so they can, but after one season they don't know any too much, and it pays to hire a little extra for plowing, and you will save a lot of worry and a considerable amount of lost time.

To the man with from a section to two sections, who can pay cash for engine and plows, and also able to employ a steady man to run the tractor, I would advise
3. None.
him to buy, and to buy a Rumely

## OilPull, and you will make no

 mistake.There are several different makes of tractors around me, and one mistake that we all made was having the tractors shipped without extension rims. We were all tied up last spring, and lost a lot of time waiting to get the rims shipped.
We used just enough gasoline to start the engine, and turn on to oil at once. We
have used four different grades. In buying different grades. In buying tractors it is like buying horses, the lighter they
4. Average of 100 gallons.
 run the engine, and one man and team to haul water and gasoline while plowing.
6. I plow, disc, drill and drag in one operation at a cost of 78 c per acre.
7. I have a sixbottom plow, and 1 plow, disc, drill and drag in one operation, and it leaves the land in better shape than to let it lay and dry.

## 8. I believe an engine to be of

 help to plowed land instead of being detrimental.I think in using a small plow

the favor to the horses who can hind the plows that it is a benefit plow when the ground is wet. to the land, at least in this part The tractor having wheels will skid, they cannot plow when it is greasy on top, and the plow wheels will gather stubble and stop. We may do with less horses, but we cannot do without them.
Yours respectfully,
James Brown,

## James Brown, Eden, Man. <br> Quite Suited for Alberta

## Dear Sirs

In reply to your letter I will try to answer your questions as fully as possible.

1. Aultman Taylor $30-60 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$.
2. Depends on
the kind of work, but usually an average of 30 gallons
 of Alberta I think they would get better results. While breaking I also double disc. I threshed for 41 days this fall, and put through 80,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat.
Yours truly,
M. Hodges,
Bowell, Alta.
Q
Sceptical, and Prefers Horses if Available

## Dear Sirs :

In reply to your letter of Jan. 29th, asking for our experience in traction work, would say, we are operating an 80 h.p. J. I. Case engine, and Cockshutt plows. In the season of 1912, we broke a little over thirteen hundred acres
of different kinds of land. times we were pulling plows in ordinary soil, and in the heavy turtle-back gunbe dropped as low as five, nd found it harder work on the engine than eight in light soil. used the soft coal from the m in that locality. It steamed but a considerable amount needed in a day's run of ab, ut ten hours. We would burn trifle over two tons plowing ordinary soil, about 14 acres, tising about 3,000 gallons water, at a cost of about $\$ 2.25$
acre.
Fireman
Tank man and team
Plow tender
Coal team, man and coal
Machine oil
Cok and board
Is for
Is for discing and stubble
plowing, we have had but little


W इडvic experience, but, my opinion, I do not think tha: pays to do it with traction power, if enough horses are available to complete the work in time, on account of the dust wearing engine, which will soon cut down the profit, a great deal more so than in breaking where you are out of the dust. Yours very truly, Duncan Brothers, Lake Thelma,

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than it is 1 hand. It ,
and teams. eliminate th in harvesti We base
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experience sheaf 10 for the pas ern Canada states.

## Advocates Both Engine and Horse

## Gentlemen:

In reply to your
letter asking for information concerning the traction cultivation, I think the traction engine is all right for plowing, but for working up the land and sowing I think it can be done as cheaply and quicker with horses, especially if your land is fenced, as it takes a great deal of room to turn in if you have a train of implements behind the engine.

I think every man with a section of land should have a threshing outfit, and when getting an engine strong en ugh to run his machine he might as well have a tractor to d his plowing with it, and a tract or is also very good for pulling tuff.

Our engine is a $30-15$ turn - six furrows in stubble and five in breaking. I use from twent -five to thirty gallons of fuel per day in plowing, and about one hundred gallons of water, and I should say the cost per acre for plowing would be from $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.50$

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Dear Sirs:- Hart-larr 30-60 engine, and an lvery separator 32
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land is too wet in the spring.
For plowing. I
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for this country.
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lieve in small engines that will pull about four plows. The big ones are
cman, $\$ 4.50$ straw man and team, \$. 50 water man and team, per day. I find that it costs just about half as much to farm with an engine as t farm with horses.
In discing I the double dise that is one in throw and ment throw. Four of these and a drome wide enough
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lent. In the whole season's run of 100 days, my total ont for repairs were
follows: For gine, 30 c , for sepat ator, $\$ 6.00$, and fi plows nothing. plowed 320 acre and broke $2 \% 0$ acres. The total including ment hauling on 55 miles, and other - ma 11 things 81.50 per acre. Fur discing and seeding
toc per acre. My average breaking is 15 acres per day, discing and seeding 50 acres. I use

## ater per day <br> velve hour:

course, this is used in the cylin ders. I threshed 43 days, and had excellent results.
Now I read of some people saying that the engine tracks spoil the ground for good grain. In my experience the grain is taller and thicker if the land i, well worked, and any one thinking of going in for traction farming cannot do better than buy the same as I did.

Yours truly

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { P. C. Ross, } \\
& \text { Meyronnie, Sask. }
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## $Q$

Believes in Steam or Gasoline Dear Sirs:-
I see you want to know some facts about engine power for farming. 1 have a $26 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. American Abel engine, and I believe in steam or gasoline power for plowing.
I use a cord of wood for plowing about 16 acres, and 30 barrels of water per ayd. I have four men
gine, as I find that a heavy load cause most delay. In the end


Very Successful and Cheaper and get more work done Than Horses
Dear Sirs:-
In regard to doing farm work with an engine, I find it very uccessful, and very much cheaper than with horses. My engine is a 25 h.p. I. I. Cave, and I find it to be about
the right size with which to do farm work I burn straw
for all kinds of work, and have a large straw rack built on the rear of the engine. It will hold straw enough to run two miles, my water cupply will aloo lact that that long.
In the spring 1 plow and drill in the one operation. It costs me about $\$ 100$ per acre eel ters to two gallons If costs me about $\$ 1.00$ per acre of fuel per acre in breaking, and 1 to eed and plow. It costs me $\$ 5$ to 2 barrels of water per day.

Thinks Present Style of Tractor Detrimental

Gentlemen :-
Yours of yesterday to hand and I will endeavor to an-we some of those questions. I lat - 22-45 h.p. Hary Parr engine. use about 48 lons of fuel oil pe ten hour day, wit about 30 gallon-

One man runt outfit, a n d horses. Plowing costs me ab $\$ 1.25$ per acre, an discing about 45 I think that tractor is detrime tal to the soil, if it has been pr
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A neighbor adjuin ing plowed horses and plo a piece of land
1 have one man on the besides myself, and have sion to use a team once or a week to haul a tank of a few barrels of gasoline Ifter the raw breaking 1 double disc and harrow seed, and then pack, and I all of this can be done witl tractor without injury land at a cost not excee \$1.40 per acre actual expen respectiully, Jno. F. Cook

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## to Land

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Mr. I tracto near

In my opinion, the prese style of tractor is a detrimen loose mellow soil.

Under a heavy draft, the e gine has to do too much packin, before it will draw its load therefore the space it covers packed too solid. If this dra could be spread to cover the sul face, it would simplify mittet more.
F. A. Peacot, R

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An Experience Worth Relating Dear Sirs
W regard to your letter
asking for my experience on farming with a gasoline tracter

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[^1]I might state that I have an International engine type D, 25-38 single cylinder, which does the work of 16 horses. In 10 hours I use 26 gallons of gasoline, $1 / 2$

Will Never Farm Without a Tractor
Dear Sirs
Your letter of inquiry just re-
ceived and we will try to answer
with us to last a week. We had our cook car, oil tank and a trap wagon with water, lubricating oil and extra shears, so we were not bothered with any horses. We


A powerful Case makes easy breaking.
gallon of engine oil, 1/2 gallon gear oil and about a pound of cup grease, and about 50 gallons of water for cooling purposes, on fairly level land and travelling at the rate of 2 to $21 / 2$ miles per hour My idea when I got my plow which is a six-furrow gang was to get two plows less than the engine could draw and then put on a pulverizer and harrows after the plow, without overloading. I find that by the method mentioned above that my land is left in much better shape. I use a pulverizer wide enough to cover six furrows and harrows 17 feet wide. In this way I get the land harrowed twice in one operation. Using an engine on plowed land in this district is not good for the reason that when the dry weather comes, the ground that the wheels have passed over becomes hard and cracks, then when the rain comes it runs away instead of soaking into the roots of the grain. One man can tend to the above mentioned outfit and I run the engine For threshing I have a 28-42 Goodison separator and find that the engine can run this easily and at a steady speed. I harvested my crop with my engine and drew two 8 -foot binders, this was no load at all for it. Two boys managed the binders just as well as men can and as men are very high in harvest time, I saved considerably on my stookers wages by using the engine and by having boys on the binders.

Yours very truly,
Robt. J. McCracken.
your questions as fully as possible.

Last spring we bought a $30-60$ H.P. Hart-Parr engine and an 8 bottom Cockshutt plow. We had a very wet spring and could not do much with the engine until June, but I went for it then. I broke 10,000 acres and plowed $\$ 150$ acres of stubble ground. In breaking I averaged 25 acres per day. We used about three gallons of kerosene and two gallons of water per acre. We also used
just had a plowman and cook so as near as I can figure it cost us about 85 cents per acre. I did not do any seeding or discing but I threshed for 43 days and made a big average. We ran a $36-60$ Avery separator and we think it the best that ever went into a field.

I do not think a tractor hurts the ground in any way. This last spring when stubble plowing, we turned on a field that was sown to wheat and all the differ-

Wishing The Thresherm an and Farmer the best of succe -s, we are,

Geo. and Sam Bills, Lampman, Sask
$Q$

## Another Success

Dear Sirs:
This is to answer your requ regarding my experience in tr tion farming. For the past th seasons I used a $20 \mathrm{H} . \mathrm{P}$. Int national gas tractor and must was well satisfied. I put in seeding, which consisted of ab. 500 acres one spring on accoul of being scarce of horses considered it left the land in cellent shape. I had one set 30 -foot harrows in front of $t$ drills and another set behin which was just a fair load. average day's work was 50 act, using about 25 gallons of gasolin I would not recommend seeding with a heavy engine on accoum of the wheels packing the soil hard in front of the drill.
For plowing or discing 1 thimh the engine beats the horses more than one way. Take, i instance, in breaking season the days are generally very hot, there fore unless a man is a first class horseman, he is very apt to ruin his team. Where with the engine it does not make any difference And in the cutting time if a man's grain is ripening very fast he cat keep his engine going night and day, where with a horse you can do no more than a day's work

Last August I traded the In ternational on part pay for Sawyer Massey 22-45 H.P. just arrived when the crops were ready to cut. I had 1,000 acr


Seeding simplifed as to time, quantity and quality.
about two gallons of gasoline per day in warming up the engine We think that the only way to break land is with an engine. We could take enough supplies
ence that could be seen at harvest was that the grain in the wheel tracks was a little riper. One thing certain we will never farm without a tractor.
of crop last year, 800 of which the engine and three binders cut. Average day was 10 hour and average work was 85 acres with 30 gallons of gasoline, and t . lost
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t me with the engine was one hour. I considered this quite teyon the capacity of horses a ad anyone thinking of buying a fis tractor, I would strongly ilvise them to buy a gas tractor the Sawyer Massey make for arm work.
Hoping this will be of use to ut, I am,

Yours very truly
Pound \& Ogivie.
P.S.-Perhaps I can give you 4 better experience in a year's time as I have a large summer or the engine.

## E

An Apostle of Thorough Cultivation

## It is very interesting indeed to

 read the experiences of farmerWho do most of their farm work ly traction power, because, unLe. We are told the class of land, the depth of plowing and so forth it would be hard just to know Lhew the job was done when finished, that is from a dry farming mint of view.My experience of farming in this locality is that you cannot farm properly otherwise than with traction power, because you must preserve all the moisture you possibly can. For spring work I double disc the stubble first, then plow and disc, harrow. etc., behind the plows until the land is thoroughly pulverized and airly firm. The engine is an Wery $30 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. undermounted team (double cylinder). I never allow her on to the plowed or finished land. I double dise the tulbble with the discs well weighted on one side of the en-
The plows are right behind her
seed, and in order to preserve all the moisture. This must all be done in one stroke. Herein lies the secret that the Avery steam 30 h.p. tractor easily leads all
own farm. It takes about 1 ton of coal and 75 barrels of water for about 10 hours.
I have a $42-70$ Avery separator. A neighbor of mine has a $30 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$.
too late, we did not do much spring work with the engine. We had no experience with an engine before we bought it, but we got along with it fairly well.


Cleaning up a piece of waste land. Note the size of the roots that were cut out.
others that I have yet witnessed. You can hardly overload these tractors, consequently there is no need to put the engine on the plowed land if you don't want to. 1 have never yet attempted to work up a big acreage in one day as this is detrimental to both workmanship and the crop to follow, 1 would rather cultivate 10 acres thoroughly than merely blacken 15 or 20 acres. I never can cultivate any land under $\$ 2$ per acre. Of course by hauling your coal in winter, 3 men and
gasoline engine and a separator made by another firm.
Although only the second year, his separator would not work, so after I had pulled in I went with my separator and he put his gasoline engine on to it. I was more than surprised at the difference between steam and gasoline for steady motion, and I am sure that a separator drivel by steam will last as long again as one driven by gasoline James Parker,

Neidpath, Sask.


Seeding, discing and harrowing and one man handles the outfit.
plowing six inches deep and be- one team of horses can keep an hind the plows are discs, harrows, pac ers, etc., Just enough to pul crize thoroughly and make evel, firm bed for the
engine going steady for 2 months in seeding time and it pays to put in a dam to catch your water for engine on your

Some Interesting Figures

## Gentlemen :

In the spring of 1912 we purchased a Hart-Parr $25-60$ H.P engine, and as we got it a little

We broke about 400 acres of sod, most of which was very brushy and stony.

I have Cockshutt plows, and think they are strong, and do excellent work, our engine pulling six plows in sod, and eight in stubble. We have had no experience with engine hitches.
We have an Aultman \& Taylor separator, and like it fine. I estimate that breaking costs about $\$ 1.00$ per acre using kerosene for fuel, and about one barrel of water for a long iay's work.
Our expenses during the summer, were as follows:
Breaking 400 acres of $\$$
land at $\$ 1.00 \ldots . . . . \$ 400$ Threshing 23 days ..... 350 Wages for threshing crew $\quad 1,150$ Repairs, about 40

Total . .............. \$1,940 Yours truly, M. Colerin \& Son, Marcelin, Sask

## Q

## A Good Steam Record

Gentlemen
I have three years experience with a traction steam engine. I have a 25 h.p. J. I. Case engine and like it very well as I do a lot of spring plowing. As the land is soft in the spring I find it suits better than a larger engine.
For stubble plowing I use 8 plows and 2 sets of harrows, which leaves it plowed and double harrowed at the same time. I use flax straw for fuel and it costs me very little as the one tank team keeps me in water Continued on page 26

No. 2, Farm Profits and Economical and Social Conditions

0FTEN the first question asked in regard to any new proposition is "Will it pay?" This is what practical farmers are asking in regard to Mixed Farming. It must be admitted that the answer to this question depends on the management. The greatest opportunities for success may be doomed to failure for lack of brains and enterprise in carrying them through to completion. Thus it would be futile to claim that mixed farming will be profitable in all instances. But given a fair chance, I assert confidently that it will give a greater return for money and labor invested than the methods of farming now generally in vogue in Western Canada.

## Utilization of Waste

One of the most apparent ways in which mixed farming may be used to increase farm profits is in the saving of part of the enormous waste that takes place annually on our Western farms. The dockage of grain for weed seeds is one of the worst forms of waste. It is very difficult to estimate the percentage loss to Western farmers through this one cause, but we know that it is very large, running into millions of bushels. The farmer loses in crop production in growing these weeds, he has to pay freight on them to the lake front, he received nothing for them, but on the contrary he has to pay to have them taken out, for that is what a "Rejected" grade really means Now, most of these seeds are wild oats and have quite a considerable feeding value. Millers sell these screenings at from $\$ 12$
to $\$ 16$ per ton, and Eastern feeders are glad to get them. Now, if we must grow these wild oats, would it not pay to keep them on the farm and feed them rather than to ship them and stand all these dockages and freight charges without any receipt from them in the end.
The burning of straw is another very effective means of wasting what might be turned to profit. Every year millions of tons of good feed go up in smoke. With beef at 7 c to $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ a pound live weight in Winnipeg, and prices of other live stock corresponding, surely some of this straw could have been made to help in increasing the profits of the farm.
While we are as free from climatic difficulties in Western Canada as most countries are, still we cannot but confess that occasionally hail and frost do get in their destructive work. To the straight grain grower, such a visitation means definite and absolute loss; to the man with some live stock the loss is very greatly mitigated, as even in its battered or frozen condition, the crop has quite a considerable value as fodder.
It is surely apparent that enough stock to utilize the farm waste will pay on any grain farm.

## Stock as a Means of Marketing Farm Producte

But Mixed Farming usually means something more than a few cattle to eat up the wild oats. The real question in regard to profits is "Will it pay to grow fodder crops for stock and to feed part of our grain crop?" Given proper management and selection of the right kinds of stock, I have no hesitation in saying that I believe it will.
As proof of this statement in so
far as it concerns the fattening of steers, I quote from a bulletin on "Experiments in Steer Feeding in Manitoba" written by myself and issued by the Experimental Farms. In connection with the experiment on feeding steers out-of-doors versus in stables, a of-doors versus in stables, a record was kept for the prices obtained for the oats and barley fed to the steers. The other feeds used were charged against the steers at the following rates: Straw, $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 2.00$ per ton; Mixed Hay, $\$ 6.00$ per ton; Alfalfa Hay, $\$ 12.00$ per ton; Bran, $\$ 18.00$ to $\$ 20.00$ per ton; Oil Cake, $\$ 33.00$ per ton ; Corn Ensilage, $\$ 2.00$ per ton; Roots, $\$ 2.00$ per ton. No charge was made for labor, nor was any credit allowed for manure. On this basis the following prices were obtained for grain fed


Even after generous allowance has been made for the greater labor of feeding the steers as compared with delivering the grain to market, the prices realized will be found to be much larger than could be obtained by selling the grain direct.
These results refer to the buying of steers to feed. For the business of raising beef cattle it
is not easy to get at the exact turns or profit. Still, we belie that with prices of beef as hish as they are at present, tabulated returns are not necessary to convince the man with an open mind, that it will pay to convert his oats worth about 25 c per bushel and barley worth about 35 c , into beef at 7 c a pound.
We shall not take the space to consider each type of farm animal and figure out the possible profits. What has been said in regard to beef raising may be said equally truly of pork mutton growing.
No one will attempt to prove that money can be made at dairying if poor milk cows are used On the other hand, probably better returns can be made by dairying than by any other line. if good cows are kept and markets and management are favor able. Six thousand pounds milk per year, testing 4 per cent fat is a reasonable standard to set for a dairy cow and one that can be reached without much difficulty. Six thousand pounds of milk testing 4 per cent fat would produce 240 pounds of butter fat and 5,760 pounds of skim milk. Valuing the butter fat at 25 c per pound (equal to about 21 cents for butter) and the skim milk at $1-5 \mathrm{c}$ per pound, which valuations are not high, this would give a yearly income of $\$ 71.50$ per cow. It would seem to be an easy matter to keep a cow for a year on a good margin under that sum. If better cows, giving 8,000 or 10,000 pounds of milk per year were kept, the profit would be greatly increased.

## Profit on Crops

Probably what chiefly concerns the farmer who is considering the advisability of mixed farming i


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whether or not crops can be grown more profitably under that system than under straight graingrowing. The profit on a crop is the difference between the cost of growing it and the revenue which may be obtained from it.
When grain growing is most profitable it is because the per acre cost of production is low and not because the revenue is particularly large. Greatest profits have been made where crops were grown with the least amount of labor, on cheaply bought and cheaply equipped land. These conditions were possible on our open prairies when they were in their virgin fertile condition. Crops were produced with extremely little cultivation, and when the weather was favorable, the returns were big. But such methods bring about their own destruction. Land becomes polluted with weeds and impoverished in fertility. Profits on grain growing are possible for a few years on virgin prairie land, but that man is wise who knows enough to quit in time. Even from the first it is probable that mixed farming would have brought in greater returns, but certainly the man who has been farming for some years on the same land can produce more by adopting a diversified system of cropping.
In the experimental work, being carried on by the writer at the Experimental Farm at Brandon, the results obtained from different rotations of crops offer good evidence on this subject. In these experiments, accurate records are kept of all items entering into the-cost of production, including interest on land and machinery. All products are accurately weighed and fairly valued and the cost of production and the profits of each crop on each rotation are determined. (The figures quoted are of the year 1912 as our results in 1913 were destroyed by the flood of the Assiniboine River). A four year rotation, including three years of grain and a fallow gave a net profit of $\$ 8.41$. A five year rotation, including corn and hay as well as grain, gave a profit of $\$ 10.08$ per acre, and a six year rotation also including corn and hay, gave a profit of $\$ 11.62$ per acre. Wheat, grown on summerfallowed land cost 43 cents per bushel to produce; wheat grown on wheat stubble, fall plowed cost 49 cents per bushel to produce. On the same kind of land under the same conditions, wheat grown on corn land was produced for 29 cents per bushel. There are more figures of the same kind, some of which I shall use later on in discussing what rotations should be adopted. For the present these help to prove that under mixed farming,

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## A P R .

## THE LURE OF FASHION



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ASHION KILLS MORE LEGITIMATE BUSINESS than it has ever created. Fashion is at the root of more misery than any two " besetting sins" roaming at large today. Fashion has inveigled or driven more good men and women into the toils of the Civil Courts, if not into actual crime, than the records of the Courts and newspaper comments bear on the face of them. To a large number of "fashionable" people it is an unpardonable crime to be out of the fashion, while to probably a still greater number, to be " in it" has proved the first step into moral obliquity if not to their actual undoing as honest men and women.
" FASHION'S FIELDS OF INNOCENCE " are spread out to the sky-line all around us, and it is not in those flower-carpeted by-ways that she lures to destruction. There is a sense in which one may take Dame Fashion unreservedly at her word ; and people who are ordinarily endowed with moral courage and common sense are never at a loss to know just what that "sense" is. It is to those unfortunate friends who have found themselves unable at a certain crisis to set in operation the homely virtues of courage and common sense that we seek to address ourselves. To those whose cupidity has outrun their fine sense of common honesty and the eternal fitness of things.

LEADERS OF FASHION carry a big load of responsibility, but one does not always find the onus of blame laid upon those who really set the pace or take the initiative in any new departure. The crime is more frequently fathered on some conspicuous imitator who has failed, and no one seeks to shift the blame any more than we should blame the owner of a menagerie for keaping a razor because one of his monkeys had seen bim using it and had afterwards " had an accident" with the shaving tool. The itching to possess and to be "in it" always is born alike in men and monkeys. It is in the power to discriminate that we distinguish between the two.

A BUZZ SAW AND A GAS ENGINE are fine things, but they are neither everybody's tools nor anybody's toys.' There are those who can be trusted with them implicitly, and there are those who never handle them except at the imminent risk of their own safety and the reputations of the men who make the goods. The buzz saw and the gas engine "fashion" is a far more serious thing than the handling of Spring millinery. The latter is a comparatively harmless affair, and any mistake in selecting the "becoming article" or in overstepping the spending limit can be very quickly corrected-far more easily at all events than when the plunge
has actually been made on a gas engine, which has been shipped to a firm order and has been for some weeks the subject of racking experiment.

THE PAST FIVE YEARS have proved the graveyard of more than one fine reputation for level-headedness, and all because of the gas-engine fashion. There have been some dramatic records written in that brief space, some tragic experiences have been lived through, but it has had and is having a healthy influence upon the times in the process of winnowing it means. At the start the pace was killing and the " craze " reached a point beyond all reason. Because Tom Smith had got a gas engine and was cutting a decent figure with it, Jim Jones on the next farm must have one too. He got it, and then started to calculate as to how suitable it was for his circumstances, what were his prospects of paying for it and how he could run it as the profit-making business the advertisements and the salesman said it would, and which some men he knew of were actually making it.


THEN CAME THE DELUGE-of Jim Joneses, and we haven't quite got rid of the flood waters yet. Jim has an excuse ready to his hand for the humiliating position he finds himself in. He blames the persuasive genius of the salesman at one time, the claims of the manufacturer for his machine at another, his ill-luck in the man he hired to run it, and so on, but there's not a word about his own failure to measure up the adaptability or suitability of the gas engine idea to his own circumstances. Outwardly he blames everything but himself, while in his "inmost heart" he knows quite well that he ought not to have had that engine, that he would never have had it but for that uncontrollable itching to be abreast of his neighbors; if not to foolishly imitate them to at least be "in the fashion."

TO CORRECTLY APPORTION THE BLAME for this economic blunder is in no one's power, but notwithstanding some severe strictures we have lately been compelled to read on the part the manufacturers have to bear, we do feel that that is the last source on which the burden of the censure should fall. Those experience letters which we are beginning to publish in this issue establish the fact that every maker who is represented among the men writing to us has made and marketed his goods with the solid bel ef that he is sending out a machine that will positively accoraplish all he professes it will yield under fair and proper usa e. But he does not count on its being made the sport of incompetence or downright neglect. Don't buy till you can see the payment in sight, and then buy the tractor that vill fit your circumstances-let "fashion" do its worst.

## Lots of Papnle Say, "The Wess Has Only Two Serasons"

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## Introduction

THE ability to tic a few useful knots and splice a rope is of use not only to the ailor, but to the farmer, the construction engineer, and the contractor. Indeed there are times when it is useful to people in nearly all walks of life. There are two reasons for publishing this bulletin: First, that it may serve as a reference or notebook to the students who take this work in class, and, second, that it may erve as a book of instruction to those who desire to acquire this ability by themselves.
Only a few knots, hitches, and splices are shown, as it is believed that the average person has not the time or persistence to learn a large number of them so thoroughly that he can make them at any time from memory. There are several ways of tying some knots, and more than one way of making some of the splices and hitches, but the author has shown only one way of making each and, so far as he can decide, the way that is easiest to learn, though it may not be the quickest and easiest way used by the expert. To those who may have some word of criticism, the author desires to say that this bulletin is not written for the instraction of those who consider


Rope and Its Use on the
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 themselves proficient in this as to form a thick cord work. Information regarding capable of sustaining a severe other methods and other knots strain. The primary object will be gladly received.

General Information

## Construction of Rope

A rope is made of fibers so intertwined or twisted togethet


Fig.
the fibers and preventing the penetration of moisture.
The steps in manufacturing rope are as follows: 1. The fibers are twisted into yarns in a direction called "right hand," as shown at A in Figure 1. 2. From two to eighty of these yarns are then twisted together into a stand in a direction called "left hand," as shown at B in Figure 1.
3. Three of these strands for a three-strand, and four- for a fourstrand rope are then twisted together in a direction called "right hand," as shown at C in Figure 1. 4. If these ropes are twisted together to form a cable, shown in Figure 2, they are twisted in a direction called "left hand."

When a strand is twisted up, the yarns composing it are untwisted; and when a rope is twisted up, the strands composing it are untwisted, but the yarns in the strands are again twisted up. It : this opposite twist that keeps the rope from untwisting. When a weight is hung at the end of a rope, the tendency is for the rope to untwist and become longer. The weight will revolve until the strain of the rope trying to untwist is just balanced by the strain of the strands being twisted up. All makers of rope twist them in the same direction; otherwise it would not always be
possible to splice ropes obtained from the different factories.

Sources of Fiber
Many different vegetable fibers are used for rope-making. The most common ones are Manila, or Manila hemp, common hemp, sisal hemp, and cotton. Flax,
staple agricultural product of our southern states. The commercial cotton is the soft, woolly, fibrous material which is attached to the seeds of the cotton plant. The fiber is white or yellow, and from two-thirds of an inch or less to two inches long. The fibers are contained in a three to five-celled

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jute, coir fiber, and other materials are also used.
Manila fiber is obtained from the abaca plant which grows only in the Philippine Islands. It obtains its name from the city of Manila from which most of it is exported. The trunk of this plant resembles the banana tree and it is closely wrapped by long leaves which yield fibers from six to twelve, and even eighteen, feet in length.
Common hemp is an annual herb of the nettle family, from four to eight feet high. It has green flowers and a tough, fibrous inner bark. The tough strong fibers obtained from the inner bårk are used in making coarse cloth and rope.


Fig. 4.
Sisal hemp comes principally an important factor used for ropefrom Yucatan and Mexico. Its making and cordage. It is fairly fiber is especially valuable for strong and is lighter than Manila ship cables as it seems to resist the action of the sea water better than most other materials.
Cotton is planted annually in the United States and is the
apsule or boll which bursts open when ripe and allows the fibers to escape. Aiter the seeds are removed, the fiber is manufactured into thread, cloth, twine, and rope.
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4, holding it with the thumb Strand B is next put in place, then strand C , and then strand A again.

Principles of a Knot
The principles of a knot is that no two parts which would move in the same direction if the rope were to slip should lay along side of and touching each other.


Fig. 5


Fig. 6

Relaying an Untwisted Rope
Knowing how to relay the strands is useful because it enables you to save a part of the strands that would otherwise have to be cut off and wasted. In relaying do not twist or turn the rope but twist each strand up tight and lay it in its proper place is shown by strand A in Figure


Fig. 7.
Another principle that should be added to the above is that a knot or hitch must be so devised that the tight part of the rope must bear on the free end in such a manner as to pinch and hold it, in a knot, against another tight part of the rope, or in a hitch, against the object to which the rope is attached.

Elements of a Knot
The open bight, Figure 5, bight, Figure 6, and round turn, Figure 7, are elements that are used in making knots, hitches, and splices.
Preventing the Ends of Rope from Untwisting Whipping
Whipping should be used wherever the end of the rope
arrow in Figure 8, and then fold the end $A$ over as shown in Fig.
3. Continue whipping or wrap ping the end $B$ tighty atound the rope and end A until you have reached a point abost midway between the starting point and the end of the rope, as shown in Figure 10.
4. Fold the end A back, making a loop that will reach slightly



Fig. 8.
must pass through small openings, as in reeving a set of blocks. In whipping, carefully observe these directions:

1. Put a string under a strand of the rope at a distance from the end which is equal to a turn of one strand, as shown in Figure 8, and allow several inches of end, as shown at A in Figure 8.
2. Give the end $B$ one turn around the rope as shown by the
beyond the end of the rope as shown in Figure 10.
3. Continue whipping the end $B$ around the rope outside the loop which should be laid in the groove formed by two strands, until the work appears as shown in Figure 11.
4. Pass the end $B$ through the loop, then pull end A until it draws the end $B$ under the whipping as far as possible, and cut
both ends off very close. The 13 and form a bight as shown in completed work should appear as Figure 14.
shown in Figure 12.


Wall Knot With Crown The wall knot with crown is used for the ends of halter ropes, etc., and to prevent the rope
as shown by the arrow in Figure 14 and form a bight around the end of strand 1 as shown in Figure 15.


Fig. 13.
from pulling through a smal opening, as in case of the rope handles of a chest. The wall knot alone is made as follows:


## Pig. 15.

1. Unlay the end of the rope about three turns and spread the strands out, having No. 3 back
end of 3 through the first bight in the right direction. The


Fig. 17.
of the other two, as shown in Figures 13 and 14. shown by the arrow in Figure
pulling the strands at right an-
5. Draw the knot up tight by gles to the rope, as shown in Figure 17 .

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The knot without the crown s shown in Figure 18, but must be crowned, as shown in Figures 19-23.
4. Move the end of strand 3 as shown by the arrow in Figure 21, being sure that the bight stands up straight when you


Fig. 19.

1. Hold the rope as shown in pass the end of strand 3 through Figure 19.
it, as shown in Figure 22.
2. Move the end of strand 1 as 5. Draw the strands up tight, shown by the arrow in Figure starting with strand 1, and the


Fig. 20.
Fig. 21.
19, forming an open bight, as finished work should appear as shown in Figure 20.
3 Move the end of strand 2 as shown by the arrow in Figure


Fig. 22.

20, passing it between the bight and strand 3 and drawing it down tight as shown in Figure
21 .
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Mixed Farming
means that these extra men must be brought in from the outside. These men must be paid high enough wages to attract them long distances, to pay the cost of transportation, and to remunerate them for long periods of idleness. Every winter our cities and towns are full of idle men. these men must earn enough in the summer to keep them in the winter or else they are a burden on charity. The result of these labor conditions is: first, an exorbitant wage must be paid for the time when men are employed, secondly, the best type of farm laborers do not come to a country where they can get work only part of the year.
The adoption of mixed farming, particularly of winter steer fattening or winter dairying, enables the farmer to offer yearround employment. I am assured by officials of the Immigration Department that if they could offer work by the year to farm laborers in Great Britain, they could get any number of first class men of a different type to the majority of laborers that are available at present
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Particularly where pure bred live stock is included as part of the scheme of farming, the interest in farm life will be greatly increased. The question of keeping the boys on the farm is a live one these days, and while milking old scrub cow after a day's work, has driven some boys off the farm, I believe there is no more effectve way of holding their interest than by giving them the special care of some good pure bred animal in which they have a feeling of pride and ownership.

## Fertility From Live Stock

Aside from the actual profits in live stock, the fertility they make for the farm is needed as an offset for the drain of fertility caused by wheat farming. Moreover, just about in proportion as a farmer engages in live stock will he be able to give better tillage to that portion of his farm that is reserved for wheat, corn, and other cereals. For if one-third of the farm is given over to live stock, he will be able to give the remaining two-thirds of the farm at least one-third more attention, instead of spreading his energies over the entire farm and being able to give the larger area only about twothirds the attention and tillage that it should have to produce the best results. This observation is by no means intended to be universal, but it is, nevertheless, in too many instances, worthy of serious consideration. Nor should the question of fertility be overlooked or underrated. Though its importance may not be so apparent this year or next, nevertheless its constant application to the soil is of paramount importance in every farming community.


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A RE you building a monument for yourself? You ought certainly to have a monument. You are working hard. You will work yet harder in the years to come. With the increasing burdens of life your first flush of vitality will begin to leave you, and then you will toil with your eyes on the setting sun. So, you ought to be thinking about your monument. You ought to have some concern about your place in history. A monument? What shall it be? A slab of stone in a grave yard-a tablet on the wall of the sanctuary-a staunch investment in a Y. M. C. A. building-a special room in a children's hospital-an endowed missionary in India-What shall it be? In the Assembly Hall of the Military Academy at West Point you may see the portraits of the various captains who have commanded there. One place, however, is left blank; it is the place that should have been occupied by Benedict Arnold, the traitor

## Criticism

CRITICISM never kills a strong man. In fact, few men can succeed without criticism. Every great man in history has had strong friends and fierce enemies. A book never becomes "popular" as a rule, until people are divided about it. When one class affirms that a book is "good, very good," and another class asserts that it is "trash and nothing but trash," then the orders begin to flow in. The reason why the Bible reigns in the realm of literature is because it possesses the power to create criticism. It is the sermon which is "discussed" which causes the church to be filled. I am not pleading for "sensation," but for "brain stuff" in the pulpit. You remember Barnum's reply to an irate editor, who, taking umbrage at something, threatened the showman with a series of sharp excoriations. "All right," said Barnum, "write what you like. I don't care what you say. It's only when the press lets me alone and says nothing, that I am hurt.'

## Forward March

$\mathrm{F}^{\text {RIEND, are you making any progress?- }}$ Read anything, recently, worth while?Met anybody, above the average, whom you would like to add to your list of your acquaintances? Have you added a new book to your stock of quotable material, or a new masterpiece to the works of art which adorn the walls of your room? Have you, recently, added a new item to the list of your benevolences or originated a new scheme for the regeneration of society? Have you broken up the humdrum of existence or struck a blow at the monotony of life? Which way are you going? Are you "headed" for anything? Oliver Wendell Holmes said wisely: "I find that the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving."

## The Law of Hate

LOVE is expansion. Hate is contraction. When we hate a man we shut him out of our affections. When we shut him out, we shut ourselves in. Hatred tightens whatever it touches. It contracts the mind, it corrodes the vein, it clots the blood, it wears off the white surface of the teeth, it dries up the oil in the joints of the body, it robs the hair of moisture and the eye of sympathy. Hate is mental and physical-it is like the lightning clash which blights the bloom on the leaf and sends a bolt of fire down into the trunk and root of the tree. "If I wanted to punish an enemy," said Sydney Smith, "I would fasten on him the continual power of hating somebody."


## Human Nature

STUDY human nature. There is so much of it in the world that you will never be without material. There is such a strange variety in its make-up that you will never flag in interest or cool in your enthusiasm. There is so much that is possible in the way of conflicting motives and an admixture of emotions that you will be continually amazed at the unusual turns and unexpected evolutions in the manifestations of self-interest and unselfishness. Study human nature for you will need all the knowledge you may glean and life will have for you a perpetual interest. You will never exhaust your subject. Douglas Jerrold was once heard to say: "I have known Thackeray eighteen years, and I don't know him yet."

## Your Reputation

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ON'T worry about your reputation. Steer by the eternal stars and let men think as they will. Some may question your judgment, some may doubt your sincerity, some may dislike your methods, some may differ with you in theory, doctrine and idea, but be sure of one thing-that you are genuine in the warp and woof of your soul-and -worry not. Be calm in the sublime thought that that which belongs to you must finally come to you. This has always been the faith of those who were truly great. The daughter of Hugh Price Hughes said concerning her father: "It was not so long before he died that my mother expressed impatience at a fresh attack upon him in the columns of the Press and other quarters. 'I am really tired of it,' she said; when will they let you alone? It goes on unceasingly-first one thing and then another.' 'Never mind, Katie,' he answered, 'if I were to die to-morrow they would all speak kindly of me. I am sure they would'.'

## Solve the Problem

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F YOU have a difficulty-cling to it. At the heart of your difficulty there is gold, success, power, fame and reputation. Cling to your difficulty. In mastering one difficulty you are solving many problems, and with every problem solved you have increased your power of personality. Stand where others fall. Resist where others surrender. Persist where others relinquish. Never give in when you stand in the presence of a problem which you know must some day be solved. YOU can solve it. Follow the rule set up by the famous Edison, who used to say: "Whenever by theory, analogy and calculation I have satisfied myself that the result I desire is impossible, I am then sure that I am on the verge of a discovery."

## Say If

$W^{1}$HEN you have thoughts of kindnessspeak your mind. If the music thrills you, encourage the singer. If the meal is well served, compliment the cook. If the paper is
well edited, get a new subscriber for the publica tion. If the book charms you, drop a note t the author. If the conductor takes pains $t$. let you off at the right place, say "Thank you. If a boy, who is not in your employ, runs a errand for you, drop a nickle in his hand. the preacher delivers a good discourse and you soul is set on fire, let him know that th message has been blessed to you. Joseph Parker remarked concerning a preaching experi ence, in a new field which occupied a month "I was the guest of a millionaire provision merchant, who never uttered a word of sym pathy or appreciation regarding my services.'

## Retribution

$\mathbf{S}^{\text {IN }}$ comes back. It may travel around the world, but it comes back. It comes back to sting, annoy, harrass, perplex and embarrass. Sin comes back to' collect its due It asks for tax, commission, interest and com pound interest. It comes back for explanation confession and atonement. Sin comes back surely, certainly and infallibly. Write it in characters, black, clear, distinct and plain"Sin Comes Back." Walter Scott believes in moral retribution. He tells us of a youth who deftly split an arrow at the point where it fitted the bow-string, that when his brother whom he hated, should bend his bow the arrow might split and, rebounding, pass through his eye. Now it happened that the brother returned from the hunt without using his weapon. That night, alarmed at a commotion without, the youth seized his bow, and, chancing to strike upon that very arrow, was himself slain by the stratagem that he had wickedly planned for his brother.

## Opportunity

T HE biggest thing in business is the ability to recognize an opportunity when it presents itself. Every turn in the circumstances of life presents a new opportunity. It may be the opportunity of a new location, or the opportunity presented by a new mechanical contrivance, or the opportunity presented by a special need in the community, or the opportunity presented by an emergency which has suddenly been precipitated on the town. Every week brings an opportunity, and every year a great opportunity, and happy is the man who is keen enough to see and strong enough to seize. There is an Eastern fable that a man waited 1,000 years before the gates of Paradise watching continuously for them to open so that he might enter, and then fell asleep for one short hour. But during that hour the gates opened and were shut again, and he was left out.

## Your Job.

$\mathbf{W}^{\text {ERE }}$ you ever out of work for a while? My, what loneliness! Nobody wants you, nobody needs you, nobody cares for your services, nobody recognizes your gifts. Pretty lonely world, this when a man gets off his job Happiness consists in finding a congenial occupation. John B. Gough lectured at first for "seventy-five cents a night," and paid his own fare, but the distances were short and the audiences appreciative, and Gough had discovered that he could "speak to edification". The happy man is the man who is "onto his job" Get your car on the track of favoring circumstances and things will move. Some one asked a lighthouse keeper at Amagansett, L. I., if h3 didn't get lonesome at his work. His ey fairly danced as he answered, "No, indeed! never get lonesome since I saved my man How many had he saved? Just onel and that inspired him so that the many dreary days that followed he felt no loneliness.


# COURSE IN GAS ENGINEERING 

MANUFACTURERS of gas always open the valves or relief and gasoline engines frequently receive letters from their customers stating that they have tried in vain for several hours to start their engines with nothing apparently wrong, that sometimes the engine starts on the first attempt, and at other times refuses to do so for hours, and then, without anything having been done to it, it starts off all of a sudden. Many operators are almost willing to swear that some stubborn ghost or evil spirit has taken hold of the engine. And yet the solution of this question is a simple one.
Everyone knows that for gas or gasoline to burn, oxygen or air must be present. We also know that if we have a small amount of gas or gasoline vapor mixed with a very large amount of air it will not burn. On the contrary if we have a large amount of gas or gasoline in an air-tight compartment and then inject a very small quantity of air, this mixture also will not burn. In other words, there must be a certain proportion of air to gas or gasoline in order to permit of combustion. Experiments show that while gas or gasoline will burn when mixed with varying quantities of air within certain ranges, there is for each gas a certain proportion of air which gives the greatest explosive effect or the greatest pressure. This proportion varies according to the number of heat units of the gas or gasoline vapor, also with the pressure of the air.

Suppose that we attempt to start an engine and use a certain printing charge which happens to give a proper mixture in the cyl inder. The engine starts off at once. Perhaps the next time we try to start the engine we do not use as much gasoline for the priming charge, and it fails to ignite, and the engine does not start. Or, on the other hand, we may use too large a charge and the engine fails to start because the mixture is too rich to ignite. It is necessary, therefore, to learn by experience about what sized priming charge to use. One mistake commonly made is, if an engine fails to start on the first attempt, immediately to put in another charge and try again. As the first charge is still in the cylinder the addition of a second or following charge simply floods the cylinder, making it impossible for the charges to ignite. When the first charge does not explode,
always open the valves or relief
cocks and turn the engine over idle to blow out the charge. Then start over again. The failure to do this accounts for many of the vain attempts to start an engine, lasting several hours.
But perhaps some day we shut the engine down for a few minutes for some cause or other and when we try to start again cannot do so. I recently learned of a case where a prospective buyer of an engine went to see a certain make. He made inquiries of the owner as to whether or not it was easy to start it. "Oh, yes," said the owner, "it doesn't take a minute. I'll shut her down and show you how easy it is. I never miss starting the first time." But, alas, when he tried to start it he couldn't do it for the life of him! A fine recommendation for the engitie. And it was all due to the fact that the operator failed to understand the questions which we have just been considering.
In the morning when he started the engine he used a certain sized priming charge. When this was drawn into the cylinder the cool walls condensed a portion of it, but enough was left in suspense w.th the air in the cylinder to make an explosive mixture and to ignite from the spark. When he shut down his engine and attempted to start, however, the cylinder was very hot. He used the usual sized priming charge, but as the walls of the cylinder were hot, none of the charge was condensed and all was vaporized, making the mixture too rich to explode. If he had used about half the usual sized charge there would have been no difficulty
There is also a contrary condition. Suppose that this same man attempted to start up some very cold morning and used the same sized charge that he had been accustomed to in moderate weather. The cylinder being exceedingly cold would condense practically all of the charge, and there would be too little left in suspense with the air to ignite. Many a man has, under such conditions, telegraphed to the factory to send a man, as he could not start the engine. It would have been cheaper and saved much time if he had simply used about double the usual quantity of gasoline for his priming charge

I imagine some of my readers are saying: "Well, why in the world doesn't the manufacturers tell us this in his instruction book?" Are you quite sure that

he doesn't? I have not seen the instruction books of all manufacturers of gas engines, but I have known of some gas engine operators who had the very difficulties against which their instruction books cautioned them specifically. Possibly they had read the books when first received, and had laid them aside never looking at them again. You cannot afford not to read your instructions over and over. It is never too late to learn something about the engine, and you cannot expect to absorb all there is in the book on the first reading or two, especially if you are not familiar with this particular make of engine. Besides this, it will save you much time and money some day when trouble comes and you are too busy or "rattles" to spend much time hunting in your instruction book (if you can find it, for a possible remedy.
One of the loudly proclaimed virtues of a gas and gasoline engine is that it is easy to start at a moment's notice. It can be started without waiting to get up steam, and can be stopped at any time for a few minutes or for hours, the expense stopping at once, and it can then be started again when needed. This is indeed a valuable feature in any internal combustion engine and yet it is not too much to say that there are great numbers of them which do not actually possess this desirable feature. Why? In many cases it is due to improper construction of the engine. But where the engine is all right it is invariably due to the lack of an understanding on the part of the operator as to what actually happens in the process of starting an engine. Many an operator goes through the process of starting his engine just as a parrot doe his set phrases. If you ask the parrot a question he cannot answer it except as he may squawk off some set phrase which he hits upon by chance. Many a gas engine operator on being asked why he does this or that to start the engine, simply answers: "Oh, that's what you have to do. I don't know why, but you have to do, that's all."

He is like a firm who were having trouble with an engine which they had purchased through a local man who knew no more about it than they did themselves, but who had made them believe he knew it all. The manufacturer wrote to them, asking how the engine worked, wherein it seemed
not to be doing as it should, and so on. The reply which came back was significant and typical of many a gas operator:
"As to the engine, we know nothing about it. We leave that all to Mr. Richards, of whom we got it. We never do anything to it except to fill the oil cups."
These people had as specific instructions as it is possible to put in the form of printed matter They did not even have the cur iosity to learn whether the engine was giving trouble because of failure to compress, ignite what. All they knew was that it did not do the work, and all they did about it was "to fill up the oil cups." They are, as before stated, typical of many gas engine operators.
But the matter of proportion of gas or gasoline to air effects the consumption of fuel and the power developed by an engine, as well as the starting of it. This is a very important matter and will be considered in the next chapter.

## Q \& \& <br> Ginger

Much trust soon bust
Living a dog's life is all right for the dog.
It is impossible to tell the pedigree of a scrambled egg.

The turkey trot can be seen any day in any farmyard.

There is a difference between a horse laugh and a hoarse laugh.

We are advised to weigh our words, but we are not told what sort of scales to use.

The appearance of the parlor is not always indicative of the condition of the kitchen.

We are so insistent upon flattery that we decline to pay for a photograph that looks like us.

The teacher ought to set a good example not only on the blackboard but in his conduct as well.
Many who laugh with us in our butterfly days, as readily laugh at us when adversity overtakes us

It takes considerable religion to throw away two gallons of milk when the cow puts her foot in the pail.

Some one in describing an apartment house, or flat, said that it was so handy that one sitting at the piano in the parlor could reach out and turn the steak on the kitchen stove.

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W. RIMMER, of Lang, Saskatchewan, says: "The $36 \times 56$ Red River Special separator I bought from you this last season has given me entire satisfaction in
every respect. The farmers I threshed for this season want me again next year."

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Provincial Lien Laws


Believing that complete details of the various Provincial Threshers Lien Acts would be acceptable to
many of our readers, we have pleamany of our readers, we have plea-
sure in printing them from copies handed to us by the King's Printer.

## MANITOBA.

An Act to provide for giving Threshers a Lien in Certain Cases.

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The
Threshers' Lien Act." R.S.M. ce 167 , s. Interpretation.
otherwise requires,
(a) the expression "thresher" means the pere a who threshes or causes to be
threshed grain of any kind for another person; grain of any kind for another (b) the expression "farmer" means
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of any kind;
(c) the expression "workman" means any employee, servant or workman en gaged in the threshing operations and
emploved by or working for the employed
(d) the expression "repairer" means upon the threshing machine or the engine or appliances used in connection therewith;
(e) the the repairs

## Retention of Grain

3. In every case in which a thresher of any kind for a farmer at or for a fixed price or rate of remuneration, the thresher shall have a right to retain a quantity of such grain for the purpose of securing payment of the said price
or remuneration. R.S.M. c. 167 , s. 2 . 4. The quantity of grain which may be so retained shall be a sufficient amount computed at the fair market value thereof, less the reasonable cost of hauling the same to and delivering the same at the nearest available market to pay when sold for the threshing of all grain so threshed within thirty day prior to the date when such right of re
tention is asserted. R.S.M. . 167 , s. 3 5. Such grain shall be held to be still in the possession of the thresher and provided for, although the same has been piled up or placed in bags or other receptacles, unless and until said grain is sold and delivered to a bona fide pur chaser and value received therefor and removed from the premises and vicinity where the said grain was threshed, and out of the possession of the farmer R.S.M. e. 167, s. 4.
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does any act or uses any language dicating that he has taken or retained. or is about to take or retain possession of it. Any person who takes or endeavors to take the grain so retained or any part theerof, out of the custody or control of the thresher, or prevents, or endeavors to prevent, him from exercising his said right of retention or any of the rights conferred by this Act. shall be liable, upon summary convic tion before two jostices of the peace, to be fined not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars, and in prisonment. RS.M. c. 167, s. 6.

## Sale or Retained Grain

 8. The thresher who asserts such or store the grain so retained in his own name, and if, at the expiration of five days from the time when such or remuneration for the threshing be not paid, he may sell the said grain at a fair market price. The proceedsthereof shall be applied first in payment thereof shall be applied first in payment of the reasonable cost of transporting
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vssigns. R.S.M. c. 167, s. 7 . 9. In all cases the grain so retained shall be sold within thirty days after the owner theref to the same being held unsold for a longer time. R.S.M. e. 167, s. 8.

## Wages-Repairs

10. Every farmer shall, to the extent
of the amount earned by the thresher in the threshing of his grain, be liable
the wages due to every workman the time put in by him on the farmer' threshing, and for the cost of repair
done during that threshing season, pro done during that threshing season, pro vided that the workman or repairer do
within ten days after the threshing ma chine is removed from the farmer' premises, give notice in writing to the farmer stating the amount due in re spect of such wages or repairs, as the
case may be, and, in default of payment of such amount by the farmer or the of such amount by the farmer or the
thresher, the farmer may be proceeded against for such amount by action in any such court of competent jurisdiction and in addition he may be proceeded against by the workman in respect of the wages due him under "The Masters and Servants Act," Which is hereby proceedings.
(2) Any payment by the farmer of any such claim for wages or repair shall, if the same were properly du and owing at the time of payment, b credited by the thresher in reduction of his claim against the farmer.
(3) No transfer of the ownership or right to possession of the threshing ma chine, nor any assignment of the earn ings, thereof assignment of the earn ings thereof, nor any attachment
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takes proceedings to enforce his claim against a farmer within twenty day after he has given such notice as afore said he shall be deemed to have aban doned the same and shall cease to have any claim against the farmer.
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claim or claims. R.S.M. c. 167 , ss, 9,10 11; 5.6 Fd. 7, c. 91 , s. 1; 2 Geo. 5 ,

## 3 , $\mathrm{ss} .1,2$ Interpleader.

11. If thera be a dispute as to the amount payable for wages as aforesaid total amount of workman's claims the tice of which has been so received by the farmer, exceeds the imount earned by the thresher, the amount claimed in such notice or notices up to the total sum earned by the thresher may be paid into the County Court in the judicial division in which said threshing was done, and at the time of paying said money into court the person so payng in shall notify the clerk of the name of the thresher and of the names of the
workmen who have served him with

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sin several parties to the money so prid into court, and in such proceedings Thetween the workman and the thresher latter defendant, and all proceedings under "The Masters' and Servants' Act" shall thereupon be stayed and the costs of the proceedings both in the County Court and under the provisions of "The
Masters' and Servants' Act" shall be in the discretion of the County Court judge. R.s.M. c. 167, s. 12.

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sume shall be distributed pari passu a sording to their respective claims, sul ject to an order of the court as to costs. R.NM. c. 167 , s. 13.

10. In the event of such interpleader proceedings not being taken within
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General Provisions,
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acting for him; and, if such owner or acting or him; anc, or his foreman or agent shall refuse or neglect to furnish such written statement on demand, he shall be liable a penalty of five dollars for every nithleld. R.S.M.
12. A copy of this Act, furnished by the King's Printer, shall be kept
afixed to every threshing machine while affixed to every threshing maccune whine
being operated anywhere in this Province. It shall be the duty of the person in charge of the operating of such machine to see that this section is observed, and every such person who wil-
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Extract From
"THE NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT"

## Section 7

It shail be the duty of every pern ine, immediately after completing threshing of grain at each and very point of threshing, to clean, or ause to be cleaned, the said machine,
logether with all wagons and other out. \& used in connection with such threst37, oo that seeds of noxions weeds shall of he carried to or on the way to the pext place of threshing by the said areching outfit
(2) Any person not complying with Se provisions of this section shall be able to a penaity of not less than senty-five dollars nor more than one undred dollars, and in default of payvent to one month's imprisonment. (3) A printed copy of this section shall affixed and kept amined to every reshing machin - being operated Vo Fince. (d) No lien under "the Threshers" ening or operating a threshing ma. Wing or operating a threshing mamixed to the threshing machine with thich the work was done for which such aight otherwise be claimed. 1 Geo . 42, 8, 6.

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Provided however that nothing in this section contained shall derogate from "The Chattel Mortgage Act" upon mort gages, bills of sale, liens, charges, in cumbrances, conveyances, transfers assignments mad $\%$, executed or created as a security for the purchase price and interest thereon of seed grain. $1: 08$

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be so retained shall be a sufficient quan
tity computed at the market value thereof at the nearest market less one and one-half cents per bushel in the case of oats and two cents per bushel in the case of all other grain for each five miles or fractional part thereof between the market for hauling the same to nearest livering the same at the nearest avail. able market when sold to pay for the threshing of all grain threshed by the person taking the grain or by his servants or agents for the owner thereof during that same season. C. O. 1898, c. 60, s. $2 ; 1899$, c. 11 , s. $2 ; 1908$, c. 30 ,
8. 3. Every person who threshes any grain shall from time to time as he may be required by the minister of agriculture send to the department of agriculture such information and returns as may be required from him and in default viction be liable to a penalty not exceed fing 825 . 1899, c. $11,8,4$.

## ALBERTA.

An Act to Provide for Giving Threshers a Lien in Certain Cases.

## (Assented to October 25, 1913.)

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly lows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Threshers' Lien Act." firm or company a Every person, firm or company
owning or operating a threshing ma owning or operating a threshing machine or separator, or causing the same to be operated, shall each year before commencing operations register his or Minister of Agriculture, and shall procure a certificate of registration as in form $\mathbf{A}$ in the schedule hereto.
2. Such registration shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place upon the machine or separator by the owner or operator during the whole of the threshing season.

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 4.$\$ 1.00$. (2) Upon a transfer of ownership of a machine, registered under this Act, the certificate of registration may be transferred as in form B in the schedule hereto by the Minister of Agriculture uponsfer upon payment of a transfer fee transfer upon payment of a transfer fee
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5. Every person who threshes or auses to be threshed grain of any kin price or rate of remuneration shall from the date of the commencement of suel threshing have a lien upon such grain for the purpose of securiug payment of the said price or remuneration and may take a sufficient quantity of such grain to secure payment of said price or re
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take, remove and sell the grain retained under said lien siall be subject to the following conditions:

The machine or separator must be registered in the name of the owner or owners in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
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6. The quantity of grain which may such as will when computed at the such as will when computed at the market pay the total account for thresh ing done that season, together with the ing done that season, together with the as follows: 4 cents per 100 pounds for six miles or less, and $3 / 4$ cents per 100 pounds for each additional mile; provided that the total charge for haulage shall not exceed 20 cents per 100 pounds.

The person who asserts such right of retention and removal may house or store the grain so taken and removed in his own name and if at the expiration right of retention is asserted by the per
remuneration for which the said grain is held be not paid such person may sel the said grain at a fair market price, retain the haulage as set out in section 6 hereof and the price of remuneratio for threshing and pay the balance, any, to the owner of said grain. the provisions of this Act shall be sell the provisions of this Act shall be sol tention is asserted. unless the owner thereof consents in writing to the same being held unsold for a longer period being held unsold for a period. machine shall from or operator of may be required by the Minister Agy be required to the Department of Agriculture such certificates as to com pliance with the provisions of "Th Noxious Weeds Act," and such other information, statistics and returns as may be required from him.
10. The violation of any of the pro visions of this Act, shall be an offence for which the offender shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not ex ceeding $\$ 25$ and costs, and in default payment thereof it shall be lawful for justice or justices of the peace or police magistrate so convicting them or any one of them to commit the offender to the nearest common gaol, with or with out hard labour, for a period not ex ceeding thirty days, unless the said penalty be sooner paid.
11. All fines imposed for the violation of this Act shall be paid over to the
general revenue fund of the province. 12 . 12. The provisions of chapter 60 of North. West Consoted Ordinances of the North-West Territories, 1898, as
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T T"4m" to be found on many pros perous farms: "A comfortable and well-built house, tastefully furnished. A wide porch afford ing protection from sun and rain Substantial barn and outbuildings. Between these buildings run the pathways or walks used many times each day, but on hundreds of farms they are simply thoroughfares of mud during fre quent periods but especially the spring, when the frost is coming out. They are a false and dicordant note in an otherwise attractive environment.
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sidewalk makers. They simply began the manufacture of concrete slabs and made it a profitable business. A farmer can follow the same plan. The method would be to make a few thallow boxes, each about 3 feet long, 2 feet wide and 4 or 5 inches deep. Then make a concrete composed of 1 part Portland cement, 2 parts clean sand and 4 parts gravel or crushed stone, the stone not larger than $3 / 4$ inch. To make the concrete, first thoroughy mix the cement and sand in the dry state and then add the water. The stone should also be wet and the whole mass mixed together until of mushy consistency, a consistency that would be called "sloppy." Dump the concrete into the boxes to the depth of an inch or more, puddle and work it, and then on top of this first layer of concrete place common chicken wire cut to the size if the box. Then fill the box with concrete and just before the latter had taken its final set the surface may be broomed with a circular sweeping motion to give a texture that will prevent people from slipping. The concrete may be temoved from the forms or boxes in 4 or 5 days and protected from sun, wind and freezing, as the ase may be, and thereafter prinkled daily for about a week.

The result will be a fine slab indestructible, artificial stone.
Modern sidewalk practice does not always include a drained subbase, as many suppose, but on the contrary many sidewalks put down in the customary way have been successfully built by placing them directly on a compact earth surface. The farmer can lay slabs on a natural base where the soil is at all suitable. This plan means that he may make just as few or as many slabs as he has time to make, once he has procured the raw materials. He coufld soon fill a half-dozen 3 -foot molds and thus have 18 feet of walk in the forms, which could be refilled the moment the first lot was removed, or at any convenient time. In brief, he would be making so much concrete lumber, which could be distributed quickly and easily, in fact in less time than would be required to put down a well-made boardwalk.
In making his walks, the farmer need not confine the dimensions of the slab to those given above. If he prefers a longer and wider slab, it can easily be made. The first illustration shows the surface terture of concrete slab of the above dimensions and the second is a drawing of a simple type of form in which slabs may be conveniently cast.

Concrete walks of this char acter would not only last for all time, but could be conveniently changed to other locations or extended without the necessity of digging and filling a foundation, erecting side forms or cutting joints. Like the concrete road which has become a veritable boon to every farming community fortunate enough to be in touch with one, the slab walk could of itself accumulate neither mud nor dust, would grow stronger with age and exposure and contribute immensely to the comfort and convenience of its users.

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"Fire started M/une 3 aer 5 o'clock," reports J. M TaNserte"p China Springs, Tex. HR went to Dallas for repairs on the 4t H Went to work on his machine on the 5th at noon, and on the 7th at 3 ploestes started threshing and ran wifh ab solutely no trouble.

Fire started around the machine of J. H. Lane, Marceline, Mo., b urning two stacks of oats and one of timothy. Aside from belts it cost him not to exceed $\$ 5$ to get his Case Machine in first class condition. If it had been wood, the memory of it would have been all that was left him.
In 1911 the machine of B. Fuchs, Casanovia, Ill., over-

turned into a ditch. To his surprise it needed but a few parts replaced. Had it been a wooden framed machine, it undoubtedly would have been a complete wreck.

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## Some Veterinary Note

 K alefander, mide CH of the trouble with the legs and heels of preventable; or, in other words, it may be stated that such troubles commonly are induced by errors in management. It should be made the invariable practise in all of the northern states not to wash the legs of a horse from November to May. If it is impossible to avoid washing, then it becomes imperative thorovghly to dry the washed parts. This may be accomplished by rubbing them thoroughly with sawdust. If sawdust can not be had, wheat bran will serve the purpose fairly well, or corn-meal may be used.The long hair on the horses egs, below the knees and hocks, catches and holds wet and mud It is a mistake to wash off the mud when the horse comes into the stable. Let it dry in place then brush it off. The skin will not suffer if this is done. If a horse is devoid of long hair, or "feather," upon the legs, the wet and mud may be rubbed off by means of straw or hay wisps, and then the legs should be rubbed dry.

Scratches" is caused by wet and exposure to drafts in the stable. Note that the white "socks" and "stockings" suffer most ; not because the white skin of those parts is more tender than the dark colored, but because white skin shows dirt and consequently is more often washed and left damp. Not knowing this to be the fact, horsemen often make the mistake of persistently washing affected legs with Castile soap and hot water. Wipe the legs dry each time the horse comes into the stable, and then apply a salve or oily lotion. Do not apply any strong medicament. A very useful and simple ointment for scratches is made by mixing together two ounces of sulphur, two teaspoonfuls each of spirits of camphor and compound tincture of benzoin, and four ounces of lard. Apply this two or three times a day to heels affected with scratches. If the affected parts have long been involved and are cracked so that they bleed when the animal is worked,
poultice the parts for two or three days with hot flaxsced-meal changing the poultices night and morning. Mix a little bran in each poultice, as that will prevent the flaxseed-meal from sticking to the skin as it dries. On discontinuing the poultices use the scratches ointment, and if that does not suffice, cleanse the parts, dry them thoroughly and blister lightly with cerate of cantharides. This treatment removes the old, scaly, diseased surface kin, and the new, underlying skin does not crack and may be kept sound by use of the ointment until it is seen to be perfectly free from adnormal conditions.
If the legs "stock" in the stable depend upon it that the owner or attendant is to blame, rather than the horse. Such conditions are nost common in stables that are badly ventiliated, dark, dirty or damp. Remedy these conditions and the blood of the stabled hor ses will be likely to circulate freely, be properly oxygenated, and stocking will not occur, provided the horse is each day worked or given adequate outdoor exercise.

After doing away with removable causes never let the horse stand for a single day idle in the stable; for in addition to causing simple ailments, lack of exercise, together with overfeeding, causes the fatal attacks of azoturia (paralysis) and the annoying, expensive cases of lymphangitis (Monday morning disease) so common in the cities and on farms
If the leg "fills" from feet to hocks and knees, and the skin is hot, inflamed and sore, this is termed "mud fever," and is caused by wet and slush, followed by standing in a draft ; or it follows washing without the thorough drying we have recommended. Poultice such legs. Feed light, laxative rations. Allow the horse two teaspoonfuls of saltpeter twice a day. Following the preliminary poulticing, use the following lotion upon the legs, two or three times a day: Goulard's extract, four ounces; laudanum, one ounce; glycerine, two ounces ; water, enough to make one pint; shake well before using. Protect the stabled horse against drafts.


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## On Killing Hogs


#### Abstract

peared in these pages on the killing of hogs, two correspondents send us the following letters which we are glad to publish, and will be pleased to have any comments his observations might vuigest to some of our readers.-Ed.


Fo the Editor of The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer. Will you kindly publish the following in your valuable paper and oblige.
In reading the "Canadian Thresherman and Farmer," I notice an article written by A . M. Paterson, entitled "Hog Killing at Home Saves Money." This gives some very good advice, except the killing part with which disagree.
In the first place the killing of any animal or fowl for meat or otherwise should be done cause the least suffering and pain ot the same; this should be the first consideration, and it is impossible to do this without either shooting or stunning before the bleeding operation is performed. In this article he says prior to killing, gentle handling is important for an animal which has been run around or bruised before butchering will not bleed, will not keep well and its meat will be dark and blotched. (This is quite true.) If this gentleman can catch a hog and stick or bleed it ithout causing any excitement on the part of the hog he certainly is the first man I ever heard tell of who could accomplish this.
Again he says shooting stunning retards bleeding and affects the quality of the meat. In our estimation this is another wild idea; in fact I have seen hogs killed in the way Mr. Paterson suggests bleed but very little because the butcher just has to take a flying shot at sticking, most generally not hitting the right place, simply because the hog cannot be held quiet.
My father, brothers and I have kills hogs, sheep and cattle for home use also for market for upwards of 20 years and always use a little 22 calibre rifle for shooting hogs and sheep before bleeding, and a shot gun for cattle as the little rifle is not strong enough to penetrate the brain.
We consider the practice of sticking or bleeding an animal before it is stunned or shot to be a very cruel and demoralizing way. The old way of killing sheep was to tie their feet together and then stick the knife through their neek regardless to the feelings of the sheep. And it is still practised in these days of civilization. We did not practise this method very long before we found there was a more humane way, and that was by shooting before sticking,
which is instant death if done right.
Now as far as the bleeding and meat keeping is concerned have had the best of satisfaction in both respects as it is a very easy matter to stick the hog after
t is shot and get a good bleed.
There is another very important thing in favor of shooting, and that is you can go into a pen where there are a number of hogs, shoot one, pull it out, and the rest will scarcely know that there has anything happenedcausing no excitement whatever,
Whereas if you have to catch one to stick without first shooting, he is surely going to make a noise in an attempt to free himself, which is quite natural. And anyone who knows anything about hogs knows that there is nothing that will arouse a bunch to great excitement quicker than to catch one of them and make it squeal. The pen will be in an uproar in no time and this is one reason why we always endeavour to get the killing part done as quickly and with as little suffering to the animal as possible, which we think should always be practised.
W. Henderson,

Whitemouth, Man. Q
The Editor, Canadian Thresherman,
Dear Si
Dear Sir
I noticed an article on hog killing in a recent issue of your paper, which states that a hog should not be shot before sticking. This is contrary to my experience, I have always shot hogs before sticking, and I have yet to taste better bacon. If the writer will consult "Ostertog" the "authority on meat inspection," he will read that from scientific experiment an animal bleeds as well when previously stunned and also the meat keeps as well. Throughout the greater part of Europe all animals other than poultry must be-stunned first of all. Any other method is a survival of barbarism and is due to ignorance or lack of humanity

Norman Jaques,
The Hurst Farm,
Castor, Alto.

Preparing Land for Grain Crops on the Prairies
(Continued from page 61 March)

## Fall Plowing

With regard to fall plowing it may be said that, as a rule, on account of short seasons and dry soil, very little work can possibly be done in the fall, but if the stubble-land is in a condition to plow and the stubble is not too long, that portion intended for oats and barley may be plowed, if time permits. If possible burn stubble before plowing.

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On heavy soil summer-fallowed previous year, $13 / 4$ bushels wheat and $21 / 2$ bushels oats and barley per acre will ripen a few days earlier than the above quantities.

## Flax Production

Of late years a great deal of flax has been grown in many districts in the province, and as this is the only sure crop for new settlers to obtain returns from their land the first year, a few pointers may be of advantage to many.
New Breaking.-Prairie sod broken and sown up to May 25th will give good returns. The sod is best broken 3 inches deep and disced enough to afford good covering for seed. Sow 30 or 40 pounds seed per acre, the former quantity on light soil, and the latter on heavy. If the sod has been turned over roughly, roll or pack before discing, if not rough. roll or pack after seeding.
Sow seed from 15th to 25th of May. It can be sown before and after these dates, but late spring or early fall frosts may seriously injure the crop.
One-year-old Breaking.-Flax can also be grown on land broken any time the previous year, but breaking done before the last of June gives much the best returns. Discing such land in the previous fall is advisable.
Summer-fallow.-In addition to growing flax on breaking, it does well on summer-fallowed land and fairly well on stubble land. Where fallows are sown, the land is better packed twice after seeding, and, where the soil drifts, plowing 4 or 5 inches deep, and packing after seed is sown, is necessary to stop drifting, and to retain moisture.
Stubble land.-If preceding crop was on fallowed land, the stubble should be burned, the land then cultivated shallow, and seed sown. If the stubble was from 2nd or 3rd crop, plowing 4 to 5 inches deep is advisable. Harrow and pack as soon after
plowing as possible, but do not sow before May 15 th.
Harvesting.-Flax should be quite ripe before cutting and is not injured by remaining uncut after it has ripened.
Cutting.-For large areas, remove the knotter entirely and and allow the flax to fall in loose bundles on the ground.
In wet seasons it is safer to remove the knotter entorely and permit flax to string out on the ground, this saves turning if the loose bundles get wet.
For small quantities, bind and took the same as ordinary grain.
Northwestern Saskatchewan
The following note on the practice in vogue in northwestern Saskatchewan has been submitted by the Superintendent of the Experimental Station at Scott, Sask. Mr. R. E. Everest.
As will be noted, the excuse given by Mr. Everest for the practice of deep breaking commonly followed in his district, is scarcity of labor. No claim of superiority for deep breaking over breaking and backsetting is made. "In this part of Saskatchewan deep breaking is the method usually followed in the preparation of prairie land for grain crops. This method is best suited to our conditions, namely A scarcity of labor and a short
"Method.-Turn the sod over thoroughly before the last of June to a depth of four or five inches, follow closely with the packer, then disc. The packer puts the furrow in place and the disc cuts the comb from the furrow which fills up the interspaces and forms a light mulch for the absorption and retention of moisture. Subsequent work with disc, scrubber, and drag harrow will put the area in condition for seeding the following spring."

## Southern Alberta

Mr. W. H. Fairfield, Superintendent of the Experimental Station at Lethbridge, Alta., finds that the methods advocated for Saskatchewan by Mr. Mackay are entirely applicable to Southern Alberta. He emphasizes the value of harrowing immediately after plowing.
"What Mr. Mackay says is applicable in every detail to Southern Alberta. If every homesteader settling here could have the importance of the advice given so impressed on him that he would follow it implicitly, the annual production of grain in this part of the province would be increased by many thousands of bushels. I cannot see that there are any conditions peculiar to this part of the Province of Alberta that demand treatment other than such as Mr. Mackay has outlined for Saskatchewan, with the pos-

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In the district of the Chinook winds special emphasis should be laid on the importance of harrowing land as fast as it is plowed, in fact, of the advisability of attaching a section of the harrow to the plow. Special attention should also be called to the mistake so often made of plowing in the fall when the soil is in lumpy, dry condition. In regard to the depth of seeding, it is well for a farmer to force the seed down till it is in contact with the moisture, even if it is over two inches below the surface."

## Northern Alberta

Mr. G. H. Hutton, Superintendent of the Experimental Station at Lacombe, Alta., gave same valuable points as to the breaking and later treatment of bru-h land.
"Generally speaking, the Experimental Station at Lacombe covers conditions in all territory north of Township 24 west o the 5th Meridian, and all terri tory north of Township 30. In those districts in Central Alberta which are strictly prairie country, the general recommendation outlined elsewhere in this bulletin will apply. In those districts which are not strictly prairie, but which are commonly designated as brush country, i.e. country in which there is a fair proportion of prairie and also patches of willow brush or timber, slightly different recommendations may made.
"Brush Country Methods.-In brush country, deep breaking is the only practical method. By breaking to a depth of five or six inches, the breaking plow gets under the roots and it is not so easily thrown from the ground. When plenty of power is used, as a five or six-horse team, or a heavy four-ox team, a furrow eighteen to twenty inches wide and five or six inches deep may be turned. Such an outfit, where the coulter is kept in condition, will pass through remarkably heavy brush, cutting the roots fean and turning the furrow
over flat. The plows most favored by the writer for breaking brush land are the 'Van Slyke' and the 'John Deere Wisconsin Grubber.' With good power, one man can break and prepare for crop one hundred acres of heavy brush land in one season. After being broken, the land should be packed or, if a packer is not available, it should be given a discing. The packing or discing firms the freshly-turned furrow and hastens the rotting of the sod. A second crop without backsetting is advised where land has been heavily covered with brush and the job of breaking has been well done. Thorough discing will prepare such land for a second crop.
"Summer-fallow is not advised for the brush country, the objection being that the first crop after summer-fallow grows too rank, almost invariably lodging and fails to fill as well or ripen as early as a crop on land not summer-fallowed. Stubble land not seeded down should be fallplowed five or six inches deep and packed or harrowed as it is turned. If fall plowing is not possible, then the same depth of plowing in the spring followed immediately by the packer or harrow will give good results.
"Mixed Farming.-In all that territory included in the general term 'brush country,' climatic and soil conditions are such as to make it most desirable as mixed farming country. For this district some such rotation as the following, modified or expanded to suit particular cases, is suggested:-
1st year.-Hay
2nd year--Pasture. - Manure in autumn 12 tons per acre. 3rd year. - Pasture. - Break and disc July or August.
4th year.-Wheat or oats.
5th year.-Oats.
6th year--Barley - seeded down:-

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## Manitoba

Mr. W. C. McKillican, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Brandon, Man., calls attention to some differences in the conditions prevailing in Manitoba, as contrasted with Saskatchewan conditions and to the consequent variations in the procedure which should be followed with new land in the farmer province.

Modifications for Manitoba "The methods advocated by Mr. Mackay for Saskatchewan are largely applicable to Manitoba, particularly to new land in the southwestern part of the province where conditions are similar to Saskatchewan. The

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method of handling prairie sod by breaking shallow early in the season and backsetting deeper at a later date is quite the best here as well as in Saskatchewan. The practice of putting crop on newly broken prairie sod cannot be too strongly condemned; the latter should always have a season in which to rot
"Summer-fallowing.-The method of summer-fallowing called 'Fourth Method' by Mr. Mackay, gives the best results in Manitoba. Plowing early is quite as important in Manitoba as it is in Saskatchewan.
"There are, however, large districts in Manitoba where the need or advisability of summer-fallowing is not very great. Generally speaking, the portions of the province north of Range 16, that bordering on Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba and that east of the Red River, are not suited to summerfallowing. There may be drier localities within this territory where fallowing is permissible; but, in the greater part of it, the result of summer fallowing is too great a conservation of moisture, giving a heavy growth of straw that falls down and fails to mature the grain. For this territory, barley or green oats may be used as a cleaning crop. These should be sown late and cut before any
weeds can ripen. Grass and clover crops can also be used to good advantage in the place of summer-fallow in a rotation.
"Crop rotation.-In the older parts of Manitoba, the system of grain and summer fallow can no longer be considered as a complete or wholly satisfactory system. The spread of weeds and the increasing difficulty with soil blowing show the necessity of a scientific rotation of crops. Such a rotation should include grasses to renew the vegetable fibre in the land, clover or alfalfa to restore fertility and, if possible, potatoes, roots or corn should be used as a cleaning crop instead of summer fallow
"Stubble burning.-Stubble burning is not advisable in Manitoba, whether it be in Saskatchewan or not. It is a waste of valuable vegetable matter that is very seldom justifiable. Unless the soil is unusually dry the stubble should be plowed under and thoroughly packed down with the soil packer. Fall plowing is not as impracticable in Manitoba as Mr. Mackay says it is in Saskatchewan. There is often sufficient moisture for fall plowing, and when this is the case better results are obtained in most districts than could be secured from spring plowing.'



A\$ time goes on, the value of our experimental farms comes home to us with increasing force. Complaints are frequently made of the paucity of thoroughly live agricultural matter in the columns of our newspaper and magazine press. The fact is that so few men or women interested in agriculture will take the trouble to provide readable matter of this kind, or the simple facts of their experience that would enable the ne wspaper men to construct the articles for themselves
The following is a synopsis of a year's painstaking tests and observations which have been made on vegetable culture at the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon. The report has been compiled and issued by the farm superintendent, W. C. McKillican, B.S.A., and we strongly urge upon our readers everywhere that they give it a careful perusal and preserve the matter for reference at any time.
One hundred and seventy-one varieties of vegetables were under test this year at Brandon. With
the exception of the corn and potatoes, all were grown in the regular vegetable garden. The soil is a uniform black loam, and a heavy application of manure was plowed under in the autumn of 1912. The season was somewhat dry for vegetables, but frequent cultivation somewhat lessened the injurious effects of lack of rainfall. Growing the vegetables closer together has been practised this year, this has given an increase in yield.
The following table gives the results obtained, with a number of the more commonly grown kinds.

## Potatoes

Twenty-eight varieties of potatoes were tested this year. Be sides the variety tests, other experiments with potatoes were also carried on, such as using small vs. large potatoes for seed, use of artificial fertilizers, an earliness test, and a cooking test. The following table gives the average results obtained from some of the more desirable varieties during the past few years

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There is enough good in even the worst man to reform the world.-Lincoln Steffens.


## 歌 FARM PROBLEMS



THE winter fairs of Manitoba and Saskatchewan,
held in the early part of the month of March, must not be passed over, without comment for they certainly marked a new era in mixed farming in the Canadian West.
Brandon Winter Fair coming first, and being the older fair, merits most of the attention. It had three outstanding features, viz., the strength of the Can-adian-bred Clydesdale classes, enormous increase in the number of fat steers, and the increase in number and the improvement in quality of the sheep and swine exhibits.
The horse exhibit has always been - the strongest feature of the Brandon fair, but for many years the emphasis was on imported horses. Gradually, however, the Canadian-bred classes have increased, and, this year, the number and good quality of both stallions and filly foal classes was wonderful; the stallion foal classes particularly gave promise of an early supply of sires of the type best adapted to Canadian requirements. Clydesdale men are learning wisdom from their rivals-the Percher-ons-and, while they have wisely sacrificed nothing in the way of quality in feet and legs, they are breeding for heavier tops. The Percheron exhibit was also a very commendable one, but the choice animals were nearly all imported. The Canadian-bred clasess were not weli filled, and there were very few entries in them to outstanding merit. The strength of the two and three-year-old mare classes, however, was such as to indicate that, in the near future, a better and larger showing of Canadian-bred Percherons may be looked for. The Percheron men are learning also from the Clydesdales, and there was a noticeable improvement in legs and feet, and, taking the exhibit as a whole, there were more good movers of this breed than have ever previously been shown at Brandon.

## Steer Classes

The showing of 83 fat beeves, as against 35 in 1913, was certainly an evidence of remarkable growth, and undoubtedly afforded the manager of the fair greater satisfaction than improvement in any other direction.
Glen Carnock Victor, the second, was on exhibition, and his victory at Chicago was no doubt
a very large element in the improved exhibit of fat steers.
The offer of substantial prizes for steers fed by boys under 17 brought out 7 entries-all very creditable. The decision of the management to offer $\$ 1,000.00$ in prizes for steers fed by boys under 17 at the show of 1915 is an evidence of the enthusiasm and faith of these men in the work of the Brandon winter fair in developing the live stock industry of Manitoba.

## Sheep

Mr. J. H. Grisdale, DirectorGeneral of Experimental Farms for Canada, who judged in the sheep classes, was very enthusiastic over the improvement in the quality of the sheep, and the condition in which they were shown.
Col. McEwan, of Ontario, who judged the hogs, was equally complimentary.
From start to finish the fair was a success; not only in the number of those who attended, but in the number and quality of the exhibits, and, best of all, in the increased number of exhibitors. It is always better to have ten men with a steer each than one man with ten steers.

The Parting of the Ways
The Brandon winter fair has reached a crisis in its history in more ways than one: The present splendid accommodation un der which the fair is housed is due entirely to the enterprises of the citizens of Brandon, and the farmers of the surrounding district. This accommodation represents a cash investment of $\$ 200,000$, and, this year, it housed exhibits worth at the mest conservative figures $\$ 1,000,000$. The equipment was taxed to capacity, and 75 stallions had to be accommodated in stables down town. Before the fair closed, the management estimated that the additional land and equipment necessary to adequately house the show for the future would necessitate an additional expenditure of $\$ 75,000$. Though the show is absolutely provincial in character, it has received very scant support from the Provincial Government. There has been a yearly contribution to the prize list, but not a dollar towards the buildings and equipment, and the contributions to the prize list have only been secured by repeated delegations waiting upon the Premier and his Cabinet; they have invariably been treated as suppliants, not as men who were doinb a

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Saskatchewan Fair
The event of the winter fair in Saskatchewan was the opening of their splendid new arena, presented to the wiater fair association by the city of Regina. The excellent accommodation brought out larger and better exhibits than ever before; while the public, having a comfortable place in which to watch the jud sing, turned out in thousands. The Saskatchewan winter fair, unlike that of Manitoba, has been most generously treated
by the Provincial Government and officials of the Department of Agriculture are among the most hard working of the band of men to contribute their time and energy to making that fair a success. Special mention should be made of the Live Stock Commissioner, J. Cochrane Smith.

## Co-operative Abattoirs

The live stock men of Saskatchewan have decided upon a Co-operative Cold Storage and Abattoir Co., and the erection of a plant at a suitable point in the province. The Minister of Ag riculture, the Honourable W. R Motherwell, has promised that they shall have government assistance, probably along the same lines as that extended to the co-operative elevators. Personally, I hope that the government will not furnish so large an amount of the necessary capital. As I have said before in these columns, it is time that the farmers should do something to develop their own co-operative business, and follow, in this particular, the very excellent example as set them by the farmers of Denmark. A co-operative cold storage packing and abattoir plant is a move in the right direction, provided it is under good practical management, and the farmers will be much more likely to see that they have


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such management if their own stake in the business is much. The growth of the swine industry has been so rapid that it - very necessary that there hould be provision of this kind to prevent a glutted market and consequent lowering of prices. The receipts of hogs on all the large markets in the West during the past ten months is ample o prove that the breeders have got over the old difficulty of an all-year-round supply, and many some of them three litters coming in during the year. It hav only been a matter of a little management and care in the matter of providing suitable buildings for the newly-farrowed sows and pigs.

Union Stock Yards
Calgary has made a judicious settlement of its Union Stock Yard difficulty, and has most wisely combined all the interhipiz., those of the farmers or shippers, the railways, and the existing packing house industries. with adequate control by
the City Council. Jas. E. Poole of Chicago, who is recognized throughout the United States as one of the best authorities on ert- that only when all these interests are combined and working harmoniously can the raiser of live stock hope for the The difficulty of the Union Stock Yards at Winnipeg has ariser from the fact that the Packing House interests were excluded This was done in a laudable a: tempt to prevent the inc.eased profits from increased shipmentgoing into the hands owners of the yards without any corresponding reduction in the cost of handling. The Union Stock Yards of south St. Paul are an example of what may happen if there is no limit set to the profit which may be made by a Stock Yard Company. The Winnipes railways claim that the Winni peg packers and abattoir men were not willing to go into a proposition where the percen-
tage of profit was limited. The abattoir and packing house men on the other hand, declare tha they were not consulted in this matter, and that they would have been willing to go in on the basis of a limited profit. Be that as it may, the Union Stock Yards have started out with the existing Packing House interests violently antagonistic to them, and it has been a very ser ious upset to the cattle market. and it is the raisers and shippers of cattle who have to pay the shot. A government-owned public abattoir at the new yards was implied, if not absolutely guaranteed, but, so far, it has not come to pass, and, in the

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Testing Seed
by the time this is in print, if ceding has not actually begun Manitoba and Saskatchewan ery active preparations will be nder way for that work; so not plant untested or untreat ased, no farmer can afford to it. It is easy for everyone test the germinating quality their seed with the two tir es and the moist pieces of go to the more elaborate ethod of sending it to any one the agricultural colleges to be ested. The treating of seed i ture of a very small expen luestone. So much emphasis as been laid by lecturers on dis ases in grain at all farmers reetings on the necessity of reating seed, that it seems as hough it should not be necessay anything further out it, but, from personal ex erience, it is evident that there e still hundreds of farmers in anadian West who are carcin this regard. Last sum her, in the course of the six
reeks spent in the grain field he amount of smut discovered oth in wheat and oats, but more specially the latter, was enor s. No man has any right to pect a clear crop if he will not ake the ordinary
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Seeding Wheat
other warning, which canbe repeated too often, is that seeding wheat after the of May. Once more I wish quote the Honourable W. R. therwell, who, in speaking o success of Segar Wheeler in ving the world's prize whea Northern Saskatchewan, said: ny man who plants wheat in rthern Saskatchewan after 15th of May deserves all he and he is likely to get all deserves.

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happened to take a seat in front of a newly married couple. She was hardly seated before the couple began making remarks about her which some of the passengers must have heard.
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A Word of Warning


We are favored with the following are very glad to give space to his com. ments on the constituents of our west. ern soils. Ed.

AMONG the valuable and March issue of C. T. and helpful articles in the F., I notice extracts from the Government bulletin on "Preparing land for grain crops on the prairies." This bulletin is very good for all places to which it applies, but it should not be sent out without a word of warning, or information on the subject of alkali, especially sodium carbonate (salsoda or black alkali).
Only a small part of Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan are supposed to contain alkali, and this may be true as far as containing sufficient salsoda Epsom salt, or bittern to directly poison plants, but there are large areas containing sufficient salsoda to spoil the texture of the soil, and make the subsoil waterproof
Many an innocent farmer from the more humid regions will come West and settle on a nice open level piece of land, study the bulletin on preparing land for crops, then proceed to break shallow in the spring, and in the fall backset deep, turning up a layer of impervious saline clay that will harden like cement, and when wet will be "soup." The result will be disappointing, and the farmer will conclude the Government farms advised him wrong.
I am inclined to suspect that sodium carbonate is the cause of more failures than anything else here, and I also believe such soil can be made as productive as any, and more productive than some soils I know of. All who study the bulletin on preparing land should also have a copy of Bulletin No. 4, Second Series, from Ottawa.

The average farmer feels reluctant about going to work and treating his land with gypsum plaster when he has had no experience. Now, the Farmers' Union has a large number of local lodges with schoolhouses as meeting places, and they have a lot of entertainments to raise money for various purposes. I should think it would be in order to raise some money this way, and get a plot of ground to experiment on what could be done, where all members could have chance to see how it was done, and note effects.
I do not for a minute claim
that cultivation has no effect on such soils, in fact, much of the soil I refer to has so little salsoda in it that it is harmful only in two ways-its effect on the texture of the soil, and its effect on the moisture problem.
The process of converting organic matter into nitric acid or free nitrogen for palnt use is accomplished by bacteria in the soil (nitro-organisms)
These bacteria require special favorable conditions in order to multiply and do their work. They must have air circulating in teh soil, moisture, warmth, they must have humus not only as source for obtaining albumenoids, but also as a backing or retreat, and they require lime in order to store the nitrogen generated. Although the product of the bacteria is acid it has been proved that they are more active in a slightly alkaline environment, in fact, without lime they will diminish on account of the acid which their own activity develops. Now in summer fallowing or breaking medium deep early these bacteria get the greatest chance to develop, unless their energies are absorbed by weeds or grass. Developing these bacteria gives the same volume of soil a greater capacity for moisture and also gets in readiness more food for plants, so it is evident one stands a better show of getting a crop even if there are traces of soda.
The effects of treating such soils with sypsum plaster are many. Primarily the effect is to turn the salsoda into Glauber salt, in other words change the most harmful ingredient of alkali into the least harmful. The result is to dissolve the waterproof layer of "hard pan" which underdies the land at a depth of seldom 3 feet, indeed in many places being the very surface. Spots not covered with sandy loam, being clay right to the surface, familiar in the West, when wet turn to mud, because the waterproo layer caused by salsoda prevent: the moisture from going down and it is held in the surface layer till it evaporates when the clay gets dry and hard, because it cannot draw up moisture from deeper down. Cultivation will help to prevent surface evaporation, and so improve matter some, but it will not dissolve the waterproof subsoil. Gypsum plaster will do that and more. It will also improve the texture o the surface soil, make it friable
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The problem of moisture then is also to get the water to go deeper down when it is wet and come up from lower depths when its dry, and at the surface the cultivation should be to cater to the wants of the soil bacteria.
Treating the soil with lime or other minerals are different matters. Lime can be used on sour soils to overcome acidity, and in alkali composed of Epsom salt, to good effect but on soil containing salsoda or Glaubrr salt the result would be disastrous. The advantage of gypsum is that it is harmless even if useless.
Last year was the driest year we have had here since settled. We had but little snow and it left early. In April we had less than $1 / 2$ inch moisture, May $1 / 2$ inch, June $5 / 8$ inch, the first general rain being July 14th, still on our farm we had good crop on the higher ground, some spots being too rank. The low spots were a failure on account of so wet the year before that we couldn't get them into shape. You may say the rains of 1912 are what gave us a crop. To which I would say if we hadn't had so much rain in 1912 we could have got the lower land into shape and raised more grain than we did last year.
A lot of people got light crops, not because we have too little moisture but the moisture is held near the surface, from which it evaporates, and can't draw moisture from the waterproof soil underneath. In 1912 such land fared no better in the heavy rains, the surface turning to mud so they could not work on the fields and summerfallow for the following crop or even harvest the current crop, while in the hot spell in June, 1912 such soil baked and hurt the grain badly.
It should at least be worth while to experiment on a small plot to find out what can be done and how to do it. If some have tried it I should like to know results. Theodore Friedrickson. Castor, Alta.

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## Girls' Cozy Corner

Cumming, Alta., Jan. 11, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris: May I join your Girls' Cozy Corner? This is my first letter to your Club. My father takes the Canadian Thresherman and Farmer. much. Our town is Vermilion, I think muck. Oar co nice Vi. I 1 , brothers and three sisters. My father has gone to the farmer's meeting tonight. I am not going to school at present because we have no teacher. twentieth of February. There is going to be a party at our school the sixtenth of January, The name of our school is Paradise Valley. Well I think I will close with a riddle. I went to an apple tree with apples on. I picked no apples off I left no apples on. Answer-
I picked one apple off I left one apple I picked one apple off 1 left one apple
on. Well 1 guess I will close hoping to on. Well 1 guess I will close hoping to
see my letter in print. I remain your see my letter
loving cousin,
$\qquad$ Marie Eyben.

## Danton, Alta., Jan. 27, 1914.

Dear Cousin Doris: This is my first letter to the Cozy Corner. I am nine years old. I go to school every day. like teachers name is I have two sis. ers and one brother. My sisters' names are Jessie and Francis. Their ages are seventeen and fifteen years old.
My brother's name is Paul. He is My brother's name is Paul. He is
twelve years. I have two cats and one welve years. have two cats and one
dog. My cats' names are Tom and Pussy. My dog's name is Rip. Papa takes the Canadian Thresherman and print. I will close for this time. From your dear cousin,

Leona Tehman.
Asker, Alta., Jan. 28, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris: As I see a lot of these Cozy Corner girls writing to your letter. 1 am seven years old and am going to school everyday. I am in elan and Farmer and thinks it is just fine and so does my mother. I will tell you what I got for Christmas. doll and beads, and a handkerchief from mama, postcard holder from grandma, a perfume bottle, handkerchief satwhet, and a brooch, a jug of chocolates from my aunties. I have four sisters and three brothers and they are all going to school except three. We have our horses, eleven head of cattle, serentry chickens, and forty pigs, two sheep. I see in the Canadian Thresherman and Farmer the boy's prize letter. Now girls let us hurry up and see if we cannot beat the boys. Hoping this letter will jump the W.P.B. so will close with a riddle. Upon a great hill there is a gets full. Ans.-Fire. Wishing the club every success. From cousin, Ethel Krefting.

Areola, Sask., Jan. 30, 1914, Dear Cozy Corner Girls: I am sending in a fairy story of which is the title "Jack and the Beanstalk." Once upon a time there lived a boy named Jack. He had a mother to support. He had no father for he had died when Jack was very little. They
a living for them both. The only thing they had was a cow named Bessie. At ass the time came when they had to buy food. So Jack took the cow and tarted off to market with her. On the way he met a butcher carrying a hat full of beans. He stopped Jack and asked him where he was taking the cow and he told him that he was ak ing her to market. The butcher said I will give you this hat full of beans." Jack studied a moment and then said "All right I will take them," so then Jack gave him the cow and took the beans and started home. When he got home his mother was very angry and Thew night they went to bed very down hearted and sad The next morning when Jack awoke he looked at the win dow and he saw something awful dark. He got up and went to the window It was a big beanstalk which had grown up that night. He was so sur prised that he didn't know what to do He called his mother and she got up and looked at it too. It was about 200 feet high. After a while Jack began to tease his mother to let him go up it. At last she gave consent and up Jack went. When he got up at the top he discovered a large sized house and went to the door and rapped. A woman came to the door and asked what was wanted so Jack told her he was hungry. She took him in and gave him a meal. She told Jack that he wallow his dinner pretty fast and just as he was eating his last bite he heard the giant's step coming so the woman took him and popped him into an oven which had two doors to it. The giant came in and began to smell around and at last be said, "I smell meat cooking." So he walked right up to the oven and opened one of the doors and as quick as anything Jack flew out of the other door and down the beanstalk. The giant followed him but Jack got down before the giant and he cut the bean stalk so it fell to the ground and the giant was killed. Jack searched his pockets and found a lot of gold so Jack and his mother were rich and lived happy ever afterwards. 1 am 12 years old and am in the 6 th grade at school. Yours truly, Esther Butt.

Esterhazy, Sask., Jan. 28:h, 1914. Dear Cousin Doris: This is my first let to Girls Cozy Corner. I am not 1913 school now. It stopped Canadian Thresherman and Farmer this year. have 2 dogs and 1 ca. for a pet. 1 call the cat Pussy and the dogs Puppies and Leon. My further has 12 horses and 10 cows, 8 pigs, 200 hens and 3 geese and 5 turkeys, 3 little calfs. 1 have 2 brothers and one sister. I think 1 will close my letter with love to all the girls. Yours truly,

Annie Lomenda.

Reston, Man., Jan. 1, 1914.
Dear Cousin Doris: I want to ask you if when writing a story to your Club if you have to make it up or can From Julia Fraser

## I like to have your stories original.

Dear Campers: What splendid letters of adventures we have this month! You are beating Johnie-Bry out this month. In fact I have decided to leave his ad our own boys. It was difficult to award
the prize this month. The offer still continues. A bock will be given to the boy who writes the best letter to this department. Beat the girls next mont boys! Sincerely,

## Canadian Boys' Camp

saving for next month.
again. We waited there for an he taking about the walk. We though it was time to go home, so we pule at the trap. It had another lost no time in skinning were walking home I saw a rabbit in the grass. I called to my friend; saw it again. One of the boys sal soon kill the rabbit. When we reach
not walk another mile. This greatest time we ever spent. So go

## 'Merritt Isherwood

Dumas, Sask., Feb. 3rd, 1914 Dear Campers: I saw by the last paper that Cousin Doris wanted us boy write of some adventures, so 1 am
to write one of the Moose Mount One day ni brother and I st houses. Our two fogs followed u kept walking on till we came to a
This lake is known for its springs. springs were spurting up through ice. All arrived at the beaver dam.
beavers in a creek stopped old logs into lengths and plastered with mull There were muskrat houses on the pond We came back to this lake, an, the two dogs went up the bank to bun
rabbits we thought. In about fire minutes a dog barked. I turned fir and said to my brother, "A yellow is chasing one of ours."' He turned and shouted "wolf." There right within dozen yards were three big wolves ing on. They seemed not to have us. We shouted and they turned ran. After that inv brother said would a rifle go bo the mountain out a rive, also says if any one had seen him would have said his (which did)
Well I will close, as I have writ enough, have I not, cousin? Well ing the club every success. 1 remain,

> Willie Browne

## Wellwood, Feb, 2, 1914

 Dear Campers: This is my first letter Dear Campers: This is my first letterto your Club. I am 13 years old. My father has taken the Thresherman for some time and we find a lot of instrucdion about gasoline engines in it. We have two engines; one is a Gilson the other is a Galloway, but it is just for washing. I go to school in the win up till summer holidays. We are jut
Dear Camper: I would like to join. Dear Camper: 1 would like to join six pigs, two cats. I have a dog named Sport. Who likes to hear about adventures? I will tell you about mine school boys and I went rat trapping and left in the morning. One boy stopped at our house. He and 1 went one wiles and the other boy joined us. We had to walk four miles. We were looking for rabbits on the way. W reached there in three hours. We ate our dinner, and then started to cut a nest in the hills. The hills are a yard in heigh and three yards around. We had
ten traps. As we were walking through ten traps. As we were walking through
the high grass in the swamp one boy the high grass in the swamp one boy heard the howling. of wolves. H coming for us. One boy picked up his axe and the other got a spear. his axe and the other got a spear. we
got one too. We thought that we would get a lot of skins and sell them. But the wolves did not come. We went around to ae our traps. One trap had a rat in it, but the other had none. We skinned this rat and threw
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April
it is Wellwood though it is not in town.
It is a pretty old school, it is in the centre of a small bluff in which we play. Our teacher a a man and I like him very well. He seems to be a good man. We have nine horses, also eighteen cows, one we are milking is fresh. We have several pigs; they are all
pretty fat now and we are trying to sell them. I would like to correspond with some of the campers. I have read the letters they have been sending to the Thresherman but never wrote till now, but better late than never, and I
hope my letter will escape the W.P.B., and 1 hope to see it in next month's paper. I will be looking for it. I like 1 am not a very good shot. The biggest game I ever shot was a prairie chicken. It came and lit by the garden fence and I went out and shot it. I like reading and I read every good story and enjoy them all unless it is a very poor are The Swiss Family, Robinson, The Man from Glengarry, The Lonesome Trail. There are a few exceptionally good ones and if the readers of Boys' Camp can send me the name of a good book I will try and get and read it,
Well I think my letter is long enough, such kind as it is, so I guess 1 will close. Good bye and good luck

Herbert Graham.
Webb, Sask., Jan, 31, 1914. This is my tirst letter to the Club. I thought I would like to join your
Club. 1 hope this letter escapes that
terrible W.PB. I hope I will see the tetter in print as it is my first letter. There is so much snow here that we can. not do much work outside. There are 2
feet of snow here and it gets 30 below zero. My father has six horses and 2 , My brother was leading one of the colts out to water when the colt ran ahead of him and kieked him right him very much. We have 5 head of cattle and 2 calves and 69 pigs. W
have a $71 / 2$ horse power engine and grinder to grind feed for the stock.
am 11 years old in July. 1 go to school am 11 years old in July. 1 go to school
in the summer time. We have a 1 mile and half to walk. I am in the fourth grade. There are about 16 who go
our school. There are 5 girls and boys. We live 10 miles from town. One day last summer my brother and I went and shot 11 gophers with 14 shells. We caught with traps 97 gophers last sum. caught with traps 97
mer. I guess this is all for this time for it is getting 10 o'clock and soon will be going to bed. I remain,
Douglas Victor Mitchell.

Raymond Edward. What a splendid example of manliness
does not like to see animals suffer. C.D. Earl Grey, Sask., Feb. 2, 1914.
Dear Boys' Camp: This is my first letter to your Camp, and I hope it esin print. We have been in Canada 11 years. I like Canada very much. I guess pretty many of the boys are trap. ping. I caught 5 muskrats last fall.


French Doll FREE

aight because an animal will get in it and suffer and freeze to death. 1 got
over a dollar for my muskrat skins. We have got 13 horses with colts, 15 head of cattle. I horse-backed on a little pony and watched our cattle last fall. 1 was not at school last fall. I have written to four clubs and got a
button from every one. I will close now. My brother takes the Oanadian read theshen an read the Boys' Camp. Yours truly,

Ernest Forman (age 1

## New York's "Story Lady."

"Say, Bill, you better come on in! De one to-night",
A reckled, snub-nosed, fighting-ehinned member of a West Side gang turned as he was entering the door of one of sented York's branch lubraries to another member of the gang. Bill hesitited, cast a reluctance glance toward a game of craps-then followed. After all, craps was an old story, and the fame of this remarkable entertainer had been reach-
ing his ears lately. He decided to hear ing his ears lately. He decided to hear for himself.
In the assembly room a big, cheery basement, more than twenty boys were gathered-boys representing as many nationalities as chey represented varieties of noses and freckles and chins, In
their midst sat Miss Anna C. Tyler. their midst sat Miss Anna C. Tyler. "Captains Courageous." She sat leaning forward, absorbed in the tale, meeting the forty-odd eyes fixed upoa lo the midst of the loings of Harvey, a tire engine rushed by the door. Not a move was made to follow
interruption Harvey continued his adventures. Imagine the spell-binding powers of a narrator who can cause a gath-
ering of a score of boys to ignore a fire
engine! Miss Tyles is New York's "Story Lady" to hordes of the younger members of that city's population Under her supervision
story-teling in the branches of the story-telling in the branches of the
Public Library has been developed to such an extent that thousands of chil dren, children of the foreign districts, children of the poverty-stricken disbeen told a story-unless, perhaps, as a sugar-coated part of school workare sitting open-mouthed and listening to the best tales that the world's literature of story hours reported from thirty-six ibraries was 1,609 , and the attendance at these entertainments was 38,147 . En-
tertainments, mind. There is absolutely no compulsion, no "lesson" about all this. The delight of the tale is its reason for being and the thirty-eight thousand may listen or not, as they plea
sults show whether they please.
In the modern revival of the ancient art of story-telling, Miss Tyler's work stands out strikingly, a highly developed, vitally significant labor with all of our greatest city for its field. What she has wrought among the children of the East Side and the West Side, the up-
town and the down-town, looks like the town and the down-town, looks like the
wand-waving of some sort of a clever, up-to-date fairy godmother. Children by the hundreds have been drawn within the circle of books by her magic. They
bave come trooping as if a Pied Piper had called; but instead tivity there awaited them the sudden en Miss Tyler believes that no bait lures children to books as effectively as this art. "Tell a group of little folks Asbjornsen's story of 'The Queen at the diately besiege the shelves where the fairy tales are kept," she says. "Older girls, hearing the plays of Shakespeare, suddenly awake to find them interesting, whereas they had offered no lemptation on the printed page. And let a room-
ful of boys hear from skilled lips the ful of boys hear from skilled lips the beg for American histories-boys who previously have looked upon the library
as a place to be scorned. Yes, the as a place to be scorned. Yes, the
gangs come to us-gangs that began by trying to break up our story hour. That's the most wonderful part, perhaps, of the whole
gangs."

It is true that young ruflians who came remain to tin cans in at hibrary windows Miss Tyler gives them railroad stories, sometimes Western stories, sea stories, lively history. Again, she sets up a stereopticon, and travels with them over the Kocky Mountains or through the Philippines. Bill, who went to form his own opinion of her, had listened no more than five minutes before he was rapt-and so with countless other Bills. The most of them have never taken leges betore-books had held no attraction. But if the books on those shelves
thene hold more stories like those Miss Tyler is telling, why let's take out a card and is telling, why let's take out a car
become a member of the library.
Best of all are the clubs she establishes. Boys and girls enjoy organization, in fact they have a human weakness for ofliceholding, very much like their elders. Miss Tyler has an eye for this fact. She arops in at a branch one evening where the group of listeners is g: thered about one of her lieutenants who tell stories under her direction.
"How would you like to organize this circle into a club, now that you've formed the habit of coming here every week $Y^{\prime \prime}$ she proposes.
Applause. The word "club" is one to conjure with. She presents her plan, taking care to leave as much planning as possible to the young people. They their own by-laws.
their own by-laws.
She herself, as often as possible, drops in at each of the clubs, and her deputy in the branch gives attention to their
doings. But much of the time they meet without older guidance and listen to the story which one of the members reads or tells. The twenty boys clubs when the library is a good place in which to be; the twenty-two giris' clubs
are held in the late afternoon. The latter show a liking for Shakespeare's plays, for dramat c poems such as "Hiawatha," and for wholesome
like "The Brushwood Boy."
like "The Brushwood Boy."
In thirty-six branches where story-tell ing goes on it is established part of library work. The buildings chosen are those most frequented by
children; adult readers, especially forchildren; adult readers, especially f
eigners, are often hard or impossible win, but children make easy converts to books. Bulletins are posted announcing the entertainment several days in air-quite as eager as if the event were the presentation of a new "movie." When the door of the story room is opened a crowd of hungry waifs is found waiting to be fed with delicious morsels of litera: ture. In every branch Miss Tyler chooses one librarian as her deputy-the choice being made by competition-and in the chosen story-teller is trained by her many qualincations such as voice, mi metic g.ft-in fact the endowment and some of the training which make an actor. Miss Tyler tells her stories simply, without "elocution"; sometimes word for word as they are written by the great authors of the past and present, sometimes in her own words. The art that holds a room breathless is hers
to the finger tips. Sarah Comstock

## THE FOSTER-MOTHER

 By Dr, JOHN H. DOYLE[This story appeared so incredible when we received it that, though know ing of Dr. Doyle, its author and the
owner of the dog, through personal friends, his neighbors (for we lived onee in Fall River), we wrote him for further confirmation. He writes: "I do not blame you for doubting my story as it does seem incredible, but it actually hap pened. My wife, mother and sisters, and many of our neighbors were witnesses of the facts. I was myself under the im pression that what occurred was a physiological impossibility
"Cleo was my constant companion ex cept when I was called out at night on a sick call, when she would go to my
wife's room and guard it till I returned Wife's room and guard it till I returned Then she would go to her own bed. in
fact if I told all the wonderful things she has done I should be looked upon as
out of my senses. The picture is a
one as she yawned just as I snappe one as she
I have had the pleasure of witn an exhibition of the deep-seated mater nal instinct that is possessed by lower animals, particularly the dog. I felt that it would be of inter lovers of the dumb creatures. This story has to do with
beautiful and intelligent English At the time, Oleo was about o old, and was accompanying me
rounds about the farm. With us old white bulldog who, as a rule, the habit of attending to his own allais
but always held his ground should but always held his ground should
thing or person attempt to interrupt thing or person attempt to interrupt It so happened that I had to go to the were following, as was their custom While passing through one of the cellars I discovered, in a box on a slieif, feet from the floor, our cat, Judy Judy, immediately upon spying of her children and made a flying at the bulldog. As was but natur dog defended himself, and in the twin ling of an eye, Mrs. Judy was dead wit broken neek,
I was greatly incensed at the bulldog aggressor, and, to punish him, I took him to the stable and penned him up. Then after disposing of the cat's body, I went to the cellar wond
with the kittens.

## had the excitement of the moment

 had completely forgotten Cleo, andimagine my surprise when I saw yong in the box with the kittens fondly cuddling them up to her, giv them the greatest of attention; and
seemed to be very proud and happy the possession of her newly adopted
family. In a few moments the kittens family. In a few moments the kittet
ceased crying, and seemed contented, a they snuggled up to their new foster mother.


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alts. leo had always been a very obedient animal, but she refused to answer to my
whistle when I called her for her usual whistle when I called her for her usual
feeling. She was so anxious about her amily she had no desire for food, if it v. But I finally insisted on her coming me, and she reluct ntly obeyed. Hower, as soon as she took the bone she turned to the box with it, and began to break off little pieces, and tried to
pet the kittens to eat them. Of course is was not possible, as they were to ght to see that so-called "lower" ani. aittend to those kittens. When she stance of four feet she would land rith a remarkable lightness, and never tonch one of the kittens; she would lick them and fondle them, and the expres sion of love and tenderness in her big. kind eyes, was a most touching sight. The problem of feeding the kittens now presented itself, and I had about de dided to get rid of them, as it was use
less to attempt to feed them from sucer. But masine my hem from then I discovered the kittens peacefully wrsing at Cleo's breasts.
Now Cleo bad never had any puppies Cher own, and F was under the impres sion that it was physiologically impos-
sible for her breasts to secrete milk. But a closer examination I found she that a fee flow of milk, and that the kittens rere feasting to their hearts' content. Cleo stayed with them for nearly two for ber food, and then returning almost inmediately, and always with a portion
of her own meal for the kittens.
The fow of milk became so great that I was
compelled to massage her breasts twice day, in order to prevent them from By this time their eyes were open and they were able to drink from a saucer,
ind I decided to take Cleo away from them. In order to do so 1 was compelled to carry her, as she refused to leave
them, and finally I took her to a friend in another part of the city, where she
stayed for a few weeks. While there she stayed for a few weeks. While there she
nis restless for some days. and would mope around; this beng quite different from her usual disposition.
distant state, and took Cle way to After a stay of one year, we returned and on entering the old home, we were who were now full-grown cats, but they ays, and immediately proceeded to get diys, and immed wately proceeded to get
rid of her. She was allowed to come in the house only after the cats had been thased to another room.
Cleo has since had a family of her own and she gave the puppies tie same loving
care that she did to the kittens. She tas been a remarkable dog in many ways,

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Or force him to work twenty hours the whim of some drunken brute's | will. |
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Look back at our struggle for freedom Trace our present day's strength to its
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And he'd charge into hell without flinch-
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With curses and blows for his pay. 1 onee knew a king of racers, They ruined his knees on a hurdle. For his rider's hat covered no brain. I met him again, four years later, On his side at the foot of a hill, With two savages kicking his ribs, And doing their work with a will. I stroked the once velvety muzzle, I murmured the old name again. He once filled my purse with gold do
And this day I bought him for ten. His present address is "Sweet Pastures," He has nothing to do but to eat;
Or loaf in the shade in the green, Or loaf in the sliade in the green,
grass, And dream of the horses he beat. Now, a dog-well, a dog has a limit After standing all he thinks his due ing,
And shine out for scenes which are new But a horse, once he's used to his leather, Is much like the old-fashioned wife: He may not be proud of his bargain, But still he'll be faithful through life And I envy the merciful teamster Who can stand at the Bar and say: ind Lord, with the justice I dealt $m$ Judge Thou my soul to-day." -Life

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MECHANICS AND LITERARY

We are glad to be in touch with who
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 out proper home surroundings cannot expect good citizenship. flourishing condition) was first organized under the name of the "Ladies Literary Association." At about the end of the first year our school inspector, Mr. E. ing us and he suggested that we





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lues," which I hope to be able to lose. Mrs. G. T. Armstrong gave an H.E.S. recently held in Winnipeg Valentine Tea was very enjoyable quite a suceses. Arrangements are ng made for a st. Patrick's sorial in of the rest room. The yearly pro immes are being printed and a copy $t$ to each member. Refresliments
re served at the close of the meeting.
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The February meeting of the Delor Home Exenomies was hell at the eof Mrs. Archie Renton. Athoug had during the past winter. there wre twenty seven ladies present, ant Thornton, our president, wa- in the Guers given by Mrs. Archie Renton and Mass Dutton on sewing. Many helpful Lg Lestions were thrown out, "hich, I
ifi sure, will prove a lonana to the ateur dressmaker. A hearty cote of unks was accorded Mrs. Renton and
os Dutton, also to Mrs. Renton as ctess, who suried tea. The meeting an cloved with the National Anthem The March meeting was helld at the ne of Mrs. W. E. Cowan on Eaturday ole meeting whem it was least over the president yon it was learned that the with is through illness: all hope may be with us at our April meet Mrs. Price presided over the meet ate to the meeting at the Agricultural colloge, she gave us a full report of the wentings she attended. Mrs, Kilborn ang "Anmie Laurie" it a very pleasing (ane+ting with a piano solo. After the (s) wol wotes of thanks, the National Anthem closed an enjoyable afternoon Cowan then served afternoen tea
Mrs. Will. Perry. Secretary.

## HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS

We are more than pleased
w.lcome the Homemakers Clubs wur department and feol grateful fo
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CUT KNIFE, Sask.
In enthusiastic meerting was held in town hall on Tuestay evening a Branch of the Homemakers was organized. This work is under direction of the Extension Deyart Of the College of Agriculture in
Vniversity of Saskatchewan. The et being to promote the intcrests of home and the community, by bring che women of the district together in mmon interest, as its aims are non-
ominational and non-political, thie mhould recerive the hearty support should receive the hearty suppori
" women of the town and country

- H. Storer, of Rattleford, distria is H. Argue gave a splendid on "the Prastical Value of Music. Dr. Nelson's on the "Hygiene of
h." Both of these excellent papers a practical bearing on aims of the
- following officers were elected
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first meeting will be held at the of Mrs. Robertson on the first in Janmary at 2.30 in the after $d$ to attend. $\qquad$
KNIFE HOMEMAKERS' CLUB IM TO SUPPORT A DISTRICT NURSE
ce its organization the Cut Knife "makers' Club has shown signs of ual activity. The spirit to accomsomething has been the watchuord the beginning. After a careful ration of our needs it was lish the most pood, so we have uplish the most good, so we have
ut to raise funds in order to secure


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a nurse for this district. It may be quite an undertaking, but we try to remember that. The reason most people do not achieve more is because they do not attempt more. We are certainly making the aftempt; what we achieve end of the year We are fortunat in our president, Mrs. M. H. Argue, who has not spared herself in any way order to make a success of our meetings and as a result this spirit of enthusiast is transmitted to all the members. This club work not only helps us $n$ a social way, but when we come together with a common object in view we get a broader and larger outlonk on life; it fakes us out of the rut of small worries and gives us a view of the greater needs of man kind. The mingling of many swall streams forms the larger river, which, in its turn, swells the mighty ocean.

Yours truly,
Carrie Peterson,
Cor. See.

## hygiene of youth

Paper Read at Cut Knife's Homemakers Club by Dr. Nelson

## The necessary ability for the success

 ful accomplishment of the work of life direction of the training received and of the physical and meng recelved and of that training has led Our present day system of training the young at home and at school often fails to proluce effeciency for the work of life, and it plain that less training with more stay ing powers is better than excessive training with consequent loss of vigor A large part of early life is spent in the process of education and in proportion to the care and thought expended by parents and teachers with growth and development reach their highest expression, or ill health and disease re sur. Thave no hesitation in saying heen bestowed on the youn hasing. In the training of the young the individual must be regarded as a whole so that mind many not be developed at the expense of the body or vice versa. Children differ in character and capacity and consequently the teacher in his endeavor to pass all pupis through the same process does not bring about the forced beyond their powers, while the capabilities of others remain dormant Too frequently the development of the body is ignored while mental growth is all that is sought.
The proper aim therefore of training n youth being the attainment of the highest development of mind and body should be realized by those concerned. A proper knowledge of each child's constitution is necessary. Those who should receive the most careful forethought

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[^4] the parents never dream that the misalteration of circumstances. We should never forget that a vigorous manhood or womanhood is the greatest of all ment is a healthy childhood. Parents should understand that the greatest endowment they can bestow upon their children is good health and after that a sound education. By the exercise of proper forethought this may usually be obtained.
The three main factors exerting an influence on health are: 1, Hereditary; 2, surroundings in which reared; 3 , food. Appropriate surroundings are the con-
ditions necessary to produce typical ditions necessary to produce typical
health and strength. Failing this we can only expect imperfect growth and
ill ealth, early disease and an absence of a vigorous old age.
Of course, the country is the best and are confined in cooms during the day are confined in rooms during the day ficient space and ventilation that air has to be rebreathed, the country becomes
little better than the city. There is no habit more common, more uncleanly and more unhealthy than that of living working and sleeping in badly ventilated rooms and breathing and rebreathing the same air. It causes illhealth and deficient growth and renders the human being disposed to the attack of poison. these conditions greatly favor the de velopment of the germ of consumption. Authorities state that even healthy children in proportion to body weight require about twice as much pure air as
adults. adults.
Qs regards health. It is known the water lying stagnant on the surface of land is detrimental to good health, but it is not so well known that un-
healthiness is also produced when the subsoil is water-logged. Eficient sur face and sub-soil drainage may banish pulmonary tubercil or two may banish pulmonary tuberculosis and diarrhoea from an entire district and the people. Children who possess that form of delicacy which renders them susceptible to constant colds, those having a hereditary tendency to rieumatism, consumption, neuralgia much misery could they pass their As regards clothing, it misat be borne in mind that the skin is a most important gland and requires protection to enable it to do its work and to prevent
its functions being arrested by sudden chills and other changes of temperature In this country when the temperature of the body is always higher than that of the atmosphere the use of clothing in The skin regulates the heat of the body the body by means of the blood vessels. The cooling power of a sweating skin great and the chill arising from clothes damp, after-exertion or getting wet is well-known, but no one catches cold or becomes chilled from keeping on wet garments so long as he is warmly clad; freezing is prevented. A $n$-n-conductor skin in order that changes of tempera. ture should not be too sudden. Wool of
various thickness is the best movering of the skin in summer as well as in winter. It should be remembered that the resisting heat and cold than of adults. But the worst of all clothing for chil dren is too much clothing. Often one sees children who because considered clothing which prevents their skin from ever being dry. By a reduction of the excessive clothing the delicacy usually skin warm, Clothing should keep the active exertion. When moisture is perceptible on the skin under ordinary circumstances by day or night the
clothing is excessive and harm will clothing is excessive and harm will
result, In this country the summer season should be well established before a change is made in the thickness of the underclothing - much illness is suggested by a few premature change or Magest

Much care should be given to keep the
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means unnecessary illhealth, means unnecessary illhealth, often wrongly blamed on inherent delicacy always ailing and are consequently always ailing and are consequently comes of the mother, but only in this that she does not know the value of warm, dry socks and thick boots.
shine and locality in the fresh air, sun young, is food. Without nourishment appropriate in quantity and quality bodily vigor is impossible, resistance to diseases falls and diseases arise.
In the young, food has not only t nourish the existing tissues, but has to provide for their further growth. There amount which a child can eat, astounding can safely be eat, thoug astounding, can safely be allowed pro-
vided it be plain and wholesome. Adults assert with wonder that children more than they do. Naturally they d or ought to do. If they fail to do so the prospect of vigorous growth is seriously impaired. While it is only too easy to overfeed the adult, over feeding is almost impossible to those still growing, provided the food is not rich in quality. The latter more rapidly produces digestive disturbances in the young than in the adult. Those who
attend to the welfare of children should accept as an axiom that a healthy the requisite amount of food so long as it is plain and wholesome. But avoid too many delicacies. A large proportion of the sufferings of adult life arise from the inappropriate food and cooking and the hasty meals of childhood.
Again variety of food is essential and substantial meat meal should be vided for breakfast and dinner so the heavy meals may be consumed before the principle morning and after noon work commences. Lighter meals may be taken in the after part of the day. On the other hand, a meat meal
three times a day is unwise. should be no piecing between meals and Sufficients should not be too far apart Sufficient time is rarely allowed th young for emicient mastication of their pood. Again no work should be imposed upon boys and girls without
previous food. Food first, work after should be an invariable maxim aft work before food means that the material necessary for the performance expense of the system and to the hindrance of growth.
I would especially point out the necestheir teeth fren being taught to use In this way only will teeth be kept sep viceable, for there can be no kept serthe main cause of the deterioration of the teeth in civilized races arises from their insufficient use owing to the use of the knife and fork in their stead. Twice year at least children's mouths shoul e inspected by the dentist
Concerning the suitable kinds of food twice a day - at breakfast and dinner vegetables and fruit are important whole meal is more suitable than white bread; porridge is an invaluable article of diet. Sugar, so often denied, is indispensible, being their main heat formin food, and the most important factor in the growth and work of muscle. Milk As take the place of tea and coffee. sufficient under ten year are essential. A child hours; under fifteen years about ten hours; under eighteen years nine hours. Exercise of the body is necessary to attain a inaxiaum of growth and vigor the physical education of this, but the physical education of girls is
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youth word regarding moral training in youth. At no period of life is more steadfast guidance essential owing to
instability of character and inexperience, yet few boys and still fewer girls receiv the needful aid from their home train ing. A foolish policy of silence is
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THEODORE AND DISTRICT HOME MAKERS' CLUB

## The first meeting was held on thi

18th of August when our club was
organized with fourteen members.
papers were given owing to the
ness of our club. Our next meeting
by Mrs. Wylie on "Canning F
also one by Mrs. Thompson "Swatting the Fly." The next m
was held on Oct. 15, which addressed by Miss Delwry, Suy tendent of Homemakers' Clubs, giving a larger idea of what our work on along different lines.
At the November meeting a papo given by Mrs. Yeman on "First
Nursing," demonstrated by Mr. Nursing," demonstrated by Mr. Y very helpful indeed. A reading given by Miss L. Adamson. Next meet paper was given by Mrs. A. Adamson on "Dressing Fow,", at the clo-e of
which the hostess Mrs. Spencer surved a dainty lunch. Our next meeting was held on Jan. 21. A paper desirving
much credit waa given by Mrs, Grepory on "Canning Meat for Summer Gory, Arrangements were made for getting up

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a supper in February; a committee was also appointed to get up a play. Our February meeting was quite a success in spite of the very severe weather. A paper was given by Mrs. A. D. Tracy on "Canning Corn;" also one by Mrs. Spencer on "Saving Steps." We are now making arrangements to start a rest room. A committee has been appointed
to see if there are any families in need to see if there are any families in need ship of thirty-nine.

HYDE PARK CLUB, SANDWITH The meetings were discontinued dur ing the winter, buc we are giving a dance in aid of one of our members who ings again shortly. rs. A. Martyn Dodd Hon. Sce.-Treas.

WILLOWMOOR HOMEMAKERS' CLUB The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fisher. The meeting opend by sing ing the Maple Leaf. Roll call- 12 mem bers present. Ainutes from last meeting read and approved. It was then de
cided to postpone social and debate uucided to postpone social and debate uth-
til roads were in a better condition. The Sunshine Committee rendered help to two needy cases during the month. Tw. good papers were given on "How I Sue goed in Growing Onions and Cabbage' by two of the members. A good read ing was given by Mrs. Partridge on
"How to Care for a Husband." A few good recipes were given by several o the members. The meeting elosed wit National Anthem. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs
Sonthgate. Sonthgate.
HOW I SUCCEED IN MAKING AN ONION BED
By Mrs, Fisher
prepare the soil in the fall with a mixture of ashes and soot, well worked in the soil. I have my seed bed sloping to the north. Then I plant my
seed in March if possible to work the seed in March if possible to work the
land. I plant seed in rows ten to twelse inches apart. When plants are large inches apart. When plants are large
enough 1 thin out to about four or five inches apart. I always make sure to have a good, firm bed when planting have a good, firm bed when planting
seed. I find Red Weathersfield seed very good, also the small white picklers

HOW I SUCCEED IN RAISING CABBAGE
By Mrs. Gubbe
sow my seed on Good Friday in boxes, and when big enough, each plant having three leaves, I transplant in a
hotbed. Then when strong enough hotbed Then when strong enough
plant in the garden. I plant mostly at plant in the garden. I plant mostly at sundown with plenty of water, and keep plants shaded from the sur. until they and Early Jersey Wakeficld seed. When the cutworms are troublesome I use cans with the bottoms taken out to protect the plants from the worms.

## PENSE, Sask.

This very helpful paper was read at DOMESTIC BOOKKEEPING
In presenting this small paper on keeping to the members of the Home makers' Club, it is more than probable that I shall say nothing which can in any way be considered new, but some times the things that we all know are from their very familiarity, neglected in
practice. This, then, must be my practice. This, then, must be my
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mere platitudes. mere platitudes.
importance of keeping careful accounts in any business, no matter how
small, cannot be exaggerated. It is only cmall, cannot be exaggerated. It is only
by so doing that a proper estimate of the real value of money can be arrived at. I would urge upon all parents the advisibility of making their children a regular allowance, no matter how small. The practice of allowing children to get ir'o the habit of running to their parents for ten or twenty-five cents whenever they like is the worst possible principle, as in this way they never learn the real value of money. Then let them keep a strict account of how the
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at the end of the month. It is a good way to teach them the value of money and a safeguard against getting into the habit of wasting money, a habit that is so much more easily acquired than cured. At the end of the month when little items which did not seem extravagant at the time look far worse when set down in black and white, and they may begin to say to themselves: "Did I really get good value for that money or was it not rather a wasteful expenditure?" Then by degrees they will begin to make plans as to what they are going to do with their money. I am going to save up for this, or to buy that, and this is just the sort of
spirit you want to encourage. They are beginning to learn the value of money Every housekeeper should have a regular allowance for running the house, no matter whether it is small or It is so often the practice that the it is so often the practice that the
wife orders whatever she wants for the wife orders whatever she wants for the
house and at the end of the $i$, th the house and at the end of the it ith the
husband gives his cheque or the account. This is a very bad practice and is unsatisfactory for both sides. It is also apt to result in great hardship because it not unfrequently happens that a woman is left a widow who has all her life depended entirely upon her husband in the conduct of all money matters, and when she finds herself
without his help she is utterly at sea as to business methods or the value of money, and may be very much imposed upon in consequence. There are, of course, on the other hand, some wome Who have much better business head husban their husbands and upon whom as ing of many ts argely addition to the regular household supplies.
There are some farmers can do well enough out of the butter and eggs they sell to pay for the upkeen of the house, but it is just as important to keep accounts in this case, even more oo, than if a regular allowance is drawn. Where the former method is in vogue write down each day how many egga

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needy, suffering women. Thank you very
much indeed for the love that prompted
you to give in that way sueh help as

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 will appreciate what is being done for but from the many encouraging reports
of societies I am very sure that each one is trying to show you, dear Mrs. Hamil-
ton, that your loving sympathy for them I would have liked very much to have
attended the lecture course for women in Manitoba Agricultural College, but home
duties detained me, but my best wishes liberty might attend and benefit in such
a way that they may give help to sisters I read with interest the drama played by "Our Women Folk" lately and re-
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| Department of Agriculture and |
| the Home Economic Societies |
| We are arked by one of our subscribers |
| to publish the following letter which |
| has already appeared elsewhere.-Ed. |

Agriculture "to meet in the Board Room matters relating to Home Eeonomies societies in the province gathered round
the table, on February 1sth. Most of
there was anyytuing of common interest
that ought to be brought up. Principal
Black occuped the chair and opened the
$\qquad$ none of them receiving any remuneration factory, however, to know their work
had been appreciated. Not a single com plaint of any sort had reached them from
any society. Mr. Bedford, Deputy Minis ter of Agriculture, followed Principa Black. He regretted the unavoidable ab Misp 亏owsell had been engaged as exten societies should receive an annual grant
an honor to preside at such a meeting. Ho was told that the women did not care
in the least for an empty honor. Miss Gowsell rose at this point to express her seff stunned at the exlibition of a spirit 80 unlike the Ontario spirit. "We
consider," she said, "that we have a man consider," she said, "that we have a mat
big enough, old enough and wise enough
to run us," Miss Gowsell was thanked for ler frankness and that even if the Mani. her frankness and that even if the Mani-
toba women had Mr. Putman, they would tooa women had Mr. Putman, they would
not consider it wise to be run by any one person. Mr. Medford here interposed. peason. "Mr. Bedford here interposed.
aying. "Hand me the resolution," and asked if it was the work of the meeting agriculture. The vote was almost un
and animous in favor of presenting it, so Mr . Bedford promised to attend to it at once
and get a reply in a week. Verbal re. ports were then given for the societies. Rest rooms seem very popular through
out the province. Nearly every society has opened or is hoping to open one. Some have managed to get municipal grants to help, maintain these rooms
One society has made a successful canvass for personal subscriptions through out the district.

One of the Presidents.

THE MOTHER A PIVOT By Jeanette N. Phillips
"Mother is the pivot around which pivot gets rusty or crooked, things are very esp to go in a jerky way, sometimes well, too often ill.
Now mother must be a self-preserving
pivot, if she is to do her part well. Jugt as truly as she loves her family she nust love herself well enough to take good care of her health and mind. What
she denies herself in the way of frest she denies herself in the way of fresh sir and wholesome food and sleep and a sensible amount of recreation and social
pleasures, she takes away from the pleasures, she takes away from the com-
fort and happiness of her family. What Oort and happiness of her family. What
the gives herself in the way of reasol able and helpful reading, she can give abt again in interest with her children
out againg in their school work and social progress; ii her attractiveness to them and to others whose esteem they value; in
oner to lead them where she wants them to go.

PLEASANT DREAMS
By Margaret Blaine

Some one made the usual disparaging remark about "old maid's children," and
Mrs. Allen looked up to sey, "It's Mrs. Allen looked up to say, "It's
astonishing how much we can learn astonishing how much we can learn
about children from people who haven't about children from people who haven't
any. I've come to look forward to the any. Tve come to look forward to the
visits of the unmarried aunts. They al. fisits of the unmarried aunts. They al-
ways teach me something new, or recall ways teach me something new, or recall
something I had forgotten. We mothers sometimes get so busy caring for the thildren's material needs that we forget some of the lovely ideals we meant al-
sold ways to cherish. Some mothers are so frightfully practical. The woman who doesn't have to care for the children's material needs has kept her ideals, and we need her to set us right again. I have an illustration. You know my husband's sister made us a visit in the winter. She is fond of children, and the children were fond of her. After awhile she asked if she might put them to bed to night. It makes me rather ashamed is think how gladly I consented. There Thad grown into the hat that hour, and What oughit to be a leisurely hourrying washed the children in a rush, listened to the prayers thinking all the time of bed with a hasty kiss. Isabel took time for it. There was always a frolic, and a story while the washing was going on. Then Isabel repeated one of the Psalms, and sang some dear old hymn before the prayers, and after a few days the chilaren joined her, learning the Psalms and ymos. We have an open stairway and I could hear all this downstairs. Then, Fien she turned the lights out, Iesbel Would come out on the landing, and sit and sing until they were asleep. Some-
times she would vary this the piano at the foot of the coming to the piano at the foot of the stairs, and
playing until they were asleep. laying until they were asleep.


You saw this advertisement in this magazine. Don't forget to say so when writing.
"One night my husband told me that their mother had always done that while they were little. She had been a tine hasician, and after her marriage she the chide it a rule to use the hour after music. He said he could to keep up her ber of having the could never rememwhen he was a child. Always the tappy thought was of the sweet music sound ing in his ears. And,' he added sundingly, 'I believe it always aughpleasant dreams.' At any rate, it was a powerful influence for harmony in their home. It not only sent the children to sleep happy and helped to turn their minds in pleasant channels, but it gave them a knowledge of and a love
for fine musie.
"Isabel has been gone a month now, but the children are still sung to sleep. They're not the only ones that are beneI get my other work accomplished just as well, and I believe I have pleasanter dreams myself."


Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven with the work of the world--Ruskin.

Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need; Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long Somebody thought 'tis sweet to live; Somebody said, "I'm glad to live;"
Somebody fought a valiant figt Somebody lived to shield the right Was that somebody you?

Nobleness of character is nothing but steady love of good, and steady scorn of evil.
Inquisitive persons out West are trying to find where all the flies go to. Why not look in the stores that never advertise?

## Recipes

TABLE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES Used in Baking Receipts
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Eight large tablespoons，or two wine glasses，equal one gill．
One cup equal one cual．
One cup equal one half pint．
Two cups，or fifty two tablespoons， equal one pint．
Two pints or four cups，equal oue quart．
One cup granulated sugar，equal one One cup of butter（solid）equal one
Ond One rounding tablespoon butter equal one ounce． one ounce． One tablespoon（liquid）equal one half ounce

## CORN CREAM

3 cups white sugar， $3 / 4$ cup corn syrup，
$1 / 2$ cup water．Boil until it forms a firm ball when dropped in cold water． Then remove and stir in very gradually the stiff whites of two eggs．
cup of walnuts and flavor with vanilla． Kate E．Norton，Norton，Alta，


SCOTCH BROTH
3 lbs ．beef， $1 / 4$ cup pot barley， 1 large
carrot grated，i large onion，small piece cabbage，small piece of turnip（cabbage and turnip chopped fine）．Put on bar ley with half a gallon of water and let boil for one hour，then put in meat and vegetables and boil for two hours．Do
not add any more water in the last not add any more water in the las hour＇s boiling．Salt to taste．

## SPICE LOAF

$1 / 2$ cup butter， $11 / 2$ cups sugar， 2 eggs， 1 cup sour milk， 1 teaspoon soda， 2 cups flour， 1 teaspoonful cinnamon，clores and
nutmeg，a little salt，－Mrs．W．M． nutmeg，a little salt．- Mrs．W．M
Evans，Vancouver，B．C． NUT BREAD（SUPERIOR TO CAKE） 4 cups flour， 4 teaspoons baking pow－ der；sift together 4 times．Add $1 / 2$ tea－
spoon salt， 1 cup sugar， 1 cup chopped walnuts， $1 / 2$ cup figs or dates， 3 eggs
（beaten ligit） make a dough；knead；put in pan ready for oven；let rise for 20 minutes，then bake $11 / 2$ hours in a slow oven－Catherine Sutherland，Hamilton，

## SUltana fudge

3 cups of sugar
$1 / 4$ cup of molasse
$1 / 2$ cup of nut meats，
$1 / 2$ cup of milk，
2 squares of chocolate，
$1 / 2$
Boil tup of Sultana raisins，
Boil the sugar，milk，chocolate and molasses together to the soft ball stage． Remove from the fire and beat in the nut meats and raisins．Beat until thick， then turn into well buttered pans，an
when nearly cold，cut into squares． when nearly cold，cut into squares

## CARROT PIE

 Stew the carrots till well done；rubthrough a sieve；take a pint and a half of carrot，tliree eggs a large half－eup of of carrot，
sugar and enough rich sweet milk to thin the mixture sufficient to fill three

pie pans previously lined with rich paste and partly baked in the oven，put
them back in the oven and bake till the filling rises up puffy，remove im－ filling rises up puffy，remove im－
mediately to avoid curdling．Spice with ginger－cloves and cinnamon．

TEA BISCUITS
3 cups flour， 1 teaspoon soda and 2 teaspoons of cream of tartar， $1 / 2$ teaspoon salt sifted in llour， 2 tablespoons but Mix and roll out and cut into eakes Brusho the top with beaten and suga：－Bake in a hot oven．一Mrs． Geo．Pool，Wayside，Ont．

## PEPPERMINT CREAMS <br> 1 cup of granulated sugar <br> $1 / 4$ cup of water <br> 6 drops essence of peppermint

Cook the water and sugar till a little lifted on a fork or spoo：，spins a thread． Do not stir while cooking．Remove from the fire，add the peppermint and stir till the candy thickens and looks cloudy． Drop immediately from a teaspoon onto a greased paper or plate．If the candy becomes too hard to drop，warm by standing the
a moment．
a moment． orange，rose，clove and cinnamon can be used to make a variety of candies after this recipe．


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## lying just to entertain me.

Oúr rations were brought by a genial talkative orderly. I knew little of the language, but my fellow prisoner spoke it fluently, and used to beguile our jailer whth conversation to keep the door open while we ate. It was a relief to have bright daylight even for that short time.

One morning the orderly was more genial than usual, and the talk was particularly animated. It ended in a burst of laughter.
"What was the joke?" I asked, when we were shut up again.
My companion was writing. "One that will keep," he said. "I'm making a note of it for you."
"Can you see?" I said.
"I can manage," he answered. "Shut up."
He was busy for some time.
When at last he spoke, he called my attention to a shutter high up in the wall opposite the door. A beam from the slit that

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gave us what light we had shone on it at the moment.
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"There's no foothold on the wall," I objected. "We can't reach it
"Can't we!" he rejoined. "Just you see if you can't stand on my shoulders."
He was a tall, rather heavy man, and I was a good height too, but light and slim; and we were both gymnasts. To stand on his shoulders was easy enough, once I got my balance; and i found that I could reach high enough to get a good hold of the shutter. It was insecurely fastened on the outside. We waited till nightfall, discussing the chances in whispers, for fear of being overheard.
"Why didn't you think of it sooner?" I asked.
"I've been thinking of it all along," he answered. "I noticed it from the outside when I was on parole. This outhouse stands up against the wall that surrounds the farm. You can drop on to the wall from the windowplace. Nothing of a drop, that. And from the wall again down, outside the enclosure, a goodish fall. But you'll do it all right. Then you'll steer by the stars, straight for your camp. It lies due south-" "We'll steer, I suppose you mean," I interrupted
"Oh, all right," he rejoined. "That orderly chap let out that they're off to-night, most of them. That's what I've been waiting for. A raid somewhere, I guess. The guard will be slack." he yawned noisily. "I'll have a sleep, I think, to pass the time."
I rather fancied that sleep was a pretence to stop further discussion.
During the long dragging hours that followed, I planned our escape a hundred times. I would get through the aperature, turn somehow, reach down to him, and haul him up. It seemed easy enough. When he awoke, I told him my plan.
"Capital!" he said, and then shouted with laughter-infectious laughter in which I joined uproariously, although I didn't see what we were laughing at.
Before we began operations he put a little packet in my hand. "Stow that somewhere safely," he said.
"What is it?" I asked.
"It's a keepsake," he answered. "And the joke you saw me writing."
"Oh, thank you," I said, and took the little packet without much thought. Your gentleman scamp is apt to be whimsical : also he is sentimental, usually.
"Now to business!" he exclaimed. "But first, old chap, if you don't mind, shake hands. Yon


## Eating Oranges in a Canadian Orchard



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know me pretty well, I should think, by this time."
"If you think I believed your yarns-" I began.
"Shut up," he interrupted roughly. "I ask you to shake hands. It will do you no harm. And it will do me good."
I thought him a sickly sentimental loon to waste time on such foolishness, but I humored him. He fairly clung to my hand. I thought he would never let go.
The shutter opened outwards. The woodwork into which the staples were driven was rotten, and gave way easily. He sprang me up from his shoulder, and I got through and turned round, as I had planned. But when I tried I found that I could not reach down to him. He had never supposed that I could.
"What did you calculate the length of your arms at, you genius?" he jeered in a whisper.
"I'll not go without you," I protested.
"You've got to go, you con-
founded blithering ass," he rejoined.
I had my suspicions of that animated conversation with the orderly. My companion had played it low down once, by his own showing, and might again. I half thought that he was giving me away somehow
"Don't rob me of my last chance," he pleaded, putting all his powers of persuasion into the words. "I'll make a dummy with my coat, and cover it up with straw in your corner. That will deceive the orderly beast when he comes in the morning. I can distract him with talk besides, and you can't. That'll give you time. You can be back with a rescue party in twenty-four hours. Be off, like a good chap. And-God bless you.
This did seem sense. Even on foot it was not so many hours from camp, and the return ride would be nothing. He might be giving me away, but then he

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"You'll be all right," were his parting words. "And I'm all right too. Shriven, forgiven, at peace. Remember that. Awaiting my release tranquilly."
It all worked out as he had anticipated, except that it took me much longer to find my way back than he seemed to think it would. What was left of me was greeted with a cheer when I staggered into camp. They thought I'd been sniped.
"A rescue party for a wastrel like that!" the C.O. exclaimed when he had heard my story. "An awful outsider-I know himdisgraced his name. A taking chap, too ; but not worth risking good men's lives for."
"It was awfully decent of him, sir, to insist on letting me go," I
ventured. "I'm pledged to make the attempt."
"What's that you've got in your hand?" the C.O. asked abruptly.
"A packet he gave me. I was to open it-"
"Open it," he interrupted.
I obeyed. The packet contained a little well-worn prayer book, "The gift of Kathleen-"
Wrapped round it was a scrap of paper on which he had written in pencil:
"Please see the lady, give her the book, and tell her this is my first parting from it. That genial Johnny this morning gave me a tip. We are both to be shot tomorrow; why, particularly, he didn't know. One of us would be enough, I think. I told him so. That was the joke. Good-bye and good luck."

The rescue party arrived in time to bury him.
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\& $\quad$ An Extra Turn $\begin{gathered}\text { complete story } \text { By } \\ \text { G. R. sims }\end{gathered}$


THE enterprising manager of the Imperial Music Hall had put up "Macbeth," with short turns when the curtain was down between the acts. Five short turns were put on in accordance with the terms of the Lord Chamberlain's license to the Halls to perform stage plays.
An artist in ginger whiskers, a false nose, and an eye-glass, came on directly the curtain had descended on the Banquo at the Banquet Act, and in a decidedly amateur manner sang a song in which he described himself as "The Piccadilly Pot."
I surveyed the performer through my opera glasses, and immeriately uttered an involuntary ejaculation.
The ejaculation was "Great Scott."
It was the only one that occurred to me at the moment.
I had recognized the amateur in spite of his whiskers and the nose.
Detective-Inspector Jubber of the $Q$ Division-one of the smartest officers of the Criminal Investigation Department--was singing identity to any of my neighbors. Jubber and I were old friends, and had spent many nights in the underworld of crime, which was his happy hunting ground.
A few minutes later there was a slight confusion behind me, and cries of "sit down!"

I looked around and saw Inspector Jubber, now in his everyday clothes, accosting a man who was seated in the middle of one of the back rows of the stalls.
There was a brief exchange of remarks, and then the two men made their way out together, and
as I glanced at the exit door I saw that Jubber had a very tight grip of his companion's arm.
I guessed what had happened. The eminent detective had affected a smart arrest in the stalls of the Imperial.
I sent in my card and was presently ushered into the Inspector's room.

I thought you'd come round," he said. "What did you think of my performance?"
"I haven't quite grasped it yet," I replied.
"Oh, its very simple. I had information that a man wanted had gone to the Imperial. I thought the best way to locate him was to have a goodlook around the house from the stage ; so I got the manager, who is a friend of mine, to let me go on as an extra turn and sing that rotten song-it's the only one I know-and have all the faces in the auditorium before me. I soon spotted my man, and you saw me arrest him. Wasn't a bad dodge, was it?
"No, indeed. But you took a lot of trouble," I replied.
"The man was worth it. Sit down and light a cigar, and I'll tell you all about it.
"It is a matter of personal pique, you see. The man I took out of the stalls had paid us a shabby trick. He had made a fool of me and if there is one thing I hate it is being made a fool of. Would you believe it, that fellow actually made me keep a crowd back while he committed a robbery in broad daylight."
"Never!' I exclaimed.
"It seems incredible, but he did. He took advantage of the fact that I was unfamiliar with his features,

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A man representing one of the robbers had secured a case, which the operator informed me was supposed to be a jewel case, and another of the band was relieving the old gentleman of his pocket book and his watch and chain. As soon as the supposed robber had secured the jewel case, he jumped into the operators' car which was waiting close by, and in another minute the whole party had finished their job, put their cameras into their own car, and got in after them.
"Then, to my surprise, they drove off, raising their hats politely to me as they passed, and thanking me for my assistance.
"I wasalittle astonished as they had left their 'victims' in the other car bound and gagged. I supposed that the said 'victims' were actors engaged for the performance, and were only lightly bound and would release themselves, but they remained struggling and gasping just as I had first seen them when they were being photographed
"Instantly it occurred to me that something was wrong. I removed the gag from the chauffer, who immediately began to shout, 'Stop them! Stop them!'
"In another moment I had learned the astonishing truth. The car was the property of the steward of the Duchess of Earlswood. The steward was the old gentleman who was gagged and bound inside it. He was taking the jewels of the Duchess to her bankers for safe custody during her Grace's absence on the con-
tinent, where she was to undergo a strict cure. A gang of international thieves had got information concerning the steward's intended journey, and they had hit upon the device of stopping the car and abstracting the jewels; while, in order to guard against interruption by the crowd or the police, they pretended to be cinematograph operators stagemanaging a scene for the picture palaces.

As soon as I had grasped the situation I telephoned in every direction to have the car stopped. But I was too late. The thieves had got clear with their booty, and I don't suppose the Duchess will ever see her jewels again.
"But this evening I ascertained that a man who had put the job up-he was the operator who had requested my assistance and is known as 'Chicago Jack' had been seen to enter the Imperial.
And so, for the moment, honor is satisfied, and now you know the meaning of the extra turn which brought me on sandwitched between the acts of "Macbeth" at the music hall.
"I cannot compliment you upon your turn," I said smiling; "but $m y$ heartiest congratulations on

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We shook hands and parted, and I stepped out into the street with a broad smile upon my face. for I knew that three months previously the Inspector had invaded a lonely house in another portion of that district under the impression that it was the renrezvous of a gang of thieves, only to find that it was the property of a cinematograph company, and that the extraordinary "goings on" that the neighbors whose houses overlooked the garden had reported to the police were rehearsals of scenes afterwards to be taken for the picture shows.
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Simmons had returned from his vacation. "I certainly enjoyed the husking-bees," he said to a young woman. "Were you ever in the country during the season of husking-bees?
"Husking-bees!" exclaimed the girl. "Why, of course not! How do you husk a bee, anyway, Mr. Simmons?"

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They left him, groaning at his door, and went to look up Dimmock, the rummage man. But he was wholly unable to throw any light on the former owner of the reports, in which the drawing had been tucked away. There the investigation seemed to be up against a blank wall.
"Isn't it astounding!" said Sedgwick. "Here's a portrait antedating 1830, of a woman who has just cied, young. What was the woman I saw ; a revenant in the flesh?"
"If you ask me," said Kent slowly, "I should say, rather, an imitation."
Further he would not say, but insisted on returning to the Nook. As they arrived, the telephone bell was ringing with the weary persistence of the long-unanswered. To Kent's query, Lawyer Bain's voice announced
"I've been trying to get you for an hour."
"Sorry," said Kent. "Is it about the newspapers?"
"Yes," said the Lawyer. "I've got the information." And he stated that four newspapers went regularly to Hedgerow House.The New York Star and Messenger and The Boston Eagle to Alexander Blair, and The Boston Free Press to Wilfred Blair.
Over this information Kent whistled in such melancholy tones that his host was moved to pro-
"You're on the track of something, and you're keeping it dark from me!"
"I'm not travelling the most brilliantly illuminated paths myself, my young friend," replied Kent, and lapsed into silence.
The artist set the Elliott sketch beside the copy, and compared them for a time. Then he fell to wandering desolately about the studio. Suddenly he turned, walked over to his friend, and laid a hand on his shoulder.
"Kent, for the love of heaven, can't you do something for me?"
"You mean about the girl?"
Sedgwick nodded. "I can't get my mind to stay on anything else. Even this infernal puzzle of the pictures doesn't interest me for more than the minute. The longing for her is eating the heart out of me."
"My dear Frank," said the other quietly, "if there were anything I could do, don't you think I'd be doing it? It's a very dark tangle. And first of all I have to clear you-"
"Never mind me! What do I care what people think ?"
"Or what she may think?"
Sedgwick's head drooped. didn't consider that."
"It may be the very centerpoint for consideration,"
"If there were only something to do!" fretted the artist. "It's this cursed inaction that is getting my nerve!"
"If that's all," returned Kent slowly, "I'll give you something to do. And I fancy," he added grimly, "it will be sufficiently absorbing to take your mind from your troubles for a time at least."
"Bring it on. I'm ready!"
"All in good time. Meantime, here's a little test for your intelligence. Problem," continued Kent, with smile: "when the bewildered medieval mind encountered a puzzle too abstruse for ordinary human solution, what was its refuge?"
"Magic, I suppose," said Sedgwick after some consideration.
"Good! You get a high mark. The medieval mind, I may observe, was at times worthy of emulation."

## "Explain."

"I am seriously thinking, my dear young. fried," said Kent solemnly, "of consulting an astrologer."
"You're crazy!" retorted Sedgwick.
"I wish I were for a few hours," said Kent with entire seriousness. "It might help."
"Well, that's where I'll be if you don't find something for me to do soon. So, come on, and materialize this promised activity."
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Tou've said that before," re torted Kent. "However, I'm not sure I shall take you with me,
anyway. "Then that isn't the coming ad venture
No; nothing so mild and innocuous
Are you asking me to run some danger? Is it to see her? said Sedgwick eagerly.
"Leave her out of it for the present. There is no question o seeing her now."

The artist sighed and turned
But the danger is real enough and pretty ugly.

Life isn't so wholly delightful me just at present that wouldn't risk it in a good cause.
But this is a bigger risk than life. There's an enterprise for ward which, if it fails, means the utter damning of reputation "Khat do you say?
"Kent," said Sedgwick after moment's thought, "I'm thirtywo years old. Ten years ago I'd have said 'yes' at the drop of the question. Perhaps I value my ife less and my good name more, than 1 did then. What's the in ducement?

The probable clearing up of
the case we're on."
"Is that all the information I
get?"
"I'd rather not tell you any
more at present. It would only
get on your nerves and unfit you
for the job."
Again Sedgwick fell into
thought.
"When I come to tackle it,"
continued Kent, "I may find that
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Why couldn't you have said so
first and saved this discus. n?" cried his host. "Of course, youte in for it, so am I. But
"It's worth a good deal to me," onfessed the scientist. "And I cant deny P m staking it all on ny theory of this case. If I'm wrong-well, it's about the finis "See here, Chet!" broke out his friend. "Do you think I'm going let you take that kind of a "It isn't for you," declared the other with irritation. "It's for myself. Can't you understand that this is my case? You're only an incident in it. I'm betting my career against-well, against the devil of mischance, that I'm right. As I told you, I'm naturally timid. I don't plunge, except on a practically sure thing. So don't get any foolish notions of obligation

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All right," said Sedgwick. "You needn't fear any further intrusion. But when is our venture?"
"To-morrow night," replied Kent, "Wilfred Blair having officially died, as per specifications, to-day."

## CHAPTER XIV

The Lone Fisherman
Trout are a tradition rather than a prospect in Sundayman's Creek. Some, indeed, consider them a myth. Hope springs eternal in the human breast, however, and a fisherman, duly equipped, might have been observed testing the upper reaches of the stream on the morning of July tenth. Although his rod and tackle were of the best, his apparel was rough, not to say scrubby. An old slouch hat was drawn down over his forehead, and staring blue glasses sheltered his eyes against the sun, which was sufficiently obscured-for most tastes-by a blanket of gray cloud, promising rain. Under arching willow, and by promising rock, his brown tackle flickered temptingly, placed by an expert hand. But, except for one sunfish who had exhibited suicidal curiosity, there was none to admire his proficiency. One individual, indeed, had witnessed it but without admiration urchin angling under a bridge for bullheads.
"W'at yer gittin' with that rig?" he had inquired with the cynicism of the professional.
"Oh, some snags, and an occassional branch, and now and then a milkweed," returned the angler amiably.
"Well, you can't fish below the nex' bend," the urchin informed him. "Them folks that bough: Hogg's Haven has wire-fenced off the creek."
"I had just as lief get tangled in a wire fence as any other kind," replied the angler with cheery pessimism. whipping his fly into a shaded spot where a trout would surely have been lurking if the entire salmon family hadn't departed for the Happy Fishing Grounds, several generations back, in consequence of the pernicious activities displayed by an acquisite sportsman with an outfit of dynamite in sticks.
"Suit yourself," retorted the boy. "You won't get nothin', anyhow."

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across the bridge. The strangers were all in black. The angler had looked up, too ; but immediately looked away again, and turned to continue his hopeful progress toward the bend. Not until he had rounded the curve did he pause to rest. Beyond sight of the youthful Izaak Walton, he waded out upon the bank, procured a glass, and applied it to his eyes, turning it upon the willow grove on the borders of the Blair estate. The briefest of surveys satisfied him, and he resumed his fishing and his waiting. He was waiting for the funeral service of Wilfred Blair. Notice in the Boston and New York papers had formally designated the burial as "Private" That invaluable aid, Lawyer Adam Bain, who seemed to have his fingers on the pulse of all the county's activities, had informed Kent that telegraphic summons had gone out to a few near relatives, and that the relatives, together with a clergyman, were expected that morning. That is why Chester Kent, a famous master of the art of fly fishing, was whipping a "dead" stream.
For a patient hour longer his questing flies explored unresponsive nooks and corners. At the end of that time he sighted a figure coming from Hedgerow House, and dodged into a covert of sumac. The glass brought out clearly the features of Alexander Blair, set, stern, and pale. Blair walked swiftly to the willow thicket where lay Captain Hogg and his unnamed victıms, looked down into the raw fresh excavation, and turned away. Another man, issuing from the house, joined him. From his gestures Alexander Blair seemed to be explaining and directing. Finally both returned to the house.
"Handling the whole business himself," commented Kent. "I like his courage, anyway.

Half an hour afterward the little funeral procession moved from the house. There was no hearse. Six men carried the coffin. They were all strangers to Kent, and their clothes gave obvious testimony of city origin. Half a dozen other men, and three women, heavily veiled, followed. Kent thrust his glasses into his pocket and lifted his rod again. By the time the clergyman had begun the service Kent was close to the obstructing fence. He could hear the faint solemn murmur of the words. Then came the lowering of the casket. The onlooker marked the sumptuousness of it, and thought of the rough hemlock box that enclosed the anonymous body in Annalaka churchyard. And, as his fly met the water, he smiled a little, grim, wry smile.
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No sooner had he reached the hotel and changed into dry clothes, than he made haste to the Nook, and thus addressed Sedgwick. "Now I'm your man for that tennis match."
"Kent, I don't like your looks," observed his friend, remarking the scientist's troubled eyes.
"Don't you? Where are the implements of warfare?"
"Here they are," said the other, producing rackets and balls. "You look to me done up.
"Well, the great game is always something of a gamble, and being usually played for higher stakes than money, is likely to get on one's nerves."
"The great game?" repeated Sedgwick inquiringly, giving the words Kent's own emphasis.
"Yes. The greatest of all games. You know the Kipling verse, don't you?"
'Go stalk the red deer o'er the heather.
Ride! Follow the fox if you can!
But for pleasure and profit together
Afford me the hunting of Man.?" "So, we're man-hunting, then, to-night," said the artist quickly.
"Far from it," replied Kent, with fervency. "Let's drop the subject for the time being, won't you? I've had a morning none too pleasant to look back on, and I've got an evening coming none too pleasant to look forward to. Therefore, I shall probably givé you the licking of your life on the tennis-court.
"As to the evening," began Sedgwick, "while I'm-
"Frank," cried Kent, "there's a query trying to dislodge itself from your mind and get put into words. Don't let it!"'
"Why?"
"Because at one single question from you I'll either bat you over the head with this racket or burst into sobs. It's a toss-up which." He threw the implement in the air.
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second set. Wonder how our spectator enjoyed it," he added, lowering his voice. There's no
"What spectator? one here, but ourselves."
"Oh, I think there is. Don't be abrupt about it; but just take a look at that lilac copse on the "Can't sec anyone there," said "No more can I." "Then what makes you think "The traditional little bird told "Meaning, specifically?"
Titerally what I say. There's that young willow the bird on that young willow.
You can see for yourself it's try. "I see a grasshopper-sparrow in tate of some nervousness. But "This particular one has reason be. She has a nest in that lilac feak: hastily dropped the worm, and came out in a great
state of mind. Hence 1 judgo thome." ormer near he Invi mink: te chanetel lim: Though it's rather stupid of him to pick out a bird-inhabited bush
as a hiding place." The lilac bush shook a little, and "He went to Carr's Junction," said the half-breed curtly., The other nodded. "This Find anything else He "urned and vanished over the fied over the "Now what does that mean? demanded Sedgwick in amaze
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get through this night without disaster."

The Turn of the Game Night came on in murk and mist. As the clouds gathered thicker, Chester Kent's face took pression. Sedgwick, on the contrary, gloomed solely at the suspense. Nothing could be elicited from the director of operations who was, for him, in rather wild
spirits. The tennis mateh seemed to have sweated the megrims out of him. He regaled his chating friend with anectutes from his varied career; the comedy of the the thrice fatal telephone message at the Standard Club; the drama of the orchid hunt on Wechaw
ken Heights. From time to time he thrust a hand out of the win dow. Shortly after midnigh

elaborately: " "Couldn't be better Couldn't be worre. 1 slowle
think," contradicted Sedgwick.
"Depends on the point of view,
my boy. No longer can my
buoyant spirit support your deter-
mined melancholy-without ex-
traneous aid. The time has come
for action.: Be thankful. Get on
your coat."
sedgwick brightened at once.
"Right-o!" he said. "Get your
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you."
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