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HOME-MIXED FERTILIZER A SUCCESS

Agricultural Society Number 132 held its fourth annual meeting on Saturday and at this meeting arrangements were made for the most prosperous year in its history. Hartland and surrounding country districts affords a good field for such an institution as this society aims to be, and if given the proper support at the proper time. That time is right at this season when the business of the year is being arranged. At the meeting in question the fertilizer situation—the outstanding subject wherever you get two or more farmers together these days—was discussed and considerable information was presented in this connection from correspondence with the New Brunswick Farmers United, through which organization this association purchased its fertilizer chemicals last season. As an experiment, some seventy odd tons of chemicals were purchased and sold to the farmer members of the society and though many were the predictions of disaster not a patron has shown up to register a kick as to results obtained from the home mixed article sold last year.

Our method of supplying and handling the chemicals just meant an average saving of \$13 per ton. The stuff had to be mixed on the farm but the work is pronounced to be fun by many who did it. Several had a little hard luck to report, as they experienced some trouble in running the mixture through the plaiter but these are confident that with the experience of one season they can handle the chemicals to good advantage in the future. This society should get orders for at least 200 tons of chemicals this coming season and if the farmers will come in and join and place their orders they can be supplied at a saving of any where from \$9 to \$15 per ton according to the conditions under which each particular man has been buying in the past. In the course of a few weeks, or as soon as roads are good, notice of a public meeting will be given when specialists will be present to talk on the situation and given practical information as to the use of substitutes for potash and much other useful information on fertilizers. In the meantime the society will get about making arrangements for securing a sufficient supply of chemicals and the more promptly the farmers come to the scratch with their dollar the earlier the order can be placed and the better will be the purchasing conditions. So come along. You want to save money on your fertilizer. Sure you do! We are only too happy to furnish the medium. Call on A. G. Baker, and after becoming a member tell him about what quantity of fertilizer material you will want. Then, at the next meeting, if we can convince you that we can use you right your order will be placed.

From Hartland Boys at Sussex

Snow-white Plains, Sussex, N. B.
Dear Editor: We are all on the plains in tents yet. All in the Hartland bunch are together in three tents. There are about 500 here, sleeping in tents. The oil stoves keep us warm. We have a great time. Lieut. Wilson came through from Halifax and is in command of us. He is a good officer and works day and night to get us comfortable. We are hoping to get him to command the Hartland billet. We're coming back to Hartland sure. Hurrah for Colonel Fowler! This is the life!
Lance Corporal
Dec. 9.

THE OBSERVER WANTS A MERRY XMAS

Subscribers are asked to Co-operate in Unique Plan

The close of the year is the time when most newspaper subscriptions fall due, and as a rule, it is the time when most people are best able to pay. During the next few days The Observer will send out a great many circular letters to friends, and hopes many will cheerfully respond to the invitation to renew.

The year just closing has not been a good one for newspapers in general and The Observer has keenly felt the fact. Every one of the many items of expense has increased amazingly, and yet we have not increased the prices of subscriptions or advertising.

Here is a proposition for publishers and subscribers to co-operate in a Christmas gift to each other:

The price of either paper alone is \$1. For the present, if the money is paid in advance, the single dollar will pay for both papers, if the subscribers reside in either Carleton or Victoria county. That is a big bargain in itself. But now for the Christmas present:

To every subscriber who has paid all arrears at \$1 per year, and sends another dollar for advance subscription, or to every new subscriber sending a dollar, we make the following offers:

(1) To send BOTH papers to any friend of yours, living in Canada or Great Britain, for six months as a Christmas gift from you.

(2) If you want the gift yourself, we will send both papers to you for four months longer than the dollar pays for.

And this is our share of the gift: that the dollar reach us on or before Christmas Day, 1915.

We feel sure every good friend will feel like responding to this offer. If each of them knew the real need this concern has for money there is not a doubt in the world the response to the appeal would be unanimous and quick. Shall we hear from YOU?

Carleton Co. Farmers Save on Fertilizers

Last year the People's Union Agricultural Society of Hartland tried out the home-mixed fertilizer scheme. The members secured about 70 tons of the raw materials and the completed fertilizer proved very satisfactory. They got a good article and saved over \$1000 on the 70 tons.

This afternoon there is a meeting of the society in Burt's hall, Hartland, and it will be demonstrated that farmers can mix their own fertilizer and save \$15 a ton on it. All doubting Thomases are requested to come and learn rather than stay away and criticize.

The society can take another hundred members and the greater the number, the more material can be bought, and the more material bought the cheaper it comes. —Victoria Observer.

River Bank Notes

The Sunday school of this place is busy preparing to have a concert and Xmas tree on Christmas eve. A grand time is expected. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. M. B. Parker and Robert have gone to Bridgewater, Mass., for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hunter have moved in their new house on the hill.

George Elliott arrived home recently, having spent nearly two years in the west.

GEORGE RADCLIFFE INSTANTLY KILLED

A distressing accident occurred Tuesday night in which George Radcliffe was almost instantly killed. The young lad, who was about 14 years of age, was riding from Woodstock to his home in Jacksontown with Rev. Henry Hart. After going within a mile of his home, or as far as Mr. Hart was going, the young fellow attempted to jump on Fred Burpee's team on which was a heavy threshing machine. In some way he fell and the wheels passed over his head crushing it in a dreadful manner, causing his almost instant death.

Radcliffe was an English lad and has been here about three years, living with Mrs. Dr. Secord. He was a quiet inoffensive young fellow and well thought of in the community in which he lived. The funeral was held Thursday.

Mount Pleasant School Exams.

The following is the report of Mount Pleasant School for the month of November:

Grade I—Teddie Craig 82, Austin Treacart 56.

Grade II—Henry Brooks 89.5, Maud Campbell 88, Max Rideout 53, Vera Treacart 80, Harry Campbell 73.5.

Grade III—Emily Lloyd 95, Faith Pelky 75, Basil Treacart 68, Martha Pelky 67.

Grade IV—Helen Kent 83.8, Gaynell Kent 79.3, Neva Nye 81, Bernice Lloyd 72, Ina Greer 64.4, Allen Campbell 54.5, Charlie Rideout 50.

Grade V—Cora Campbell 90.8, Margaret Drake 83.9, Mary Drake 85, Mildred Drake 73.4, Lizzie Nye, 65.5.

Those making perfect attendance during the month were: Ina Greer, Charlie Rideout, Max Rideout, Helen Kent, Gaynell Kent, Mildred Drake, Margaret Drake, Harry Campbell, Maud Campbell, Henry Brooks, Teddie Craig, Bernice Lloyd and Neva Nye.
Gertrude Cunningham (teacher)

Charge of Graft Refuted

Editor Observer: A report has gained circulation and credence that I keep for myself fifty per cent of all collections for the Maritime Home for Girls. It is untrue. I am engaged at a salary without commission. Any one wishing to verify this may enquire of the president of the Board of Governors, Rev. Gordon Dickie M.A., St. John, or of the secretary, Rev. G. W. F. Glendinning, New Glasgow.

It is further unfortunate that there should have been connected with the rumor the name of a Baptist minister who gives me and my work his heartiest sympathy, and who has contributed liberally towards the project. He writes me on the 3rd inst: "Prosperity to the work. Any Sunday you wish my pulpits for the cause, come!"

Whoever started the canard is well practised in meanness and malice.
V. M. Purdy
Truro, N. S., Dec. 9.

Fric Lane teller in the Bank of Montreal here, has tendered his resignation to take effect the end of this month. His purpose is to enlist for active service. At the beginning of the war the Bank offered to hold for those of its employees who desired to enlist their positions for them. At this date they no longer do so, hence Mr. Lane's action means more than if he had enlisted a year ago. His home is in Lunenburg, N. S., and he has made many friends here.

Bowser Catches On

And it's Mrs. Bowser Who Gets the Worst of It.

By M. QUAD.

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Bowser had been good for a week—that is, good for him. He hadn't been up in a balloon or down in a submarine. He hadn't planned a trip to either pole. He hadn't had a row with the street car conductor or told the butcher what he thought of him for sending so much bone with the meat. He hadn't hustled a tramp out of the yard or had he threatened the arrest of a street peddler. But in place of this he had been very arrogant about the house. He had talked about "my" house, "my" grocery, "my" friends and a whole lot of other "mys," as if he was the whole show and Mrs. Bowser was nothing at all. She was both amused and provoked, and after several days she wrote a letter to her mother. In the letter she said: "Mr. Bowser has a case of the 'big head.' I think you had better come out



HE BACKED AGAINST A FENCE AND READ EVERY WORD OF IT.

here and apply the remedy. I want you to come unexpectedly and catch him in the act." And the mother wrote back: "I will come next Friday afternoon, and I will attend to Samuel's case with promptness and dispatch, as I well know how to do. I can find my way over from the depot, and I will arrive about an hour before he comes up to dinner. Let him act up and canteer around, for his time is short." On the day Mrs. Bowser wrote her letter she handed it to Mr. Bowser to drop into the letter box on the corner. He carried it along in his hand, and as he was about to mail it he noticed that the envelope was not sealed. "Huh!" he grunted. "Just like a woman. This letter is to her mother, and I suppose it contains a hundred dollar bill! Guess I will look in and see."

And he backed up against a fence and read every word of it. He was thereby put in possession of Mrs. Bowser's nice little plot to take him down a peg or two. "The old woman will answer this in a day or two," he mused, "and I will get hold of the answer in some way. Then we will see who is the biggest man. Acting up, am I? Need taking down a peg or two. H'm! Nice little bear trap they are going to set for me." Like 50 women out of 100, when Mrs. Bowser received her letter she reads it and then places it on the mantelpiece or piano until she gets time to read it two or three times more. Mr. Bowser had only to read it once to lay his little plan.

When the train from Okomas arrived in the city at 5 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Bowser's mother-in-law was one of the passengers. As usual, she had a folded umbrella in one hand and her quaint old carpet bag in the other. She was disputing with the hackman as to the price to be paid when her smiling son-in-law approached with extended hand and a bland smile. He not only wrung her hand like one glad to see another, but he kissed her—yes, sir, Mr. Bowser positively kissed his mother-in-law and that before fifty people!

"Why—why—why"—she stammered, in her great confusion. "Why, mother, dear, I'm awfully glad to see you," he said. "But I—I didn't expect you to meet me. Did Sarah tell you to come?" "Oh, I just happened to be here on business. You are going to the house, of course?"

"Why—er—yes." "Then come along, and never mind the hack. We'll whirl over in an auto. Nothing is too rich for my dear mother."

The old lady was so paralyzed that she dropped both satchel and umbrella, and when he had picked them up she slowly followed him out of the depot and wondered if she had arrived at Oshkosh or Yaphank, and whether his name was Bowser or Jones. On the way over to the house he kept calling her "dear mother" and saying that he had been longing to see her for the last month, and she was so astonished that for once in her life she kept her mouth shut for fully five minutes.

As Mrs. Bowser had planned it, she was to lay down on the lounge a few minutes before Mr. Bowser would reach home for dinner. There would be camphor sprinkled around, and she would have a nice clean towel around her head. The mother would be seated upstairs, ready to play her part at a minute's notice. Mr. Bowser would burst into the hall in his usual impetuous way, and, smelling the camphor, he would strike back into the sitting room and demand of the half dead woman lying with closed eyes:

"Woman, what in the old Harry does this mean! Is it another of your infernal sick headaches? Can't I leave this house for a day and return without finding you kerfopped with some ailment or other?" "Oh, Samuel!" she murmured. "Don't 'oh, Samuel me!" he shouted, "but tell me what's the matter. Have you got a chicken bone in your throat or has a rattlesnake bitten you?"

And at this critical moment the mother-in-law would appear in the door, and the way she would go for Samuel Bowser and the way he would be crushed would long be remembered. But that little plot never developed.

Mrs. Bowser was on the front steps, looking up the street for the arrival of the expected mother, who probably would come on the street car, when an auto whirled around the corner and drove up to the gate and stopped with a grand flourish. In that auto were seated Mr. Bowser and her mother. They were not ghosts, but living human beings. Mr. Bowser raised his hat and gave a half cheer, and the old lady somehow managed to call out, "Howdy, Sarah?"

With tenderest hand and smiling like a June morning Mr. Bowser assisted his visitor to alight and conducted her up the steps and said to the puzzled and astonished wife: "Isn't it splendid of her to come to visit us? She probably will want to return home in about a month, but we will keep her three months at least—six months—a whole year. Never, never shall we let the mother out of our sight again."

When the mother and daughter were alone upstairs the mother asked: "Sarah, what in tarnation does this mean?" "I—I don't know, mother."

"Well, he acts more like a bridegroom than a son-in-law. He never liked me, and I never liked him, and yet he is as juicy and tender toward me as a rare beefsteak. He said he was at the depot on business, but I don't believe it. I believe he must have got hold of my letter and is playing a joke on us. It doesn't look as if I would have a chance to do any crushing this trip."

The "crushing" was all in Mr. Bowser's hands, and Mrs. Bowser was made the victim. Under the excuse that the house might be broken into if left to guard itself he invited the mother-in-law to go to the movies with him while Mrs. Bowser remained at home. "Dear mother" accepted the invitation, and her daughter shed a few tears during the lonely hours she had to pass.

The old lady had never been to a zoo. Mr. Bowser took her to one while Mrs. Bowser had to remain at home to see about the dinner. One evening at the dinner table Mr. Bowser announced that he had received an invitation to deliver an address before the Gulliver club.

"And you will go?" asked Mrs. Bowser. "Not by a long shot. I am going to teach mother how to play euchre this evening."

And he did. The next day the mother said to the daughter: "Sarah, this is intolerable. We must change it."

"But how can we?" was asked. "There is but one way—let him be Bowser again. I liked his old ways better than his new ones."

"So did I." "And the 'dear mother' took an early opportunity to say: 'Samuel, my son, you are acting too darned good. Please make a change.'"

And a few hours later as Mr. Bowser came upon Mrs. Bowser using the carpet sweeper he saw tears in her eyes as she looked up at him.

"Oh, Samuel, you are too good—too good! Please go back to last week and be bad again. You have punished me enough!"

"Tranged if I don't be a bad man with a big B and carry two guns and a knife!" he laughed.

And next time you hear Mr. Bowser you will learn that he has resumed business at the old stand.

Do You Believe This? A plumber once presented to a millionaire a bill of \$100 for mending a pipe. But the millionaire handed the plumber a dollar note and said severely: "Receipt that bill of yours in full."

"But—but—" said the plumber. "Receipt it in full," the millionaire repeated. "I used to be a plumber, man, myself."

The plumber at this gave a great start, receipted the bill and handed the millionaire 50 cents change.

Look Before You Leap. The cake she made looked fine enough. To justify her pride. But when we came to eat the stuff we pretty nearly died! She said she could not comprehend there could be. She'd followed closely to the end the cookbook recipe.

It certainly seemed strange the cake should turn out such a mess. Unless she made some sad mistake. Despite her carefulness. The book proved such the truth to be. Beyond the slightest doubt. For from the simple recipe. Six pages were torn out!

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About the Household

Good Corn Recipes.

Boiled Corn.—Strip off coarser outer husks leaving the thin silky envelope next the ear on the stalk. Pull this down and pick off the silk from between the grains, adjust the inner husks in their place, tie together at the top and drop the ears in plenty of boiling salted water. Boil half an hour and leave in hot water until ready to serve. Cut stalks off with the husks close to the bottom of the ears and send to table wrapped about with a napkin on a flat dish.

Green Corn Fritters.—Grate or shave off with a keen blade the grains from 6 ears of corn. Have ready 2 eggs beaten light, a cup of milk added to these with a tablespoonful of sugar and same quantity of butter warmed and rubbed into a heaping tablespoonful of prepared flour. Season with salt and pepper; beat hard and fry as you would griddle cakes.

Chopped Potatoes and Corn.—When cold boiled potatoes and several ears of boiled corn are left in the icebox, chop the one into coarse dice and cut the other from the cob. Heat in a frying pan a good spoonful of clarified dripping, sweet and good, and stir into this the potatoes and corn, seasoning with salt and pepper. Turn and turn until thoroughly heated and serve. This makes a nice breakfast relish. Or heat a cup of milk, stir in a good spoonful of butter, then mix potatoes and corn; season, simmer five minutes, and serve.

Green Corn Pudding.—Six ears of green corn, full grown but tender, 2 cups of milk, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoonful butter, 1 tablespoonful sugar. Salt and pepper to taste. Cream butter and sugar is for cake. Beat into the eggs when whipped light, add milk and the grated corn (or shaved). Season, beat thoroughly and bake covered in a buttered casserole or pudding dish 40 minutes; then uncover and brown. Serve at once in the same dish.

Succotash.—Six ears of corn, 1 cup shelled lima or string beans carefully trimmed into inch lengths, 1/2 cup milk, 2 tablespoonfuls of butter cut up into 1 teaspoon of flour. Salt and pepper. Cut the corn from the cob and add to the beans when they have cooked half an hour in boiling water slightly salted. Boil thirty minutes longer, turn off the water and pour in the milk. (It is safer in warm weather to add a tiny pinch of bread soda.) As the milk heats, stir in the flour, season, and simmer ten minutes. If canned corn and beans are used, add half a teaspoonful of white sugar.

Canned Corn Fritters.—Canned corn while only a poor substitute for the fresh ear may be very appetizing if chopped fine after the corn has been emptied from the can and allowed to stand for several hours before using. Drain dry and mince, then proceed as with the fresh grains.

Corn Soup.—Cook six ears of corn in cold water twenty minutes. Cut off the cob and press through a sieve. Add two cups of scalded milk. Cook two tablespoonfuls of chopped onion in three tablespoonfuls of butter, add three tablespoonfuls of flour, one and a half salt, celery salt and cayenne, corn mixture, cook five minutes, strain, add one cup of beaten cream and serve. Garnish with one cup popped corn.

Things Worth Knowing.

To skin sausages quickly and easily immerse them for a second or two in cold water.

Make starch with soapy water, adding a pinch of borax.

A very hot iron should never be used for flannels or woollens.

Soup should be substituted for soda when washing silver and plated goods.

New brick floors should be washed with soda water, and when dry rubbed with paraffin.

Don't black a stove while it is hot. It takes more blacklead, and a much longer time to polish.

When boiling potatoes do not add salt till they are nearly cooked. This makes them dry and floury.

Borax for washing plates and dishes is to be preferred to soda, as it does not crack the skin of the hands.

The fact that an article is advertised in a respectable newspaper should prove it worth buying by somebody.

Should any foreign matter alight in the eye immediately apply one or two drops of castor oil; it will almost at once allay the irritation.

Grass stains will disappear if coal oil is poured on them, then rub with the hands and wash same as you always do. Lard rubbed in well before goods are wet will remove axle grease or machine grease.

To separate the yolk of an egg from the white make a hole in both ends of the egg. Then hold it upright, giving it a gentle shake, and the white will run out, leaving the yolk unbroken in the shell.

If when sending or taking a hat by train it is secured to the bottom of the box by a few strong stitches or thread the most delicate hat will not be crushed, as no matter how the box is turned about the hat will not move.

It is always wise to boil a new clothesline before using it, as this not only prevents it from stretching but makes it last much longer. New pegs should be soaked in cold water for a few hours, as this keeps them from splitting.

Very often when making a pie the

juice from the fruit soaks through the undercrust and spoils the whole appearance of it. To prevent this try brushing the crust over with the white of an egg, and you will never be troubled in this way.

When your vegetables become wilted and stale before you have an opportunity to use them place them for an hour or so in a gallon of water to which a teaspoonful of sugar has been added. They will then be just as crisp and fresh as when gathered from the garden.

Seasonable Dishes.

Peach Ice Cream.—Soak two cupfuls of sliced peaches for about one hour and put through colander. Add to one quart of cream which has been scalded and cooled. Freeze.

Cauliflower.—Cut stalks close to flower, remove green leaves and cook in cold salted water one hour. Cook in cheesecloth bag thirty to forty minutes. Remove from bag and serve with Hollandaise or white sauce or scalloped with white sauce and crumbs.

Consomme Renaissance.—Press half a cup of cooked and drained spinach through a sieve, add a tablespoonful of melted butter, one tablespoonful of cream, two beaten eggs, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt and one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper; mix thoroughly and turn into a small buttered mold. Let cook in the oven on several folds of paper surrounded with boiling water until firm. When cold cut in cubes. Cut a pared carrot and turnip in half-inch cubes. Cook separately until tender. Drain. Serve the cubes of spinach-custard, turnip and carrot in one quart of consomme.

Southern Peach Pie.—Line a pie plate with crust as for lemon pie and fill with sliced peaches. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon over the top, bake and serve with whipped cream. To make the crust chop four tablespoonfuls of lard into one and a half cups of flour; when thoroughly mixed add one-half teaspoon salt and cold water enough to form dough. Chill, roll in rectangular piece, place four tablespoonfuls of butter which previously has been shaped, flattened and chilled on middle on one side of paste, fold over other side, press edges together and fold one end under and one end over butter making six layers. Roll again into rectangle, fold in same way and so continue three times. If butter begins to soften, roll paste in cheese cloth and place on ice until hard enough to roll easily. Be careful not to wet the cheese cloth.

BRITAIN AND THE WAR.

She Will Stand By Her Allies to the Last.

A year has passed since Britain entered the great war, and it is in order to sum up what she has accomplished.

Because of the lack of spectacular results, many are disposed to censure and criticize Britain's part in the great struggle. They say that the mighty British Empire has not commensurate with her possibilities or with what her allies had a right to expect. The wonder with me is that she has done so much as she has.

She has accomplished marvels. France, Russia and Italy, cradled in conscription, forget that England is not a military nation. She could not at a moment's notice fling organized legions of millions into the fray, like her military neighbors.

In the outset she promised France six divisions only, or 120,000 men. She has more than quadrupled that number since. But her conversion into a battling organization could not be done in a few months. She has now raised the most colossal army in all history, compared with which Napoleon's legions were but corporal's guards. Lord Kitchener has recruited and placed in training, without conscription, since the war broke out, 3,000,000 soldiers. They are all, except the 600,000 at the front, hard at work in the transformation process, from citizen to soldier, at the training camps, polishing the native fighting qualities into perfect military efficiency. England allows no man to go to the front, to be exposed to slaughter, who has not had at least nine months of grueling drill. After this drill the English soldier has no superior in the world, and each, in efficiency, is equal to two German soldiers.

It is solely in point of equipment that Britain's hosts are lacking, but this has been remedied, and the great drive will soon take place. When the war began England had less than half a million rifles, while Germany had over 20 million, or four to each soldier. It takes time to manufacture rifles by the millions, and her army now in training have had to carry wooden dummy rifles, weighted to equal the real thing.

Germany had in the start a full equipment of 17-inch guns, with abundance of ammunition for them, while England had neither the guns to match them nor the explosives for them. She has had to make both. In them. She has had to make both. In them. She has had to make both.

Some complain of the inactivity of the navy, but without very deep thought. They demand that Admiral Jellicoe smash up the Kaiser's high canal armada, reduce his ports to

BRITISH PRISONERS ON THEIR WAY TO WORK



This picture is a reproduction of a photograph taken at a prison camp in Germany. It shows British prisoners of war on their way, under guard, to work on the roads. The men appear to be healthy and as happy as could be expected under the circumstances.

ashes, and hang Von Tirpitz to the yard arm. All this is mere rot and the ravings of Chauvinistic enthusiasts. If we take a careful inventory of what the British navy has done in driving the German flag from the oceans, and in converting Hamburg and Bremen into something as useless as if they were in ruins, annihilating Germany's two and a half billion dollar annual trade, and paralyzing her imports of about the same amount, so that her supplies are constantly growing perilously short, we can get some notion of what the navy has accomplished.

Germany is not as yet effectually starved, but if her food regulations and restrictions mean anything they indicate a distressing scarcity, to say the least. When a nation has to regulate the alimentation of her civil population, and order the copper in cooking utensils to be turned over to the military, it surely indicates that the end is high at hand.

Not a pig can be slaughtered, or a loaf of bread baked, or a potato sold, or a bushel of wheat milled, without the consent of the military in Germany to-day, shows that the British navy is on the job all right, and great results may soon be expected. These results may be cast upon the screens. They will not likely earn a peerage for Jellicoe or his admirals, but they are nevertheless sapping German vitality just the same, and they show the iron grip of Britain's navy. What would the position of France and her beloved Paris be in to-day were the British navy not holding the seas?

When the Dardanelles are forced, as they will be soon, Russia will experience the great aid of the British navy, as France has already benefited by it. She will then be able to export her surplus production and secure the necessary arms and ammunition, of which she is so sorely in need. And when Kitchener is ready to send his enthusiastic legions to the continent, he will have no fear that his transports will be in danger of the seas? As Canada has had no misgivings in sending her loyal sons across the water to fight for liberty and independence. It took England nearly ten years to bring Napoleon to St. Helena, and she will stick to it until the Kaiser is thrust into an equally safe place, where he can do no more harm.

Do you say, Calais? Napoleon was there, too, and destroyed 10,000 British ships; but England got him at last, and so she will get the great Kaiser, as sure as the sun rises on the ventful morn. This grand old proud democracy is just now unfolding and applying a maternal strength and moral splendor that for countless ages after this conflict is stilled will be shining undimmed amid the first glories of history.

CHAS. M. BICE.

Denver, Colo.

Narrow Margin.

A circus man tells this one: "We were doing Pottstown, Pa. The price of admission was 25 cents—children under 10 years of age 10 cents. Among the first to arrive were a lad of about 18 and his little sister. He laid down 35 cents and asked for two front seats. 'How old is the little girl?' asked the ticket seller. 'Well,' said the boy, 'this is her 10th birthday to-day. But she was not born until 5 o'clock in the afternoon!'"

A Smart Answer.

Larry O'Shell, in many respects a good soldier, had a very limited idea of the virtue of tidiness. Appearing one morning on parade with his boots in a fearful state the sergeant's eagle eye soon spotted him. "Private O'Shell fall out!" he roared. "Phwat, 'dye mane by comin' here wid yar boots in a mess, loike that?" "Arrah, now, sergeant, be easy!" retorted the imperturbable Larry. "Shure ye never saw a good soldier showin' a clane pair o' heels!"

USE OF GAS IN WAR 100 YEAR OLD IDEA

REJECTED AS UNCIVILIZED AND TOO CRUEL.

Earl of Dundonald Suggested Plan For Defence of British Soil.

Ever since the beginning of the war one has heard from time to time of the famous plan of the first Earl of Dundonald for the destruction of any army against which England might be fighting.

Lord Dundonald invented it when he was Admiral Lord Cochrane and he guaranteed with its aid to overcome any enemy against whom he was sent. It is now a full hundred years ago since this famous invention was put in a pigeon-hole, and during all that time it has remained one of the secret documents of the State. It was rejected in the first place as being outside civilized warfare. Twice Government committees are said to have examined the plan during the first half of the nineteenth century, only to put it back into its pigeon-hole again for good and all.

At the beginning of this war Lord Dundonald's famous plan was talked of again. Nothing, however, was heard as to what it was until recently, when Prof. V. B. Lewes in a lecture to the Society of Arts gave

A Description of It, which shows that it was nothing more or less than the German plan of using asphyxiating gases. Dundonald's prescription was:

"Fires fed with tar and pitch to give dense columns of smoke which would act as a screen for the attack; sulphur burned on the fires to generate sulphur dioxide gas, which would produce asphyxiating fumes and aid the attack."

The professor added that the idea was revived in the early stages of the present war, but the Government refused to consider it.

Talking after the lecture Prof. Lewes said that the details of the plan had never been made public with the exception of a reference to them in the memoirs of a Cabinet Minister published soon after the war began. "The inhalation of a very small proportion of this gas," says the professor, causes coughing and spitting of blood; and four volumes in ten thousand of air render it unbreathable.

"If the sufferer escapes from the zone within a reasonable period the effects of this gas pass off, but the German method is more inhuman, as they employ chlorine gas, which, if it does not kill the men, leaves them in most frightful agony and

Injures the Lungs for Life.

"Dundonald merely proposed to use sulphur fumes to make the enemy bolt; the Germans use their gases to asphyxiate."

The professor does not advocate retaliation with gas, as the whole essence of the gas attack is surprise. The chief gases the Germans are using are chlorine, bromine, nitrogen, tetroxide and sulphur dioxide. All these can be neutralized quite simply—respirators and a bucket of washing soda solution in the trenches to dip them in are a simple and effective remedy.

According to Prof. Lewes these gas attacks do not worry the British troops so much now, as they are prepared for them. The respirators and helmets have proved perfectly satisfactory, and there are many problems connected with the density of the gases in relation with the air as well as wind currents which make

AN ADVENTUROUS ESCAPE

Journalist's Perilous Tramp Through Germany.

Mr. Geoffrey Pyke, Reuter's special correspondent in Denmark at the time of the outbreak of war, along with Mr. Edward Falk, of the Nigerian Political Service, arrived at Amsterdam recently, after an adventurous escape from Ruhleben internment camp, Germany. Mr. Pyke, who was also the special correspondent of a London newspaper in Germany, was imprisoned in Berlin for four months, while Mr. Falk was in a military jail in Hanover. Both complained of harsh treatment, particularly before their transfer to Ruhleben. Their escape has been long concerted, was successfully executed, despite many serious obstacles on the journey to the Dutch frontier, where both were arrested, being suspected of smuggling. Their reception by the Dutch was extremely kind. Both the escaped prisoners are rapidly recovering from the severe strain of their long tramp across country by night.

Mr. Pyke gives the following account of his escape—After ten months of imprisonment in Germany, I rejoiced to announce that I have escaped, and at last find myself in hospitable Holland. You know all about Ruhleben in those days. Ruhleben means "restful life," but to us this was bitter mockery. However, my fellow-prisoners received me there with such kindness that the remembrance still deeply moves me. It was not their fault that 300 of us slept in a hay-loft, the attic shape of which prevented half its tenants maintaining the erect position. Here I contracted pneumonia, and very nearly died. I received no medical attention. From February till June, I suffered from repeated illnesses, and when convalescent made the acquaintance of Edward Falk, the District Officer of Nigeria. He had been arrested just before the outbreak of war, while on holiday. So arbitrary an act was entirely unjustified by the rules of international law. We became friends, and one evening he tentatively suggested the idea of escape. We spent three months perfecting our plans, which, out of regard to the camp commandant's feelings I do not intend to reveal. We escaped in broad daylight on the afternoon of July 9, passing through a cordon of armed sentries and four barbed wire fences.

Spending the night in an adjoining sandpit, we entered Berlin the next morning, enjoying our first good meal for months with huge relief, flavored with fear. Buying an outfit for a walking tour in the Hartz Mountains, we trained for Giefelfeld, where we were to be met by a contact man.

A much-used path led through the Briesacher woods and on to the following village. The mad fox took to the path, trotting along behind them, stopping when they stopped, from the time they entered the forest until they emerged on the farther side. As time passed, the animal grew bolder, and pattered along within a few yards of a pedestrian's heels on dark nights, or perhaps took up a position in the path, which he would hold until the traveller approached very closely, when he would spring a few paces to one side, snarling.

Some people said the fox had rabies, but the more sensible ones pointed out that a rabid animal never lived more than a week or so, while this scamp had been keeping up his pranks for several months. Louis Briesacher, whose father owned the woods, had more occasion than anyone else to pass through them, and, according to Louis, the mad fox took an especial dislike to him. It followed him so closely, and with such evidence of vicious intent, that Louis carried a club every time he went to town. At last he bought a revolver, with the determination of making an end of his annoying escort.

Louis told the story of the encounter afterward. He was returning home from town about eleven o'clock. No sooner was he in the woods than the fox came after him. Louis paid little attention until it got so close that it actually snapped at his heels. He then turned and fired a shot at it, but the night was dark, and he missed. The fox retreated, but in five minutes was back again, snapping and snarling more viciously than ever. Aiming as best he could at a mark that was never still, and could be heard rather than seen, Louis discharged the remaining five shots missed; the fox simply jumped from side to side with the flash of the revolver.

When the last spurt of flame died away, the determined little beast sprang straight at Louis, and fastened its teeth in his trouser's leg. The young man kicked fiercely; but, kicked loose from one hold, the enraged animal came right back, and bit his left arm, and held on like a bulldog. Louis brought down the handle of his revolver, and with full force on the fox's head, and it fell stunned. Louis declared that he finished his antagonist then and there, and left it lying dead in the path.

The next day Louis showed us his bites and scratches in proof of his story. His trousers were badly torn, and some of the teeth wounds in the flesh were as deep and ragged as if a wolf had made them. However, when we went to the scene of the battle, the mad fox was gone. He had recovered and made off, but was never heard or seen again.

WAR BREAD CAUSES ILLS.

The German "war bread," of potatoes and rye flour, so highly recommended by German authorities as a substitute for wheat bread, is proving unpalatable and causing much stomach and other digestive trouble, says an editorial in the New York Medical Journal.

The German people are being urged by military and civil authorities to eat as much of the war bread as possible, and forego wheat bread because the war bread can be made from products of which Germany has an abundance, without drawing upon the small wheat supply. Notwithstanding the patriotic and economic grounds on which the people are supposed to enjoy this bread, the editorial says that it is so distasteful to many that they do not chew it enough. "To this are probably due a great many of the symptoms," it says. "Flatulence is frequent. This is thought to be due to the swallowing of large, tough lumps of bread which are hardly affected by the pancreatic secretion. Thorough mastication of the bread will prevent these troubles."

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong and active.

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SOLDIERS WILL COME HERE

Local parties who are endeavoring to materialize on the claims of Hartland as a point to billet a company of soldiers have been assured by those supposedly in authority that the village will not be overlooked. Indeed so strong was the assurance that many of the local men enlisted on the strength of coming back to Hartland for training. While nothing new has developed in the past few weeks, there are no advices to the contrary, and the townspeople are confidently expecting a good-sized bunch of boys in khaki will be sent here quite soon. Officers have asked for and been furnished with a list of available rents suitable to the purpose of housing the men; and that is the latest news on the matter to date.

Since the last contingent of our boys went to Sussex they have been living in canvas tents—a trying experience in a New Brunswick winter. Many are reported ill from exposure, and their friends are hoping that better provision will speedily be made for them. A late rumor is that they were early this week sent to St. John to be quartered.

Centreville is also promised a billet, and the situation with them today is about the same as it is with us.

A company of men, whether 50 or a hundred, stationed here, is, from a business stand-point, equivalent to a new industry starting and paying a high average wage. A conservative estimate is that for each man stationed here \$2 per day would be put in circulation. If a hundred are sent this means \$200 a day; \$1,400 a week; nearly \$75,000 a year! There is surely good business in that—the biggest boon the town has ever had.

Strange to say there are those who decry the soldiers coming here. Such an utterly absurd stand is this that the talk will be short-lived. Those of evil mind with a "holier-than-thou" exterior may pretend to see a menace. Ernest, sincere, clean-souled people will not. The soldiers must be quartered somewhere; and if their every act was bad it is our duty to accept them and make the best of them rather than "wish them" on some other community.

The boys who will come here are for most part our own—no more vicious in khaki than in overalls and jumpers. Every endeavor is made to keep liquor away, and the boys are disciplined as they never were in their lives. If there is a menace, it is that silly young girls, and hysterical older ones, are prone to become "khaki struck" and make too much of the soldier boys; and, to put it plainly, "run after them." As stated the boys are carefully disciplined and held in restraint, and the only danger in their coming is that Hartland mothers will not look as carefully after their daughters. Girls who are in their teens are full of life as they are free from care and the burden of thoughtfulness. The Observer sympathizes with young people who are thoughtlessly indiscreet. All the blame is on the elders, who may be stern, or not severe enough, but who are not boon companions and confidants of their own precious children.

K. P.s Elect Officers

At the regular convention of Brighton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

A. A. Nevers, C.C.
W. M. Noddin, V.C.
W. E. Nevers, Prel.
A. D. Colwell, K. of R. & S., M. F.
F. J. Shaw, M. of E.
Geo. A. Henderson M.W.
Perley Clarke, I.G.
Harry Large, O.G.

Letter From Nursing Sister Ethel Boyer

Dated from France in a letter to her mother Mrs. Amanda Boyer, Miss Ethel Boyer, Nursing Sister says: I love the people, country and customs of France. It is a wonderful farming country. It looks so strange to see the women ploughing the fields, bringing in the winter vegetables and doing all kinds of work. The French love the Canadians and when they pass they smile and say "Canada—bon Canada."

Did I tell you about my sleeping bag? It is a beauty, over seven feet long, and comes right up over my head. I crawl into it and then button up the side. It is beautifully warm and just what one needs for sleeping out doors. I do not think of the war as much as I did at home. It is so strange but no person ever thinks of danger here, we are so busy.

Writing later in a letter from London she says we went out to visit a Canadian Hospital Thursday where there are eight hundred and fifty patients. They have everything to make them comfortable, tennis courts, bowling, pianos, and really nothing is left undone. Such warm comfortable clothes. The boys all look so happy and speak so highly of the treatment. Some lady from Boston comes to visit them every day. She has taught them to knit and you will see dozens of men knitting away. It looked so funny. It is all very wonderful. They have a beautiful motor boat and the soldiers go out on the Thames. One sees soldiers every place. It is sad to see young boys with a leg or arm off, perhaps blind. It makes one realize what war really is.

Pneumatics Stops Your Pain

It breaks up your cold in one hour. It's marvellous. Applied externally. All Druggists.

Until Christmas H. M. Foster of Mt. Pleasant will pay 35 cents for strictly fresh eggs, \$2.75 for buckwheat meal, 13 cents for chickens, trade prices.

Wanted to buy at Sayre's store Hartland, three or four thousand bushels of good oats for which the highest cash price will be paid.

In the Christmas displays this year an absence of German made goods is noticeable while Made-in-Canada and British and Japanese goods predominate. At Estey & Curtis store the showing is complete as can be found in a long travel. The goods are splendid value and of ample variety. Don't fail to see Toyland upstairs.

Crabb-Jones

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones, Cloverdale, on Wednesday afternoon Dec. 8, 1915, when their sister Nellie was united in marriage to Elias Crabb of Hartland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. J. Quigg of Peel. The young couple will reside in Hartland. We all join in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Girls! Try it! Hair gets soft, fluffy and beautiful—Get a 25 cent bottle of Danderine.

If you care for heavy hair that glitters with beauty and is radiant with life; has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderine.

Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides it immediately dissolves every particle of dandruff. You can not have nice heavy, healthy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp; the hair roots fash out, loosen and die; then the hair falls out fast. Surely get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store and just try it.

Christmas Gifts!

Of course at a jewelry store you expect to find ideal gifts. If you come here you will not be disappointed. In our new stock will be found

Sterlin and "1847"

Silver Goods

Genuine Cut Glass

Necklaces in Solid Gold

Engagement and other

Rings with real gems

Gold Clocks, Parlor,

Ala. m, and Clocks of

all kinds.

Wedding Rings

C. R. VIOLETTE

The Ballot Box in the voting contest is at our store this month. Votes given for every purchase



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Kid Gloves
Leather Hand Bag or Pocket Book
Belt or Fancy Collar
An Opera Scarf
Handkerchief or Tie
Sweater Coat
Suit of Underwear
Set of Dishes
Nice piece of China
Doz. Cups and Saucers or Plates
Glass Water Set
4-Piece Set
Shoes, Overshoes or Felt Slippers

For a Gentlemen

A nice Sweater
Shoes
Overshoes
Lined Gloves
Suspenders
Handkerchief or Tie
Armlets

Lots of Useful

Presents for

BOYS & GIRLS

Christmas Groceries

Raisins, Currants, Citron and Lemon Peel, Pure Spices of all kinds, Canned Fruits etc.

FRUIT AND NUTS

Apples, Oranges and Grapes, Filberts, Walnuts Brazil Nuts, Peanuts

CONFECTIONERY

A large stock of all kinds: Mixed Candy, Christmas Mixture, Chocolates 20c lb., G. B. Chocolates, large assortment of 25c Candies

AT BAIRD'S

Local News and Personal Items

"Shop early!"

J. E. Sayre came up from St. John on Monday.

On Monday H. H. Hatfield went to Dorchester on a business trip.

Only eight more shopping days before Christmas. Don't delay buying.

Maurice Rapaport spent Friday to Monday with his family in Fredericton.

If you want a kerosene that won't smoke, but burns with a clear, bright flame, get it at H. N. Boyers.

Mrs. Albert Howells has received news of the death of her brother at the front. His home was in Scotland.

Miss Smith, who has been the head milliner for Keith & Palmer during the season, left for her home in St. John on Monday.

For Sale or to Rent: A neat, warm house of eight rooms, water in the house, situated at Somerville. Apply to Mrs. Scott Rideout.

An ideal autumn, mild and healthful, has terminated in ideal Christmas weather with just enough snow to make travelling good.

What Christmas present would be more acceptable to your hard-working wife than a "Gravity Washer," or wringer, or both? You had better see H. N. Boyer at once.

Rev. George A. Ross occupied the pulpit of the Sackville Methodist church last evening, preaching the second of a series of University sermons to a large congregation. The address was an excellent one.—Sackville Tribune.

Rev. Geo. Kincaid will preach in the United Baptist church at Hartland on the coming Sunday at 7.30 p.m. The music will be a special Christmas selection and will be even better than what the excellent choir of that church ordinarily renders.

Miss Ethel Boyer, a trained nurse, and a former Hartland girl, daughter of Mrs. Amanda Boyer, has offered her services to her country and is now in Europe doing her bit in succoring the sick and wounded soldiers. Prior to her going she had been nursing in the west.

There are several cases of typhoid in Woodstock and an epidemic of diphtheria in Benton. Hartland has a solitary case of typhoid, the first in years. No epidemic makes headway here, except measles and mumps sometimes. Hartland's clear air and the purest water in Canada keeps its people healthy and happy.

Miss Page, assisted by scholars of the Victoria School, will give the regular Christmas entertainment this (Wednesday) evening in the Orange Hall. An excellent program has been prepared for this occasion and as the proceeds are used for a creditable purpose, a good attendance should reward the efforts of the teacher and her little bunch of kids. Home made candy will be sold also, in order to ensure a larger financial return. An interchange of presents among the children will be a pleasing diversion, among other features, and these, as they are removed from the tree, will doubtless create no end of curiosity and merriment.

A. R. Foster was in Grand Falls on Saturday.

John T. G. Carr made a business trip to St. John this week.

There will be no meeting of the local Red Cross Society on Tuesday next.

Mrs. Donald McCormack went to Houlton on Monday, returning on Tuesday.

J. T. G. Carr's store will be open every evening except Sunday, till Christmas.

Read the Christmas ads. The most progressive merchants are represented in The Observer.

H. E. Gallagher of Woodstock was stricken with paralysis one day last week, and died on Monday.

After spending several weeks with Miss Remley, Mrs. D. W. Foster returned on Monday to Dumfries.

T. T. Hammond came down from upriver on Saturday to spend a few days with his parents.

Compositor Wanted: The Observer will require the services of a thoroughly competent typesetter immediately after Christmas.

The stores throughout the county are in holiday attire and their showing is as brave as though the nation was not plunged in war.

The young people of Beaufort and Foreston will hold an entertainment in the Church hall at Glassville on the evening of Dec. 27. The proceeds will be for the Red Cross Society.

Rev. H. C. Archer, pastor of the Reformed Baptist church at Fort Fairfield, and one time of the Hartland church, preached an impressive sermon to the United congregation on Sunday evening, the pastor being at Lower Brighton.

Rev. Samuel Howard of Woodstock will preach at Lansdowne on Sunday, in the afternoon, and at Hartland in the evening. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the evening service. All are cordially invited.

Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick is rendering effective service in Wesley Memorial church, Moncton. He conducted a service that will long be remembered, under the auspices of the Knights of Honor, a few Sundays ago. The sermon was strong and impressive, and the music powerful and inspiring.

Harley Ebbett, only son of Charles Ebbett of Middle Simonds, underwent an operation for appendicitis at his home on Wednesday. The doctors at the time gave little or no encouragement for his recovery. He is now reported very much better and will probably recover.

Julius Von Meyer, better known as "Jack the German," was a well known resident of Hartland for sixteen years or more. He left in 1908 and has since been living in Estia, Fla. He was married while here and two sons were born, Fernando and Manzer. In a recent letter from Fernando, he says while Manzer (age 15) was trying to work his way back to Hartland, he was badly burned in Wilson, N. C., which caused his death. Fernando says he hopes to soon be back to Canada, and if the war is still progressing, he is sure going to enlist.

D. A. Aiton of Riley Brook is here on a business trip.

J. R. H. Simms, barstiter, of Bath, was here this morning.

Mrs. H. E. Hagerman came from Centreville today to visit her parents.

A bargain for some one in a Youkon Heater nearly new at H. N. Boyers.

The W.C.T.U. will meet with Mrs. J. E. McCoilom at 7.30 tomorrow (Thursday) evening.

The Star picture show is having good success under new management. Pictures at Hartland every Thursday and Saturday, and at Centreville every Tuesday and Saturday.

Business is brisk at the Potato Products Co. About fifty men are employed working day and night. The company manufactures a car of potatoes every ten hours, besides a large quantity of turnips.—Press.

Mrs. Harriet Larlee of Perth was successfully operated upon at the Fisher Hospital on Thursday by Dr. W. D. Rankine. Her daughter, Mrs. George Clark of Perth, and her sister, Mrs. Flewelling of Waterville, Maine, were with her during the past week.

Ernest Noddin has been accepted for service in the Siege Battery stationed at St. John and left for the city on Friday. Frank Campbell, son of A. F. Campbell, who has been employed in telephone work in Houlton, spent Sunday with his parents and on Monday enrolled for service in the Siege Battery, also. Earl Tedford, a native of this parish, but for some time living in Boston, on Monday enlisted for active service.

The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. R. J. Potts on Monday evening, Dec. 19 at 8 o'clock. The program will be as follows: Roll Call—Christmas quotation; Open Discussion, "The present day Santa Claus," led by Mrs. Bradley; Solo, Mrs. L. R. Hetherington; Paper on "Christmas Giving" by Mrs. S. S. Miller; Reading, Mrs. Hayward; Piano Solo, Miss Helena Adams; Reading Mrs. Brazil Seeley; National Anthem. Visitors are welcome.

D. E. Morgan & Son are in their new store and are asking old and new customers to call on them. The building is completed as far as appearances go, and proves a decided attraction to the locality. L. E. McFarland was foreman of the building crew and the large building was put up and finished in record time. The whole exterior is galvanized steel of neat design. There are two large show windows in front. The store is beautifully finished, walls and ceilings of steel, floor of hardwood, and attractive counters and show cases. The Morgans are just now celebrating their 20th year in business. It is their purpose to deal in groceries, provisions, etc., and to purchase products of the farm as they have been doing.

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A Story of a Duel of the Eighteenth Century.

By F. A. MITCHELL.

"Captain von Gottschalk," said a dapper lieutenant of infantry entering the quarters of the man he addressed, "I am the bearer of a challenge from Captain Herman."

"Indeed?" replied the man addressed. "And how have I offended Captain Herman?"

"When returning to your quarters today after parade walking beside Captain Herman you stepped into a puddle of water and bespattered his newly polished boots."

"Thank you, lieutenant. I will send my friend, Lieutenant Gottlieb, to you, with whom you may arrange the terms of a meeting."

These officers were of the Prussian army when Frederick the Great was king. Dueling in those times had become so prevalent among officers of the army as to cause a considerable drain among them.

It is said that on one occasion the king, hearing that a duel was about to take place, sent for the principals and gave them permission to fight, announcing his intention to be present at the combat. When all was ready for the fray, which was to take place in the open square before the palace, the king and courtiers being present, it was noticed by one of the principals that a gallows had been erected close at hand.

"What is the gallows for, sire?" asked one of the duellists.

"To hang the survivor on," replied his majesty.

The duel did not come off. But to resume our story. Captain von Gottschalk's arrangements having been made for a meeting with Captain Herman for the stigma put upon the letter by bespattering his boots, he proceeded the evening before the fray to call upon his betrothed, Frau Catherine von Ballenstein, for the purpose of bidding her a goodby that might be final, for in those days when men fought duels they fought to kill.

Now, had Frau Catherine been one of those delicate, clinging girls who would flit before the announcement that their lovers were about to risk their lives Captain von Gottschalk would not have admitted that in the morning he was to meet Captain Herman in deadly contest to wipe out the stain he had put upon the latter's honor, or, rather, as we could put it today, the stain he had put on the captain's boots. Frau Catherine, far from being a clinging vine, was one to cling to. Perhaps had she lived today she would have been one of those women who don male attire and enlist. She was an expert with the sword and had vanquished a number of men in friendly contest with the foil. She was afraid of nothing. Moreover, she sympathized with the custom of settling disputes at the point of the sword and considered the king very tyrannical in prohibiting them.

For these reasons Captain von Gottschalk did not hesitate to tell his sweetheart that on the morrow he was to meet a fellow officer in deadly combat. Instead of bemoaning the situation, she led him to a room that had been set apart for exercise and, taking a couple of fells from a rack, handed one of them to her lover and proceeded to instruct him in several strokes of offense and defense which she had invented and were known only to herself. Hours were spent in this way, and when the captain left the room his chances of success against an enemy were very largely increased.

This lesson was given in the afternoon, and the captain asked permission to return in the evening for a parting kiss, but Frau Catherine said that she was tired after so much fencing and would go to bed early. Besides, there was no danger of her lover being killed, for he had a knowledge of coups that no other man in the army possessed. This was only an excuse. Catherine had no idea of going to bed early. She had an especial object requiring her attention. She desired to witness the fray. It had occurred to her to ask her lover to make her one of his seconds with the understanding that she put on the apparel of a man, but knowing that he would refuse to grant her request she refrained.

During the evening Captain Herman received a note from Frau von Ballenstein requesting him to call upon her at once and to keep her request a secret. Herman knew that the lady was his adversary's betrothed and at once suspected that she had sent for him with a view to preventing the meeting. Nevertheless he went to see her.

"Captain Herman," she said, "Captain von Gottschalk tells me that you and he are to meet tomorrow morning to settle an affair of honor."

"We are, and if you prevent it Captain von Gottschalk will be cut by his brother officers."

"I will not prevent it provided you will grant a request I have to make. I desire to be one of your seconds."

"You—a woman!"

"Yes, I, a woman. I shall appear, however, in man's apparel."

"But why not go out as one of Captain von Gottschalk's seconds?"

"He would not consent."

"And supposing I refuse?"

"I will reveal the coming meeting to the king."

"But," protested the captain, "supposing the principals fall, in these days the seconds are expected to take up the quarrel."

"The principals will not both fall." He looked at her inquiringly, but she did not give a reason for her assumption.

"I see no way but to grant your request, and I do so under protest, for I fancy I see in it some device to save your betrothed."

"Captain von Gottschalk will defend himself honorably with his sword and will neither need me nor receive any assistance from me."

"Very well. Under what name shall I announce you?"

"Herr Schomberg."

Captain Herman departed and immediately notified his adversary that he had chosen another second and it would be advisable for Captain von Gottschalk to do the same, whereupon the latter chose one Carl Werner.

The meeting took place in a lonely spot when the night had scarcely faded. Von Gottschalk and his party were first on the ground, but were soon followed by Herman. The supposed Herr Schomberg, with darkened complexion and a beard, wore a long cloak, which concealed the outlines of a woman's figure, and no one suspected her sex. The principals, stripped to their shirts and breeches, took position facing each other. At a signal they began to lunge and parry, the clash of steel ringing out on the stillness. Presently Von Gottschalk, putting in practice a coup taught him by his betrothed, pierced his adversary in the right side. A surgeon and his assistant at once took charge of the wounded man, and he was removed from the field.

Lieutenant Gottlieb now stepped forward and thus addressed Captain von Gottschalk:

"Captain, my principal having failed to wipe out the stain put upon his honor by your bespattering his boots, I desire to take up the affair where he has left it. I trust that you will waive the difference in rank between us and meet me on equal terms."

Captain von Gottschalk assented, and in a few minutes his and the lieutenant's swords were clashing. Von Gottschalk was fatigued after his fight for his life with Herman and should have had a rest before undertaking an encounter with a man who was fresh. Gottlieb was a better swordsman than his principal and on several occasions broke through his enemy's guard. But Von Gottschalk caught his opponent's blade before it was too late and saved himself by a hair's breadth.

Meanwhile the supposed Herr Schomberg stood wrapped in his cloak. When Herman fell she drew a long breath of relief, but when Gottlieb took up the fight and showed his superior swordsmanship her composure deserted her, and she could not remain long in one position. Finally Gottlieb in giving back slipped, and Von Gottschalk pierced his sword arm. Not being able to keep up the fight, he withdrew.

All eyes were now turned upon Catherine, whose duty it was to take up the fight. She had considered the possibility of her having to fight some of her lover's seconds, but not her lover. She stood, irresolute; but, surprise and then contempt gathering on the faces of those about her, she stepped forward.

"If any more persons are wounded," she said, "there will arise a suspicion

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that may reach the king's ears. I recommend that this affair stop here."

Success had flushed Von Gottschalk, and his blood was up. "Coward!" he cried. "Stand up and I will fix you as I have fixed your predecessors."

The challenge was followed by jeers from the others, and Catherine, throwing her cloak on the ground, took a rapier that was handed her and stood up to meet her lover in mortal combat. He looked at her scrutinizingly as if she reminded him of some one he knew, but Catherine, that he might not have time to discover her identity, called to him to put himself on guard. He did so, and the clash of steel was renewed.

Catherine was not only a better swordsman than her lover, but was fresh, while he had already fought twice. Nevertheless the fact that she was pitted against her lover was a terrible strain on her. If she gave him too much advantage he would run her through; if she pressed him too hard she might kill him. Having taught him all the coups she knew, she had no advantage in this respect.

The others were deeply interested in this well matched struggle, which, it seemed to them, would never end. But suddenly when it seemed that Von Gottschalk was about to take advantage of an opening left him by his enemy his sword flew into the air and struck the earth a dozen yards away.

All now returned to Berlin posthaste. Herman's condition was carefully concealed, and the day passed without any evidence that the affair was known beyond the circle of participants. Von Gottschalk sent a note to his betrothed saying that he was uninjured and would see her in the evening. When he called he found her robed becomingly, and she threw herself into his arms with a fervor that surprised him.

"Thank heaven!" she exclaimed. "You have been spared and have come from the field victorious!"

"Victorious!" he exclaimed, shrugging his shoulders. "I shall never be victorious or satisfied till I have run that fellow who disarmed me through the body."

Then Catherine withdrew from him and said:

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DIFFIN ON THE HAY QUESTION

(Carleton Sentinel)
Florenceville, Dec. 8.

Dear Sentinel:

I have been here several days and last night I met a bunch of pious souls and every day grafters in Frank Smith's back office. They were all there when I came in.

B. Frank had just got home from Fredericton, where he went to see Crockett about writing the hay letter to Carvell, and they were all there to see him and hear him talk.

Ed. Teed was there, of course, and Donald Munro, J. B. M. Baxter, Harry Wood, J. L. White, Titus Carter, Rev. Daggett, and some others.

When I came in and introduced myself they more than made me at home and B. Frank says:

"How are the people in your district on this hay question, Mr. Diffin?"

"Well," I says kind of diplomatic like, "I don't know Mr. Smith." "Call me Frank," says he interrupting me.

"Sure" says I, smiling at him, "I'll call you Deacon if it will make you feel any better, but as to the hay question. Most of the Tories I have met are in it for revenue only, with perhaps incidental graft in case they need it."

"Hear, hear" says Teed, "when it comes to graft we're in it from soup to nuts."

"Hold on," said White. "Wait a minute. Let's get the lay of the land before we make to big a haul."

I thought I'd dip in a little so I says, "Frank, how is this hay business going?" He looked kind of pained.

"This hay business is tough business," he says. "I tell you a man don't know where he'll land when he starts in it. There's hay graft and potato graft and it's hard to tell them apart and if you get them mixed then think how you would feel."

"And there ain't no way to tell the patriotic graft where a mixup like this occurs, except by asking John Morrissey and he and I ain't on very good terms; so there you are."

"Leave the hay and potatoes alone, Frank," says Daggett, "stick to the exercise of religion and temperance speeches. That's your long suit."

From that the conversation became general and everybody talked about the different varieties of graft. Teed claimed the timberland graft was successful from many points of view. Titus Carter modestly referred to his connection with the Pinder investigation which netted him \$900 without any visible effort to get it. Daggett didn't care to go into details but said that success depended, in a large measure, on your nerve. "I don't care at this time," said his reverence, "to tell what I know about the patriotic potato deal as I am not well, besides it only amounted to \$150,000 anyway."

"Did Smith get all that money?" I asked, because that is more money than I am used to hear

spoken of in a careless and disrespectful way.

"You can search me," says he. And I made up my mind that would be the right way to hunt up some of it.

"It means," said Donald Munro, "that while we can't get by in any thing we came pretty close and are fast catching on to all of the new fashions in up-to-date grafting."

J. B. M. Baxter when asked his opinion said in a most sorrowful tone. "Don't ask me, you all know what became of part of my \$400 and if we can't block that libel suit now I'm in danger of losing again."

At this point Harry Wood started in by telling me what he was.

"I'm Harry Wood, the organizer and pie social hero," says he.

"I'm glad of it," says I, feeling somewhat relieved. But am I to blame for it?"

"Certainly not," he says, which soothed me some for there is much that I do not wish to be accountable for.

I released my hold on my pocket book, still all the time observing a certain distance in case the crowd might act in accordance with their reputation and with the way their looks impressed me.

B. Frank came over to where I was sitting and said: "Mr. Diffin I'm a man of note and at the present time am well known to the people of New Brunswick. I'm a Tory and have always contended for my rights."

"Do you often win?" I asked.

"Yes, except when Frank Carvell gets wise to my moves."

"I am an honest man," says he. "You don't look it," says I.

"I know it," says he. "Lots of people have told me that, but I am. That look I've got came from looking for a seat in the government."

"As I was saying I'm honest and this mixed up position of mine is telling on me. It's knocking my conscience all out of gear. Sometimes when I am explaining the Sunday School lesson I wish I had never taken up piety as one of my side issues."

Just then Daggett looked up and he says:

"Frank I'll tell you what the trouble is with you. You think too much. Look at me. I never thought in my life."

"I could run my department, promote the Canada West India Company, get in on the patriotic potatoes and not bother half as much as you do. Stop thinking."

"That's all right Daggett, some all around fakirs don't have to think. In your business all you have to do is sign your name, in buying hay it is different."

"I know better," Daggett says. "Didn't I preach, didn't I run a store, didn't I run a poultry farm, didn't I promote the Canada West India Company before I went in to present day politics and I didn't think then."

"No," says Teed, "I know it,



but your victims did, I've heard a lot of them speak of it."

I can't tell you all the rest of the conversation, but there seemed to be a tinge of sadness in the gathering and Smith complained bitterly of those who didn't know him well enough to appreciate him, and those who knew him too well to trust him.

J. L. White claims the proud title of being a patriot and I can say he richly deserves it. The old flag is on his mind so much, that, like Donald Munro, he can't help speaking about it.

On every occasion he talks about the flag.

I don't mean that just mentions it. Lots of speakers do that but he always devotes a lot of time to it, making the rest of his discourse sort of incidental and casual.

I asked him if he was going to the war.

"I am ready," says he, "to bare my breast to the storm of battle and, like J. B. M. Baxter, spring to the defense of that glorious emblem of right, justice and freedom, the flag of old."

"I know you will," says I, "and it is very creditable of you, but the call isn't so loud as all that is it?"

"I don't think so," says he. "And still who is there to go but me, when the time comes?"

"Well," says I, "There's a whole lot of men old enough. There is Teed, Col. Baxter, Berry, Wood, Dr. Landry, Daggett, B. Frank Smith and other noble patriots to whom the old flag has been confided for two or three elections. They could easily go to Halifax to learn to tell men how to keep the old flag staff from falling from their hands."

"Why don't you go yourself?" says he, kind of sarcastically. "You seem to know so much about it. Let me tell you," says he, "that I have already served the people and I am the man that moved that famous white-wash resolution that cleaned up the timber steal."

"Lots of people didn't know I was in legislature till then."

I looked at my watch and found I must be going as I did not care to go into more history, so says I thinking to close the conversation.

"Will you give me your opinion on the price of hay, Mr. White?"

"It will be worth \$15.00," says he.

"Why?" says I.

"Carvell," says he.

Which answer was brief but expressive.

I left the crowd with more regret that I have left many men and as I went out Mr. Smith hastened over and shook hands with me and said "Good-bye" in such a way that if I had any hay I would sell it to him at \$12 a ton.

Before leaving he told me of some challenges he was getting ready to spring and many other things—too many to put in this letter.

Yours truly,
CYRUS A. DIFFIN.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH.

HE GETS THERE

DON'T jeer about the self made man Or on him use a hammer Because in making known his wants He uses self made grammar. Though at the college on the hill He did not take a course full, He always can make known his wants In language plain and forceful.

He may not know just how to act When he gets up in meeting, He may not juggle with his fork When he is busy eating, But when the dinner bell resounds You find that he is able To have the best the market holds Load up his groaning table.

In making love to some sweet girl He cannot sing her praises, Although his feelings are intense, In fine and fancy phrases, But when it comes to leading off The sweetest little treasure You bet you'll find him on the job Where you can take his measure.

He is not versed in Greek and French, With art he does not dally, But in a business deal it's hard To chase him up an alley, Without advantages from books The world alone he faces, But, oh, he makes the money dance And puts it through the paces!



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