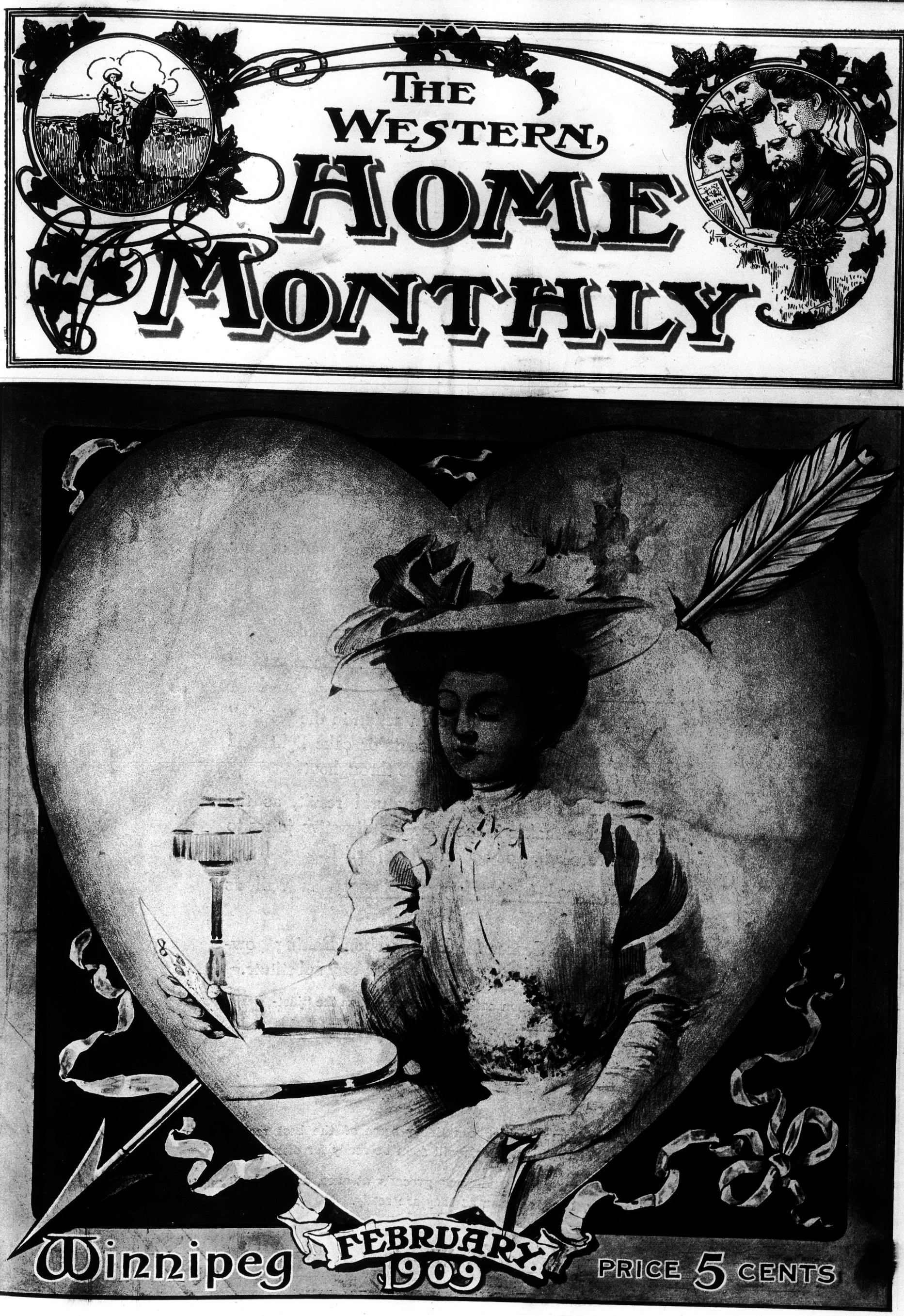
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THE DAY OF ST. VALENTINE.

By ORA ARNOLD.

Good Morrow to you, Valentine!
Curl your hair as I do mine,
Two before and three behind,
Good Morrow to you, Valentine!

THE sending and receiving of valentines constitute the main feature of the observance of St. Valentine's day, which falls on Feb. 14.

To be strictly orthodox the valentine always must be wrapped in white paper and sprinkled with sealing wax kisses, and must bear the inscription, "Good Morrow, Valentine."

Modern usage has departed from the ancient custom, however, and in Canada the sending of comic valentines has abused the day and robbed it of much of its original sentiment.

Birds are supposed to choose their mates on St. Valentine's day, and since earliest history, some day at about this same season of the year has been set apart as sacred to lovemaking. Herrick voices the spirit of the day in this quaint verse:

"Oft have I heard both youths and virgins say,
Birds chuse their mates and couple, too, this day.
But by their flight I never can divine
When I shall couple with my valentine."

The lines quoted at the beginning of this article used to be sung by the poor children of Hertfordshire, England, as they would go around early St. Valentine's morning to the houses of the rich who would throw them wreaths and lovers' knots from the windows. With these the children bedecked themselves, and, choosing one of the youngest among them, they made him appear smarter than the rest, and led by him marched around again, singing the same verse under the windows of their patrons.

The abiding faith with which the ancients observed the day and the love and sentiment attached thereto is evidenced in a communication to the London "Connoisseur" of Feb. 17, 1775. The communication is from a Miss Arabella Whimsey and is addressed to Mr. Town, an editor of that publication. Miss Whimsey in most outspoken language confides to the editor, and readers of his magazine, her desperate affection for a Mr. Blossom, whom she has long loved in vain. Every test of fate, according to the writer, pointed to Blossom as her future husband. She had made the test in coffee grounds and teadregs; she had practiced all the divinations proper to St. John's eve, the May morning, and to Hallowe'en, and all had proclaimed the man Blossom as her future mate. Finally she describes an especially weird and mystic rite performed by her on St. Valentine's eve. She took five bay leaves and pinned one to each of the four corners of her pillow, and the fifth in the middle, for Betty, the maid, had said that if, sleeping under those thrilling conditions, she dreamed of her sweetheart, she should be married to him before the year was out. But to make it more sure, the trusting Arabella boiled an egg hard, took out the yolk and filled the space with salt, and when she went to bed ate it, shell and all, without speaking or drinking after it, which was, she says, to help along the bay leaves in producing the desired result. Nor was this all, for she further says:

"I also wrote my lovers' names upon bits of paper and rolled them up in clay, and put them in water, and the first that rose was to be my valentine. Would you think it? Mr. Blossom was my man, and I shut my eyes all the morning until he came to our house, for I would not have seen another man before him for all the world." The letter concludes:

"Dear Mr. Town, if you know any other ways to try one's fortune by, do put them in your paper."

THE VALENTINES.

WITH his greyhound at his feet,
And the tapers flaring tall,
And the flames upon the hearth
Painting pictures on the wall,
While the panes were thick with frost,
And the world was white with snow,
Lo! he wrote a valentine
Twice a hundred years ago.

Every line was traced with care,
Every word was from his heart,
Though his pen was all unused
To the rhymer's subtle art.
Fast away the little page
Sped across the frozen snow,
With the missive to her door,
Twice a hundred years ago.

She with powder on her hair,
And a smile upon her lips,
And a strip of 'broidery
In her rosy finger tips,
Read the ardent message through
With her velvet cheek aglow,
Happy youth and happy maid
Twice a hundred years ago!

Now I buy a valentine,
Tender verses all aflame,
Twined with roses pink and white
In a lace and satin frame,
You receive it in the mail,
But, my darling girl, you know
Hearts are just the same as then,
Twice a hundred years ago.

It is a distinct loss to the lore of St. Valentine's day that no mention is made as to whether Arabella's wooing of her blossom ever bloomed into matrimony.

St. Valentine's is a day of feasts at which Dan Cupid rules and hearts play the leading parts. It is Cupid's day, and love making must be the theme or it is robbed of all its meaning. There are all kinds of Valentine feasts—breakfasts, dinners, teas and suppers—and there are all kinds of Valentine games. A hostess may draw on her own imagination as extravagantly as she desires in devising unique dishes, decorations and performances. To convert an ordinary dining room into a Cupid's den is no difficult task with decorations of bows, arrows, hearts and likenesses of the little love god. From the ceiling there may be hung rows of red paper hearts and they may be festooned about the walls. Clusters of arrows, made of light wood and paper, may hang from the chandelier, and here and there against the wall might be placed a bow and arrow. It is pretty to have a table centrepiece of a hollow heart of red roses with maidenhair fern. Arrange a tiny pedestal or throne in the centre of this heart and on this let cupid stand or sit.

Deep red roses, crimson tulips and statcly poinsettia plants are appropriate flowers for the decorations. Lamps and candles should wear crimson shades, throwing a subdued but rich red glow over all.

A pretty conceit is to have ribbons reaching from the centrepiece of roses to the place of each guest, where it is joined to the place card. The other end is attached to a single rose or a cluster of roses. At the end of the meal each guest finds that when his place card is taken up a ribbon is drawn and the centrepiece is broken up into nosegays and single flowers—nosegays for the women and a single rose for each of the men.

At one entertainment last year a novelty consisted in pretty little white boxes, heart-shaped, and suspiciously suggestive of wedding cakes. They were tied with red ribbons, with a tiny golden arrow through the love knot.

Place cards and souvenirs may be decorated with designs pertinent to the occasion, such as the "maiden all forlorn", "the bachelor, tattered and torn," "the house that Jack built," "love in a cottage," and much amusement is afforded by allowing the guests to guess at their significance.

The old fashioned game of "Ideals," choosing numbers, and other such methods of divining the future, form appropriate entertainment.

Many kinds of dishes may be devised for an appropriate menu — sweetbread or oyster croquettes, lobster served in shells, pickled red cabbage, pickled beets, sliced and cut in heart shapes: timbales of tongue in cider jelly, heart-shaped sandwiches of celery or olives or sweet red peppers and neufchatel; cold pressed turkey with cranberry jelly molded or cut heart-shaped, molds of crimson jelly filled with fruit mayonnaise, red wine, white cake with candied cherries and chopped almonds; marshmallow parfait colored with rich cranberry syrup; raspberry sherbet; tiny cakes in form of hearts and kisses, some of them holding prizes in the shape of golden hearts, silver thimbles, dimes or rings.

Heart shape should be borne out in as much of the menu as possible. The cakes should be heart-shaped, baked in heart-shaped tins, such as can be found at any hardware store. Heart-shaped sandwiches and meat loaf in heart shapes can be produced by tin cutters to be found at the dealers'. Potato balls can be shaped after frying and brick ice cream can be cut into hearts in heart-shaped tins.

Tomatoes, both from their color and significance form a fitting place on the valentine table. Love apple was the name applied to the tomato many years ago. Therefore, it is appropriate to have tomatoes in different forms, some showing as much of the red exterior as possible. The interior of the tomato may be removed and filled with a dainty salad. The soup may also be of tomato, tomato cream of bisque being ideal for the occasion.

A large round loaf cake is made pretty by garnishing it with hearts cut from cherries. Champagne glasses filled with pink Bavarian cream, into which are thrust tiny siver darts, form a dainty dessert. Crimson hearts cut from candied cherries, peeping here and there above the foam, add greatly to the pretty appearance of the dessert.

For a valentine dinner it is advisable to have the general color scheme either rose, scarlet or pink. Rose is emblematic of hope and happiness, and scarlet is the color of the heart and of love's passion. It is a good idea to have the menu accord with the general color scheme.

For a very delightful valentine tea the invitations sent out may be in the shape of hearts. When unfolded, each invitation may enclose two other hearts, on the first the invitation proper; on the second, some appropriate wording, such as "To Meet Your Fate," and on the third, a suitable quotation for "my lady fair," or for bachelor knight. These may be enclosed in large white embossed envelopes, indicating contents of a sentimental nature. When the male guests arrive they may find in the cloak room a monk of the order gray, a large red heart on his sleeve, from which he takes smaller hearts, on the back of each of which is pasted a small piece of paper bgfik bzgfifiqffk small strip of paper.

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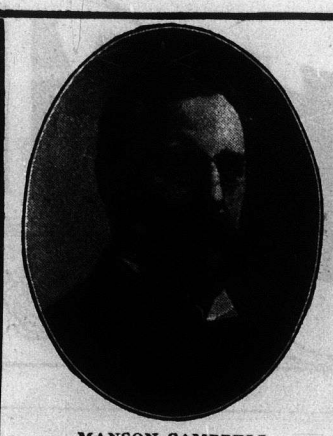

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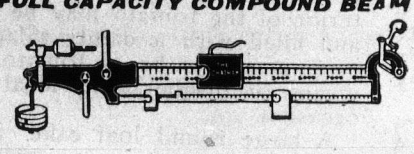

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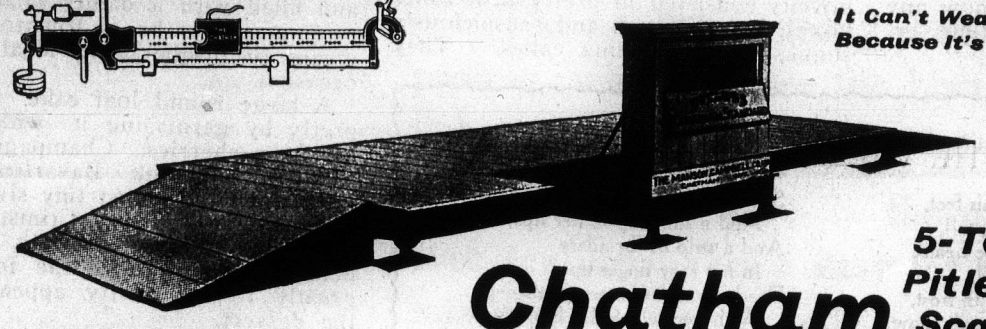

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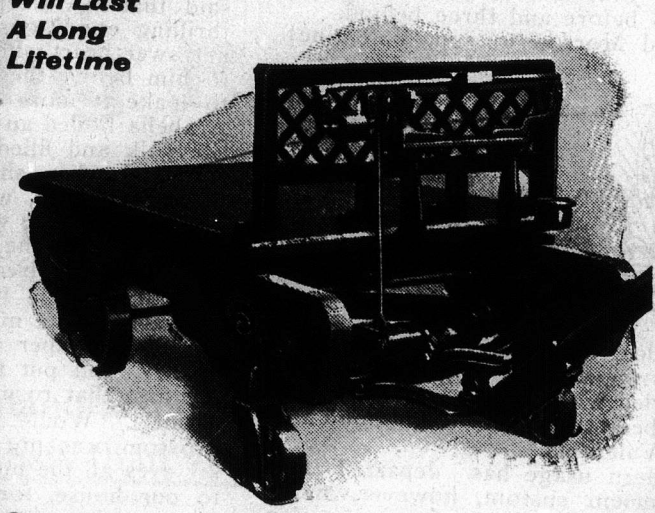

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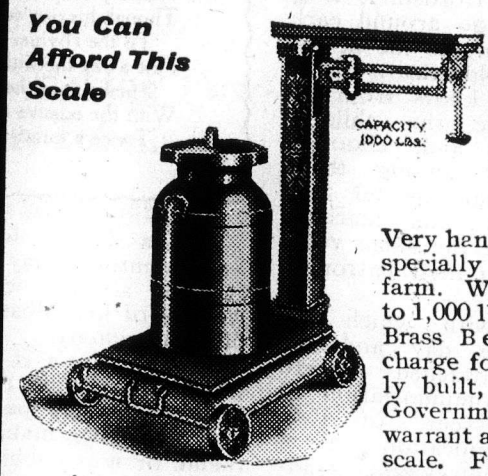

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Startled, I impulsively turned to the left, from which side they seemed to come. A tall, elderly gentleman was at my shoulder, but he was talking animatedly to the lady on his arm. He could not have been the whisperer.

"It had fallen near where the girl was standing, and she had concealed it by the simple method of putting her foot upon it."

Behind me was a bevy of young girls, chattering like magpies, under the convoy of a sedate matron. It could not have been either of these.

On my immediate right, an ex-mayor of the city and a celebrated lawyer discussed the play. Certainly it was neither of these.

I was puzzled and annoyed. In the tone of the whisper there was warning, and another quality—what? That I could not determine, yet it incited me to quarrel with somebody; but on looking about I could find no eligible person to quarrel with.

From the theatre I went for my midnight chop and mug of ale. The mysterious incident lingered with me. I could not dismiss it. Whose bare foot? What about it? Why should I remember it? Answers were not forthcoming. Within my knowledge was nothing to which the whispered words could have relation. Vexed with myself that I should give so much heed to the incident and permit it to spoil the enjoyment of my meal, I left the chop house in a temper with myself. Before doing so, I transferred my latch-key from a pocket of my trousers to one in my top coat, for the night was cold, and I protected myself against delay and the opening of my coat at the street door.

During my walk home it seemed to me that everybody that passed, even the cab horses, whispered those irritating words to me. I am quite certain that at Thirty-third Street, Horace Greeley bent down from his granite perch to do so, and I know I detected in his stony eyes a leer—a malicious leer.

When, on reaching my street door, I put my hand into my pocket for the latch-key, I felt a slip of paper. I took it out with the key. Under the dimly burning hall light I examined it; on it was written in a hand with which I was not familiar:

"Remember! Her bare foot! Be prepared!"

I was shocked. Hurrying to my room, I studied the slip.

The writing was that of a man of education and of one accustomed to the use of the pen—this the slip indicated and nothing more, except that it proved that the whisper in the theatre lobby was not a trick of the imagination, as I had been trying to persuade myself.

Mystified, I went to bed, but to an uneasy and dream-haunted sleep, in which bare feet of all sizes and shapes floated in the air, twinkled their pink toes, or winked, or grinned, or leered at me, while one persistent foot planted itself on my chest to inform me that it had knowledge of all my peccadillos.

The morning found me nervous and unrefreshed. However, had it not been for the indubitable evidence of the slip of paper lying on my table, I think I might have dismissed the incident as an effect of disordered imagination. But there it was to tell its tale.

That morning I had an appointment with Chester Williams, a kindred soul in a hobby of mine—amateur photography—and who, beginning as an amateur and ending as an adept, had opened a suite of rooms, which he called a "studio," having a high regard for his art. Here I was accustomed to spend much time in experiment, to his profit and my pleasure.

As I entered the studio, Williams handed me a letter.

"Found it on the floor," he said briefly.

Taking the letter, I glanced at the address and started visibly. I was familiar with the writing now, at least. There was no doubt about the address:

"Charles Haswell, Esq., care of Mr. Chester Williams, Present.

I tore off the envelope; the same kind of a slip of paper as I had found in my pocket. On it was written:

"Remember! Her bare foot! Be prepared! Do not leave town."

I was dumbfounded. None of my correspondents and few of my friends knew of my visits to Williams's studio. Who was this mysterious person who was whispering warnings and writing imploring memoranda to me to remember somebody's bare foot?

I handed the slip to Williams.

"What does it mean?" he asked.

"That's what I want to know," I replied.

I told him the story of the previous evening. Chester is a cheerful and optimistic youth.

"Poh!" he said, with a waive of the hand, dismissing the whole matter. "Some of your friends are constructing an elaborate joke."

Then he drove the matter from my mind by a proposition well according with my fancy. He had received an extensive order for a series of views in another State, and he proposed that in his absence, a fortnight or more, I should conduct his studio.

"I doubt if you will have much to do," he said. "The damsel who wants to be 'took beautiful' is not much in evidence here. If she does put in an appearance you will have a chance to spoil some plates and exploit your theories on the art of posing."

I yielded without urging, and as we parted at evening he said:

"I don't know that I have anything to say, except to advise you to sit on that boy of mine every ten minutes—for your own sake, you know—and to beware of the fascinations of the young 'saleslady' who has dubbed herself the 'cashier' of the establishment."

On my way home I stopped at the tobacconist's where I buy my cigars.

"A boy left this for you, Mr. Haswell," said the man of tobacco, handing me a letter.

The same writing—the same slip of paper.

"Remember! Her bare foot! Postponed! Await further notice."

By this time surprise had given way to anger. I tore the slip into bits. Moreover, it was depressing—the persistency with which I was followed by these notes, and the knowledge evinced by this man in the dark, of my habits and customs. It was positively weird and uncanny.

After this the notes ceased, for awhile at least, and I was free to devote myself with undisturbed mind to Williams's studio. His predictions were verified; there was little to do, and I made sad havoc among his chemicals and materials in my experiments.

Several days had passed very pleasantly, and I had almost forgotten the affair of the whisper, when the cashier came to me in the camera room. She was in a condition of virtuous indignation. Up to this time, apparently resenting the idea of my being in charge of the establishment, she had merely tolerated my existence; now she came to give me orders.

"There is a woman in the reception room you must see,' she said.

There was trouble for me; I knew it from the peculiar emphasis our cashier gave to the word "woman." And I further knew that she had a poor opinion of our visitor, even doubts as to her moral character.

"What is it?" I asked, as professionally as I could.

"She wants to have a picture taken undressed. I want you to send her away." The cashier sniffed most virtuously.

"What!" I exclaimed, filled with the same virtuous indignation.

I dropped everything, determined to preserve the spotless purity of Williams's studio, even at the peril of my temper. I went at once to the reception room. But I was unprepared for the appearance of the woman whose errand was fraught with such danger to the good repute of the establishment. A less likely person for a sitting in scant drapery it would have been difficult to conceive. Gray haired; sixty, if a day; two hundred, if she weighed a pound; her broad and ample figure was the very antithesis of Venus, or Juno, or Hebe, or Helen, or any other of those ancient ladies whose faces were their fortunes.

The cashier had made a sad blunder.

So, instead of meeting the woman fiercely, I mildly asked her wishes. Though the cashier was mistaken, in the reply of the woman I received as great a shock as if she had asked to be taken in the character of Mother Eve. She desired to know if we would take a picture of a bare foot.

The mysterious affair was up in a new form. I was confused for the moment; all sorts of possibilities crowded upon my mind. But dimly through my consciousness stole the sense of her words; it was not her bare foot, but that of another person that was to be photographed, and if we consented she would be back in an hour with that person.

"As they came close to me, one bent down suddenly and peered into my face."

We consented.

With all the severity I could summon, I upbraided the cashier for her blunder,

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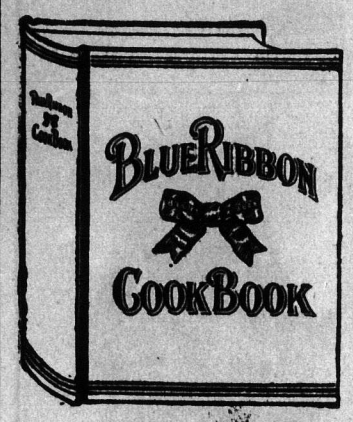

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trembling as I thought how a degree, more or less of officiousness on her part might have put it beyond my power to get possession of a string to the mystery of the warnings. As it was, I was now to see the person owning the foot, and the foot itself that I had been so solemnly and mysteriously conjured to remember.

I awaited the flight of the hour with impatience. Promptly at its expiration I was notified by the cashier, now properly humbled, that the foot had arrived, and was in the dressing room.

I busied myself with the arrangements, and in a few moments, under the chaperonage of the old woman, the foot entered—closely veiled.

An increase of the mystery, not its elucidation.

That she was young was abundantly manifest in the outlines of her figure, in her movement and carriage, but not a glimpse of her face could I secure. When I had recovered from my confusion and disappointment, I requested her to mount the platform I had prepared for her. She complied with a slight bow, holding out a hand to me to assist her— a hand from which I formed several conclusions, to wit—that she was unmarried, since no wedding ring encircled her third finger; of wealth, since there was a year's liberal income on her fingers in valuable jewels; of the leisure class, since her hand was white, well kept, soft, unaccustomed to manual labor, not even pricked or roughened by the needle.

Why or how I became conscious that she was regarding me with marked interest, it is difficult for me to tell, as I could not see her eyes; but I was distinctly conscious of it, and it did not aid me in going about my work with composure.

However, having secured my focus, I asked her how she desired to have the picture. For the first time since she had been in the room, she spoke, telling me that she wanted four negatives—a front, and rear, and two side views. I gave less attention to her words than to her voice and the manner of her speech, and by them I judged her to be an educated, refined, and well-bred person.

As yet she had not exposed her foot. But now at my request she thrust it forward, lifting her skirt so that it barely cleared her instep.

I shook my head, that would not do. Taking a footstool, I threw a piece of black velvet over it and went to her. As I approached she withdrew her foot; the act was prompted, apparently, by instinctive modesty.

I seized the opportunity to seek the information I was burning to obtain. Telling her that as she had posed the result would not be an attractive picture, I showed her that a photograph of a foot of which no more than the instep was displayed, would scarcely be pretty, certainly not artistic; that such a pose might or might not serve her purpose, but unless I was enlightened as to that purpose, she stood in danger of defeating it. She was silent a moment, the while the old woman looked up anxiously at her. Then she laughingly said:

"Suppose mere vanity is my purpose."

Such was not her purpose, as I immediately saw by the expression of the old woman's face, but I replied:

"Then vanity would not be satisfied. Your pose would make neither a pretty nor an artistic picture."

After a moment's silence, she said:

"Make an artistic picture."

That I had failed was clearly shown by the smile of relief on the old woman's face. I put the stool on the platform before her, asking her to place her foot upon it, and to raise her skirt two or three inches higher than she had done before. She complied, hesitatingly to be sure, but complied nevertheless. No further encouragement to conversation was given me, and I was forced to finish my work with brief remarks to which she made no replies.

The sitting ended, and I was no wiser. As she descended from the platform I was summoned to the reception room by the cashier—a gentleman wanted a letter photographed.

The gentleman, prompt and decided in manner, and keen in expression, was anxious to know whether the letter he held in his hand could be taken at once.

"My time is limited," he said, "and this letter cannot go out of my sight."

I assured him that, provided there were no difficulties in the letter itself, I could take it immediately, and that during the process it need not be out of his view. For answer he handed it to me. At the moment the two women entered the room, going to the cashier. I paused to listen. It appeared that they did not wish to give their names, that they would pay the full price for the dozen in advance, and the elder woman would call for the photographs when finished. This being adjusted, while the latter was paying the money her companion went to the mirror to arrange her veil. I gave my attention to the letter.

It was with difficulty that I could suppress my excitement. Staring out of the body of the letter, as if written in crimson ink, were these three words: "Her bare foot." I know my hand trembled as I shot a swift glance at the young woman, and in that glance I caught a glimpse of her face as for a moment she pulled her veil aside—a most attractive face, at once indelibly impressed on my memory.

Turning from the mirror she came into close proximity with the man of the letter, but was apparently indifferent to his presence. The elder woman also looked at the man a moment, while he cast a careless glance on both. I, watching eagerly, could not see that there was recognition, or surprise, or disturbance, or any other emotion, on the part of any one of the three.

The two women went out after bidding me good-bye—the elder in words, the younger by a courteous inclination of the head. The man merely evinced impatience that I did not proceed with his affair. I was the agitated person. Finally, becoming sufficiently master of myself, I asked him to accompany me to the camera room, burning to read the letter, but fearing to show my curiosity.

It did not take long to get two negatives, and during the process the man watched the letter closely. In the dark room I assured myself that I had two perfect copies. Now, anxious to have him go, I hastened to tell him when he could have the copies in a finished state.

"You will not need this letter again?" he asked.

"No."

"Are you quite sure?" he persisted. "This letter will pass out of my hands this afternoon, and it is unlikely that I can obtain it again."

I confidently assured him that I had two perfect negatives. He was satisfied, and in the reception-room paid the required deposit, giving his name and address:

"Edward Harbeck, Columbus Hotel, City."

There is as great a perversity in events as there is in persons. The damsel who wanted to be "took beautiful" was very much in evidence that afternoon, multiplied several fold. Heretofore my afternoons had been my own, but now when I was feverishly anxious to devote myself to the letter which promised to shed light on the mystery, my time was occupied by sitters as long as the day lasted.

That evening, however, I was able to read it at my leisure. And this was it:

"PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5, 1896.

"DEAR TIM: The affair is progressing well enough. To land a fish of the value of the one we are after isn't the work of an hour. Certain things had to be done. I had to find out whether Haswell knows anything of Atwood; he doesn't. Then whether young Atwood knows anything of Haswell and her bare foot; I'm certain now that he doesn't. Somebody was good enough to walk away with enough of old Atwood's papers to spoil young Atwood's education on that point. But you keep on with Haswell's education, and let him get accustomed to the idea that others as well as himself have knowledge of her bare foot. Meanwhile I'll dust around after that bit of paper we want so much.

Yours, JIM."

I was not surprised to find my name in the letter; in fact, I expected it. But I was conscious of two distinct emotions—perplexity and disappointment. The mystery was deepened and the complications increased. Another factor and with a name, had entered. Who was this Atwood, of whom I knew nothing, and who knew nothing of me and "her bare foot?" And how confident this "Jim" was that I knew all about her bare foot! The more I considered the affair, the more confused I became. Everything tended to mystification, nothing to elucidation.

Another perusal suggested that something of value was involved in the mystery. Were "Jim" and "Tim," whoever these worthies might be, engaged in a conspiracy to obtain that valuable something? So skilfully was the letter phrased that I could obtain no information from it; everything was but conjecture. There was, however, the comforting assurance of no indications that my person or possessions were in peril—no threats of the capture of the one or attack of the other. My personal dignity alone has been assailed; in a determination that I should not forget somebody's bare foot, some person or persons had taken liberties with my peace of mind. If their anxiety was as to the veiled lady's foot, as I made quite certain, they could cease their efforts, for I was not likely to forget it, nor her face either—both were very pretty.

I was so perplexed that I could formulate neither ideas nor a plan of action, but I rose from my speculations determined to solve the mystery if I could.

I was engaged for dinner at the house of a cousin that evening, and went home early to prepare for it. On my table a letter awaited me. A glance at it revealed the now familiar writing, and enclosed was the same kind of a slip of paper.

"Remember! Her bare foot! The time grows near."

The mysterious admonition created no excitement now. I merely endorsed the envelope with the time and place of its receipt, and began my preparations.

The dinner was a more formal affair than I anticipated, for the parlor was well filled when I appeared. As I entered I was met by my cousin, who said, with an air of importance:

"You will see how good I am to you, when I present you to the lady you are to take in to dinner."

She led me across the room to the veiled lady.

"Miss Halliday," she said, "my favorite cousin, Mr. Halliday."

I bowed. Miss Halliday looked up, and a vivid blush swept over her face. I knew she recognized me, and I was put into a very good humor with myself by the feeling that, on my part, I had betrayed no recognition of her. She was quickly at her ease, settling at once into the belief, as was plain, that she was not identified by me as the lady of the foot.

It is nothing to the point of this story that the dinner was brilliant, or that I was charmed by Miss Halliday—her grace, her wit, and her vivacity. What was significant occurred after the guests had departed, and I had remained to smoke another cigar with my cousin's husband at his request. While we smoked my cousin said:

"Charley, you have made an impression on a charming girl. Miss Halliday was persistent in her inquiries as to you, while you were with the gentlemen. Oh," she continued, "you did not suffer in my replies. But she asked me a most singular question—whether you were a photographer?"

"And your reply was what?" I asked.

"Why, of course, that you were not, except as an amateur—that you were a man of leisure and independent circumstances."

"Any mystery about her?" I asked, lightly.

"Mystery!" exclaimed my cousin. "No indeed! I've known her all my life. Her father was one of the Hallidays of Westchester."

All of which, however, was more mystery to me, for what could such a girl have to do with "Jim," and "Tim," and "Atwood," and Harbeck, and "her bare foot?" But all I said was:

"You'll take me to call on her?"

My cousin's eager consent was almost drowned in the burst of hearty laughter with which her husband exclaimed:

"By Jove! A mutual case."

I left soon after. I may as well confess now, as at another time, that, mixed with wonder as to the relations Miss Halliday bore to the mystery, were thoughts of her charms, as I walked home in the cool, crisp night. While I was moving along at a rapid pace, my attention was attracted to two men approaching me. The collars of their coats were turned up, and their slouch hats were pulled down over their heads, so that I could not discern their features. As they came close to me, one bent down suddenly and peered into my face. I stepped aside quickly, thinking that an attack upon me was meditated, but the man assumed an erect position, and, as he passed on, said:

"Remember! Her bare foot!"

I shouted back on the impulse of the moment:

"Yes, and Atwood as well."

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I walked on, but, looking back, was pleased to observe that my words had astounded them, for they stopped short, looking at each other, the hand of one resting on the shoulder of the other.

Before I went to sleep that night I had a thought which gave me a cue to action, and which I put into effect the very next morning, when Mr. Harbeck came for the copies of the letters.

As I handed him the package I took him to one side, where we could not be overheard.

"Mr. Harbeck," I said, "I have read that letter, and would like to ask you some questions concerning it."

He looked at me keenly for a moment, and then abruptly asked:

"What do you know?"

"Nothing; but I want to know a good deal."

He again scrutinized me as if he would read my thoughts.

"My name is Haswell," I added.

He was surprised and interested immediately.

"Is it not Williams?" he asked.

"No," I replied. "Mr. Williams is a friend who, being absent from town for some days, prevailed on me, who am only an amateur in the art, to take charge of his business. I have reason to believe that I am the Haswell referred to in that letter."

He did not reply at once, but seemed to be deeply thinking. At last he asked:

"Do you understand that letter?"

"Not at all."

"We ought to compare notes, I imagine," he said, "but I don't want to give away my hand without knowing what I am doing. Let me ask you a question. Why do you think you are the Haswell referred to?"

"You are cautious," I replied, laughing. "On my part, I do not want to play into the hands of a possible opponent. I will ask a question. Are you the 'Jim' or 'Tim' of this letter?"

"No," he replied, promptly. "Now I will ask you another question. Do you know the Atwood mentioned?"

"No; never heard of him before."

"Hum!" he muttered, pondering a moment. "Well, I'm a private detective retained by this Atwood. What does 'her bare foot' mean?"

"That is what I want to know."

"But this letter intimates that you do know."

"All the same, I do not."

Then I told him of the mysterious occurrences, including the visit of the veiled lady, but, from an impulse I did not then stop to examine, concealed my knowledge of her.

"Your story throws but little light on the matter," he said. "Certain valuable papers of the late Mr. Atwood's estate are missing. The present Mr. Atwood suspects a clerk named Holmes, who was in his father's employ. In the effort to trace these missing papers, I have made the acquaintance of a friend of Holmes, and have followed him to New York. The morning I first came here, I saw in his apartment this letter in the handwriting of Holmes, and taking it hurried to have it photographed, returning it to its place afterwards."

"Does Mr. Atwood know the meaning of "her bare foot?" I asked.

"No." he replied. "I ran over to Philadelphia yesterday to consult him on that point."

"It would seem as if the interests of Mr. Atwood were involved in the mystery troubling me." I said.

"That's just it. It is through you that things will come out if they come at all. I mean to stick very closely to you," he said, with a laugh, as he went off.

It was my custom every evening, if only for a moment, to visit my mother, who, by reason of age and infirmities, was confined to her rooms. On the evening of this day, having no engagement abroad, I sat myself down for a long chat with the old lady—a chat which I knew would be largely reminiscential, as the talk of very old people is apt to be. During the evening, and apropos of nothing, my mother asked:

"You don't remember your Uncle Charles, do you?"

"Very indistinctly."

"No, I suppose not; he ran away from home as a boy, and was back only once after that. He was a sad trial—the black sheep of the family."

"What has brought him to your mind to-night, mother?" I asked.

"I found a paper of his to-day, in a box into which I have not looked for years. Do you remember a very sudden trip I made to Boston when you were about fifteen?"

I did recollect it for it was associated with other events, the memory of which had kept remembrance of her trip alive.

"I went to see your uncle; he was dying in a hospital there. It was at that time that he gave me the paper, and a small writing desk, which he said contained something valuable. He was near his end then and died soon after. I searched the desk thoroughly, but could find nothing, nor could I make anything of the paper. Finally I laid them both away and forgot them until today, when I stumbled on the paper."

She handed it to me. At the first glance the writing seemed to be merely an odd jumble of letters, but a careful scrutiny convinced me that it was in cypher. I told my mother so, and carried it to my room to study it undisturbed.

It was rather from a desire to occupy my mind than with a hope of discovery, that I began the search for the key. At midnight I was about to throw it aside unsolved, when I thought of a simple cypher with which as a boy I amused myself. What had suggested it was the word "Worcester" written in small characters in one corner of the paper.

Taking the first word of the cypher, "Olep," I guessed it to be "This." On making the effort, it worked out. The method was simplicity itself: Finding the word "this" in Worcester's Dictionary, counting the letters, four, and adding ten, making fourteen, I counted down to the fourteenth word after "this," and taking the third letter of that fourteenth word and the three letters following, I spelled "olep." I had found the method of making the cypher.

The first sentence of my uncle's paper read:

"Olep ca eat tchclhi fo rba rehe otfa."

Having found the method of building the cypher, by reversing it I was enabled to translate the line. And when I did, it can be imagined under what excitement I continued, when it is known that the first line as translated read:

"This is the history of her bare foot."

The morning light was streaming throught the windows when I threw myself on the bed successful, but exhausted by my labors.

The history, briefly told, was that my uncle, in his vagrant ramblings over the world, had united fortunes with a man named Atwood, from Philadelphia, and in their travels had reached the city of Pegu, in the Burmah Empire. Seventy miles away were the celebrated ruby mines, and though warned not to do so, since the mines were closely guarded as the possession of the dominant prince, thither they went. While there, my uncle found what he supposed to be a common stone, but which Atwood, having some knowledge of geology and mineralogy, believed to be a valuable rose ruby. An outcry being raised against their presence, my uncle threw the stone away, for possession by a stranger was sufficient cause for death; but he and his companion were closely searched, and though nothing of value was found upon them, they were placed in confinement for some time. Atwood was the first one freed, and before leaving Pegu, managed to convey to my uncle the information that he was going to Calcutta, and would wait a reasonable time for him there. Some weeks after my uncle was released. On the day he was first at liberty, a native girl who was in association with him—how or why did not appear—came to him with the stone. When my uncle had thrown it away, unobserved by the guards, it had fallen near where this girl was standing, and she had concealed it by the simple method of putting her foot upon it. While my uncle and Atwood were being searched, she had closed her long and flexible toes over it, and without attracting attention, had managed to convey it, held by her toes, to a spot where she could conceal it without detection.

Frightened by its very possession, my uncle hurriedly departed from Pegu. What became of the native girl was not told, but my uncle reached Calcutta in safety, where he met Atwood and admitted that person's right to a half interest in the stone. They called it "Her

Bare Foot," in honor of the foot that had saved it for them. Having agreed to dispose of the stone, they quarreled as to who should have possession of it pending realization. My uncle prevailed, but the quarrel separated the two, for they parted after having written "Her Bare Foot' on a piece of paper, tearing it into two parts, each taking one, and entering into a written agreement that the part should represent the interest of its possessor in the stone.

What became of the two thereafter, or why they never met, nor communicated with each other, the record did not disclose. What followed in the statement was in the nature of a will or charge that I, his nephew, named for him, should inherit his interest; that I should have the stone cut and, disposing of it, pay over one-half of the net proceeds to Atwood if alive, or if dead, then to his heirs, and declaring that the stone was in a secret recess of the small writing desk.

There was an anxious hour before the desk was found—a castaway in a lumber room—and further anxiety until the spring of the secret recess was discovered.

There it was, still in the rough, wrapped in faded yellow tissue paper, the largest ruby I ever saw or expect to see again. With the stone was a torn slip with the words:

"re Foot."

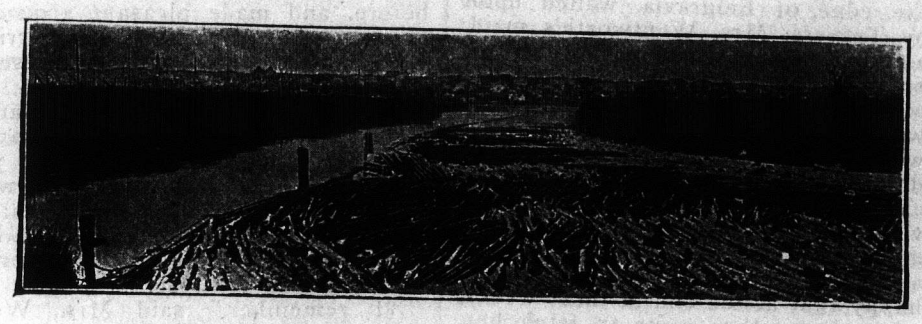
I sent for Mr. Harbeck early that morning and told him of my discovery. He immediately suggested that Holmes having come across a similar paper among Mr. Atwood's documents, and finding that young Atwood had no knowledge of it, had determined to set up a claim for the half interest, and had begun operations on me in the belief that I had inherited the stone.

This turned out to be the exact truth, and Harbeck, through the knowledge thus obtained, compelled Holmes to yield up the stolen papers. Mr. Atwood was so much pleased over the discovery of these papers, since they settle all doubts as to his interests in very valuable property, that he refused to take his share in the proceeds of the stone, saying that I was entitled to all for the services I had rendered in the restoration of his own property. At the time, neither of us knew the value of the stone.

"Her Bare Foot" has been cut in Amsterdam, and is certainly the largest ruby known outside of Ceylon—much, much the largest. Pernaps the sensation created in Enrope last summer, by the Burgatarian Emperor's purchase of a ruby for a million francs, is recalled by this story. The ruby was "Her Bare Foot."

The veiled lady? Ah! Well, you see Miss Halliday had nothing whatever to do with the mystery. That was the great joke. She only happened—stumbled, as it were, into it, and at a time when it served to confuse and complicate it. She had a cousin who was a sculptor, and who wanted to model her foot. But her mother objected so strenuously, not so much to the sitting as to the man himself, that the daughter compromised matters by stealing away with an old servant and having photographs taken for the sculptor's use.

The best joke of all is that Miss Halliday has given herself to me in marriage, and though I have disposed of "Her Bare Foot," I am still the owner of her bare foot.



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Already in the dim far East the glimmer of the light,
The first grey streaks of glorious day appeareth from the night,
And soon before our wondering eyes its glory shall unfold,
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Shall gladden all the hearts of those, who, trusting in the Lord,
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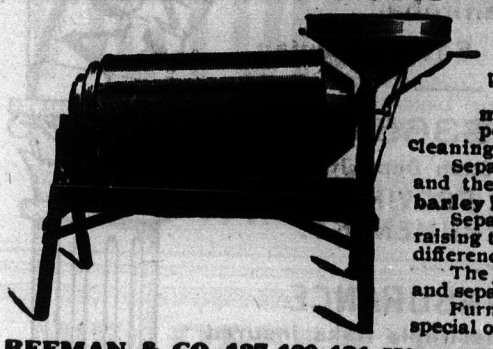

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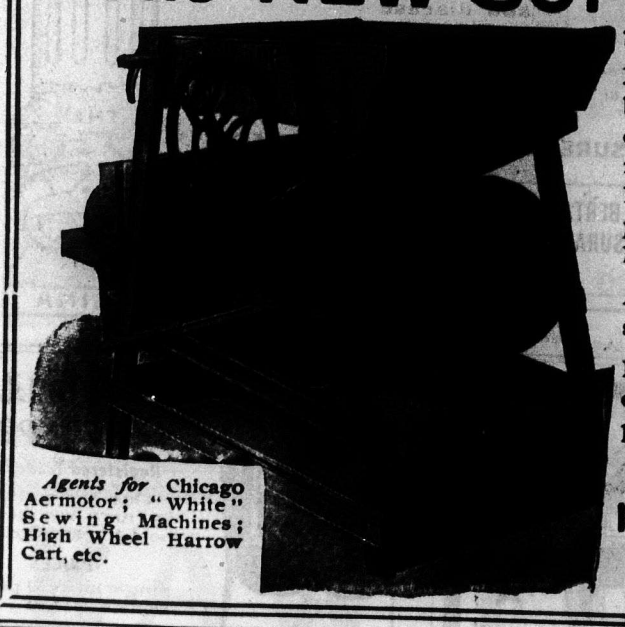

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WHEN Pat was three years old, she had the prettiest face to be seen on a day's journey. Dark grey eyes, with blue in them, long black lashes, curly brown hair, and rosebud lips, which smiled as if they could not help smiling. Small wonder that such a delightful *tout ensemble* fascinated Mrs. Wentworth, a lonely middle-aged widow, who had driven in her brougham to buy presents for her nieces in New Zealand.

"Here, little girl," she said, leaning over the carriage window. "Here is sixpence to buy a doll with."

Pat had small experience with dolls, but she knew the use of money, and stood on tip-toe in the gutter, stretching out both her hands. Mrs. Wentworth's kid gloves were tight and slippery. The sixpence fell, the horses moved, the wheels went round. Pat screamed as she found her poor little self in the mud, jammed tightly between the carriage and the curb-stone. Mrs. Wentworth screamed also; a man on the pavement picked up the child whose left arm hung limp and helpless.

"Give her to me," said Mrs. Wentworth. "Now drive to"—St. Thomas's Hospital, she was going to say, when some sudden impulse prompted her to change the words, and substitute "Eaton Terrace."

So it came to pass that Pat slept that night in fashionable lodgings on the edge of Belgravia, waited upon by Travers, Mrs. Wentworth's maid, a good-natured woman, who approved of philanthropy. She and her mistress spent their days like Arabs, wandering over the face of the world, grievously afflicted by boredom, which is most likely not the case with Arabs. The little girl provided interest and excitement. They gave her toys, picture-books, frocks, and new shoes, and made her so happy that at the end of three weeks, when her father came to fetch her, she stamped her feet, crying—

"Pat don't want to leave yer." This appeal touched Mrs. Wentworth's heart.

"Travers," she exclaimed, "I don't think I can part with this baby. She is the sweetest I have ever seen."

The little girl, though just three years old, had two sisters younger than herself. The father of this small family, a coachman by profession, felt willing to yield up the eldest daughter; but the mother, who was Irish, cried bitterly when the plan came under discussion.

"I must see the child once a week," she sobbed. "And the lady must let her come back for good when she's finished her standards."

"What's this about a new christening?" asked Newman, her husband. "The child was christened right enough."

"In the chapel opposite, when I was too ill to go further," said his wife. "The lady asked if I had any objection to let her be christened again—provisionaily," she said. "I told her Pat was only a name we picked up. Mary's the real one. Now she wants to add on a second, Veronica."

"Veronica," repeated her husband. "Sounds odd. I don't take to the notion."

"If you take to the notion of giving away your child as a present," said his wife, "you have no call to say a word more. When Pat's gone, she's gone, and a new name don't count much either way."

For a few months it seemed doubtful whether Travers would not have more to do with the training of Mary Veronica than her mistress. No word was said of permanent adoption, and the child lived a great deal in the maid's company. Gradually changes came about. Travers married, and went to America, and very shortly after Mrs. Wentworth left London for Italy, taking her tiny charge with her.

Pat proved a clever little mortal, to whom learning was not difficult. She possessed that traditional ounce of wit, which is worth a pound of clergy. Her heart also was warm and generous. Half her pocket money went in buying presents for the children at "home." During flying visits to London they were invited to tea, and came in new frocks, looking awkward and shy.

These London visits grew rare as time passed on. Mrs. Wentworth spent every winter in Rome, and every summer in Switzerland, going to Paris and Dresden between whiles. All idea of training Pat to be a nursery governess ceased. The girl forced the hand of destiny by developing unusual powers. Her violin playing was remarkable, and she drew very well, having, in fact, a talent for original design. Mrs. Wentworth thought sometimes of the little house in the London mews with misgivings. Every year her secret anxiety increased. A strong woman might have cut the knot of the difficulty. Pat's guardian, being a weak one, refused to look facts in the face, and lived by simply ignoring them. Her adopted daughter was called Miss Wentworth, because it saved trouble, and by the time her twentieth birthday arrived, she was the beautiful Miss Wentworth, distinguished from all others.

This birthday summer was spent in a village called Leland, not far from London, where they had stayed once before, and made pleasant acquaintances. The day after their arrival Pat came home with interesting news.

"Mr. Rivers is at the Manor. Every one is excited. They have not seen him since his accident. Do you remember the last time we were here, they told us that his horse fell in the hunting field, and hurt him rather badly, and he had been forced to go abroad for rest?"

"I remember," said Mrs. Wentworth. "He is a grandson of Christopher Rivers, who published translations of Euripides. The family has always been distinguished; several of them have been in the Cabinet."

"He passed me just now in the lane," said Pat, "and held our gate open for me. The Vicarage people say he is very nice; but it does not matter much to us. I don't suppose we shall meet him while we are here."

They did meet him, and very quickly. The next morning, when they were walking in the village, the Vicar came up, and said—

"Mr. Rivers wished to know if they cared to see the Park"—Pat felt shy, and whispered, "Please say 'No,'" but Mrs. Wentworth did not hear her, and said, "Yes." Then Mr. Rivers joined the party, and they entered the great gates of the Park together.

Mrs. Wentworth liked the new acquaintance. He was twenty-nine or thirty. Tall and distinguished-looking, with very bright, dark eyes. His movements were vivacious and quick, in contrast with his voice, which was particularly soft and low. Before long the quartette broke up into pairs, Pat going first with Mr. Rivers.

"I want to show you the Beech avenue," he said. "The Vicar keeps the road, I see. If we go down the avenue, we shall reach home before they do."

Pat gave a little cry of joy as they entered the avenue. It was a quarter of a mile long, and at the further end she could see the old grey, weather-beaten house, which had resisted the storms of centuries. Her thoughts flew to the aisles of the great cathedrals in Germany and France, where Mrs. Wentworth had sometimes taken her, and she was not surprised that Mr. Rivers lifted his hat reverently as they passed be-

neath the towering branches.

He was much attracted by Pat. Her voice pleased him, and so did her dark blue eyes, with that wonderful look of mystery and sadness which belong to Irish eyes all the world over. The girl's nature revealed itself in her face, joyous and full of fun on the surface; deep, tenacious, and melancholy below.

They entered the house by a postern door, and he led her down a gallery lined with pictures to the great hall. Then he showed her the view from the drawing-room windows, and a room where Charles the First had slept during the Civil Wars. Last of all, they went into the library, and waited for Mrs. Wentworth to join them.

"Do you see this spinet?" said Mr. Rivers. "It belonged to Lady Veronica Hope, whose picture hangs opposite. She was engaged to be married to one of my great-uncles, and died a week before the wedding day."

"Veronica is my name," said Pat, in a startled voice. "These Italian books belonged to her, too. They have the monogram 'V. H.'"

"You are tired," said Mr. Rivers. "I was thoughtless, and walked too fast. Let me draw a chair into one of the windows. My friends hoped that, after my fall, I should be cured of a bad habit; but you see I have a tendency to race, just as before."

Pat felt pleased to lean back in an easy chair. Through the window the green slopes of the Park, and herds of feeding deer were visible, and this library, with its atmosphere of creamy vellum, and mellow Russia leather, fascinated her.

All the time Mr. Rivers was asking himself who her parents were, and what sort of home she had come from; so simple; so refined, and graceful, with a history written on her face at an age when most girls have no history at all.

Mrs. Wentworth did not look at the books when she came in. She looked at Pat and Mr. Rivers, and her heart gave a frightened leap. They were bending over the spinet, talking very quietly about some music, just as if their acquaintance were of long standing. They seemed to have the same preferences, to share the same dislikes, to be able to grasp each other's meaning almost by a glance. Before the visit ended, the host produced a book containing his friends' names, and asked for a contribution.

Mrs. Wentworth inscribed her name in large, floating, undecided characters. Pat followed, and wrote "Mary Veronica" easily enough; but, after doing this, she paused and turned pale. There was an interval of at least half a minute before she added "Wentworth," in letters scarcely legible.

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The next day a note came, inviting aunt and neice to join an excursion to Petworth, which Mr. Rivers had arranged.

"Can't we tell him I am not your niece?" said Pat.

"Oh, I don't think the subject concerns him," said Mrs. Wentworth. "Our acquaintance is sure to be transitory."

The day after this excursion Lady Griselda Rivers called, a marvellous old woman of seventy-seven, with splendid rings. She was Mr. Rivers' grandmother, and very great on genealogies. When she heard that Mrs. Wentworth was connected with the Wentworths of Portisland, her manner visibly warmed. They both felt afraid of her, and were glad when she had gone. Mr. Rivers called three times during the next four days. Even Mrs. Wentworth, in spite of her careless words, felt thoroughly uncomfortable. After the last of these visits Pat said she wished to go to London, and see her mother.

"Pamela can go with you, and wait at the station," remarked Mrs. Wentworth. "You need'nt take her to the house."

"I want to go quite alone," replied Pat.

The mews looked dingy and dark; but Mrs. Newman welcomed her daughter with a cry of delight.

"Pat, my dearest," she said. "It's never you! Have you come back to look after your old mother? Give me just one kiss."

Pat gave her ten kisses at least, and then they sat down and talked. Mrs. Newman had changed greatly since their last meeting. She looked old and ill, and tired, and her eyes, which were dark blue, like Pat's, kept filling with tears as she related the family history.

"Our rooms must look shabby," she said. "If I had known to expect you, I would have put the best covers on the chairs, and hid that old horsehair sofa."

"Don't make a grand visitor of me!" cried Pat.

Then she threw her arms round her mother's neck, and held her tightly.

"Deary me, you mustn't cry," said Mrs. Newman. "Your lady's kind, isn't she? You are dressed beautiful and rings on your fingers and all."

"Oh, yes, she is very kind, and I love her. But I wish you had not let me go away. Oh, mammy, mammy!"

Mrs. Newman cried from sympathy. It was delicious to hear Pat call her mammy, and know she was not forgotten.

"You made our fortune with your sweet face," she said. "The girls 'prenticed to millinery (they've both got sweethearts now) and Ted taught a carpenter's trade. It all came from you, Pat, my blessing. Mrs. Wentworth did it for your sake."

"If you ever need me to nurse you," whispered Pat," I know I could come."

"Don't offend her," said Mrs. Newman, "but if you could see your way to pay us a visit I should be pleased. Just ask her, some day when you have a chance. Say I am not so strong as I was, and the others are forced to be out."

When Pat returned in the evening she looked as white as paper. Her mother's worn face seemed to fill every corner of the room.

"She wants me to come to her," thought the poor child. I know she does. And all the time I am pretending to be someone I am not."

The last post brought a letter from Mr. Rivers, inviting Mrs. Wentworth and her niece to a tenants' garden party the next evening.

"We have no excuse to offer," said Mrs. Wentworth, helpless and undecided as usual.

"Let us go," said Pat. "I am like Jephthah's daughter. I want to dance and sing before I die to everything that makes a woman's life worth living."

"I hope you have not given your heart to this man," said Mrs. Wentworth, gravely. "You used to tell me you liked freedom too much to wish to marry."

"Love is worth more."

"Then she turned away, and ran upstairs.

Mr. Rivers had numbers of people to attend to at this party, but he found leisure to occupy himself with Pat. When supper was over, and his guests were so excited and busy they failed to miss him, he led her to the beech avenue, where they walked up and down.

"I shall soon leave Leland," said Pat.

She could feel the start he gave. Two or three minutes passed before he could speak, and then his voice sounded unusual.

"May I call on you tomorrow morning; I should like to have a talk by ourselves, if you will be at home and able to see me."

Instead of answering, Pat began to walk back to the lawn on which the others were dancing. The house was illuminated from the ground floor to the roof, but the sight did not please her. Those glittering lights seemed unfriendly, and she shivered as she looked at them.

"I am afraid you are tired," said Mr. Rivers. "The air is too cold."

"I am not cold," said Pat, "but I am unhappy. I want to ask your advice—about—about—about someone

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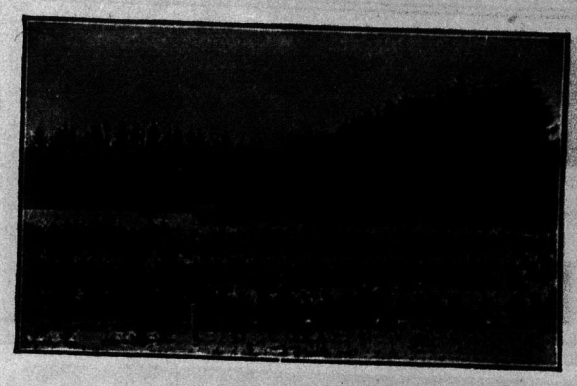

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"That is a question for her," said Mr. Rivers. "Is she attractive, this friend of yours? Cultivated in mind, and refined?"

"Yes. Her two sisters are engaged. One to a groom; one to an officer's servant. Her brother is a carpenter."

"And the man who wishes to marry her is of good family"

"Of a very old family."

Mr. Rivers looked thoughtful.

"It is a problem," he said, "more serious than it appears. The relations complicate matters in these cases. Would she be willing to sever herself more or less from her family? Probably she would, as her education has been so unlike theirs."

"No," cried Pat, "she wouldn't be willing. She wants to see them often, to keep friends with them. Her mother she can never be severed from."

"Has she told her lover the truth?"

"She has told him the truth. I am a little sorry for that poor girl!"

"A little sorry!" said Mr. Rivers. "I am desperately sorry. The benevolent woman who brought that child up in a position to which she was not entitled did a most cruel thing."

"Surely," said Pat, "the position for which we are able to fit ourselves must also be the one to which we are entitled?"

Mr. Rivers shook his head.

"As a matter of fairness," he said, "it no doubt should be so. But we are speaking of things as they actually exist. The case is hard. In any event, this poor girl's suffering must be great. If they give each other up they will suffer. If they marry, they will suffer. But, in my judgment, to give each other up, while no coldness has arisen, might be best."

"Her mother is a very good woman," said Pat in a low voice, "as good as the Virgin Mary. But I suppose that makes no difference."

Mr. Rivers saw tears in her eyes, and imagined she felt sympathy for the friend whose lot was so piteously unlike her own.

"All natures are not equally sensitive," he said, "and there is a natural fitness in things which helps people to act rightly. Do not let your friend's sorrow darken your life too much."

"Oh, she can bear things," exclaimed Pat, giving a little laugh. "She must bear them. The world doesn't stop going round because we make mistakes and get into trouble. There's only one calamity I don't think she could bear. Suppose this man who loved her until he knew the truth, should turn against her now, and accuse her of deceit. But she was entangled in a network of other people's making, and could not get out. Will he remember this, and try not to reproach her?"

Mr. Rivers began suddenly to tremble. Pat's voice shook so much, and her eyes met his with such a strange expression.

"You need have no fear," he answered. "When she tells him the story, he will honor her more than he ever did before. And besides—"

"That's all I wanted to be sure of," said Pat. "Not another word, please. Do you see how quickly the flowers you gathered for me have faded? Poor things! I will toss them into the grass, and let them hide their ugliness. Now I ought to apologize for telling a sad story. No, don't say another word. Let me go home. Please let me go home!"

After Mrs. Wentworth was in bed, she heard a tap at her door, and in came Pat.

"Mr. Rivers means to call to see me tomorrow," she said. "I can't stay to see him. I shall have gone to pay them a long visit at home."

"What shall I tell him?" asked Mrs. Wentworth, in great alarm.

"Tell him," said Pat, "that I am the girl whose story he heard this evening: the girl for whom he felt desperately sorry."

"Oh, Veronica, what have you done?" cried Mrs. Wentworth. "You should have left it to me. And he will not give you up. When men are in love they laugh at obstacles such as these."

"It is I who give him up," said Pat. "If he married me, being, as you say, 'in love,' regret would soon follow. He showed me his true mind. Oh, let me go quickly, and then the wretchedness will be sooner over."

Mr. Rivers had some terrible weeks to pass through after his interview with Mrs. Wentworth. He tried again and again to see Pat, but she held resolutely aloof.

"Wait a year," she said in one of her letters. "If at the end of that time you still wish to see me, I shall be found in my own home, among my own people."

Mrs. Newman cried for joy when her long-lost daughter came back. They all had reason to be glad, for she continued to make their happiness greater by the loss of her own. Mrs. Wentworth insisted on paying for the rent of a small flat in Battersea, and Pat soon found work as a designer of patterns for wallpapers, lace and beautiful dresses. Her sisters married before the year was out.

"Why are you so restless tonight, Pat, my darling?" said Mrs. Newman one evening.

"Am I restless?" asked Pat.

"Yes. I have never seen you like this before."

"I will get my violin," said Pat, "and play. Somehow, this design I have begun seems a mistake. It won't work out properly."

She played for five minutes, and then walked up and down the room. How her ears strained to catch the sound of steps on the stairs!

"I don't expect him," she said to herself. "I know he won't remember it is a year tonight since the garden-party; a year since I saw his face. No, of course, I don't expect him to remember."

Just then a knock sounded at the door, and her heart sprang.

"It is Ted," she said to herself, and went to open it, but on the little landing outside stood Mr. Rivers, and she knew all at once that she had never doubted he would come. The flat was so small, that two steps brought them into her work room, where sketches were lying about and painting materials covered the table.

"I have come to ask your forgiveness," said Mr. Rivers, "and to tell you I cannot live without you. Isn't it time to be merciful and let me stay?"

When Mrs. Newman came in half an hour afterwards, looking very timid, she met such a kind welcome that her fears vanished. Pat's father and brother liked Mr. Rivers from the first.

"You will be very happy," said her mother. "I see love in his face, and it isn't a face to change. You can come home whenever you please, he has promised me that, and when you are alone we shall come to you. But we shouldn't be happy in grand company, and we can't get used to grand ways. They belong to you, Pat, my darling, and I'm proud to think you will have your rights. Leave your old mother in the place where she was born."

"Oh, that's the hardest part," said Pat, clinging to her mother, as if she were still a child.

"It has to be," said Mrs. Newman, "and it should be. Don't cry, Pat. Take the fate your angel sends you.

Pat went to live in the manor, and looked such a beautiful lady that everyone who saw her admired Mr. Rivers' bride. She was wonderfully happy, but a little touch of sadness for many years lay in her heart. People who did not knew her used to wonder why she found it so easy it sympathize with those whom fortune had treated hardly.

Perhaps a touch of sadness lies at the root of all happiness, though only a few understand, as she did, the secret of turning it into a blessing.

Correspondence

The long winter evenings appear especially conducive to letter writing if we may judge from the grist of missives received daily and addressed to this department.

In almost every case the writers refer to this feature of the Western Home Monthly as being most interesting as well as amusing. It is indeed pleasing to us to learn from so many subscribers and readers of this magazine that the space given by us every month to permit subscribers to air their views on the matrimonial question is being so well appreciated by our readers. If you desire to form the acquaintance of any lady writer writing in the correspondence columns of this magazine, address the Western Home Monthly, enclosing in a sealed envelope with stamp attached, letter intended for such writer as you may designate and we will forward it through the mail to the party you so intend it for. When writing us, please give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

"Ranch Rider is Lonely."

January 12, 1909.

Editor.—Just a few lines to you, hoping that you can find room in your most valuable paper for my letter. I am not a subscriber to your paper yet but will be in a very short time from now as I have only been in Canada now twelve weeks, having come from the Old Country (and am an Englishman myself) and I think that your journal is a very nice one. I should like to correspond with some nice young lady between 18 and 25 years of age. I am 26 years old myself, 5 feet 5 inches in height, brown hair, dark brown eyes, and weigh 135 pounds. Wishing your journal the best of luck, I remain, yours truly, "Ranch Rider."

Will Have the Cage Before the Bird.

Yellow Grass [illegible], Dec 28, 1908.

Editor.—Although I am not a subscriber to your paper, but intend to be if I remain in the West this winter, as I take a great interest in reading it whenever I get the chance, especially the correspondence column.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I would be very much pleased to have you forward on to Miss "Arrah Wanna," Wishart, Sask., of your September edition.

I will give you a description of myself, which seems to be the general run of things in most cases, and which you may insert in your valuable paper if you see fit and have the space to spare. I am a Scotch Canuk by birth, height 6 feet 2½ inches, weight 185 pounds, dark complexion, and 25 years of age. In regards to looks, I am not handsome but I have never known them to stop a train yet. I have no bad habits, except an occasional cuss word which is my worst point. I am in no hurry to marry as I intend to have the cage before I get the bird, but will answer all letters of those who see fit to write. I will now draw to a close, wishing you and your paper every success.

"Handy Andy."

A Correspondent from Old England.

England, January 5, 1909.

Editor.—Having read your paper this last year, I now write a few lines which I hope you will not mind printing. My brother sends your paper every month and I am awfully glad when it comes.

I am 5 feet 4 inches tall, have dark hair and brown eyes. Am considered a good "figure" and like smart dresses. Can milk, drive, ride, byke, sing (am in the choir), bake, churn and wash (with most folks), and am a good housekeeper considering I am only 18 years old. I love dancing and out door games. I would correspond with any one ("just for fun"); am a good sort of kid, but like fun all the same. Hope you will print these lines from old England and hoping I have not taken up your time by writing this, and wishing your paper every success, My address is with the editor, boys, so hurry and don't be long, and young ladies, too, as I have a duck of a brother 20 years of age, awfully nice. "English Sauce."

A Total Abstainer.

Manitoba, January 16, 1909.

Editor.—As I am a subscriber of your magazine I take great pleasure in reading the many articles in it, especially the correspondence columns which I think is a great help and growth to the paper.

Now there has been a lot of talk from both sexes both in the house and out about "work." Now, girls, I think most of you are not so hard hearted that if you married a man you really loved (for when I marry I will marry for love) you would turn in and help him out a little, such as milk the cow or put in a little hay to the horses if he were late coming home from work. There would not be much work about it if you would help him a little. For my part I would not let a woman do chores only in case of an emergency. I have a fair knowledge of batching and know something of what a good housekeeper has to do and would not hesitate to help in the house any time that I am not too busy, such as on a stormy day. I have been told that I am an expert dishwasher and a good cook. I have even put up a good dinner for the minister. Well, I have said enough about my achievements, for it is said "self praise is no recommendation."

But a little more about myself. I am a farmer and a good Presbyterian, and somewhere between 18 and 23 years of age. Am rather tall and have dark eyes and dark hair. I am a good singer and violinist. Do not dance, but play cards a little, and can skate just to perfection. I have a good homestead and am fairly well fixed.

Would like to hear from any of the many young ladies near my own age who care to write. I am not on the matrimonial market, but—. Now, girls, any who wish to write will find my address with the editor. Hoping this escapes the waste basket and wishing the W. H. M. every success.

"Total Abstainer."

Dutch John on the Rampage.

Pigeon Lake, Alta., Jan. 8, 1909.

Editor.—I am a subscriber to your valuable paper the W. H. M. and would not be without it any more, especially the correspondence column.

I am a lonely bachelor in this country and would like to hear from some good young lady. I have lived in the West over two years and like it very well. I notice that most all give a description of themselves. I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, weigh 160 pounds and have brown hair and brown eyes, age 29.

Hoping to see this letter in print and also that I may hear from some of the ladies if they will write first.

"Dutch John."

Iron Springs, Alta., Jan. 23, 1909.

Editor.—Iam a reader of your much valued paper and much interested in its columns. I am a lonely bachelor and in need of a helpmate. I am a homesteader with 80 acres of crop. I am 5 feet 8 inches tall and weigh 165 pounds when fat, and am considered good looking. I am 36 years old and am English. Now, girls, hurry up and write to me. My address will be with the editor. Please forward enclosed to "A Somerset Cuckoo."

"Yorkshire.

"Twister" Won't Tell His Age."

Alberta, Jan. 2, 1909.

Editor.—As a subscriber to your valuable paper I have the pleasure of reading each month the letters in the correspondence columns. I think some of them are very good and others a bit ridiculous. I, myself, do not approve of correspondence as a method of obtaining a life partner. This is far too important a matter for hasty conclusions, and I am afraid when some of us come to be actually weighed in the balance we will be found wanting.

As everyone seems to give a description of themselves I will do the same. Am 5 feet 6 inches tall, weigh 150 pounds, have blue eyes and have never been told I was handsome. My age I will not disclose just now, but am passable, girls. Can make pancakes and eat them, too, but don't like sauerkraut. Hope this letter will find its way into print. If any young lady would like to correspond with me I will be pleased. My address is with the editor. "Twister."

"Gobbles" Likes Spicy Letters.

Maple Creek, Sask., Jan. 16, 1909.

Editor.—Having read the letters in the W. H. M. for a long time I suddenly took a notion to write also and derive some fun from it. I like some letters much better than others, but I think the arguments are a little one-sided as to corresponding with views to matrimony. I am not in it, although I think that if we were to write sensible letters with some degree of spiciness in them that it would mean more for the enlargement of each other's understanding and give an idea of what each one has on mind. I like letters that are descriptive of the life of the writer.

I am not going to give a description of myself but I will pass in looks. I like reading and music, can ride, dance and do other things as well. I am a lover of the hills.

"Gobbles No. 2."

"Marshmallow" Has His Say.

Katrine, Man., Jan. 9, 1909.

Editor.—I have been an interested reader of the correspondence column of the Western Home Monthly and I think it certainly is a good thing for Canada, especially the West for it is so thinly settled that when the busy season is on the men have not time to go any distance to visit them in a good many places they have hardly anybody to visit save some other bachelor as lonely as himself. For myself, I would not care to be away out in a wilderness; as it is, I live in a pretty thickly settled district just three miles from Gladstone but I am at present at Katrine, which is a siding on the C. N. R. about 18 miles from Gladstone.

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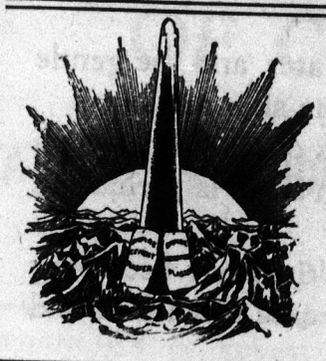

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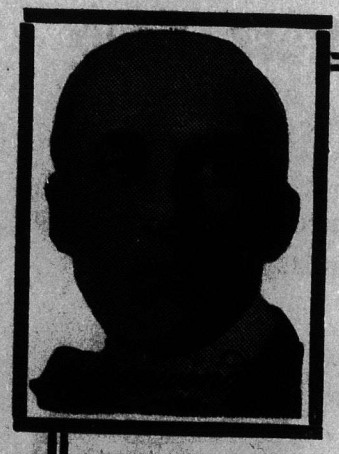

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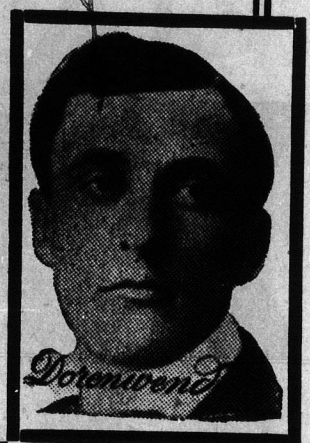

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ers and your lady readers. As regards ideals I think it is all right to have one but not as some of your readers have; they seem to want a kind of angel without wings and I don't see many around here. Now, I would not want to have my companion to be perfect for I am not perfect, and she would not be a companion in the true sense of speaking, for companions want to be more in common. I am a young fellow of 21 years old, am dark, with jet black hair and brown eyes, rather a Roman nose (that is, it roams a good distance over my face), yet I am not as homely as some I have seen. I am not very tall, being 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weigh about 165 pounds. I would like to correspond with some girls between 17 and 20 years of age, just for pastime, or would exchange post cards. Hoping this escapes the waste paper basket I will sign myself a "Marshmallow."

From the Minute Man.

Warner, Alta., Jan. 7, 1909.

Editor.—I like very much reading your valuable paper, especially the correspondence column. I am not a subscriber, but I take it from a friend. I think corresponding this way is a very good way to get acquainted with one another.

I will now give a description of myself. Am 24 years old, light complexion, weigh 160 pounds, 5 feet 8 inches tall and am very good natured. I think I would make some nice young lady a good husband, for I am not a bit lazy, can do a hard day's work with anybody.

I am living alone part of the time so it makes it very lonely for me at times. If I had a nice helpmate I think that would be all I would care for in this world.

Some of the girls are too hard on the boys. Of course, I don't think it right for a woman to go out in the field and dig hay all day, then come home at night and help do the chores. A good husband wouldn't have his wife do that. But it would be his duty to help in the kitchen.

Please send enclosed letter to the lady who signs her name "Marvel" from Saskatchewan. Will be glad to answer any letters. May this good work roll on and success to the W. H. M.

"The Minute Man."

Suggests this Magazine Distribute Buttons.

Alberta, Jan. 9, 1909.

Editor.—I am a reader of your paper and by reading all the letters from so many who are subscribers, I wish to ask for room in this column for a few lines so I can get acquainted with some of the readers.

First it seems to be the description. I am as pretty as the rest of them, never heard one say I was homely. I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, weigh 140 pounds, have brown eyes and dark hair and will soon be 22 years old. I have a good business education and do now own and control a big general store in a good live town. I also own other city property and a well improved farm about one mile from town that brings me about $1,000 a year from crops.

Now as there are both farmers' and merchants' daughters reading these letters, I have a cage for either, and if any pretty girl from 18 to 23 likes to receive some good letters and wish my correspondence, will find my address with the editor.

"Dolly Dimple's Darling's" letter may hit some rather hard, but my aim is to get acquainted with as many as possible and on my journeys may meet some of the Western Home Monthly subscribers and the editor. I would suggest that the editor get us some buttons for badges. Now, girls, get acquainted and don't be slow. Thanking you for this space, and space again, I remain,

"Lonesome."

Replies Wanted.

Alberta, Jan. 11, 1909.

Editor.—Like the rest of some of your readers I have taken great interest in the various letters which continually appear in the W. H. M. and I should like to see this one of mine escape the waste basket.

It seems the general rule to give a brief account of one's self, so I'll just state that I am 24 years of age, weigh 150 pounds. Wouldn't be last in a beauty show. Fond of sports (most Englishmen are), but get precious little out here. Have been in this country 2 years and have been batching the whole of the time, which is quite a change.

The correspondents "Forget-me-not" and "Violet" seem to have hit off the sympathy for batchelors very well, so if they would like to correspond (if only by post cards) I should be delighted to exchange and also any others who would like to sympathize with a poor lonely bachelor. Now, girls, this is O. K; no bluff, so don't think you won't get replies, and who knows, perhaps one of the letters or its writer may hear more. My address is with the editor, whose paper I wish every success.

"Replies Wanted."

Young Wife Tenders Advice.

Forget, Sask., Jan. 9, 1909.

Editor.—Be so kind as to allow me room in your paper which, by the way, I would not be without as I take great interest in the correspondence column for there are so many young girls that seem as if they would plunge into married life so carelessly that sometimes I wonder if they have mother or if they know about these letters, and much more those that are written to the boys themselves.

I will say like "Spoken For" in the September number, "girls, do be careful," and believe what she says for three-quarters of these lands that they boast of are not paid for and when it is a homestead nine chances out of ten they are mortgaged and besides they have other debts. Now, I was married two years ago, and although I took a lot better husband than lots of you girls may. We are not rich, far from it for we have lots to pay and to do that we must both work hard and save, and save again.

Lots of the boys say they want a girl that can play the piano. Now what will it avail them for not one out of fifty can afford one and that one who will buy it will most likely never pay for it. So, girls, I do not say, don't come to the West, but I do say, do not marry without knowing each other very, very well before and do not come here with the idea that you won't have anything to do but play the piano, for those that do, I pity the man that will have them. Read well, and remember "Spoken For's" letter for she speaks the truth in every word. As for "pretty" girls and "handsome" men, I am yet looking for one. Girls, when you come here to marry a bachelor, make up your minds to help all you can and save all you can, but choose a good worker and a good saver. Never marry a man that drinks.

Now, I am not old and cranky, for I am only twenty; and like "Spoken For," I will gladly answer all letters from both sexes, for I think that both should write more to married men and women and I hope that more married people will write to the W. H. M.

"Young Wife."

A Merry Maid from Old Quebec.

Quebec, Dec. 21, 1908.

Editor.—Have been a subscriber to your valuable paper for a short time past but have become greatly interested in it, so am sending this letter for the correspondence columns.

I should like to correspond with some nice young fellow between the ages of 18 and 25 years. Must be educated. Dark brown hair and eyes preferable. According to my fancy a tall young man is more attractive than one of smaller stature. I have no objection to a moderate smoker but where chewing and drinking are concerned there is no friendship from me.

I am 18 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height, weigh 122 pounds, have dark brown hair and dark grey eyes. (I might be pretty; some of the boys better write and find out). Am considered a good musician (piano) and a fair singer. As for sports, I delight in them. Skating, dancing, boating, swimming, riding and horseback riding afford me great pleasure. Hoping to receive an answer from this letter and wishing your paper success.

"Merry Maid."

Golden Locks Wants Nice Young Man.

Wingham, Ont., Jan. 22, 1909.

Editor.—Although I am not a subscriber to your valuable magazine, I have the pleasure of reading it through a friend. I think the correspondence columns are very interesting. As this is my first letter to your correspondence columns I hope to see it in print in next month's issue.

In regards to myself, I am sweet sixteen, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weigh about 109 pounds, have a wealth of golden hair, hazel eyes, pearly teeth and a fair complexion. I like lots of fun and am very fond of any kind of music; can play the piano nicely. I am also considered a very graceful dancer. I can cook a good square meal and am a good housekeeper. I am in sympathy with the bachelors out West. I imagine they they must be lonesome. I am looking for a good young gentleman not over 21 years of age. He must be tall, dark, good looking, jolly and neither drink nor chew tobacco. Any nice young man not over 21 who wishes to correspond with me will find my address with the editor. Hoping I have not taken up too much of your valuable space.

"Golden Locks."

Wants to Learn About the West.

Ontario, Jan. 16, 1909.

Editor.—Having read your magazine for the past few months I have taken great interest in the correspondence column and would like to join. I have found that it is the custom to describe one's self so will fall in line. I am 5 feet 5½ inches tall and weigh 120 pounds, have a fair complexion, dark brown hair and blue eyes. I have always lived on a farm and know something about farm work. I am very fond of reading and outdoor sports. Would like to correspond with either lady or gentleman who would tell me about the West. Wishing the paper every success I sign myself "An Ontario Girl."

From a Subscriber in Cuba.

Cuba, January 15 1909.

Editor.—Please allow a Cuban subscriber a space in your magazine. I am a bachelor living in a big Swedish-American colony in Cuba, where the oranges, bananas and pineapples grow. I have a good farm with a fine house. I

am of a good disposition, fairly good looking, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight 150 pounds; am 30 years old and have a light complexion. I don't use tobacco and don't care much for liquors, but can take a drink and smoke a cigar once in a while. Any girl wishing to correspond will find my address with the editor.

"Swede."

Looking for a Home of Her Own.

Three Hills, Alta., Jan. 20, 1909.

Editor.—I am a reader of your valuable magazine and have become much interested in your correspondence columns. I am in sympathy with the lonely bachelors of the West for I too, am of the lonely sort, being a stranger in the West, my parents having joined the speculative throng searching for homesteads and pre-emptions; and I, having caught the speculative fever, now cast about for a home of my own in this beautiful West. I will not describe myself as I am not extraordinary either way, but will gladly answer all letters received.

"Gloomy Gusta."

The Real Goods.

Wingham, Ont., Jan. 21, 1909.

Editor.—I am a reader of the W. H. M. and find the correspondence columns very interesting.

I am 16 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, and weigh 103 pounds, have fair hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion; am a general favorite among my companions and am not afraid of work. I am also a good cook and a first class dressmaker.

If some good looking, good natured bachelor (between 18 and 20 years of age, about 6 feet tall, dark complexion, and without any bad habits with the exception of smoking) wishes to correspond with me he will find my address with the editor.

"Water Lily."

Tomboy and Sweetheart.

Toronto, Dec. 20, 1908.

Editor.—We have taken great pleasure in reading the W. H. M., especially the correspondence. My friend is a subscriber; we enjoy the paper so much.

We thought we would write a few brief lines, hoping it will catch the eye of some young bachelors who would like to pass a few weary winter evenings away in writing to two girls who would be very interested in hearing anything about the West and who in return would write nice, interesting, cheerful letters and give any sisterly advice that was required.

We don't want to be married; we just want friends, that's all.

Will you please send the letter marked (1) to "Challenge, Belmont, Man., and the letter marked (2) to "Sauerkraut Bill," Manitoba, and oblige. Wishing your paper every success.

"Tomboy and Sweetheart."

Spoony Fellows Not Wanted.

Canada, Dec. 25, 1908.

Editor.—I have read some of the correspondence in your paper and find them very amusing; at least, a great many of them. Some mention post card exchange, and as I am making a collection I would like to exchange home views with anyone who wishes.

I am a teacher by profession and a very busy person. I am a great lover of music and play the piano and guitar and enjoy singing.

Now listen, no "spoony fellows" need write nor send postals, but I will be glad to exchange postals with any sensible fellow between 25 and 30. Will not promise to return favors right away but will do so sooner or later.

"Wild Rose."

Old Bachelors Please Get Busy.

Editor.—Through a friend of mine I have had the pleasure of reading your magazine and have become much interested in the correspondence column and in consequence I make bold to join in the ranks of those who are on the market for a congenial companion.

Description of myself and surroundings—will say I am a widow of moderate means, holding down a homestead. Am of average height, neither dark nor fair; of average good looks and intelligence; conceit sufficient to enable me to take great pride in my appearance and surroundings, and have sufficient educative ability to be a genuine helpmate in any business enterprise. Concluding, I invite correspondence with the opposite sex with a view to matrimony. Age limit to be not under 40.

"June."

A Chance for Lonely Bachelor.

Ontario, Dec. 18, 1908.

Editor.—Have been a subscriber to your paper for some time and enjoy reading it very much, especially the correspondence pages.

Some of the girls are too hard on the bachelors. I do not mind a man that smokes, but will not have anything to do with one who uses liquor in any form.

I am one of these good looking farmer's daughters, 18 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall and weigh 140 pounds. I enjoy any kind of sport; can skate and play the piano. I expect to learn to dance soon. Am able to run any of the farm implements, milk, and delight in driving wild horses.

If there are any of you lonely bachelors would like to correspond with me you will find my name with the editor.

"Wild Cucumber."

Dark Eyed Widow in Line.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29, 1908.

Editor.—I have been a reader of your paper for some time and think the correspondence column just great and I really feel sorry for some of the dear boys out on the homesteads and hope some of them will write to me. Now, boys, all write.

I am a Canadian between twenty and thirty, have black hair, dark brown eyes, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weigh 106 pounds. I would like to hear from some nice man not older than 35 years old. Would answer all letters. My address will be with the editor. Hoping you will find space in your paper for this. Kindly forward the enclosed letter to "Common Batch."

"Dark Eyed Widow."

Would Like to Correspond.

New Brunswick, Dec. 3, 1908.

Editor.—Interested in your correspondence column, I though I would like to join in also and express my sympathy for the lonely bachelors in the West.

I am a farmer's daughter and find it very lonely at times, especially in the winter time as the neighbors are few. Don't you think the girls are hard on the poor bachelors? I don't suppose they are as bad as they are thought to be. Who can blame the men for having a few bad habits such as smoking and playing cards when they have no one to help them to make the lonely hours shorter.

As everyone gives a description of themselves I will also. I am 5 feet 4 inches tall, with light hair and blue eyes; weigh 124 pounds. I will not say I am good looking but will leave that for some one else to judge; besides, beauty is only skin deep, and as the old saying is, "looks are nothing, behavior is all," is a true one.

I would like to hear from "Flaxie" and "Flymo" in June number and "No Angel," and will answer all letters promptly. My address will be with the editor. As this is my first letter I would like to see it in print. Wishing the W. H. M. success, I remain.

"Easter."

Should Not be too Hard on Men.

Calgary, Dec. 20, 1908.

Editor.—Please allow a small space for another wild westerner's letter. I enjoy very much reading the letters in the correspondence column and some of the letters are especially interesting.

I think some of the girls are rather hard on the old bachelor's habits, and although I prefer a man who has no bad habits, still I do not think we need be so hard on them.

Now I suppose I must describe myself a little. I am 22 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches high, weigh about 140 pounds, and have grey eyes, brown hair and fair complexion, and can play the piano although I do not dance.

I would like to correspond with "Flymo" if he will write first. Hoping to see this in print and leaving my address with the editor.

"Bluebell No. 12"

A Wealthy Farmer's Daughter.

Glen Walter, Dec. 23, 1903.

Editor.—I am a reader of your W. H. M. and find it very interesting.

I am a wealthy farmer's daughter and very fond of the West, and would like very much to correspond with some of those Western bachelors, especially "Jolly Quaker," which I found in the August number. I am of good disposition; not what you would call pretty. I have dark brown hair, brown eyes, height 5 feet, weight 120, age 18. I hope my letter will escape the waste basket.

"Virginia."

Would Extend his Correspondence.

Saskatchewan, Dec. 20, 1908.

Editor.—Please forward enclosed letter to "Buttercup" of August number. I would be pleased to have other correspondents of the fair sex if they would write first. I would willingly describe myself and give sketches of my life as a cowboy. Hoping to hear from them in the future and wishing your paper all kinds of success.

"A Big Hearted Cowboy."

Two of a Kind.

Manitoba, Dec. 23, 1908.

Editor.—Having been long interested in the correspondence column and taken in the W. H. M. for some time past, we should be glad if you will kindly insert this letter and as a favor and without delay and thereby trust to receive letters from the fair sex.

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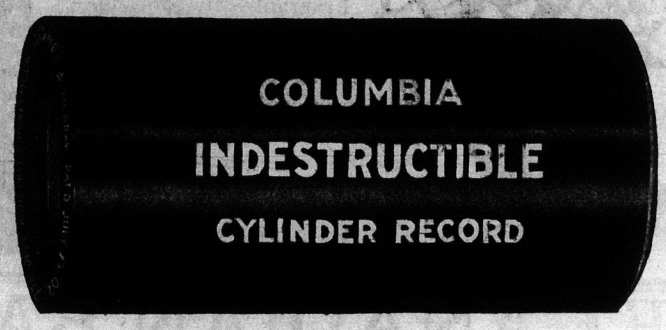

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idea as to what kind of fellows we are. You will doubtelss have heard we are handsome. Well, of course, that is for anyone to judge. However, joking aside. The one is a Scotchman (Jim by name), 24 years of age, tall, weighs 160 pounds, been in the country 7 years. The other an Englishman, 27 years of age, tall, weighs 150 pounds, been in the country 8 years. We shall be glad to answer all letters and if the girls will kindly furnish a photo with their letter it would greatly help us to understand to whom we are writing. With reference to houses, our stables, etc., are good, but our dwelling is not first class, but we should build two houses to suit the requirements of our wives. We have worked hard to get everything together and not had a chance to look for girls but now that everything is clear we are both wanting the tender hand of a woman in our lives. Our crop this year was nearly 25,000 bushels of grain. Trusting to receive early replies.

"Two Lonely Bachelors."

An Anxious Miss.

Alberta, Dec. 23, 1908.

Editor.—This is my second letter to your paper. I suppose the first did not escape the waste basket. I do hope this one will, anyway.

As you have never heard of me before I shall write my description. First, I am sweet sixteen, 5 feet 6 inches in height, weight 128 pounds, dark golden hair and dark grey eyes, and of a very slow temper and lovable nature. I shall not, however, like some correspondents, say I am handsome. No. You may judge for yourself. I live on a farm. Keep house, milk, etc. Have some property of my own, such as sheep and chickens. I am not overly anxious to marry, or I should say I am not anxious at all to marry, but would like to hear from some of the lonely boys. I might cheer them up some. I would like to exchange post cards with them also.

I sincerely think "Spoken For" is a real sensible woman. It was really a blessing that her letter came. I say, boys and girls, read it carefully. Stop! Think of what she says. She has had experience so take her advice.

"Mamma's Little Love-sick Boy" wrote a short but sweet letter. Now, boys and girls, do you really mean you are on the matrimonial side when you write? Are you not writing for fun? I am not, I am sure. Still I like to make friends with them all. So come then I would like to hear from Mamma's Little Love-sick Boy," also "Silver Tip," "Structural Ironworker" and especially from "Night Hawk." Won't you write to me, "Night Hawk." I believe you are just my type. I will answer all letters. Remember, I am "sweet sixteen."

Hoping I have not taken too much space, I am, sincerely,

"A Daisy Bell from Beaver Lake."

Eastern Loneliness.

Ontario, Dec. 22, 1908.

Editor.—I have been a reader of your W. H. M. for a few months and enjoy very much your correspondence column.

I am a farmer's daughter of the East, 22 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and gray eyes, and weigh 115 pounds. I will not take space to tell what I can do in the working line, as I am not writing with matrimonial intentions. I would like to correspond with some of the jolly bachelors of the West. If "Night Hawk" of the September number or "Jimmy G." of August number will write first they will be sure to receive an answer. Any others of either sex that care to correspond for pastime will receive a reply. Please forward enclosed card to "Violet" of August number. Hoping to see my letter in print.

"Lonely Girl of the East."

Wants News from the West.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 28, 1908.

Editor.—I am a new subscriber to the W. H. M. but not a new reader, and must say I enjoy reading it very much as it is so interesting, especially the correspondence column. I certainly enjoy reading some of those letters. I see in the September number where poor "Happy Lad" seems rather down in the dumps. I think some one ought to write to him and cheer him some. And I see "Lonely Bachelor No. 11" is in a great hurry; poor fellow, I feel rather sorry for him out there alone.

I wonder if any of them will write to me. I certainly would be very pleased to hear from any of them and will be sure to answer all letters that are sent to me. I should like to hear some news of the West. I think "Diogene's" letter of August 20 in September number very nice, but I wonder if he is as solid as is his letter.

Now I am going to be unlike the other girls. All I will say about myself is I am 25 years of age; if I say any more I might say too much. Wishing the W. H. M. every success, also the readers.

"Hope."

Favors Letter Writing.

Baldur, Man., Dec. 23, 1908.

Editor.—I have been an earnest reader of your column for some time and now take the opportunity of writing a letter to the correspondence column. I am about 19 years of age and am employed. Am very fond of amusement and enjoy reading letters from friends in different parts of the country. I think the correspondence column is an ideal plan by which young people can become acquainted with others in a different part and I think it a wise thing for young people to correspond in this way as it broadens our minds to the country in which we live. On the other hand, it is a good way to pass idle hours and the result will be to one's own benefit. I have no views to express on the matrimonial question.

I am fond of company, and my ideal companion should be jolly, fond of amusement, and in general have a cheerful disposition. I will be pleased to correspond with any of the gentler sex of about my own age. My address is with the editor.

"Johnny Canuk."

Farmers Flagged.

Alberta, Dec. 27, 1908.

Editor.—I am enclosing two letters marked 1 and 2. Please send No. 1 to "Hello Girl" and No. 2 to "Bank Clerk," B. C.

I have been an interested reader of your correspondence column for some time and some of the letters from the men have made me very indignant, they seem most of them to be lacking in the first principles of gentlemen and don't show much breeding; but a few seem to be real gentlemen.

I would like a few correspondents of the last named class, but no wish to hear from farmers, though I have great respect for them as a class. I'll sign myself,

"Midget."

Invites Girls to Write to Him.

Glen Ewen, Sask., Jan. 9, 1909.

Editor.—I have been a reader of the W. H. M. for some time and have often thought I would like to write a few lines to the correspondence column, which I find most interesting and trust it will not find its way to the waste basket. I see most of them give descriptions of themselves, so guess I will do likewise. I am 5 feet 11 inches in height, weigh 166 pounds, have dark hair and blue eyes, between the age of 18 and 25, of a loving disposition, good looking (if you look at me quickly), do not drink anything stronger than tea and smoke a pipe occasionally. I think it only right, this being leap year, the girls should write first, and would like to hear from "Towhead" in September number and should be pleased to exchange photos. Now, girls, buck up and write; you will find my address with the editor.

"Carlyle N."

This Gent is All Right.

Arcola, Sask., Jan. 9, 1909.

Editor.—Please find enclosed a year's subscription to your bright paper. It is indeed one that contains an immense variety of useful subjects and is pleasant reading alike for men and women. The correspondence column in particular is my favorite reading. If you think this is fit for publication, I would like to see it appear in the above as it would perhaps be the means of obtaining for me a few friends, a thing that a lonely young fellow like myself would appreciate, especially if they are of the other sex.

I presume that a description of myself is, taking the other letters I have read as an example, necessary. Natural modesty forbids self-praise, but here goes. I am an Irishman of 28 years of age, a wee bit under 6 feet in height and weigh, when in fighting trim, 165 pounds. Hair red, but not too red. Eyes blue, and in other ways I resemble the rest of the human race—but, as my brothers always have said, when beauty was dished out to the family I was away from home. I am temperate in all things, but do enjoy my three pipes of tobacco a day. One after each meal—that's my fixed allowance. How a lonely one's heart goes out to the fair writers of those dainty letters in your pages. Some of them appeal all the more strongly from the very naivete of the spirit that prompted them to write. Now, girls, here's your opportunity. It would be a charitable act to cheer up a lonely soul, so get out your pens and paper and write me a letter. I will answer promptly. I have a good home here, but it's a lonely task keeping house as a bachelor, and in this district girls are conspicuous by their absence. So if any young lady from 17 to 23 years of age, who is fond of music, reading and outdoor sports, would care to start a correspondence with me it would be an honor that I would dearly prize. I would gladly exchange photos if desired. I could give the best of references if needed.

"A Wild Manitoba Rose" suggests that we should not be lonely, but write to our lady friends down East; but supposing, Miss, that you know not a single soul, man or woman down East. What then? Pray, Miss "Wild Rose," write to me, then I could follow your instructions and gladly, too. My address is with the editor.

"Pipe Dream."

We'll Send the Letter to "Dante."

Guelph, Jan. 12, 1909.

Editor.—I have read with great interest your valuable magazine for some months past. I am still young, but would like to correspond with some

nice young man for pastime. I am 16 years of age, height 5 feet 2½ inches, and weigh 125 pounds, and have dark brown hair and hazel eyes, and am considered very good looking. If any young man would like to correspond with me he will find my address with the editor. If the editor will kindly send this letter which I have enclosed to "Dante" in the October number, I will close, wishing the paper every success. "A Girl from the City."

Useful and Ornamental.

Caledonia, Jan. 11 1909.

Editor.—We have been most interested readers of your excellent paper for some time, and seeing in your last issue a letter from "Tipperary" we would like to hear from him, as that "homestead and room for two" sounds good to us.

As it seems to be the style to describe one's self, we shall forthwith proceed to do so, although we cannot do full justice to our charms. One is 5 feet 7 inches tall, golden hair and blue eyes, very fond of dancing, although a Methodist. The other is 5 feet 3 inches in height, golden brown hair, and brown eyes, also fond of dancing. We are both splendid cooks, can make most beautiful gingerbread with whipped cream. Would like to correspond with some of the boys who smoke nothing but ten cent cigars, and neither drink nor swear, even if they do eat something that does not agree with them. We are willing to make ourselves useful as well as ornamental. Hoping to see this in print. Our address will be with the editor.

"The Lily and the Rose."

Sassy Swede Has His Say.

Allan, Sask., Jan. 20, 1909.

Editor.—With the editor's kind permission I would like to contribute a few lines to the correspondence column.

In the first place, I'll say that I'm not fishing for a life partner, but am just writing for the fun of it.

Say, Mr. Editor, doesn't it seem strange to you how experienced some of these 15 and 16 year old kids seem, to be in love, etc. I've an idea there's quite a number of novel friends writing in your paper, Mr. Editor. "Dolly Dimple's Darling," you're a peach. Yours is the most sensible letter that I've seen for a long time. You're "no 14 year old kid" (I suppose you're a girl).

"Healthy Lemon" thinks he is somebody, don't he? I notice a few more like him, too. I suppose I had better quit or this will go in the waste basket.

I'm a kind of a half-way bachelor, living with my father and brother, but I know what batching is. Am 21 years old and will answer letters.

"Sassy Swede."

Six Feet with Shoes Off.

Dundurn, Sask., Jan. 9, 1909.

Editor.—I am a bachelor, 24 years old, am 6 feet tall with my shoes off, dark complexion, jolly, play the fiddle, dance and play cards, and all the other vices the angels in your valuable paper prohibit. My face is not my fortune I'm told, but I've never cracked a glass in a camera yet; the boys call me a jolly good fellow—so much for my description. The girls that write to the W. H. M. certainly know what they want, especially some that won't even allow a man sugar in his tea; now, I think they must be very sweet.

Hoping that this will escape the waste basket I will sign "Uncas."

A Request to Have Correspondence Page Continued.

Winnipeg, Jan 12, 1909.

Editor.—I have been an interested reader of the W. H. M. for over a year. My business takes me all over the Province, but I have always been able to get your paper every month to date. I represent a local firm in this city dealing in musical instruments and supplies and can play nearly anything in the shape of an instrument.

Now, I have not one word to say about any of your correspondents; they are all entitled to their opinion; if another party does not agree with it, why let it go. However, "Lonely Mabel," who writes in the November issue expresses my sentiments. Kindly forward enclosed letter to her. I am tall, dark, and 32 years of age.

You mention in your November issue that if your readers tire of the correspondence department you would discontinue it. Now, Mr. Editor, I think it is the redeeming feature of the W. H. M., as there are so many magazines published nowadays that one hardly knows which to get for their "Sunday at home"; in fact, I do not know of any other with such an interesting feature as a correspondence column. Of course, mine is only one opinion; you will very likely get plenty more, so let the majority rule. This is my first letter and if you have space in your December number, kindly publish and oblige

"Black Dyke."

Advice to Ranchers.

Editor.—I have read several copies of your magazine and find it very interesting. I am deeply interested in the correspondence column and would take pleasure in corresponding with some rancher.

I, like many other girls, like outdoor sport, especially riding, and therefore I prefer a country life. I am a stenographer, 18 years of age, fair, and not very tall. I have lived in the west for many years. I think it is only right for every rancher to have a housekeeper and not live alone always.

"Fairy Queen."

A Chance for Good Sensible Woman.

Saskatchewan, Dec. 9, 1908.

Editor.—As I consider it quite possible to find a mate through your esteemed magazine, I hope you will give space to these few lines in your January number. The correspondence column is very interesting to read. It seems to me to be quite an exposition of feeling, thought and character. There seems to be quite a few pessimists among the ladies a little addicted to fault finding. There is no doubt men could get along with less bad habits to good advantage, but then, ladies should remember that men were not made to order to suit one's particular notions. If we become more optimistic or if we learn to look more on the bright side of life I believe we will live far happier. "Modest Pansy Saucebox" writes a very nice letter I think. I am not going to find fault with the ladies myself, as I am not addicted that way much, but would like to correspond with ladies of middle age as I am 40. Should like to hear from good sensible woman. "W. H. M."

Very Fond of Girls.

Deloraine, Man., Dec. 8, 1908.

Editor.—Having been a reader of the W. H. M. for some time, I thought I would write a short letter to the correspondence column. The fact of the matter is, the first thing I look for when we get the magazine is the correspondence columns. I always thought the W. H. M. a wonderful magazine and think it a valuable help in any home it may enter.

I am a farmer's son; not a bachelor though, for I have seven sisters, and only two of them married—much to my sorrow.

Always reading the letters in this particular column a person will naturally form all kinds of opinions of all kinds of people. But I think it a poor way of procuring a life partner, especially if you never saw the person you were going to marry. For myself, I want to see her a little while before I become engaged. Marriage is a serious affair, although many of our readers seem to speak so lightly of it and talk so giddy. Although there are many letters I like reading, very many of them are full of trash and giddy notions.

I suppose I will have to describe myself; it seems to be the rule and not the exception. I am 5 feet 4 inches in height, dark hair, lovely hazel eyes (some say devilish eyes), weight 125 pounds, between 25 and 30 years of age. I am scarcely the average in looks (some say I'm a homely mug of misery), but that's not so. I prefer red-headed girls; might take a fair one, as some of them are pretty nice. Now, girls, I can't say I am on the matrimonial list, but if any nice girl between 20 and 30 cares to write to me I will answer all letters. Who can tell what might spring up.

I live on a section of land; have not much time for sports, but am a great lover of the fair sex. I love music so would like one that could sing and play. I neither smoke, chew, drink nor swear. Am a Methodist, although not bigoted. Thanking you in advance for printing these few remarks, I will close

"Tumbling Mustard."

This Chance Won't Last Long.

Saskatchewan, Jan. 10, 1909.

Editor.—As we both take a great interest in your charming magazine, we have decided to write and express our view on matrimony.

We think it is a very foolish idea to marry a person you just get acquainted with through correspondence. We think it would be a great joke to flirt with the boys through your paper, but when it comes to marrying we prefer knowing him a week at least before taking such a serious step.

We will give just a short description of ourselves. One is dark, the other fair, and both are under 30 years of age. Any of you fellows wanting to know more of us will have to write. We neither profess to be professional beauties nor would we frighten a horse from his oats, but are just two jolly girls fond of all sorts of amusement, such as horseback riding, dancing and skating. Our homes are situated in a very pretty part of the country, with lakes and tall poplar trees dotted here and there. It makes a very picturesque scene indeed; that is, in summer, but when the long, lonely winter months come around it is indeed lonely, and as we are both young we are in for a good time, which we don't always get in winter.

We would like some correspondents (some nice young fellows) not over 25 years of age, who are jolly and in for fun. All we have to say about the fellows here that they are too slow to stop quick, so boys don't be too slow about writing while you have the chance for it won't last long. We will close now, hoping to see our letter in print soon. "Brunette and Blonde."

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General Manager's Address.

The net profits for the past year show a decrease of $125,016.89 as compared with the figures of the previous year, but they are slightly in excess of 16½ per cent. on the paid-up capital, and under the circumstances we feel that this result is a very satisfactory one. Had it not been that the volume of our loans was well maintained during the early part of the year, the decrease would have been much greater.

We have paid the usual dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, and after providing for customary payment to the Pension Fund and for some special subscriptions, and adding $1,000,000 to the Rest, we have been able to set aside $300,000 for Bank Premises Account, and to carry forward undistributed profits of $161,244.88. This emphasizes the position this Bank is in as regards the maintenance of its present rate of dividend, and, while some of the shareholders may feel that they are entitled to a larger distribution of the profits of the Bank, we believe that the majority will agree with us that the present moment, when we are facing a period of diminished demand and consequent lower rates for money, is hardly opportune for the consideration of this question, and that policy your Executive has followed of strengthening the foundations of the Bank is that which will tend most surely, in the not distant future, to the realization of the hopes of those who look for increased returns. It is possible that some may think our expenditures on bank premises might now be lessened to some extent, and in this connection we may say that the principal buildings which we feel at the present time are necessary should, in the course of the next two years or thereabouts, be completed. But the rapid extension of the Bank in the newer parts of this country, and the remarkable growth exhibited by many of the cities and towns of these new districts are constantly making demands upon us for accommodation which we find it difficult—indeed, well nigh impossible—to obtain in any other way than by erecting our own buildings.

During the year our deposits have increased by $7,996,738, or almost eight million dollars, of which about six million dollars is in deposits bearing interest. It may be interesting to note that, starting last year with deposits of $87,041,057, some of which were of a temporary character, being balances of large accounts in process of adjustment, there was a decrease until April, when we reached the lowest point, $82,257,018. The past six months showed a steady increase, culminating in our record of $95,037,796. On the other side of the balance sheet, our loans stand at $87,692,785, as compared with $88,768,829 in our last report, the decrease being mainly under the heading of "Current Loans and Discounts" which represents almost entirely our share of the commercial loans of the country. In this item the decrease is $7,378,622; while, on the other hand, our Call and Short Loans have increased $5,241,327.

We have not had a recurrence of the difficulties attending the marketing of our crops, and perhaps a word on this question will not be out of place. There was little or no apprehension of stringency during the crop season. Our easier financial position, the wise provision for an emergency circulation, and the fact that a large portion of the crop was moved with exceptional rapidity before the close of navigation, all tended to obviate these difficulties; still there is much need to consider seriously permanent measures for financing a crop movement of such large proportions. It is manifestly necessary that there should be a larger amount of bank capital available as a basis for our circulation, but, even with considerable augmentation of bank circulation and the thoughtful interposition of Government measures of relief, we shall still be brought face to face with the difficult problem of taking care of immense stores of grain after the close of navigation, when the interior movement is over and the grain is warehoused at terminal points.

In November, 1907, when the foreign loans of Canadian banks were at their low point—$64,774,000—the Canadian banks held deposits elsewhere than in Canada amounting to $54,819,000, so that not more than $10,000,000 of Canadian funds were being lent outside Canada. Moreover, the larger portion of these loans is carried in New York at 24 hours' call—practically as readily available as cash. Except at rare intervals, New York call loans bear a much lower rate of interest than Canadian mercantile loans; consequently the banks aim to carry only such amount at call in New York as, with the cash carried here, will constitute a reasonable reserve of cash and immediately realizable funds. Notwithstanding all that financial critics have written about the Canadian banks sending to New York moneys needed in Canada, in order to take advantage of the high rates occasionally prevailing there, such a thing as a bank curtailing its commercial loans in Canada for a purpose of this kind is absurdly improbable. Only occasionally during the past fourteen years have excessive rates for call money in New York prevailed for more than a few days in the year, and no sane banker would think of sacrificing permanent business connections in Canada, of even the smallest kind, for such a temporary advantage. Self-interest will at times be a sufficiently weighty force to prevent the banks from lending Canadian funds outside of Canada, except to the extent that is necessary for the purposes of their cash reserves.

From the figures quoted above it will be seen that, so far from the business interests of Canada being prejudiced by the policy of the Canadian banks in this matter, they are actually benefited, and in no small measure, since the deposits gathered abroad supply a large part of their cash reserves. Had the banks at the date mentioned had no deposits and no loans outside of Canada, only $10,000,000 would have been added to their resources at home, and this would not have been lent for commercial purposes. On the contrary, in order to bring the total reserves up to the normal level, not only would it have been necessary to add this sum to the cash reserves carried here, but also to withdraw a further large sum from mercantile loans.

During the panic in the United States some of our newspapers published sensational and misleading articles to the effect that the funds lent by Canadian banks in New York were tied up and could not be got back to Canada. Notwithstanding the severity of the panic, however, there was not a day during which moneys lent to New York brokers on call could not have been got in, and while it is true that, if it had been desired to ship money to Canada direct from New York, a premium of 3 to 5 per cent. would have fallen to be paid, on the other hand, New York funds could at any time have been exchanged for drafts on London, and the gold brought from there—indeed, this procedure was followed to a considerable extent by the New York agencies of some Canadian banks. No more convincing evidence could be had of the availability of call loans in New York than is afforded by the experience of last year.

On the general subject of the moneys lent in the United States, it may properly be argued that reserves are for use in time of emergency, but on this score it can be shown that the course of the Canadian banks last autumn was not at all open to criticism. In the month of September, 1907, the total loans of Canadian banks outside of Canada amounted to $88,953,000, while at the end of November, when the stringency was most severe, they had been reduced to $64,774,000—from which it will be seen that the banks had drawn upon their outside reserves to the large amount of $24,000,000 to meet the necessities of the mercantile community in Canada.

The President then moved the adoption of the report and said in part:

President's Address.

It is hardly necessary to say that the conditions of business are very different from those a year ago. We were then required to meet the serious lessening of our purchasing power because of poor crops in Canada, and our share of the result of the culmination of a world-wide expansion in general expenditure, and particularly in the fixing of capital in public and private improvements. We have now had a year in which the pace of expenditure throughout the world has been sufficiently checked to ease the money markets, and in Canada we have gathered an excellent harvest. Better class securities almost everywhere have recovered in price to such an extent as almost to wipe out the apparent losses which seemed so serious a year ago, and which were, of course, real to those who were forced to sell. The lessening of our power and disposition to purchase goods has naturally lessened the profits of many manufacturers and merchants; but all this was inevitable, and I think those who consider sufficiently must conclude, as a year ago we suggested would be the case, that we have suffered far less than most other countries. Whether we have suffered enough for our own good is another matter.

Ontario and Quebec.

While the results of the year's farming operations have been a fair average in Ontario, they have been below the average in Quebec. Spring conditions were favorable in most parts of Ontario, but the season was late in Quebec and Eastern Ontario. In both provinces the unusually dry period during the summer affected the yield in the case of many crops, and the farmer suffered like others from the decline in prices. Still, the year was one of prosperity, although the farmer's purchasing power is for the moment lessened by the effect of the poor crops in 1907. The acreage of fall wheat sown in all Canada for the crop of 1909 is five per cent. less than normal, although there have been great increases in the three prairie provinces and in Quebec. The reduction in the general average is caused by the Ontario acreage falling to 86 per cent. of the normal amount owing to the drought and consequent bad condition of the ground for working. Any loss due to this will doubtless be made up in other directions. Hay and pastures generally were, of course affected by the drought. The value of the hay and other fodder crops, of potatoes and roots, including sugar beets, in Ontario and Quebec, is very great, and yet in discussing crops from year to year we are apt to forget the importance of these relatively to the cereals. The Government report for November shows the value for all Canada of these root, seed, and fodder crops to be $186,000,000, of which 48 per cent. was grown in Ontario and 28 per cent. in Quebec, the money value for 1908 in the two provinces being $142,500,000.

For a second time dairy exports are much less than for the record year of 1906, and while this is partly due to the lack of rain and a lessened number of milch cows, we have apparently come to a point in the trade where its growth cannot be judged by the exports alone as it has been possible to do heretofore with a fair degree of accuracy. Fortunately the statistics now published by the Dominion Government make a study of the subject quite easy. There has been another marked decline in the total value of cheese exported, the quantity shipped from Montreal being valued at only $17,142,000 against $20,941,000 in 1906, although the average price was the highest on record. In butter there is an improvement of about 50 per cent. over the extraordinarily low figure of 1907, but even then we show exports valued at only $1,266,000, as again $7,400,000 in 1905. If we compare 1908 with 1903 the loss in value of dairy products exported is about $8,000,000. If, however, we take into account the requirements of our greater population, an increased supply worth about $9,000,000 is now required for home consumption. But this is not a sufficient explanation, because the decline in exports has been as great since 1906 as since 1903. There is no doubt that it is also due in a large measure to the more lavish expenditure at home for all dairy products owing to our increased prosperity. The total value of the entire dairy product of Canada for 1908 is estimated at $94,000,000. There are in Quebec 2,806 factories for the making of cheese or butter, or both, and in Ontario 1,284, while in all the rest of Canada there are but 265. This comparison gives some idea of the opportunity for expansion in this most valuable branch of farming. No matter how great is the home consumption the growth of our dairy business should be great enough to provide for it, and barring lean pastures, to increase annually the quantity available for export. It is most unfortunate that at a time when there has been drought in Australia and New Zealand the same thing has occurred in Canada. As a consequence the falling off in the supply of colonial butter in Great Britain has been so great that prices have been the highest in twenty years, and, foreign butter makers being unable to supply the deficiency to any considerable extent, it has been supplied by various cheap substitutes for butter, doubtless to the disadvantage of our future trade in the real article.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

There is little to say this year about the prairie provinces that is not pleasant to hear. So far as agriculture is concerned the work of seeding was done under very good conditions, and with ideal weather in June, the sanguine hopes of early July, which went as high as 125,000,000 bushels for wheat, were not without justification. But July was too hot, and in August there was some frost. The total yield did not come up to the calculations of the most optimistic, but it is the largest ever secured in all kinds of produce. Both yield and grade, when the grain was not frosted, were good, and with prevailing prices the money return is, of course, larger than in any previous year. Our estimate of the total quantity of cereals is as follows: Wheat, 106,040,000 bushels; oats, 103,200,000 bushels; barley, 23,380,000 bushels; or in all, 232,620,000 bushels, against 160,000,000 in 1907, and 32,000,000 in 1900. The West has seldom had a season more favorable for the threshing and movement of the crop, and also for the preparation of the land for the following year. As a consequence it is estimated that the acreage for 1909 will exceed that of 1908 by 15 to 20 per cent., making a total acreage of 11,500,000, of which about 7,250,000 will be in wheat. With this bountiful crop for 1908 and the handsome promise for 1909 it is well not to forget such years as 1907. There are many avenues of economy

and profit open to the Western farmer which, because of the ease with which he acquires wealth, he is apt to neglect. This is unfortunate for the country as a whole, and some day it may be unfortunate for him. Apparently he does not always prepare in the fall as large an acreage as possible for early seeding in the spring, nor is he always careful to use good seed; he does not use fertilizers to any reasonable extent, nor destroy noxious weeds with sufficient vigor, nor does he prepare for a proper rotation of crops; and it is regrettable that the higher branches of farming, such as dairying, the breeding of good cattle, horses, hogs, and sheep, and the raising of poultry, are not being more rapidly developed. However, the Manitoba Government is doing good educative work of this kind in its Agricultural College, and the Governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan have shown in many ways that they are alive to these most important questions. The example also of the well trained farmers who are to be found in many districts must tell in time; indeed, there are many parts of the three provinces in which great progress in mixed farming is already noticeable.

From the best information we can get the year just closed is regarded as an exceptionally good one in the cattle trade. Prices have been satisfactory and the European markets have been steadier than at any time since 1892. The prospects for a continuance of good prices seem particularly bright owing to the general shortage of cattle in all exporting countries, and especially in the United States. Canadian herds from the Atlantic to the Pacific are now reported by Government experts to be entirely free from disease, and a most careful quarantine against foreign countries as to cattle, cattle products, and horses, is being maintained. On the Western ranges the grass is excellent and well cured, and animals intended for next year's market should come through the winter in good condition. While it is difficult to obtain reliable records of the number and total movement of cattle in the West, the following figures will be of interest. The shipment for export for the last four years has been as follows:

1905	64,287
1906	86,575
1907	53,556
1908 (to 5th December)..	100,454

These figures indicate clearly the severity of the winter of 1906-7, and also the recovery from its effects. The total number of cattle, horses and sheep in the three Provinces is estimated as follows:

	Cattle.	Horses.	Sheep.
1901	942,625	340,329	182,616
1906	1,944,598	682,919	304,531
1908	2,073,840	737,659	307,682

Now that the slight check to the growth of the West, caused by the world-wide stringency in money, the poor crops of cereals, and the bad winter for cattle, is passing, it may be well, if you are not already tired with figures, to give some of the evidence afforded by statistics of the rapid growth of the prairie provinces. We have already dealt with grain and cattle. In lumber the cut for the country between Lake Superior and the Rocky Mountains—a district not very important in timber areas compared with other parts of Canada—has grown from 119,000,000 feet in 1899 to 266,000,000 feet in 1907. In coal from mines in Alberta and Saskatchewan, the growth in the same period has been from 334,000 to 1,757,000 tons. The grain storage capacity, including terminal elevators, has grown from a little under 20,000,000 bushels in 1899 to 61,000,000 bushels in 1908. The milling capacity, of which we have no records for 1899, has grown from under 20,000 barrels per day in 1903 to over 40,000 barrels per day in 1908.

The railway mileage in the three provinces has grown from 2,000 miles in 1900 to 8,560 miles in 1908, and the demand for branch lines is still as pressing as ever. The Premier of Alberta has stated his views as to the necessity for greater transportation facilities in his province so urgently, that we cannot doubt but that his people and those of Saskatchewan are keenly alive to the advantage and necessity of being able to get their crops speedily to the seaboard. The movement of cars will illustrate the poorness of the crop of 1907 and the excellence of the crops of 1906 and 1908, and also the improved capacity of the railroads. For the twelve months ending 31st August, 1907, the number of cars carrying grain was 80,507; for the corresponding period in 1908, 63,978, while for only three months of 1908, from September to November inclusive, the number was 48,898. In southern Alberta and at scattered points elsewhere there have been strong complaints of car shortage, but as a whole the service of the railroads has been better than usual.

The number of homesteads and pre-emptions exceeds all previous records, partly because of the new Land Act, which came into force only on 1st September, since which time a great rush has occurred. The number of entries during the first nine months of the past three years has been as follows:

1906	1907	1908
37,690	23,129	41,963

It seems safe to assert that the new policy of the Dominion Government regarding the desirability or otherwise of those who propose to settle in Canada is bearing good fruit, as those who have taken up land during 1908 have been, as a rule, of a better class than in previous years. The number of settlers coming into the three provinces during the past year is estimated at 105,000, of whom about 40 per cent. were from the United States.

The population of the three provinces has grown from 414,000 in 1901 to 975,000 in 1908; the value of goods entered at the Customs Department from $6,200,000 in 1899 to $26,000,000 in 1907; the number of branch banks from 29 in 1889 to 507 in 1908; the bank clearings from $107,786,000 in 1899 to $717,423,000 in 1908.

These figures abundantly illustrate the prosperity of the West, and we may fairly expect that Eastern business dependent on the West will now improve. Still it must be remembered that, owing to the poor crop and the cattle losses of 1907, the West, so far as its immediate buying power is concerned, is not very much ahead of where it was at the end of 1906. It is sincerely to be hoped that the desire to spend freely and to incur debt will not immediately return, and that some of the lessons in economy may remain permanently impressed upon the people.

Before passing to the United States, it may be well to repeat the statement recently made by the Census and Statistics Office regarding the quantities and values of the field crops of Canada. The area of these crops exclusive of British Columbia is given as 27,505,663 acres, and the computed value at the average local market price as $432,533,000. These figures show an average value per acre for the field crops of the Dominion of $15.72.

United States.

While it was impossible that the three Pacific states in which we are directly interested should fail to feel the effects of disturbance in the markets elsewhere, the check to business did not become generally acute or lead to widespread financial distress, and conditions are now growing steadily, although slowly, more normal.

In view of the rapid destruction of timber going on throughout the world, a correspondent of the London Times, in a recent article, draws attention to the quantities estimated as still standing in the Pacific Coast areas of North America, as follows: Oregon, 225 billion feet; Washington, 195 billion; California, 180 billion; British Columbia, 150 billion; Idaho and Montana, 100 billion; a total of 850 billion feet. Canada, as a whole, is credited with 500 to 600 billion feet. The deep interest of the European world in these last great stands of timber in North America should not be forgotten when we consider our own national future. We may see the forests on which we have placed so much reliance disappear with a rapidity which we have not supposed possible. The quantity and value of the lumber produced from the Douglas fir of Oregon and Washington, the sugar pine, the white pine, and the redwood of California, all combined, will illustrate in a startling manner the depletion which is going on, and the enormous money value of these staples:

Total product'n	Feet.	Value
1905 ..	4,940,000,000	$73,450,000
1906.	6,080,000,000	104,200,000
1907	5,200,000,000	85,500,000

Taking all the varieties of lumber into account, Washington exceeds all other states in output, the product in 1907 being nearly 4,000,000,000 feet. The total product of the whole United States in 1907 was about 40,000,000,000 feet, with an estimated value of $666,000,000.

The wheat crop of the three states was much smaller than the unusual crop of 1907. Prices were somewhat higher, partly owing to large requirements of California, now hardly to be regarded as a wheat-growing state. The export trade was surrounded by several difficulties, one in particular being the fact that the price for home consumption generally exceeded the export price. The trans-Pacific flour trade has experienced a sharp check. Financial difficulties and the further fall in the value of silver in China, the high protective duties placed on wheat and flour in Japan, and high prices at home, have made shipments nearly impossible for the time being. In oats and barley, as well as wheat, the decline in production as compared with 1907 was, roughly speaking, from twenty-five to forty per cent. In hops there has been another serious falling off in acreage and yield, and the results have been quite unprofitable. Taking Oregon as an example, whereas in 1906 this state produced 160,000 bales, and the United States, as a whole, 365,000 bales, against 137,000 bales in England, in 1908 Oregon only produced 80,000 bales, the United States, as a whole, 200,000 bales, against 291,000 bales in England.

While the early promise of an unusually large fruit crop was not fully borne out, the crop was very large, although the fruit was much smaller than usual. Financial conditions prevented the smaller canners from packing as much as usual; but prices were low, and in consequence, the large canners prepared enormous stocks to be carried over to next year when necessary. An extensive business in shipping fresh deciduous fruit to the Eastern cities is developing. About 12,000 cars of this class of fruit left California in 1908, and about 30,000 cars of citrus fruits. While the fall in price was very great indeed, the year has, except to the small canners referred to, been a good one on the whole and in citrus fruits one of the best on record. We are unable to obtain statistics regarding the planting of fruit trees in Washington and Oregon, but it is being done on a large scale, and these States, already important as producers, are likely to become still more so in certain kinds of fruit. The year has been exceptionally favorable for producers of sugar, both in the Hawaiian Islands and in California. Crops have been larger than in any previous year, and prices have averaged $78 per ton of 2,000 pounds, against $70 in 1907. The Hawaiian crop was 521,000 tons in 1908, as compared with 440,000 tons in 1907. The beetroot sugar crop in California will be about 91,000 tons, against about 72,000 tons in 1907. The total value of the products taken from the soil of California in 1908 makes the astonishing total of $388,000,000, against $360,000,000 in 1907. Of this, $80,000,000 is credited to the forest, and $55,000,000 to the mine. This leaves $253,000,000 from the field, orchard, vineyard, dairy, etc., and these are avenues in industry which will annually produce a yield in proportion to the intelligent labor of man and the bounty of Nature.

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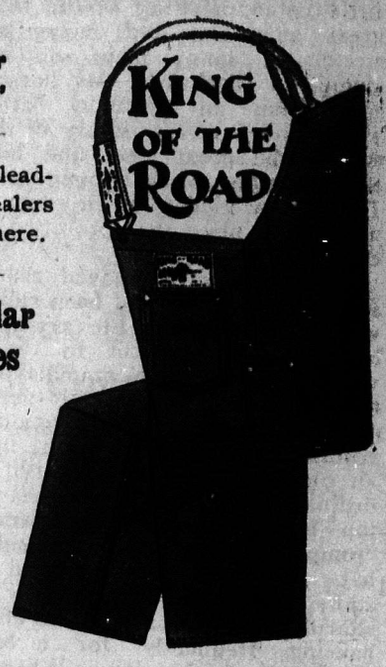

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THE SHIFTING SAND.

By C. C. VAN ORSDALL.

I had been knocking about the mountains for several weeks, when one evening I found myself in front of a little cabin, nestling at the foot of a great mountain, and facing a level stretch of sandy plain, dotted with clumps of sagebrush. My horses were tired from an unusually hard day's jaunt. and I was so weary of the solitude of the great trees and hills, and the monotony of self-communion, that I was very glad to pitch camp for the night in a place that promised human companionship.

Dismounting, I removed the saddle from the animal I had been riding, and was busy untying the cords which bound my camp outfit to the other, when I noticed both animals prick up their ears and look intently across the plain. Turning in that direction I saw coming slowly toward me he figure of an old man. He was dressed in the ordinary garb of a miner—heavy high-top boots, blue denim overalls and "jumper," and broad-brimmed white hat. In one hand he carried a long staff, which he occasionally thrust sharply into the sand as he advanced, pausing frequently for a backward glance across the plain. When he had drawn nearer, I noticed that his staff was particularly shod with a long, sharp point of steel. He was within a few yards of where I stood, when turning from a last backward glance, his eyes met mine. I am not by nature a timid man, and years of frontier life have given me an assurance which seldom deserts me; but I do not mind confessing that, as I looked into those eyes, I felt decidedly uneasy as to my reception . The cordial note of his rich voice, as he bade me "good-evening," reassured me so much, however, that I asked permission to stay all night, hastening to add my name, address and occupation. He readily assented, and, after showing me where to picket my horses, led the way into the cabin, where he soon prepared a supper to which I did the full justice of a keen appetite.

When the table had been cleared away, and a fresh log laid upon the fire I got out my pipe and tobacco, offering my host some of the latter, which he accepted and we were soon chatting together with cordial goodfellowship. I had confided to him my mania for "prospecting," still persistent after years of fruitless efforts to "strike rich;" and there had fallen between us a short silence, during which I allowed my thoughts to drift away to a sweet-faced woman whom I had loved silently, hopelessly, for so many years.

Suddenly my host's voice recalled me to the present.

"A mania you call it," he was saying ing; "and rightly, too, as are all other forms of our greed for gold. God knows no one can realize this truth more bitterly than I."

The weariness in his voice impressed me painfully. And as the lighted match which he held to his pipe flared up, I noted with new interest the deep-set eyes, out of which all gladness had gone, and the rugged lines of the face which must have been handsome in youth. I was speculating as to what his story might be—for that he had a story that set him apart from the common run of men everthing about him plainly declared—when he took his pipe from his mouth and without preface or apology, began:

"I have lived in this cabin for eighteen years, never leaving it except for semi-annual visits to the little town across the mountains for my supplies. Eighteen years ago this month I discovered a rich ledge, bearing gold and silver, up the mountain side about a mile. I had high hopes and worked hard, for I possessed the mightiest incentive that can nerve a man to wrest a fortune from fate—a loving little woman back in New England awaited my return. Her father, a wealthy, hard-headed old farmer, disapproved of me on general principles, but especially because of my poverty. When I had ten thousand dollars in cash, he said, I might claim her for my wife. The toiling and saving of a life-time would scarcely win that much money from the few stony acres I possessed. But youth is hopeful and resourceful; so I left my sweetheart, who promised, amid tears, to be faithful till death, and started for the golden west. I had poor success, however, and at the end of five years was little better off than when I left home. Then it was that I stumbled quite accidentally upon the ledge up the mountain-side, so accidentally that I believed it nothing short of providential. Poor fool!"

He laughed bitterly, and then sat watching the smoke which curled in fantastic wreaths from his pipe.

"For some time I worked as seldom man worked before. But I was soon forced to the conclusion that I must have assistance and machinery to develop my mine, both of which required capital—and that I did not have. One day I set out on foot across the mountain in search of some one who would advance the necessary capital for an interest in my mine. Upon reaching town I went straight to the post-office, where, as I expected, I found a letter from my sweetheart. I carried it unopened to my room at the hotel, and sat down to read it, thinking that it would give me new courage for my quest."

The old man paused. Something in his voice kept me silent, too, though I longed to question him as to the outcome of his story. Suddenly he roused himself from his reverie and continued as abruptly as he had ceased.

"I need not tell you that my letter contained a story as old as love itself—the story of a woman's faithlessness. It put out the light of my life at one cruel blow. I did not heed the protestations, all blotted with her tears; I grasped only the one vital point that she was no longer mine to win, since she had yielded her vows to a richer man; and the bitterness of this blinded me to all else. All night long I sat with the letter in my hand, and when morning came I started home, following the instinct which leads the wounded animal back to its familiar haunts to die.

"For a long, long time I lay in my little bunk yonder, praying for death, and there grew in my mind the suggestion of suicide. In a stupid way I reviewed all the routes to eternity at my disposal; but with the fastidiousness of a sick brain, I rejected them, one after another. There was my rifle or my hunting-knife, but the thought of their bloody mutilation turned me sick. Then there was a rope, and there," pointing to the stout beam over our heads, "was the impromptu gallows."

At this grewsome suggestion I could not repress a shudder, and was glad that my tell-tale face was hidden by the gathering gloom.

"But I was something of a gentleman in my youth, and hanging was too suggestive of the felon to be pleasant. I got up at last and dragged myself outside the cabin. Sitting in the sunshine, I lifted my eyes to the westward, and then leaped to my feet, shouting for insane joy. A great bank of gray clouds lay almost touching the mountain tops, and in these clouds was the solution of the riddle of my taking off. I was mad, you see."

He refilled and relighted his pipe before continuing.

"You noticed this evening the level stretch of plain to the eastward. The soil is loose, light sand, and the terrific winds which occasionally sweep down over the mountains play mad pranks with it. Great hills and hollows are piled up and scooped out, familiar landmarks are obliterated, and new ones uncovered to-day, and tomorrow the inconstant wind will undo its work leaving the plain as level as a floor. In the bank of clouds I saw the promise of one of those periodical storms and, like an inspiration to my muddled brain, came the idea of fashioning myself a grave, in which I could lie down, allowing the wind to wrap me deeply in a winding-sheet of sand. To think was to act. With a nervous energy, born of my madness, I seized a spade and hastened out into the plain."

The old man got up and went to the door. The full moon had climbed well up to the heavens, shedding a soft, weird glory over the plain.

"It wasn't far, just out yonder, at the foot of a giant sage-bush that I chose the spot for my grave."

I had arisen and stood beside him, looking out across the sand, dotted with numberless sage-bushes. I had no idea which particular shrub he meant, but the awesome story, and his motionless, intent attitude, which recalled his frequent halting and backward glances, as I had watched him coming across the plain in the evening kept me dumb. He stood thus for some time, and then, with a deep sigh, resumed his seat; but I dropped down upon the doorstep; the moonlight was pleasanter than the ghostly shadows of the cabin.

"I worked rapidly, pausing for an occasional reassuring glance at the bank of clouds. I had scooped out the sand to a depth of perhaps three feet, when the point of my spade unexpectedly came in contact with a hard surface."

"The bed rock?" I ventured, as the old man stopped short, as though overcome by the memories he had evoked.

"No—and this was what surprised, almost terrified me. I knew that the sand was from ten to twenty feet deep, and that it was impossible that I could have reached bed rock so close to the surface. Carefully pushing the point of my spade about, I found that the obstruction was apparently circular, and perhaps three feet in diameter. A few moments' work cleared away the intervening sand, disclosing a flat, round rock. Using my spade as a pry, I lifted the rock slowly from its resting place, and perhaps you can imagine my surprise when I uncovered the dark mouth of a well. I am not naturally a physical coward, but my nerves were so unstrung by all that had gone before, that it was several minutes before I could bring myself to investigate this unexpected development of my grave. At last, however, I secured a pitch stick from the cabin for a torch, and returned to follow this new 'lead' to its conclusion. Thrusting the lighted stick into the opening, I found that the well was about four feet deep and that the sides were walled with rough stones fitted together without mortar. At the bottom, on one side, was a small opening. Lowering myself into the well, I thrust the torch ahead and cautiously crawled through this opening to find myself in a small chamber high enough to admit of my standing upright. The walls of the chamber were of the same rude masonry as the well, while the ceiling was composed of stout poles, laid closely together and resting upon the stone walls.

"Scattered about the floor were rude implements of stone, specimens of primitive pottery—small jars, covered and uncovered—bows and arrows of gayly painted wood, arrow heads and spear points. I knew, at once, that I was standing in an ancient Indian grave, and was, therefore, partly prepared for the ghastly picture which was revealed when the light of the torch put the host of lurking shadows to flight. Sitting bolt upright against the farther wall, grotesquely hideous with feathers and other savage adornments, and wrapped about with gaudy robes, falling away from the skeleton forms in decaying

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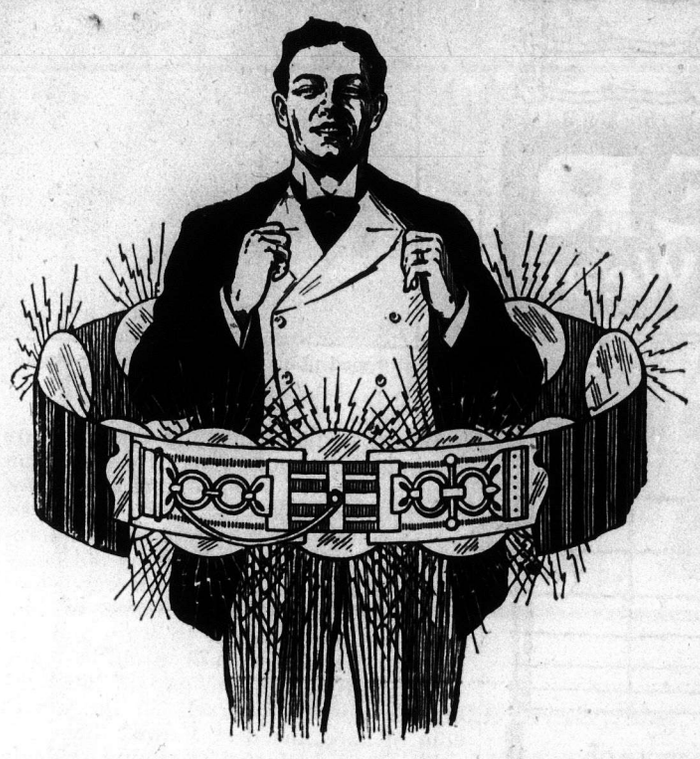

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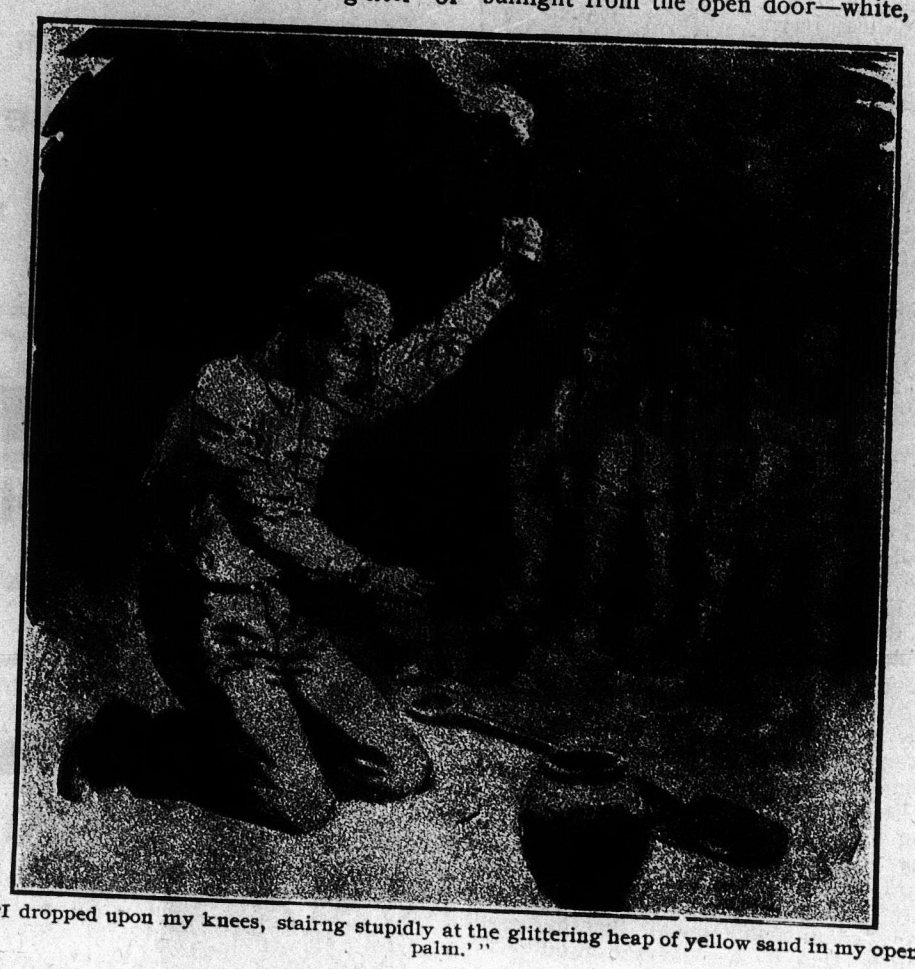
tatters, were three figures. It was not a pleasant sight, nor one I cared to look upon—the dark faces with their rows of shining teeth, from which the withered lips were drawn in sardonic grins and the staring caverns, which the flickering light filled with phantom eyes.

"I turned again with idle curiosity, to the pottery. Pushing off the cover of the jar nearest me, I cautiously thrust my hand into the mouth and lifted it full to the light; and then I dropped upon my knees, staring stupidly at the glittering heap of yellow sand in my open palm, asking myself, if I were dreaming. Ounces of pure bright gold! As the stupendous fact worked itself through my bewildered brain, I laughed aloud, moving from jar to jar. All told the same story, save two; gold, and full almost to the brim! Gold enough for a king's ransom, and all for the taking! And then upon my elation broke the flood of my misery. I was rich now, but, O God, of what use? With the irony of an accursed fiend fortune had waited until I was ready to die, until my hopes were already dead, and then overwhelmed me with her golden shower. I raved and cursed until I was exhausted, and then fell prone upon the floor, overcome by my passion. Presently I grew calmer. The storm of my rage had carried away with it all pain and disappointment. The basilisk glitter of the gold had got into my eyes, conjuring into life another sort of demon than despair. I was rich, and riches meant much; more than love or happiness, perhaps. Riches meant power—and revenge. I could go back to my old home and live like a prince, her next-door neighbor. Many things come to him who has the patience to wait and the money. I had both, and would be ready when the time came to pay off her father, her husband, herself, in the devil's coin of hate, the debt I owed them.

"So long I gloated over my suddenly acquired wealth, and my wild imaginings of revenge, that the charnel-house air of the chamber extinguished my torch, leaving me in Egyptian darkness With a muttered curse at my stupidity, I flung, the useless stick away, and groping about, caught up one of the precious jars and worked my way to the opening. It was no easy task without a light, and I was very glad to find myself at last in the well, still holding the jar against my rapidly beating heart. When I lifted my face above the opening of the well, I was greeted with a blinding, biting shower of sand. Carefully replacing the cover to the well, after I had climbed out, I lifted my jar of gold in my arms and started for the cabin. The sky was overcast, and the blinding, whirling sheets of sand so bewildered and exhausted me that once or twice I thought I should have to give up trying to reach shelter. At last, however, I stumbled across the threshold of this room, more dead than alive, and I believe I never before or since was so glad to get inside these four walls.

"All night long the wind raged with a fury I have never known since in the long years of my residence here. When morning came, my first thought was of my treasure-house. I hastily dressed and stepped outside. The sun was just above the horizon, smiling genially up on the quiet landscape, which some way looked verp strange to my anxious eyes. as they sought the particular sage-bush which marked the entrance to the grave. Not a landmark could I see. With fiendish malignity the wind had effaced every familiar bush, and hillock, and ravine. I returned to the cabin disappointed and chagrined, but not uneasy; and thinking myself lucky to have fetched one jar with me, I stooped and stroked its ugly sides with a miser's tenderness. Then, to reassure myself by a sight of the yellow dust, I put my hand into the jar and lifted it full to the light.

"I think I went mad again for a moment, for when I came to myself I was standing over the shattered jar, looking down upon its scattered contents, which twinkled in the patch of sunlight from the open door—white, red and yellow beads! In the darkness I had got hold of one of the only two jars in the grave which did not contain gold."



"'I dropped upon my knees, stairng stupidly at the glittering heap of yellow sand in my open palm.'"

"But surely you found the grave again," I said.

The old man shook his head. "From that day to this I have been searching for the entrance to the grave. I have gone over every foot of yon sand. Storms have swept over it, casting up and tearing down hillocks, covering and uncovering sage-bush; but never once revealing the secret held fast in the shifting sand. Day after day, armed with my steel-shod pole, I've sought, so fruitless that I should be tempted to believe the whole a delusion of my overwrought mind, were it not for the shattered jar which I have in my cupboard. I cannot tear myself away from the accursed, hopeless search, which has grown to be a mania that nothing but death can cure."

The sky had become overcast as he ceased, and the soft soughing of the pines told of a rising wind.

"It is going to blow to-night, and that means no sleep for me," said my host, arousing as from a dream, after a long silence; "but you are tired, and I have thoughtlessly kept you awake. Let me show you where to make your bed."

I was soon stretched between blankets and left alone to sleep. But the strange

story to which I had just listened had so impressed me that for hours I lay awake, thinking how curiously the man's early history coincided with my own. The mania for gold, the incentive to treasure hunting—love for a beautiful woman—the exile to the mountains, all were the same; only in my case the woman loved was bound by no ties. Years ago I had vowed that I would never ask Agnes to be my wife until I had made a fitting home for her, and it had been this apparently hopeless ambition that had sent me away to the mountains where I determined to remain until either death or fortune cured me of my mania.

Just as I sank into a light slumber a lusty halloo shook my drowsy senses, then voices and the tramping of horses broke irregularly into the softer monotony of th rising wind, and presently my host entered with somone, who, like myself. spread his blankets upon the floor, and then, lulled by the wind, I fell fast asleep.

When I woke the sun was streaming in at the open door of the cabin. Leisurely dressing myself, I went outside to look after my horses,and met the stranger, a prospector, like myself. As we exchanged words of greeting, my eyes travelled carelessly across the plain until they were arrested by an object lying at the foot of a giant shrub, an object so like the figure of a man that I broke off with what I was saying and ran swiftly toward it, with a strange fear tugging at my heart—a fear soon justified. Lying on his back, his white face upturned to the smiling sky, I found my old host, his madness cured at last Grasped firmly in both hands, and lying partly across his dead body, was the steel-shod pole, and the point thrust deeply into the loose sand. Together the stranger and I carried him to the cabin, and then I went to bring the coroner from the settlement across the mountain, leaving the stranger to keep vigil. As the last rays of the setting sun slanted across the fateful plain, we buried him close by his cabin door, with the crumpled, time-seared letter from his sweetheart hidden over his peaceful heart. The coroner took possession of his effects, among which we found the broken jar and beads. The next morning we separated and went our several ways. For two days I traveled, and then a thought, which had haunted me ever since I found the old man lying dead, caused me to retrace my steps; my suspicion proved correct. I found that the point of his staff had touched a rock, the entrance of his long sought treasure-house, and the shock of joy had killed him. The interior of the grave was as he had described it to me. and—but why go into details? Fortune, not death, cured my mania and satisfied my ambitions. A month later I was married to Agnes.

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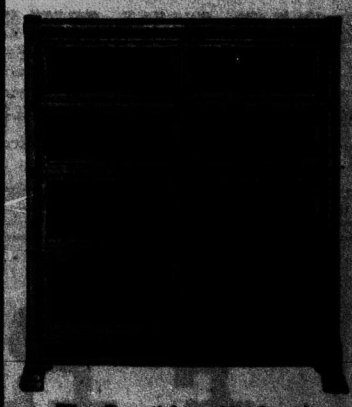

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Literary Work.

The following evening I rang her bell at the appointed time. She opened the door and held out her hand and there was the same sweet smile, the same cordial hand-clasp I had felt the evening before and withal the heartiest and most well-bred welcome I ever received in a stranger's home. After a dainty, wholesome, satisfying meal we settled back in rather luxurious ease and drank our coffee. There was a peace and calm there that satisfied one's very soul.

"How did I happen to come to New York and how have I solved the problem of living and work for a business woman in the big city." she repeated after me. "Well, you see, to really answer those questions I must give you 'the story of my life.' In fact I think I should have to tell you of my father and mother and our home that we used to have out on the Nebraska plains. I never realized how necessary it was for a woman to learn how to do, what in these last few years seem to be counted wholly unnecessary. By that I mean learning to cook plain food, to wash and iron and clean thoroughly and to mend and darn. If a girl has learned to do these things and has been able to take a high school course and then aim's high and is willing to work there is no position she cannot fill well if she will. It is a good foundation upon which to build any kind of a career. It is the waste in the world combined with ignorance that brings us to poverty and all its attendant evils, and when people and particularly the business woman understands that, all of living will be easier. Most women will say it is true, every word of it, but it will seldom occur to the individual woman, for instance, to look into her closet and see if that last pair of shoes she discarded might not be half-soled and worn another three or four months longer and if those heavy gloves could not be neatly mended and worn for a time yet, etc. You see most of us agree to these broad, sweeping generalities, but few of us are willing to take the details ourselves."

"My mother was a wonderful woman. In the light of many women I have met since I left home and came here to live she grows more wonderful to me every day. I tell you straight from my heart that I could not have made an abject failure of my life having had the mother I did." With genuine sorrow in her voice she said, "How I pity girls who have not had the influence of the love, wisdom and guidance of a good mother. They need that influence as young girls, but as women, alone in the business world, they need it too. Particularly in the larger cities, where living is made more difficult than in the smaller places, where there are more obstacles in the business world, no matter what work may have been chosen, it is hard indeed to attain even a small success and keep one's heart and mind steadfastly fixed on the generosity and goodness of the world. But if a girl has had a good, wise mother, a mother who has lived well and nobly, with a realization of the responsibilities of motherhood, there is no excuse for that girl living other than a good, pure, upright life, doing her work well and becoming a factor for good wherever her work takes her and in whatever surroundings she may make her home. The summing up of all this would be, that comparatively few mothers are doing their duty; that few girls have the proper home training is apparent on every hand. And the failure to do good work, conscientious work, the physical breakdown of so many girls in business and the lamentable number that stray far from the paths of virtue, tell a most pitiable tale of the lack of proper moral, mental and physical training in the home."

Home Life.

The concise way in which Miss Leonard gave me her ideas showed she had done considerable thinking along these lines. I asked her about her home in the West and her simple, straightforward way of telling me was delightful.

"I was a very little girl when father moved from northern New York to Nebraska so I really feel that Nebraska is more my home than any other part of the country, though for the past nine years I have lived in New York City. Father had a farm just about a mile out from Lincoln. I went to the district school from the time I was five until I was twelve, mornings and evenings I helped mother do the work. I had my first cooking lesson when I was seven. Corn bread was the first thing I learned to make. From that on I was taught to cook and bake the things that were plain and wholesome. My receipt book, started when I was seven, is one of my proudest possessions." Miss Leonard went over to a bookcase and took out an old and much worn book. On the first page was this, "Receipts tried and found good by Miss Ruth Leonard". Then came the index beginning with breads and the "date of trial." The very manner in which the cook book had been made was indicative in a large measure of the training the girl had had.

"I not only learned to cook but I

was taught to darn and mend and keep all my clothes in order. I was given charge of the house and while I presume mother did most of the work the responsibility rested on me. Mother was a chum of mine, in fact the only one I ever had. We did things together. At twelve I was sent to school in town and at sixteen I graduated from the high school. I was home for a few weeks and then an opportunity came for me to do some work on one of the dailies in the city. I went to work at five dollars a week. I found a little room and furnished it and had the use of a closet with a window which I was allowed to use for a kitchen. Mother brought me eggs and vegetables and fruit from the farm whenever she came in town and there was generally a fried or roasted chicken, a little jar of baked beans or something of that kind in the basket. There has never been a week since I started to work that I have not saved something. There have been weeks when I have saved but five cents, however. When I was nearly nineteen mother died and shortly after her death father was taken away. There was a brother nine years old and he was my legacy. After the farm had been sold and all the debts paid there were just six hundred dollars left for my brother and myself. We talked our prospects over together and I explained to him how necessary it was for me to earn more money than I could where I was and how he must go to school and learn as fast as he could. I made arrangements for the little brother to live with one of our oldest friends there in the town and go to school and be properly looked after. I packed my trunk with all the things I possessed in the way of clothes. I also packed a strong and good sized packing box with a few things from my room and our home. I never will forget what went into that box. There were two pairs of blankets, sheets, pillow cases, napkins, two table cloths, two small rugs, a few books, some silver and china and a few pictures. That I stored with the idea of having it sent when I once located permanently."

"I put four hundred dollars in the bank for the boy and kept the remaining two hundred for myself. Really I do not know what took me to New York, but I came here straight. Those first months were filled with bitter experiences. In the first place it was so difficult to find any place to live that was at all desirable for the amount of money I could afford to pay. I went to the different newspaper offices and tried to get a position and at last was taken on to fill a vacancy made by the illness of one of the regular staff. What a pace I was made to travel those days just to keep my position. For a long time I was looked upon by most of the men and women in the office as an outsider. I held that position nine months and when I left I was getting eighteen dollars a week. I was then twenty years old. I had an opportunity of working in the office of one of the large monthlies and took it at fifteen dollars. But that position gave me much more time for myself. I went to night school and learned shorthand, and bought a second-hand typewriter for thirty-five dollars. How I did work that second year!"

Plans for the Future.

"You see, what I had in mind was this, that I would have a little office of my own and do stenographic work and when I could, try my luck on special articles for the newspapers and magazines. This preparation took me another year. At the beginning of the third year I gave up my position with the magazine much to the disgust of the editor. He was the kind of a man who thought no woman should earn money, but if they had to and were paid enough for their board and clothes that was all they ought to get. I thanked him for the courtesy he had shown me, which in truth had been very little, and made bold to tell him of my new venture and asked him for any work he might be able to give me in my new line."

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"The large room had two windows and there was an alcove with one window, one large clothes closet and another closet with running water. The rent was twenty dollars, and I took a year's lease, with the privilege of renewal. I sent for my box, packed three years before when I had left the west. The first thing I bought was a new bed, good springs and mattress. I scoured second-hand stores until I found all the tables and chairs that I needed, I bought an old bureau and painted it white and a small chair and table and these were all put in the alcove. Gradually the place was furnished and with what was in my box, I spent just $37.50, and that included the paint remover and paint and varnish that I used on the old things I bought. I had a telephone put in after the first six months. I cooked every meal I ate there and had good wholesome food, better by far than any since I came to the city. Business was slow for the first few months and then gradually I became known among playwrights and theatrical managers and authors, until now I employ two girls all the time on a very high grade of work, and am a regular contributor to four well known magazines, besides some work that I do for syndicates."

"In the meantime that small boy has finished high school and has another year after this to finish his course in the state University in electrical engineering. He is a man now, about ready to take the helm."

"May I tell you of my plan for a vacation as soon as the boy finishes his University course? The school year closes about the middle of June and I hope to have saved enough by that time to enable us to start on a little tour that has long seemed good to me, and not at all impracticable. I shall turn my stenographic business over to the girl who has served me the longest. She may come and live here if she chooses and the only stipulation will be that she take as good care of things as I have and if I ever need them that I may share them with her. I shall have the boy come here and we will sail for Liverpool in June and from there I am going just as far around the world as the money I have saved will take me, with what I hope to earn by writing as I have done for some years past. The boy has studied German and has been able to live in a German family for two years; for four years I have studied French at night school, and have been fortunate in finding a French woman who would talk to me whenever I went to see her, I have spent two evenings a week with her for over two years."

"My expenses have never been over forty dollars a month. I have always had just enough clothes and no more and I never wear anything that has a decided style." The truth of this was borne out by the gown Miss Leonard had on. It was a soft grey cashmere made in a modified empire style, trimmed in bands of oriental embroidery. With it she wore an old-fashioned brooch and it was the only ornament she had on. It was a gown that would be never be counted stylish, but was wonderfully artistic and graceful."

"I do practically all my own cooking and you know how much one can save by that. I do not waste any time when I work. You know I said at first it was waste that made people poor, and I repeat it. I have five-thousand dollars saved in the bank and have kept myself and the boy entirely without financial aid, with the exception of the six hundred we started out with.

"Miss Bacheller, you are wholly responsible for my being the topic of our conversation in reply to your question as to my advice to girls; I scarcely know what to say. But I believe if a girl marries and makes a good wife and mother she has done well. But if that portion does not fall to a girl, let her learn to do well in some one thing. She will be better equipped to take care of herself if she has been taught home duties Then they must learn not to waste time and material things. They must learn to be honest in all business deals. They must learn how to dress. They must be willing to take advantage of opportunities that come to them to gain knowledge. They must learn that knowledge of all kinds is valuable if they will make it so. They must learn to respect work and workers. Girls as a rule do not choose their friends wisely. And above all, every girl should put enough good big wholesome interest into her work to give her a little perspective on her life."

"I have a book here that I am very fond of, in fact it is the book I live by, or try to, rather. I have put in it many things my mother used to say to me, there are things from the Bible, Emerson, Thoreau, Stevenson and many others who have given me wonderful help, and that dear old man, John Burroughs has offered me peace in his wonderful little poem, "Waiting."

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And quarts of lemonade;
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So wonderfully made?

With bated breath I watched that child
Expecting him to burst,
But presently, though still I gazed
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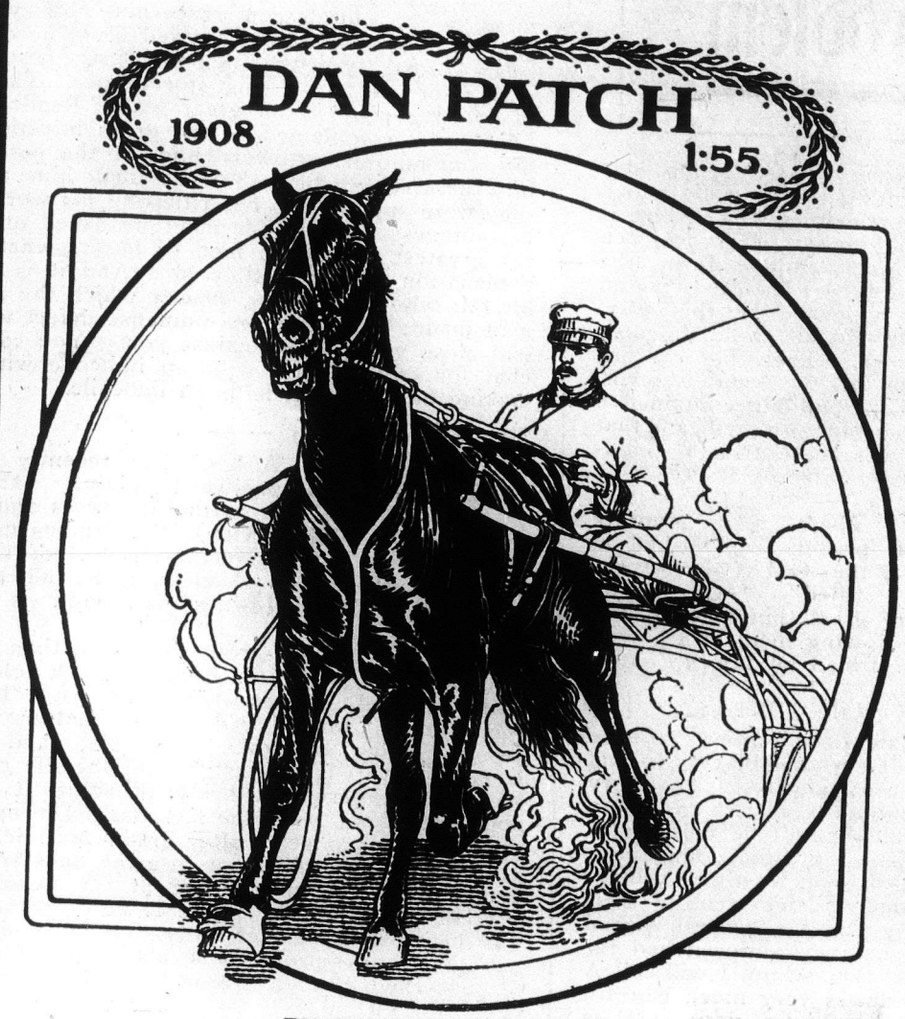

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The Young Man and His Problem

By JAMES L. GORDON

WALK AND GROW STRONG. Walk and grow strong. Walk and expand your lungs. Walk and swing your arms. Walk and straighten your shoulders. Walk and breathe deeply. Walk and think. Walk and cogitate. Walk and meditate. Walking is the best exercise in the world. Concerning Ralph Waldo Emerson it was said: "Walking was his exercise and he was an admirable walker, light, erect and strong of limb. He almost always refused offers to ride in a carriage, and seldom on journeys availed himself of omnibuses or cabs. He would walk across the city to his train, carrying usually his rather heavy leathern travelling bag in his hand at such a speed that a companion must run to keep up with him, and this without apparent effort or any noticeable effect of overheat or shortness of breath. 'When you have worn out your shoes,' he said, 'the strength of the sole-leather has gone into the fibre of your body.'"

SACREDNESS OF MONEY. Money is powerful because it represents so much. What a tremendous investment has been made in order to produce a dollar—time, thought, effort, toil, conflict and high-nerved endeavor. Therefore take care of money; it is the most costly thing in the world. A recent exchange remark: "One of Gen. Robert E. Lee's distinguishing traits of character was his extraordinary carefulness in money matters. Whil generous to a fault, in business transactions he was scrupuously exact. While President of Washington and Lee University he was often heard to say to the young men who came there from all parts of the South: 'Do not waste your money; it cost somebody hard labor, and is sacred.' His advice is worthy of being written in letters of gold upon the walls of every school-room and college in the land."

SIMPLICITY OF GREATNESS. Great men are usually plain men—informal, unconventional, simple in manners, plain in speech, unpresuming in conduct, and direct in conversation. Fuss and feathers belong to the ignorant and superficial. "Style" and "agony" are characteristic of those who would have the world class them above their real value and genuine worth. In a recent biography of Robert E. Lee I find the following: "At McLean's house, at Appomattox Court-house, Lee and Grant met to arrange the terms of capitulation. There were no surrounding circumstances to lend dramatic interest to the scene: just a plain room and two men, one in gray, the other in blue. The business they had to transact was quickly adjusted, for Grant, who realized that this was the end, treated his defeated opponent with perfect consideration and was prepared to accept the parole of officers and men."

THE CRITIC. Don't worry about the man who sees fit to criticise your work. Don't answer—it will please him. Don't reply—it will advertise him. Don't challenge—it will inspire him. Don't abuse—it will but bring him into public notice and attention. If his criticism is a true and proper one, profit by it. If otherwise, ignore it. A writer in the "Saturday Evening Post" quotes Longfellow as saying: 'The poet aims to give pleasure,' Longfellow more than once said to me, 'but the purpose of the critic is, usually, to give pain.' Speaking of the numerous papers that were sent to him, containing notices of his poems, he told me that it was his custom never to read an article written in an unpleasant spirit. 'If, after reading a few lines, I find that the intention is to wound,' he said, 'I drop the paper into the fire, and that is the end of it.' A kindred feeling was expressed by Sir Walter Scott, who, referring to Jeffrey, the eminent Edinburgh reviewer, wrote: 'I have neither time nor inclination to be perpetually making butterflies that he may have the pleasure of pulling their wings and legs off'; and again, remarking on the same subject, Scott said: 'I would rather please one man of genius than all the great critics in the kingdom.'"

ODDS AND ENDS. Everything has a value—a sheet of paper, a piece of string, a stub pencil, a stray pin, a lonely tack, an undriven nail, a remnant of carpet, a belated book, a half-spotted blotting pad. There is no telling just when you will need any one of these. Classify your odds and ends. Have them within reach. That which was worth making is worth preserving. Here is a gem from Edison's biography: "Six or seven years ago a new boy was employed in the Orange laboratory, and forced Edison to give an account of himself. It happened in this way. The boy was first of all told all about the man for whom he was to work. Then he was informed of the traditions of the establishment. He was told that the main building contained a piece of every known substance on earth, and that if he could name any substance not in the building he would be awarded a prize of $2.50."

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT. There is a monthly periodical published in the Old Country entitled "Great Thoughts." It is full of good things for young men. I extract the following incident from its pages—an illustration recorded by James Coates, Ph. D.:—

THE FUN OF DOING WELL.

"It is related of the late Lord Napier that once he played a trick on some young officers to find out the right man for a certain post. The story is that he had three ambitious officers to choose from, all of whom would like to be colonels at once. Lord Napier sent for these young men, and in due order detailed them to some ordinary routine work to be done. They went to their work without suspecting that the general wished to test them and was having them watched for that purpose. The first two, whom I will call A and B, considered the duties very much beneath them, and discharged them in a very careless and perfunctory manner, while complaining of the affront which they had received in being asked to discharge those duties. The third young officer was prompt, energetic and thorough, and acquitted himself with credit,

"'How is it,' demanded Lord Napier, 'that you thought such matters worthy of so much care?' The young fellow flushed. He thought the general believed that he was an officer who had wasted too much energy on matters of no great moment.

"'Beg pardon, general,' he answered, 'but it was just the fun of seeing how well I could do them.'

"The grim old general's face relaxed into a pleasant smile, and he said: 'You are promoted to a captaincy. Go and see how much fun you can get in doing your best in that position.'"

CARNEGIE AND WHISKEY. Rum is on the run. Doctors say it is no good. Lawyers affirm that it makes trouble. Generals assert that liquor opens the door for defeat. Preachers proclaim that it blasts character. Property owners are on record to the effect that it decreases values. Business men are agreed that it stands in the pathway of commercial success. Here is the way Andrew Carnegie, the American millionaire, deals with the subject. Mr. Carnegie, in his book, The Empire of Business, says:

"'The first most seductive peril and the destroyer of most young men is the drinking of liquor. I say to you that you are more likely to fail in your career by acquiring the habit of drinking liquor than from any or all temptations likely to assail you. You may yield to almost any other temptation and reform—may brace up and if not recover lost ground, at least remain in the race, and secure and maintain a respectable position. But from the insane thirst for liquor escape is almost impossible. I have known of few exceptions to the rule.'"

A FLUENT LIAR. Have nothing to do with a liar. The man who handles truth recklessly is a dangerous man. Beware of him. No matter how pleasing or polite, cut him. He will deceive you, mislead you, misrepresent you and undermine your interests. Have no partnership with a man who fabricates. The following I cull from "Great Events:" "'Sire,' said Napoleon III's Minister of War, "all is in absolute readiness for the Prussian campaign, down to the last button on the last gaiter of the last soldier.'

"Now, this was one of the most momental lies ever uttered. The man to whom it was addressed was himself a fluent liar, had built up his empire on a foundation of lies, and had a way of doubting other people's word and motives. Yet he believed the statement of his Minister of War, and this same credulity cost him his throne."

A CLOSED DOOR. "He is somewhat distant" was the remark made concerning a young lawyer. "He is not a good mixer," was the criticism offered with reference to an aspiring politician. "He is lacking on his social side," was the comment of the old deacon concerning his young pastor. "He is cold and reserved when he ought to be cordial," was the suggestion of a customer with reference to a young storekeeper. The art of winning people is a great one. Read this: "Zola once complained of the gross injustice of his contemporaries toward him, of the personal bitterness with which they assailed him when they were supposed to be criticising his work. In his soreness and bewilderment he asked one of the greatest of French men of letters what the explanation could possibly be. And it is Zola himself who records the answer which the great man made: 'You have one immense defect which will close every door against you. You cannot chat for two minutes with an imbecile without making him feel that he is an imbecile.'"

BUILD SURELY. A book has recently been published giving extracts from the addresses and lectures by Dr. William Osler, the famous doctor and physician. The volume is full of bright thoughts and shows deep culture and broad knowledge. The following paragraph is suggestive:

"From the vantage-ground of more than forty years of hard work, Sir Andrew Clark told me that he had striven ten years for bread, ten years for bread and butter, and twenty years for cake and ale; and this is really a very good partition of the life of the student of internal medicine, of some at least, since all do not reach the last stage. During this period (first ten years after graduation) let him (the young physician) not lose the substance of ultimate success in grasping at the shadow of present opportunity. Time is now his money, and he must not barter away too much of it in profitless work—profitless so far as his education is concerned, though it may mean ready cash."

BE STRONG Be strong. Strong in body. Strong in mind. Strong in soul. Strength commands the attention of the world; men respect it, woman admire it. Stand square-toed and flat-footed. Let your words be few and full of meaning. Make good your promises and fulfil your own prophecies. Be the incarnation of health, strength and robustness. Bishop Quayle furnishes an historical illustration along this line.

"Men will forgive much if there be strength. The French tolerated a Louis XIV, and not a Louis XVI, because the one was strong, and the other weak. They tolerated the administration and gloried in the rule of a Napoleon, and dethroned a Charles X, because Napoleon, though a tyrant, was strong; and Charles was a tyrant and weak. The Stuarts were weak. There was no strength among them. Charles II, in spite of his monstrous vices, had more of the symptoms of strength than James I, Charles I, or James II. James I was a pedant, an overgrown schoolboy, "the wisest fool in Christendom." Charles I was the creature of favorites, was possessed of no gift of comprehending the people whom he ruled, was an egotist, and as false as ever a king could well be. James II was an intolerant bigot, blind as a mole, and so incapable of learning that even a scaffold dyed with his father's blood could teach him no wisdom. Such were the Stuarts. The Tudors had been tyrannical, but were not pusillanimous in their weakness. There was no more despotism in James I than Elizabeth, nor in Charles I than in Henry VIII; but there was strength in the Tudors, and only weakness in the Stuarts."

TIT FOR TAT The balances of the world are even, and the weights of the world are right. An ounce of scorn brings an ounce of anger; and a pound of meaness brings an equal proportion of cotempt. Build a pair of scales for the world, ad be sure of one thing—men will weigh you in your own scales. It's "tit for tat" the world over.

"A baker living in a village not far from Quebec bought the butter he used from a neighboring farmer.

"One day he became SUSPICIOUS that the butter was not of the right weight, and for several days he weighed the butter and found that the rolls were gradually diminishing in weight, and had the farmer arrested for FRAUDULENT dealing.

"At the trial the judge said to the farmer: 'I presume you have scales?' 'Yes, of course, your honor.' 'And weights, too, I presume?' 'No, sir.' 'Then how do you manage to WEIGH the butter which you sell?'

"'That's easily explained, your honor,' said the farmer. 'When the baker commenced buying his butter of me I thought I would get my bread of him, and it is the one-poundloaves I've been using as a WEIGHT for the butter I sell. If the weight of the butter is wrong he is to blame himself.'"

What Will My Garden Be?

I want to have it a little extra the coming season. Vegetables grown in the home garden cost so little, are fresh and taste so good. Best food and best medicine. When we have a good garden I don't worry what's to go on the table for a change. So I'm going in for a good garden.

Whose Seeds will I Buy?

I want them to be good—I can't tell by looking at them. I want them to be the right varieties. I see **So-and-So** is advertising pretty big, but when it comes to **"Seeds for Canada"** I've always found **STEELE BRIGGS** safe. They've been at the business about 35 years, and I know for a fact that they test every variety each year in the open ground to see that the stock is kept right up to the mark in purity and type. Their motto is **"Seeds from fully matured crops of selected early, hardy, prolific varieties,"** and that combination is hard to beat, especially where the growing season is short. You see, perfect maturity gives great vitality for a quick start in the spring and this, coupled with the proper variety, places success almost beyond a doubt as far as the seed is concerned. Steele Briggs are true Seedsmen—not simply dealers--and when they bring out a new thing, I have found their statements reliable. Last season they introduced a new strain of cauliflower called "S.B.'s Earliest Snowball." They stated it was a superior strain and I now learn that this cauliflower has attained in the one season a wonderful position—every Market Gardener at Winnipeg who tried it wants it again, and at the great Horticultural Exhibition at Toronto last November, it took first prize over all competitors. In fact, I learn that at that Exhibition, which is considered both in number and quality of the exhibits, second to none on this continent, the vegetables grown from Steele Briggs' seeds have practically swept the Prizes in all classes each year for the past five years.

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Besides their general select list of vegetable seeds, they have their new **"Honey-Pod"** Wax Bean—the first and only variety originating in Manitoba. It is the earliest of all and equal to any in quality and productiveness. Their new **"Kildonan"** cabbage has a great name, and I hear they are offering $30.00 in Prizes to the school boys and school girls of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for growing the heaviest. John and Willie and Gertie will want to try for that and they will be greatly interested in the garden, and next year we will see who all get the prizes.

Then there is their large list of tree seeds for the west, their new Orloff Oats, Registered Banner Oats, Registered Red Fife Wheat, new Silver King Barley, Premost No. 25 Flax, Russian, Turkestan and Montana Alfalfa and Red Clovers with a reputation for purity and quality, that brings large purchasers from Great Britain, Germany, France, United States, South America and Australia; also their new Kursk Millet, Japanese Millet, and all kinds of Grasses, &c.

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What the World is Saying

The Growing West.

When five hundred childen walk out of a burning school in Dauphin, Manitoba, it shows that the centre of population and of political power is steadily moving westward.—Ottawa Free Press.

A National Paradox.

It is a curious fact that individuals in France are invariably endowed with considerable common sense, but collectively they lack it.—Le Journal, Paris.

You Can't Fight Nature.

Some people are asking "What can be done to prevent earthquakes?" One might as well ask "What can be done to prevent the sun from shining?" One can get in the shade, just as one can move away from areas subject to earthquakes.—Detroit News.

Crime in Paris.

Since January 1st many crimes have been committed near Paris, but, unfortunately, no one appears to care. A crime must be artistic, political or mysterious to arouse the interest of the Parisian.—Le Matin, Paris.

Fashion's Color Scheme in Paris.

It is not an easy matter to recollect all the new colors worn by Parisian ladies of today. The latest colors are "dead-rose," "biscuit," "elephant-grey," "billiard-green," and "afternoon-pink."—Le Cri de Paris.

A Project for a Barbers' Combine.

Fifty Toronto barbers want the Legislature to prevent any person "practising the profession"—that is, cutting hair and whiskers—unless he shall previously have obtained permission to do so from a barbers' combine duly recognized by the Legislature. By and by this will be a free country indeed!—Halifax Chronicle.

Unselfish Crusaders.

We Irish have got the name of being an adventurous people. You will hear the Irish accent in every continent. There is no speech or language where our voice is not heard. We have helped to civilize every country except our own. —Irish Homestead, Dublin.

Where China's School-books Come From.

The school-books in China are translations of manuals used in Japan, while military lore is taken from the German, and treatises on mathematics, physics, chemistry, and mechanics are reproduced from English or American works.—La Revue, Paris.

In One Generation.

When Mr. Ashdown, who has just retired from the office of Mayor of Winnipeg, walked into that place to begin business there were not nineteen hundred people in Fort Garry and suburbs. Now there are nineteen hundred commercial travelers who count Winnipeg as home. An instance like this shows how far Canada has traveled in the last generation.—The Banking Review.

Our Dominion's Mineral Wealth.

In twenty years the mineral production of Canada has gone up from $10,000,000 to $86,000,000. The increase is steady, widespread, and includes permanent development in the production of a wide range of minerals between coal and gold. The development of the Cobalt region has brought Canada up to the fourth place in the world's list of silver-producing countries. Germany has been passed in the race, and now this country is moving up rapidly upon Australia, which holds the third place. The second place is held by Mexico, and the first by the United States.—Monetary Times.

The Stooping Sort.

Two French scientists have found the remains of a man who about 170,000 years ago used to amble around on all fours in search of cocoanuts and things, because the joints in his back were curved. There are still some descendants of his around, and every now and again they voice their contempt for the man who has a straight backbone and who acts accordingly.—Montreal Herald.

Ignorance in Regard to Canada.

It is a pity that the Canadian Associated Press cannot find better subjects to cable over to Canada than the statement of Mr. Lloyd-George that it was "impossible to export to Canada for four months in the year." The emphasizing of such an exhibition of ignorance by a British statesman can do no good, especially when it is not a matter of news, for the statement was made weeks ago and was given an official denial by the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company as far back as January 2.—Hamilton Times.

Both are Doomed.

The bar-room and the treating system are doomed. They belong to a class of effete institutions and customs that will be forced out of existence by education, knowledge and the development of social determination to create conditions that will promote the general welfare. In this electoral action, the people have shown their practical sense, by not only expressing approval of the proposed reduction, but electing a council with an overwhelming majority pledged to obey the popular mandate.—Toronto Star.

Problems From the Earthquake.

The ruined Italian cities have a perplexing tangle before them if they are to rebuild. Families in great numbers owning houses were all killed. Who owns the wreckage? Real estate lines are shifted and twisted. In many cases right of property rests on the order of death of owners and heirs, a thing impossible to ascertain. The Italian parliament will have to enact special and temporary laws to fit the situation.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

The Western Demand for Pianos.

One result of the bumper crop in Western Canada has been an unprecedented demand for pianos, and more than one Winnipeg dealer has been sold out. No better indication could be given of the return of prosperity to the prairies and no better luxury could be provided for the farmhouses. Music in the home is the best preventive against melancholia—that is after the practical stage has been passed!—Kingston Whig.

Antique Laws in Australia.

It has been often said by those who have been in Australia that one of the curiosities of that country is the manner in which it has retained on its statutes laws which are obsolete elsewhere. New South Wales, for instance, has probably more capital offences than any other self-governing portion of the British Empire, and it also still sentences Sabbath-breakers to imprisonment in the stocks!—Victoria Colonist.

A Baby on the Throne.

Whether the divine right of kings and emperors to rule their fellow mortals is or is not acknowledged, the direction of a nation of 400,000,000 and more is no child's job. The hills of Chang, the hidden fastnesses of Shensi, the vale of the turbid flood of the Hoang-ho cry aloud for a ruler worthy of the land of Ghengis Khan, Confucius and Lao-Tse, who shall with a firm hand and a single mind mete out justice and leave the land no longer to be ruled by a sickly puppet of a ruler or by

An infant crying in the night,
An infant crying for the light,
And with no language but a cry.

—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Capital Punishment.

It was Napoleon who said that it would be time enough to abolish capital punishment when "Messieurs, the murderers," began to cease killing people. France has had a practical suspension of the death sentence for some years now but the murderers have not ceased their practices. Rather have murders been more frequent in France than ever before. It is not surprising, therefore, that the guillotine has been welcomed with a lively satisfaction by representatives of the French masses.—Glasgow Herald.

Women Voters.

Women are given a good deal of the credit, or blame, for the success of the license reduction in Toronto. According to Controller Hocken the women turned out well; but for the most part their interest did not go beyond the license by-law. They asked for the license reduction ballot, and that alone. "They wouldn't be bothered with the mayoralty, board of control or other ballots." This seems in accordance with the usual experience in this country. Except on special occasions it is difficult to get women interested in municipal politics. For that matter, it is often difficult enough to get the men interested.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Woman and Lady.

There are persons (finely organized, of course) who have a horror of the word woman. It is so vulgar, don't you know! Among people so unfortunate as to possess this super-sense has arisen the use of such expressions as saleslady. Yet woman is the sweetest word in the language. Your mother, your wife, your sweetheart, your sister is a woman. Furthermore, there is the warrant of Scripture for the use of the word. In Genesis ii., 22, it is said that out of the rib taken from Adam was created a wo-woman, not a lady.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Eastern Advice for the West.

The bountiful harvest in the West, and the increase of fifteen to twenty per cent. in the acreage to be put under crop in 1909, are sources of satisaction. But the prairie farmer is warned that he neglects many avenues of economy and profit. He is not careful to use good seed; he does not use fertilizers to any reasonable extent, nor destroy noxious weeds with sufficient vigor, nor does he prepare for a proper rotation of crops; and it is regrettable that the higher branches of farming, such as dairying, the breeding of good cattle, horses, hogs and sheep, and the raising of poultry, are not more rapidly developed.—Montreal Gazette.

Great Britain is Holland's Friend.

Though foes at one time and rivals for domination of the seas, Great Britain and Holland have been good friends for many years, sentimental, commercial and political ties making it natural for British influence to be cast in Holland's favor when covetous continental neighbors have lusted after her. That Great Britain would protect Holland has been known for so long a time that it is not surprising now to read of a more formal understanding between the two powers giving unequivocal warning to those who may be unneighborly.—Boston Herald.

Humanity and Earthquakes.

Mankind are strangely inconsistent in the matter of running risks. There is no danger that appals the imagination more than the danger of earthquake; and yet those parts of the world that are most subject to earthquakes seem never to have been therefore shunned by human beings. An earthquake is an "act of God," and men are clearly helpless against it. Like death, no one knows when it may come; but, unlike death, it may never come at all, and therefore men fear it less than death.—London Times.

Safest Traveling in the World.

The splendid security of the English railways has again been demonstrated by the official report issued on Monday. It is shown that only eighteen passengers were killed and 534 injured in the United Kingdom during the whole of last year. The steady improvement is shown by the fact that, on the average for the last thirty years, one passenger was killed in every 40,300,000 trips, whereas in 1907 one passenger was killed for every 70,000,000 trips. One passenger was injured for every 2,300,000 trips in 1907. Thus, when an Englishman enters a railway train at home there is only one chance in 70,000,000 that he will be killed, and one in 2,300,000 that he will be injured. During the year, however, 454 railway employees were killed and 5,813 injured.—London Daily Standard.

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It is already an assured fact that the year 1909 is going to break all records in railway building in Western Canada. Taking Canada as a whole, the expenditure on construction that has been planned for this year will reach $90,000,000. There was an addition of 1,248 miles to the railway lines of this country during 1908; the present year will see no less than 4,327 miles under construction. Within a few months trains will be running between Edmonton and Port Arthur. Grading is finished 150 miles west of Edmonton. The Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern will do a great deal of construction this year, which will increase the interlacing of railway lines on the map of Western Canada. Taking a national view, the important feature of the active railway development is the strengthening of the links connecting Eastern and Western Canada. The routes extended and projected will bring closer together the sections divided by Lake Superior Instead of only the line around the rocky coast of that fresh-water ocean, there will be other links between West and East. While every new region of our vast Dominion is being served by railway construction, Canada is being solidified commercially.

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT.

It was Queen Victoria who, to dispose of the rivalry between Toronto and Montreal, fixed upon Ottawa to be the capital of this Dominion. The Commonwealth of Australia, in like manner, is to have its capital in the "bush," instead of either Sidney or Melbourne having that honor. It is likely, too, that the confederation of British South Africa, which is on the eve of being formed, will have its capital on the veldt, as the "up country" people have a certain jealousy of Cape Town. The people of Australia are following the same course as was taken in the United States when, instead of New York, or Philadelphia, or Boston being made the national capital, Washington, in the "bush," was decided upon. There is to be a federal district nine hundred miles square, in the Yass-Canberra country in New South Wales, and in its centre, on the Murrumbidgee River, which is described as a noble stream, but has an atrocious name, will be the capital, for which a name has not yet been selected. It is only right that the capital of a country should be centrally situated. If the fathers of the United States and of our Dominion could only have looked into the future, they would have located the capitals at Chicago and Winnipeg respectively.

IN REGARD TO CAPITALS.

No matter what Government has been in power in this Canada of ours, the Post Office Department has always been liberal in establishing services in the newer parts of the Dominion. Many have viewed this as wholly an act of generosity, a bid for the business that was to come. But postal business does not depend wholly on population. Thus in the matter of business done, the order is as follows: Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Prince Edward Island. People in the old settled Provinces are surrounded by their friends and relatives, and therefore do not need to write, but in the West the new settler has relatives in the old Provinces or the Old Land, and he can only communicate with them by writing.

POSTAL BUSINESS.

There has been a vast amount of discussion of the divorce statistics of the United States for the past forty years which were published last month in a bulletin issued by the Census Department at Washington. The most extraordinary utterance on the whole subject which has come to the Philosopher's attention is the report of a lecture by Professor Willcox, of Cornell University, who argues that the result of the million and a quarter divorces granted in the United States in the past forty years, and of the rapidly increasing annual divorce rate, is not injurious to the sanctity of the home or lowering to the moral tone of the country. He says that he is convinced that comparatively few divorces are because one of the parties desires to marry a third person. The Philosopher, from some study of the matter, is inclined to think otherwise, while at the same time, of course, recognizing the plain fact that not a few divorces are simply a matter of justice. By and large, the end sought in most divorce cases is happiness. Persons who have not found happiness in the married state seek it anew in freedom. Statistics showing the success or failure of this quest would be useful. The veracious testimony of persons who have been divorced would, however, be difficult to secure. The Philosopher's impression is that in almost all cases the happiness they are seeking turns out to be a new form of unrest. Many of the divorces obtained in the States are of persons who have been previously divorced. A man or woman who cannot find a reasonable earthly equivalent for happiness in an ordinarily prudent marriage is probably doomed to discontent anyway.

ABOUT DIVORCE.

The Philosopher has been turning over the pages of the annual blue book issued by the Dominion Government containing the full list of unclaimed bank balances, with the amount, and the name of the person entitled to the amount, in each case. By the law of Canada, the banks must turn over to the Government every balance in regard to which the owner has given no sign within five years. The Government publishes its list annually, and the owners of any balance can secure it by proving that he is the owner. In many cases these unclaimed balances must be regarded as revealing the existence of an unusual variety of queer people among the many varieties that go to make up this queer old world of ours. Some of these depositors are no doubt still living, and moved by a variety of strange motives, or sheer lack of motive, to neglect or abandon their property. Most of them, however, are probably dead, or have wandered away in a state of forgetfulness, or have lost their minds—secretive souls whose relatives knew or know nothing of their affairs, or lonely souls without relatives who have passed on out of this world. In Great Britain the banks publish no statement of unclaimed balances and the Government leaves them in undisturbed possession of the money. Our way in Canada is a better way.

UNCLAIMED BALANCES.

Back of Edmonton there is a region of great extent which will some day be filled with settlers. Last fall the Dominion Government had a party making Indian treaty payments throughout that region, and the accounts they give of what they saw are surprising. The farthest point northward touched by this party was Lac du Brochet, about four hundred miles north of Prince Albert and seven hundred miles north of the international boundary. Mr. W. J. McLean, the head of the party reports that there they found potatoes growing. At Pelican Narrows, two hundred miles south of Lac du Brochet, was found a garden filled with corn, carrots, beets, onions, cabbage and cauliflower. At Cumberland House and the Pas, gardens were a matter of course. Farms were found at a distance seventy miles north of Prince Albert. The country is rich in minerals. Mr. McLean noted indications of copper, silver, iron and mica. At Lake La Ronge, there have been recent discoveries of gold, and a rush of gold-seekers is expected in the spring. Water powers were passed which would supply a great city with power, and for a good part of the way the journey was through spruce timber. It is evident that north of Prince Albert there is a country second only to the Mackenzie and Peace River valleys.

BACK OF EDMONTON.

Newspaper dispatches tell of the efforts of liquor sellers to obtain licenses in Northern Ontario. But the Ontario Government is wisely refusing to increase the present number. The steady progress of the movement for the abolition of the bar throughout Ontario is shown by the fact that in 1874 there were 6,185 licenses in that Province, whereas at the present time, though the population of Ontario is nearly twice as large as it was in 1874, the total number of licenses is 2,500. The Government only evinces ordinary political wisdom in running with public sentiment. It is a recognized fact that Cobalt is the most orderly mining camp in the history of mining camps on this continent, and the acquisition and maintenance of its good name is due to the fact that there has never been a liquor license in the place, and "blind pigs" are ruthlessly rooted out. There is a clause in the Ontario Mining Act which forbids the issue of a liquor license within six miles of a mine employing six or more men. Experience has taught the advisability of keeping whiskey and miners apart.

ORDERLY COBALT.

Human inventiveness is busy, as it was never busy before, in devising engines of destruction for use in warfare on land, on sea, in the air, and in the depths under the sea. In all the military nations military men are giving up their habitual conservation and showing every readiness to try new inventions. It was not ever thus. The knights who fought in armour hated the introduction of gunpowder. Wellington fought against giving up the flintlock. In our own time the breech-loader, the magazine rifle, and later the submarine met at first with opposition. But it is different now. Electric guns, aerial torpedoes to be launched from airships and other startling novelties are devised, and all are largely seized upon and their practicableness investigated. It is a pleasant optimism to believe that each new invention will make war impossible. War will never become impossible; but it is sure to become unprofitable. It will be no single invention, as romancers dream, which will bring the assurance of peace. but the slow accumulation which will make war too ruinous and too ghastly to be risked. Thus will human inventiveness triumph even over war. But it will be the destruction of property rather than the increased deadliness that will be the determining factor.

INVENTIVENESS IN DESTRUCTIVENESS.

In sizing up the growth of Western Canada, it will not do to overlook the growth in Western New Ontario, which is the link between East and West, and partakes of the characteristics of both. The development of the country lying west of Lake Superior and of the district north of the height of land north of Lake Superior is now proceeding; that development is spread over so wide an extent of territory that it is difficult to judge how great it is, but the growth of Fort William and Port Arthur is evidence of what is going on in the country behind. In the former town 424 buildings were erected last year, as compared with 353 the year before, the majority being residences, and a number of large public and private buildings being included in the list, among the latter school buildings worth $100,000, a Presbyterian church costing $60,000, and a handsome Masonic Temple. All Canada will benefit by the filling up of the country Western New Ontario, and the rapid growth of the Lake Superior ports gives gratifying proof of what is going on in that region.

WESTERN NEW ONTARIO.

Lord Morley's speech in the House of Lords on the situation in India constitutes a serious appraisement of the white man's burden in that part of the globe. Nothing could be more convincing than his setting forth of Great Britain's responsibility to the millions of India who are struggling towards the light of civilization. At one point in his speech he said: "I, for one, am not what is commonly known as an Imperialist, but I emphatically affirm that to preside over this great movement among a people ranging in their stage of transition from a European fifth century in some parts, in slow, uneven stages, up to the twentieth century in others, to be the guides of this movement is not only humanity but a great national honor, and one of the most glorious tasks ever confided to any Government." There can be no doubt that Great Britain for a long time to come must continue to rule India for India's own good. Nor can the United States leave the task in the Philippines, until the inhabitants have gone through the slow process of fitting themselves for self-government.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

The Dominion Analyst's staff of investigators at Ottawa are investigating the Paris green that is doled out to the industrious potato bug. A like enquiry at Washington has demonstrated the fact that the bugs of the United States have been fed on impure, adulterated and ineffective poisons. Much of the Paris green sold in the country to the south has been shown to contain less than half its bulk of the deadly arsenious oxide. The bug eats merrily away at such Paris green, and thrives on it, while the manufacturers of the stuff grow rich. If such is found to be the case in this country, Parliament should follow the excellent example that is being given in the United States, where such impure bug poison is being legislated against. This is in line with the pure food laws. The bug is entitled to pure poison, and should get it.

A PURE POISON LAW.

PROFIT BY OUR GREAT MIDWINTER SALE

Important Position of Whitewear

Our Midwinter Sale commenced with a sale of whitewear. This became so popular that we added other lines from time to time until almost every department in our store is now represented. But though the sale has grown in general interest, though many more people can now participate in our bargains, whitewear still occupies a place of great importance.

A line of goods we did not put in the sale catalogue because we sell them at so close a margin that we could not afford to make any material reduction in price, is the Nemo "Self Reducing" Corset. At the regular price it is exceptionally good value, and to the stout figure it is a genuine boon, for there is no corset made that reduces the abdomen with the same comfort or safety. Thousands of women who fancied they must have their corsets made to order are now saving more than half their money, and obtaining better figure lines with greater comfort. Many stout women, friends of yours, owe their neat appearance to this corset.

A special feature that we have added to the 318 Model with the long back is the Rip proof hose supporters, which are twice the value of those used heretofore. They will outwear the corset, being of a non-elastic construction at top, and when sewn the rubber filament is not cut or impaired.

Remember, this price is for a short time only and for a limited supply only, to introduce these supporters, which will afterwards be sold separately.

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But another month now remains of this carnival of bargains. If you want to save money order without delay, for if the present rush continues—and it is daily increasing—some of the advertised lines are sure to become exhausted.

The great success of the sale is easy to understand. We commenced early to make preparations for it. We went to leading manufacturers and placed enormous orders for goods to be made up during what would otherwise be the dull season in manufacturing, and as a result we got such price concessions that we are offering the greatest values we have ever given.

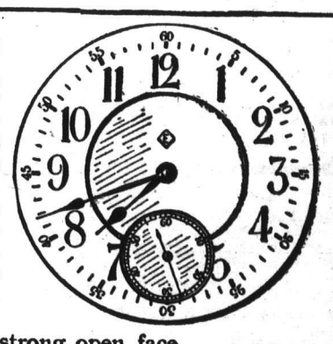
Of course, when many of these lines are exhausted, we cannot get any more goods to sell at anything like the same prices, and for this reason we advise our mail order friends to order early.

Our special sale catalogue was issued about a month ago. If you have not received a copy, let us know and we will send you one by return mail.

Two Sales Combined in One.

We have combined a February Furniture Sale with our Midwinter Sale, and for that reason we will not issue a furniture sale catalogue. If you will study the general sale catalogue you will find the same kind of furniture bargains that have made our February Furniture sale an event of great importance.

The Eaton Watch is Great Value



We consider this the best watch value in America. The movement is made specially for us by a leading manufacturer, and by buying in immense quantities, we get prices that enable us to give these splendid values to our mail order friends.

We sell this watch in several grades, but the one we wish to direct spectal attention to is our 15 jewel movement. While it is equal to the best 15 jewel movement made, we charge just about the same money as 7 jewel movements of some other makes are sold for.

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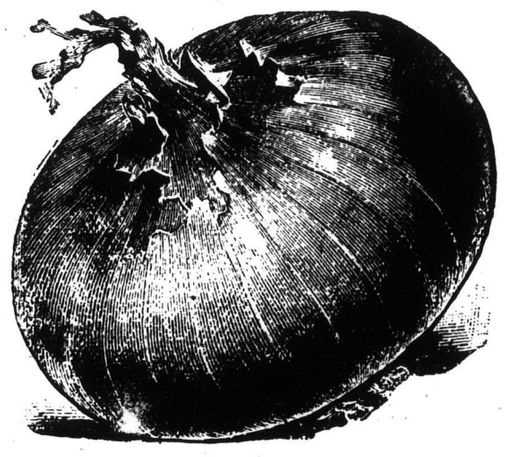
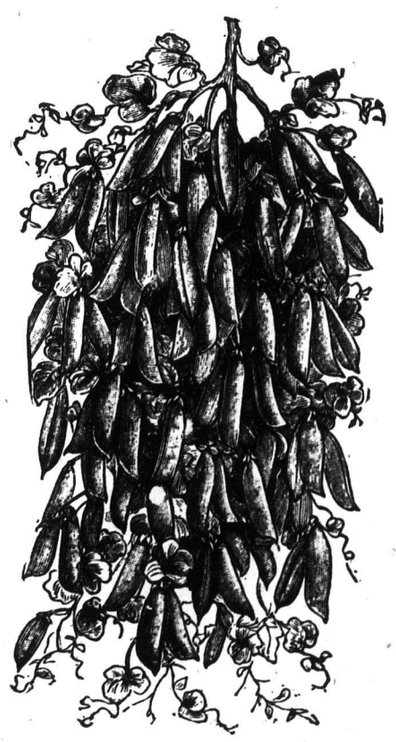


Buyers who want the very highest quality should order these kinds. It has been a revelation to some of our customers what improvement can be made even on the best of seeds, by some additional expense in selection and development.

The XXX varieties we can supply will be found on pages 14 to 19 of our regular seed catalog. Send for it.



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	$ c.
Apples—Evaporated, choice, new...per lb.	9
" " " 50lb. case	4 10
Canned.....per gallon can	30
Apricots—Evaporated, very choice, per lb.	12
" " " 25lb. case	2 80
Canned.....per 2½ lb. tins	20
Ammonia—Royal Crown..per pint bottle	10
Barley—Pot .....per lb.	4
Pearl..... "	5
Baking Powder—Regular 25c. lines,	
per 16oz. tin	18
" " 3lb. "	45
Bacon—Smoked Backs .....per lb.	15
" Bellies..... "	15
Dry Salt Sides..... "	13
Beans—Common white..... "	5
" ..... 60 lbs.	2 30
Baked beans ..... 2lb. tins	10
Biscuits—Sodas .....per 2½lb. box	23
" ..... 16lb. "	1 30
Fancy, about 20 lines .....per lb.	16
Blue—Keen's .....per ¼lb.	5
Blue Berries—.....per 2lb. tin	10
per gal. tin	45
Black Berries—.....per 2 gal. tin	19
Butter Color—Wells Richardson's per bot.	20
Corn—Canned, No. 1.....per tin	9
" .....case of 24	2 00
Corn Meal—.....per 50lb. sack	1 15
Corn Flakes—Kellogg's .....per pkt.	10
Corn Starch—St. Lawrence..... " "	8
" " .....per doz.	90
Cocoa—Epps.....per ¼lb. tins	11
Baker's ..... ½lb. tins	23
Cowan's.....bulk, per lb.	20
Chocolate—Sweetened.....per ¼lb. cake	7
Unsweetened... " "	11
Cocoanut—Schepp's .....per lb.	19
Coffee—A choice blend..... "	22
Regular 40c. line ..... "	33
Clothes Lines—Manila, 48ft. long...each	7
Clothes Pins—.....Per dozen	2
Cream Evaporated—St. Charles, per tin	10
" " per doz.	1 15
Cream of Tartar—.....per lb.	32
Cheese—Manitoba, choice.....per lb.	16
Currants—New, cleaned ..... "	8
" " .....25lb.	1 90
Candles—Wax.....per doz.	13
Candy—Royal, mixed .....per lb.	9
Catsup—very fine.....per 2lb. can	8
" " gal. "	60
Codfish—.....per 2lb. box	25
Per 5lb. box	45
Coal Oil—Silver star.....per gal.	21
(45-gal. barrels only) Sunlight... "	23
" 10 gal. case	2 60
Dates—New.....per 3lb. pkt.	25
Extracts—Second quality...per 2 oz. bot.	8
First " .... " 2½ oz. "	20
" " .... " 8 oz. "	50
Figs—Select layers— .....per lb.	11
Cooking..... "	5
Gelatine—Cox's.....per pkt.	11
Knox's..... "	15
Herring—Labrador .....per ½bbl. 16 doz.	4 10
Holland..... 10lb. keg	68
Honey—Very choice .....per 1lb. jar	22
" .....per 10lb. tin	1 65
Icing Sugar—Redpath's.....per lb.	7
Lemon, chocolate, etc...ea.	9
Jam—Crosse & Blackwell.....per lb. tin	16
Imperial .....per 5lb. pail	33
White Star.....per 7lb. pail	55
Wagstaff's .....5 lb. tins	70
Jelly—White Star .....per 7 lb. pail	60
Jelly Powder—Bee brand.....per pkt.	5
All other lines.....per ½ doz.	45
Kippered Herrings—Canadian ..per tin	10
Maconochie's..... "	14
Lard—Compound.....per 20lb. pail	2 30
Pure Leaf..... "	2 65
Lobsters—Loggies.....per lb. tin	45
Lye—Gillett's.....per tin	10
Royal Crown ..... "	9

	$ c
Maple Syrup—Imperial .....per qt. tin	30
" .....per gal.	1 00
Marmalade—Crosse & Blackwell	
per 1lb. tin	14
Balmoral.....per 7lb. tin	60
Macaroni—French .....per 1 b. pkt.	11
Italian: .....per 5lb. box	40
Matches—Eddy's Telephone .....per box	10
Parlor..... "	12
Milk Condensed—Reindeer.....per tin	13
Mincemeat—Wagstaff's..... per 2lb. tin	18
White Star.....12lb. pail	1 20
Molasses—Bee Brand..... per gal. pail	65
" ..... " 2 gal. "	1 10
Mustard—Keen's.....per lb.	27
Nuts—Almonds, walnuts, etc..... "	15
Nutmeg—.....per ¼ lb.	8
Oatmeal—Rolled .....per 20lb. sack	60
" ..... " 80lb. "	2 25
Granulated..... " 93lb. "	3 40
Oil—Castor.....10c. size ½ pint	7
" .....pint bottles	18
Olive, Crosse & Blackwell .....½ pts.	20
Peels—Candied, Maconochie's.....per lb.	15
Postum Cereals— .....per 20 oz. pkt.	22
Prunes—New, fair size.....per lb,	6
" " " .....50lb. case	2 70
" medium.....per 25lb. case	1 70
" large .....per 10 lb. case	1 10
Peaches—Evaporated..... .....per lb.	10
" ..... 25lb. case	2 25
Canned .....2lb. tin	19
Pears—Canned..... " "	14
Plums— " " "	11
Peas—Canned, No. 1 .....per tin	8
" 1.....per case of 24	1 85
Pumpkin—Canned, No. 1.....per tin	10
Pineapple— " "	13
Pepper—Absolutely pure.....per lb.	18
Raisins—4 Crown layers..... "	8
4 " .....per 28 lb. box	2 05
Fine, off stalk..... " "	1 80
Fancy Seeded..... " 1 lb. "	10
Seedless.....per lb.	8
Rice—No. 1 Bee..... "	5
No. 1 " .....50 lb. sack	2 25
No. 1 Japan ..... per lb.	6
No. 1 " .....50 lb. sack	2 50
Raspberries.....per tin	19
Sago.....per lb.	6
Salt—Common.....per 50 lb. sack	47
Soda—Extra quality..... " 1 lb. pkt.	7
Spice—Cinnamon, Alspice, Cloves, Ginger, Pastry Spice, etc..... per lb.	25
Soap—Royal Crown.....per carton, 6 bars	20
" ... " case 144 "	4 50
Sunlight.....per cake	5
" .....per 22 cakes	1 00
French Castile..... " 10 "	25
Starch—Silver Gloss.....per 1 lb. pkt.	9
No. 1 Laundry..... "	8
Sugar—Granulated, Redpath's..per 50 lb.	2 60
" " "100 lb.	5 00
Yellow, " " "	4 75
Icing. " per lb.	7
Syrup—No. 1, Corn.....per 5 lb. pail	28
No. 1, " ..... " 10 lb. "	53
No. 1, " ..... " 20 lb. "	1 00
Maple.....per gallon	1 00
Strawberries.....per tin	19
Salmon—"Tiger," choice..... "	14
" " .....per doz.	1 60
Sardines—Brunswick.....per tin	5
King Oscar..... "	12
Tapioca—Pearl.....per lb.	7
Tea—Choice Pekoe.....per lb.	25
" " .....per 10lb.	2 20
" Orange Pekoe .....per lb.	33
" " .....per 5 lbs.	1 55
Green, a choice flavor.....per lb.	23
Tomatoes—Canned, No. 1 ..... per tin	10
" " per case of 24	2 30
Yeast—Royal.....per pkt.	4

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BUSINESS WORLD.

Re Adulteration of Peppers.

Articles which have appeared in recent issues of the Winnipeg and Eastern Canadian daily papers, re adulteration of peppers, tend to lead the public to believe that adulterated pepper is manufactured in Winnipeg and sold to retailers as pure pepper. To quote the latest article published, "It appears that the chief centres of adulteration are in and about Montreal, although Winnipeg is becoming too prominent in this regard. A recent despatch from Government sources intimating that Winnipeg is considerable of a storm centre in the matter of adulteration, etc., etc."

In justice to Winnipeg manufacturers it seems only fair that the full facts should be placed before the public. There are but three firms in Winnipeg who grind or manufacture peppers, viz: The Codville Co. Ltd., who manufacture the Gold Standard Brand; The White Star Manufacturing Co., who manufacture the White Star Brand; and The Blue Ribbon Manfg. Co., who manufacture the Blue Ribbon Brand, but it must be remembered that spice manufacturers from other parts of Canada have also access to this market.

The bulletin referred to in the article above quoted shows that eight samples of pepper manufactured by The Codville Co. Ltd. were analyzed, all of which were genuine; two samples manufactured by The White Star Manfg. Co. were analyzed and both found to be genuine; and two samples manufactured by The Blue Ribbon Manfg. Co. were analyzed, both of which were pronounced genuine. In other words, every sample analyzed which was manufactured by the three Winnipeg firms was found to be of genuine quality.

It may readily be seen, therefore, that from the above showing (which may be verified by reference to reports of the Inland Revenue Department), that Winnipeg spice manufacturers are turning out pure spices only and while they are comparatively small in number and output, are nevertheless producing articles of which they have no reason to be ashamed.

The Bank of Commerce.

As one of the banks with exceptionally large interests in the west, the Bank of Commerce stands prominent in the public eye. The lengthy report of its annual meeting appears elsewhere in this issue of the Western Home Monthly, and it will be perused with interest by the public generally. Mr. Alex. Laird, the general manager, in his address, states that a lack of confidence is usually accompanied by a desire on the part of the public to accumulate funds. He no doubt means that when big institutions like those in New York and elsewhere a year or so ago, got into difficulties, the average investor wanted to get his money into some safe place. This feeling of uncertainty in the public mind, and the diffidence displayed regarding investments accounts for the large increase in the deposits of the Bank of Commerce. "During the year," says Mr. Laird, "our deposits have increased by $7,996,730, or about $8,000,000, of which about $6,000,000 is in deposits bearing interest."

In view of the unusual financial stringency of last year, and other conditions to which Mr. Laird makes reference, it is not surprising to find that the profits of the Bank of Commerce for the year, like those of other banks, have not been quite so large as in 1907, but although those of the Commerce show a decrease of $125,016 as compared with the figures of the previous year, they represent earnings at the rate of 16 1-4 per cent. on the paid-up capital. This is very satisfactory from a shareholders' standpoint. In the past, as well as at the present time, one of the interesting features of the Bank of Commerce annual meeting has been the address of Mr. B. E. Walker, who for many years was general manager and is now its president. In keeping

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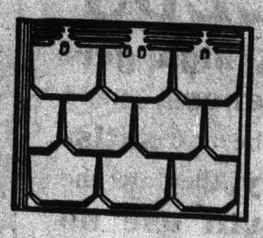

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Children's Hospital.

Some months ago I told my readers something of the scheme that was being worked out in Winnipeg for the establishment of a children's hospital, especially for the children of the very poor. This hospital will be opened, in a very modest way, in the north end of Winnipeg this month of February, 1909. I have the feeling that there are many women in the country and in the small towns who would like to help a scheme of this kind. The appeal will be strongest to the woman who has children of her own, and strongest of all to the woman, and I fear there are many such in our west, who has suffered the loss of children for want of adequate medical attendance and nursing.

It has been suggested to me that there is one way in which women, so situated, can help, and help materially, at comparatively small cost to themselves. This is to have an egg and butter tea. Now that the weather is milder and the days longer, let some woman in a neighborhood invite all her women friends to come to her house on a certain day, and let each invited guest bring a pound of fresh butter or a few fresh eggs. Possibly this might be more than some could manage conveniently, but if butter is made and poultry kept at all, it ought to be possible for each woman to bring at least half a pound of butter or three eggs. When all the guests have arrived let some very simple refreshment be served. Good hot tea and plenty of thin bread and butter would be quite sufficient. Then let the guests put in some of their time in packing the butter and eggs. Let me suggest that the butter be packed in one of the wooden butter boxes that can be had at any of the country stores, and the eggs be wrapped in thin paper and packed into one of the Humpty-Dumpty cases. This can also be borrowed, I imagine, from one of the local stores and would be duly returned from Winnipeg. When packed, the whole should be shipped, express, and addressed to Mrs. J. H. Bond, President Children's Hospital Board, 167 Donald St., Winnipeg.

Butter and eggs, that is, strictly fresh butter and eggs, are very dear in Winnipeg and very hard to obtain and a good supply will be very necessary for the children's hospital. In some of the farming districts of the West I know this plan for helping will not be feasible simply because neither poultry nor dairying are carried on upon the farms. But there are also many sections where it could be done; it would be a pleasant entertainment for the women and would be a great help to the hospital. Of course, it goes without saying, that in order to be a benefit the eggs and butter must be fresh and sweet.

Another way in which women in the country might help, is with stockings. Please bear in mind that the children that will come to this hospital will nearly all be very poor. It will be part of the scheme to see that they go out with sufficient comfortable clothing to secure their convalescence without danger from cold. Any woman who is quick with her knitting needles and is not overburdened with stocking knitting for her own children might help along that line. Stockings of all sizes are sure to be needed.

May I make still a further suggestion. This is a tender and painful subject I know, but will not the woman whose own little one has been gathered into the Heavenly Father's fold donate any clothing she has stored away to some suffering child in this hospital? Is that asking too much? I hope not; surely it would ease the pain of your own bitter loss to feel that some other child, especially some suffering child, has been helped thereby.

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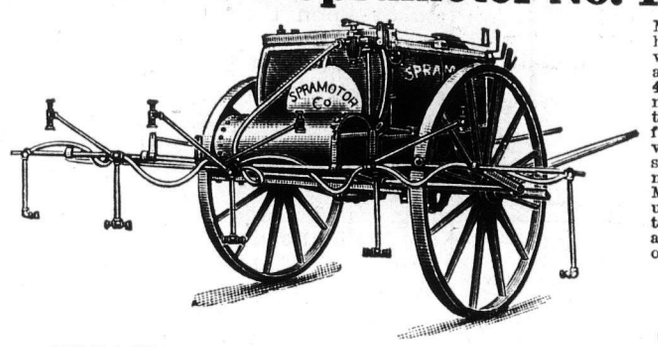

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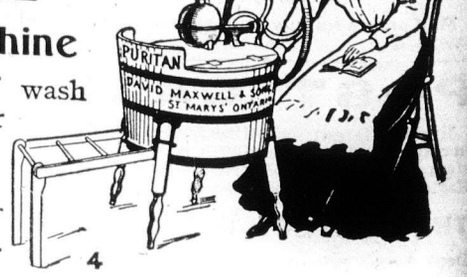

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pital will be started, and I shall endeavor, from time to time, to let my readers know just what is being done.

The Dower Law.

Hitherto I have refrained from taking this matter up, not for lack of interest, but simply because I thought it being very ably handled through the Weekly Free Press and I did not want to butt in. Now, however, I have been asked some questions about it and also I note that along one line in particular there seems to be considerable misapprehension. Quite a number of letters have been written by men who either through ignorance or from a wish to make trouble, assume that a dower law, if passed, would be aimed at the farmers alone. This is, of course, absurd. A dower law in Ontario applies with equal force to the man in city and town who possesses real estate and it would be the same in the west. More has perhaps been said about farm property, for the simple reason that the woman on the farm has had more to do with making the hom and also the cases where the home has been sold and the woman left without anything, have been more numerous and more noticeable in country than in town.

That the value of the farm is increased by the presence and the work of women upon it is not to be gainsaid. There is a very practical proof of the whole matter. It is only a few years ago that several of the largest and best loan companies operating in the Canadian West decided not to make farm loans to bachelors, except in very exceptional cases. The reason for this was the migratory character of the bachelor farmer and the unthrifty condition of his farm, as a rule. I venture to state that there is not a company loaning money in the West today that does not require the applicant for a loan to state whether he is married or unmarried, and in passing upon that loan this question will be given due consideration. The present condition is an injustice to a very large number of women, and the number would be much larger than it is were it not that the average man is infinitely better than the laws that men make.

In the matter of obtaining a dower law, let me warn the women that petitions are a waste of time. Some fifteen years ago I had occasion to test the views of the members of the Manitoba legislature on the subject of petitions from non-voters. At that time there were some forty members in the house and I had replies in writing from, I think, thirty-five or thirty-six of them, and the verdict, reduced to a sentence, was "not worth the paper they are written on."

The way to proceed is by letters to your local member and if possible get a sufficient number of members on the Government side of the house pledged to it, to insure its being brought in as a Government measure. This is said for the benefit of the women in Manitoba and Alberta. The women in Saskatchewan have already moved in the matter and it looks as if something would be done for them at this present session, as a number of the members of that house are strongly in favor of a dower law. If not this session, then the next; it is far too important a matter to be dropped on one rebuff.

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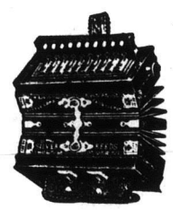

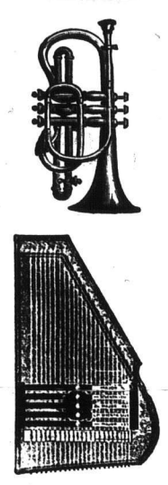

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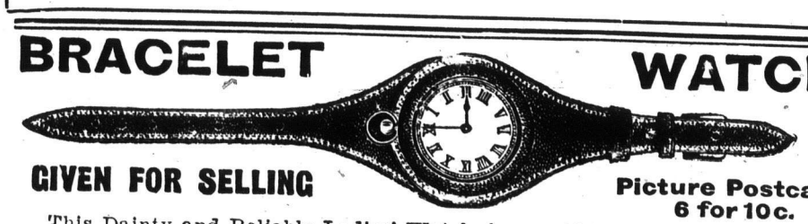

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What to Wear and When to Wear it.

All through the month of January the city shops have been given over to whitewear sales according to ancient custom. There is method in the apparent madness, for, of course, in many households there is a quiet time immediately after the holiday season when some sewing can be done, but on the whole it has always seemed to me rather a crazy idea to attempt to urge upon women, whose purses are well nigh empty from buying, the purchase of dainty underwear, which in our climate cannot be worn for another four months at least. No doubt the shop keepers know their business better than I do, and certainly if you have a little money to spend, more especially upon materials for the construction of underwear, now is the time to buy.

What is new? is of course the first query and after a pretty careful survey of the whole situation I find that there is nothing strikingly new in either design, trimming or material for the making of underwear. There is, however, a wider range of qualities in the goods offered, the designs of embroidery and lace, the staple trimmings, have never been prettier and there is a very marked predilection for material as sheer as it is possible to get it.

On the whole, I think that in trimming there is rather more embroidery than lace this season, which is the reverse of last, and where lace is used there is more torchon and less Val, although all styles of lace are used to some extent.

Another feature of the trimming on underwear this year is that there are fewer inserts, which is certainly a good thing, for inserts—that is, the individual inserts, rarely stand the washtub and the iron for any length of time.

Before going further I would like to say a word to the girl who expects to be married next June and who is wisely now getting her underwear ready. The word is one of warning to be careful not to be beguiled into making up good material and wasting neat and careful handiwork on freakish designs in garments. There are some new designs shown that are unmistakably good, there are others that, while they attract by their novelty, are by no means suitable for all occasions of life, and the girl who is making a good supply of underwear against her marriage should make it on lines that are likely to last so that she may not, early in her married life, have either the trouble or the humiliation of having to get a new supply, while many of the garments on which both time and money were expended lie by, utterly useless.

Three Piece Garments.

These remarks are more especially a warning against what is known as the three piece combination. That is, drawers, slipwaist and petticoat all in one. One or two of these combinations are all right, but beware of more. There is one unfailing test of a matter of this kind, and that is the number, proportionately, of a new design which the manufacturers are stocking. I happen to know that they are manufacturing these garments with circumspection and it rather looks as if they did not expect them to be stayers on the market.

By the girl with somewhat limited means for the procuring of nice underwear it should be borne in mind, there are many occasions when you may wish to wear a nice corset cover and drawers and have no need for a fancy short white petticoat.

Just now the extreme directoire and Empire gown effects make it desirable to have as few belts and garments round the waist as possible, hence the evolution of the combination, as it were. But the directoire style of dress will not outlast another season, while good underwear, with a little carefully adding to from time to time should last at least six years, even in these days of bad wearing cottons.

Slipwaist and Drawers.

While there is much to be said against the combining of three garments there is considerable to be said in favor of combining two, and these may be slipwaist and petticoat or slipwaist and drawers. To me the latter combination is best, though if a girl can afford it, it is good to have some of both. Even when gowns are not directoire it is just as well not to multiply belts and fastenings at the waist line, and the fewer garments to put on the more quickly you can dress. My reason for preferring the waist and drawers together is merely this: A slip waist is so close to the skin that in warm weather it will become soiled and need changing, before the petticoat to which it is attached, while the same objection does not apply to drawers and slipwaist as assuredly one should be changed as often as the other.

Many of the new designs, and in fact the majority of the new designs for these combined slipwaist and drawers are arranged for closed drawers.

But however many combined garments you have, see to it that you have a few, at least, of each garment separate and then you will be prepared for all emergencies.

Materials.

As I intimated before, there is nothing new in materials but there is something new in the quality and weight of the materials offered. Sheerness is desirable. The day of the fine, heavy close cotton, which was an affliction to wash, is passed and while materials are fine, they are sheer and thin and of looser weave. This makes them easier to wash, easier to sew and much easier to keep a good color. Taken all round, I think a fine nainsook makes the best foundation for all undergarments and it is easy to wash and iron.

In trimmings, though lace is very attractive, unless you can afford a good linen torchon, good embroidery is certainly the most satisfactory decoration after homemade crochets and knitted laces, which, to my thinking, surpass all other decorations for undergarments.

In buying embroidery great care should be taken to see that the edge is well and strongly finished, for often an otherwise good garment is rendered unsightly by the frayed edge of the embroidery. Fine tucks and narrow insertions without embroidery on the edge are seen on very many of the handmade garments shown by the best houses. This style of decoration wears well and is easy to iron.

Nightdresses.

Comparatively few of these are shown among the late made goods, with the short sleeve and low neck. There are some in that style among the most expensive handmade goods, but they do not predominate. One or two of these nightdresses are nice to have for the extremely hot weather, but they are not all round useful and should be prepared sparingly. There is a very noticeable return to the yoke and cuffs of fine tucks with an edge of narrow embroidery or lace. Hems on the bottom are wide, from two to five inches. The effect of this is good and it does not add much to the cost of the garment.

Petticoats.

Every girl, prospective bride or not, likes to have one or two really fancy petticoats, and a friend of mine has just finished one that is a work of art and does not cost a fabulous sum, either. When you consider that a really fancy petticoat will, with any kind of reasonable

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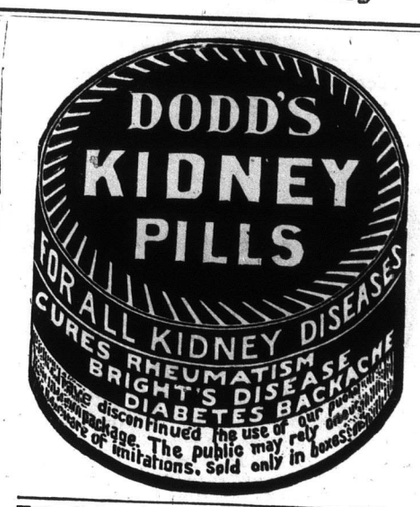

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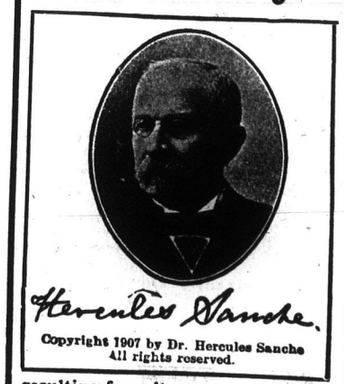

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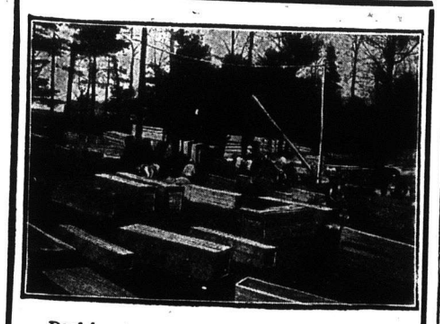

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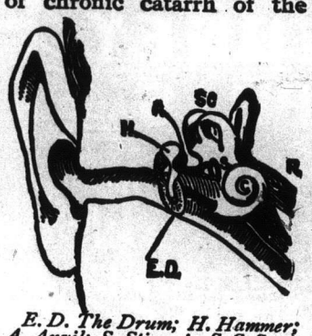

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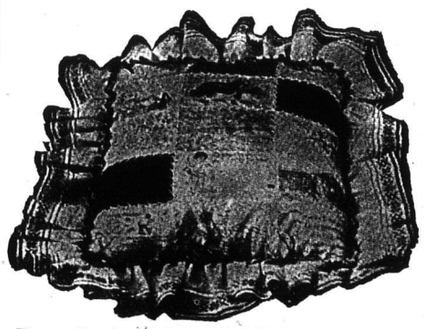

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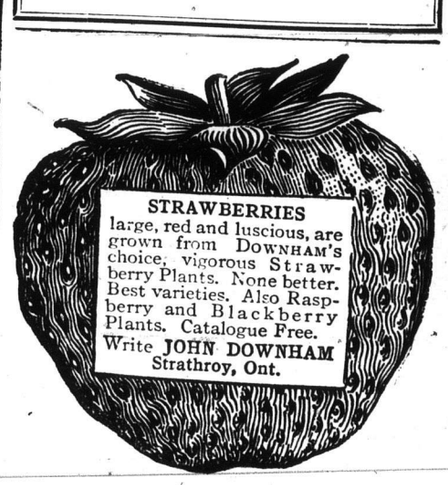

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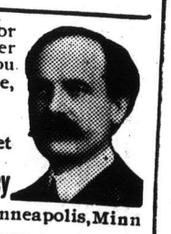

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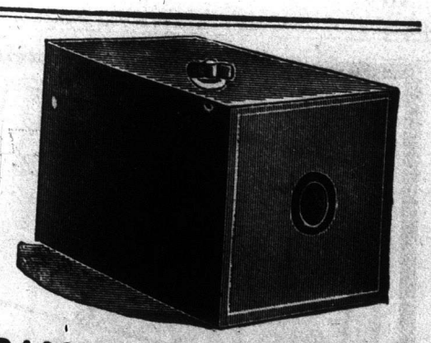

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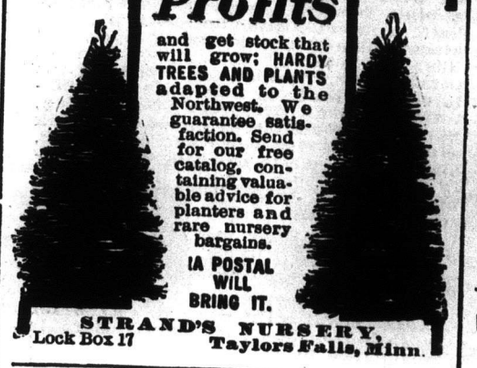

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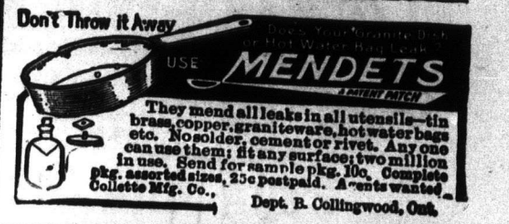

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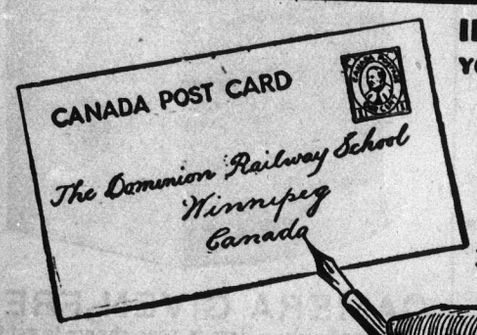

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The Walls of Jericho, The Sign of the Cross, The Three of Us, and The Man from Mexico were all given admirable presentations by the Winnipeg Stock Company last month and afforded ample opportunities for Jas. Durkin, the new leading man, to win himself into popular favor, which he did very rapidly. Miss Browne continues to earn golden opinions by her clever acting and the other members of the company give excellent support. Especial mention should be made of Jas. A. Riddell who displays ability seldom seen in a stock company and who is, without doubt, one of the cleverest character actors Winnipeg has ever seen.

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The Way One Woman Won

A Means of Money-Making for the Woman in the Home. An Interview with Miss Pearl Merwin.

EDITOR'S FOREWORD—Many requests come to us from time to time from our readers for practical suggestions which can be used to advantage by the woman in the home as a means of adding to the family income or to reduce the family expenses, and at the same time to utilize such spare time as is not taken up by her household duties. In fact, so many such requests have come as to lead us seriously to consider the advisability of adding a time-saving, money making department, asking our readers to contribute to it such suggestions as may have come under their observation—such plans as they may know to have been tried with success. As an experiment in this line we have asked Miss Pearl Merwin, whose success as a teacher of dressmaking is a matter of general note, to give our readers the benefit of how she "got her start." As a rule, those who have attained any marked degree of success, especially where it has been gained somewhat out of the unbeaten path, jealously guard the secret of their success as a miser guards his gold. It is their stock in trade—their capital stock. Not so with Miss Merwin. When our representative secured audience with her—she is a very busy woman—her only comment on this point was, "If the brief rehearsal of my modest work thus far will prove of any value, either by inspiration or direct suggestion, to your large family of women readers, I am quite sure they are welcome to it, and if anything I may say will be helpful to those who are ambitious and striving to better their condition in life, I shall feel amply repaid."

THERE is really nothing about my work but what any ambitious woman of average intelligence fair education and sufficient ambition, pluck and capacity for work can duplicate. Yes, I must confess that I have always been accredited with having more or less of a natural talent for dressmaking but I don't think that it is at all essential to a woman's success in doing the sewing for the family and home community as well, for that matter. Certainly a 'knack' at the trade and being, as we say, 'handy with the needle,' is decidedly to one's advantage. But what woman has not instinctively a tendency to a greater or less extent in this direction? Of course, the 'know how' is necessary, without which, natural talent, a love for the work, ambition, perseverance and all that, cannot of themselves alone bring success. A certain amount of technical knowledge and training is necessary, and the wise woman will put forth every possible effort to acquire it.

MISS PEARL MERWIN

Are Dressmakers Natural Born?

"'Poets are born, not made.' But how about dressmakers? So are they, and natural-born at that, or most of them, I guess. The trouble is, I fear, we are prone to give this matter of natural-bornness undue prominence in accounting for our success or failure. I think it is too often harped upon—too often blamed for failure, whereas lack of equipment, energy, and effort on our part are more often the cause.

Every woman is by nature endowed with certain characteristic tastes,—a sense of the proper fitness of things which enables her to discern and know at a glance such things as harmony of color and outline as applied to dress. The only difference among us is in the degree to which we are graced by nature with this feminine faculty.

"I know there are so-called 'natural-born' dressmakers—women who are natively possessed of this quality to a very marked degree. But I also know that the majority of us are capable of learning much more than natural instinct alone teaches us. I am further persuaded by general observation and personal acquaintance that the greater part of the knowledge that most dressmakers possess is acquired knowledge rather than mother-wit. The wild rose is natural-born but it cannot compare in form and color with the American Beauty which is a cultivated rose. Helen Keller was a natural-born mute—blind, deaf and dumb—but by proper training and effort became a brilliant and accomplished lady, beautiful of soul and features.

"Nature has done her part by us. The question is, will we do our part by nature? Genius is nothing more than energy intensified and honest effort properly trained in the right direction. In a word—the native talent which we possess spells success if rightly directed in the proper channels

A Humble Beginning.

"How did I settle upon dressmaking as my life work? As I glance

back it seems to have been the most natural thing imaginable. It is much like the case of the boy who whistled in school, and when called to task by his teacher for his innocent indiscretion, in perfect honesty stammered out, 'No—no, ma'am, I—I never whistled. It—it just whistled itself.' I don't think I could have done anything else quite so successfully had I tried. The fact is I demonstrated the truth of the statement, at least to my own satisfaction, that it is best to follow one's natural inclination in choosing and learning a profession. I do not think I could have let dressmaking entirely alone had I wanted to do so, and in this work I have found my professional 'affinity' and would not be happy at anything else.

"From childhood I always aspired to become a finished and artistic dressmaker. As a girl in school all the studies which underlie the science and art of dressmaking, such as drawing, designing, color, and observation work, had a deep fascination for me. While still a young girl at home the responsibility of making my younger sisters' and brothers' clothing fell to me. How I delighted in designing and drafting little patterns for them, and how careful I was that every stitch should be in the right place, and that each garment should fit as well as if it were for a grown person.

"About that time I was brought, by the loss of a parent, face to face with the stern realities of life. I then found it necessary to cast about for an honorable means of livelihood. I had had no opportunity of either receiving instruction or apprenticeship in dressmaking. What little I knew about it was only that which I had managed to 'pick up' by observation. How could I use my natural talent to the best advantage to bring in the largest and most immediate returns?

I knew I could do one thing and do it well—make children's clothing. I also knew I could not expect the wealthy to trust their costly gowns to me. After trying many other plans, I struck on the following, which proved to be the turning point of my life, although I am scarcely entitled to claim originality for the idea on which it is based.

A Suggestion from Marion Harland.

"I believe in giving credit where credit is due. It is to Marion Harland, perhaps the leading authority on Domestic Economy today, that I am indebted for the suggestion outlined below. The plan has been abundantly demonstrated and is well worth a trial at the hands of the beginner, however modest her ambitions. To begin at the beginning is the rational way in anything after all. Children's clothing is a good beginning. An announcement in the local paper that sewing for children will be received is a good starter. The response may be somewhat slow at first until the work begins to speak for itself. The public school becomes the best advertising field. Mothers became interested because their children make them so. What mother but has a natural pride in her girls and desires to see them at least well dressed, if not a bit better, than their playmates? What mother's heart can refuse to respond to the plea so often heard, 'Mamma, I wish I could have pretty dresses like the other girls!' And what mother will not make every sacrifice possible, oftentimes even depriving herself of actual necessities, to gratify this natural craving—the first evidence of approaching womanhood? I use the term 'natural craving' advisedly because we women all know that the desire to appear to the best of advantage at all times and places is just as natural as any other trait of the feminine heart, and that it begins to manifest itself very early in life, and that it is as much our duty to recognize and cultivate it, within proper limitations, as any other tendency implanted by the Creator, within our being.

Making Children's Clothing.

"The surprising thing of it all to me was the prevalent inability on the part of mothers, especially young mothers, to make their own children's clothing, at least, to make them tastily. Success with children's clothing brings the adult and fancy trade which one must be equipped to handle. I found that I must prepare myself, as the way seemed to be opening up for the realization of my early ambitions.

"I commenced at once a scientific study of the various systems of dressmaking. All of these I thoroughly mastered with the result that I have probably studied more systems than any one dressmaker. I have found a great lack of uniformity as to system among dressmakers. I do not believe there is another trade or profession in which there is so much confusion and so little conformity to any one plan as in dressmaking.

"Every dressmaker has her own way of doing things, and there are too often no two alike in the same establishment. Every day I receive letters from good dressmakers who have experienced the embarrassment of being told they know little about certain points in dressmaking when entering a new position, simply because they did not happen to use the same methods their employer did. Dressmakers have long been agreed that there should be a universal system. Such a system must be at once rational, practical, simple, and easily adapted to fashion's changes.

"With this idea in mind, assisted by the counsel of a number of the most widely known dressmakers, and using only the best elements of all the old systems, I struck out on entirely new and original lines, and the reception being accorded the product of my labors is surpassing my most sanguine hopes. Indeed, so enthusiastically is this system being received that it has already been introduced into the domestic science departments of a number of leading industrial schools of the country and bids fair to become the recognized and universal system of America—hence, its name."

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II.

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That day he knocks he shall not be denied
The refuge and the rest.

III.

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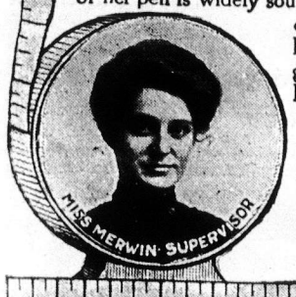

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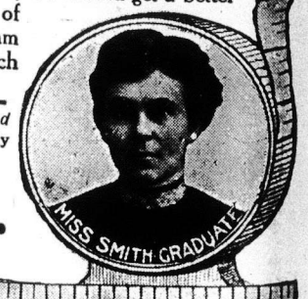

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The dress is made with the plaited princesse portion and the yoke that are joined one to the other. The short sleeves are inserted in the armholes and the bertha is arranged over the yoke. The guimpe is a plain one that can be faced with any fancy material to form a yoke, while the sleeves are made to match or can be made of one material throughout, as liked.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (12 years) is 10 yards 24, 6½ yards 32 or 4⅞ yards 44 inches wide with ⅝ yard 36 inches wide and 1¾ yards 18 inches wide to make the collar and guimpe as illustrated, 1¼ yards 36 inches wide when one material is used throughout.

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6209 Girl's Empire Dress, 6 to 12 years.

The Favorite Gray.

For 16 year size there are 3 patterns, viz.: over-blouse 5931, skirt 6179, guimpe 6166. For the medium size there are two patterns, viz.: blouse 6189, skirt 6169.

Gray is unquestionably the favorite color of the season, but it is shown in so many shades and variations that the fact does not mean monotony. The young girl's dress illustrated is made of one of the lighter dove shades, while the gown worn by the older woman is in the fashionable taupe color. The girl's frock is trimmed by soutache and worn over a guimpe of ivory net and is extremely charming, youthful and attractive in an altogether simple manner. The over-blouse is tucked becomingly and includes narrow open sleeves, while the skirt is made with front gore and circular side and back portions. The guimpe is a very new one that includes long close sleeves and which, in this instance, is trimmed with frills of lace.

For the sixteen-year size will be required, for the over-blouse 1¾ yards of material 21, ⅞ yard 32 or 44 inches wide with ⅝ yard of silk for the belt; for the skirt 5⅝ yards of 24. 5¾ yards of 32 or 3⅝ yards 44 inches wide will be needed and the guimpe will require 1⅝ yards of material 36 inches wide with 1½ yards of net 44 inches wide for the sleeves and facings. The over-blouse pattern 5931, the skirt pattern 6179 and the guimpe pattern 6166 are all cut in sizes for girls of 14 and 16 years of age.

The gown to the right is trimmed with bands of satin and made with yoke and under sleeves of lace and is altogether graceful and attractive. This skirt also is made with circular sides and front gore and can be in either round or walking length. The blouse is one of the prettiest, with moderately full sleeves that can be made as illustrated or three quarter length as liked, and the latter style is still liked and still worn by many women.

For the medium size will be required, for the blouse 3 yards of material 21, 1¼ yards 32 or 1⅞ yards 44 inches wide with 1 yard of all-over lace 18; for the skirt 7 yards 24 or 32, 4¼ yards 44. The blouse pattern 6189 is cut in sizes from 32 to 40 inches bust measure: the skirt pattern 6169 is cut in sizes from 22 to 32 inches waist measure.

The Favorite Grey.—For 16 year size there are 3 patterns, viz.: over blouse 5931, skirt 6179, guimpe 6166. For the medium size there are two patterns, viz.: blouse 6189, skirt 6169.

Child's Coat.

To be made with or without the cape.
6212—Child's Coat, 6 mos., 1, 2 and 4 years.

6212 Child's Coat, 6 mos., 1, 2 and 4 years.

Such a simple little coat as this one is very easy to make yet absolutely satisfactory, while it is appropriate for a great many different materials. White broadcloth trimmed with beaver makes the combination illustrated, but broadcloth in blue and champagne color and darker and more serviceable tones is much used, velvet, velveteen and corduroy all are in vogue, mixed cloths are liked by many mothers, and for very dressy little coats ribbed silk is extremely smart. For the trimming banding of fur or silk braid or almost any finish that may be liked is appropriate. The cape means extra warmth as well as smart effect but is not obli-

6145 Child's Fench Dress, 4 to 8 years.

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gatory for the plain little coat beneath is quite complete.

The coat is made with fronts and back. The cape is arranged over it and the neck is finished with a rolled-over collar. The sleeves are just full enough for comfort and are gathered into bands and finished with rolled over cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (2 years) is 3½ yards 21 or 24, 3 yards 27, 2 yards 44 or 1⅜ yards 52 inches wide, with 3½ yards of fur banding.

The pattern 6212 is cut in sizes for children of 6 months, 1, 2 and 4 years of age and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper on receipt of ten cents. (If in haste send an additional two cent stamp for letter postage which insures more prompt delivery.)

Child's French Dress.

6145—Child's French Dress, 4 to 8 years

French dresses are always pretty for the little children and this season they are being made of a great many materials. This one can be worn over any guimpe and is adapted both to the wool materials that are so general for cold weather and also to the washable ones, which many mothers use at all seasons and which always are in demand. In the illustration soft finished white pique is trimmed with embroidery and with stitched bands but colored piques are much used for little girls' dresses, as well as the many lighter and thinner washable fabrics, while wool materials provide a generous variety both in plain colors and fancy effects.

The dress is made with the waist and the skirt. The waist is laid in inverted plaits at the front and in tucks over the shoulders and the trimming band which finishes the neck terminates under the plaits at the front. The skirt is straight and plaited and the two are joined by the belt. The short sleeves are gathered at their upper edges and trimmed on indicated lines.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (6 years) is 3⅞ yards 24, 3⅜ yards 32 or 2¼ yards 44 inches wide, 2 yards of edging.

The pattern 6145 is cut in sizes for girls of 4, 6 and 8 years of age and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper on receipt of ten cents. (If in haste send an additional two cent stamp for letter postage which insures more prompt delivery.)

Girl's Empire Dress.

6209—Girl's Empire Dress, 6 to 12 years

No style of dress is more becoming to the little girls than the Empire. It is graceful and attractive and so simple that it suits childish needs and childish materials peculiarly well. This one is made with a prettily scalloped bertha and can be worn with a sash as illustrated or with a soft crushed belt as liked. It is adapted to almost all childish materials. In the illustration white voile is trimmed with embroidery, with applique and with lace, but lawns, batistes and various inexpensive printed wash fabrics are correct and light weight wools, such as voiles, cashmere and albatross must be mentioned. Again, if a dressy little frock is wanted, silk mull, simple India silk in white or pale colors, fine white muslin and all materials of a similar sort will be found available.

The dress is made with a body portion and the skirt, which is straight, finished with a hem and tucks. There are short sleeves that are gathered into bands and the bertha is arranged over the neck edge.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (10 years) is 5⅝ yards 24, 4⅜ yards 32 or 3 yards 44 inches wide, with 3 yards of edging.

The pattern 5209 is cut in sizes for girls of 6, 8, 10 and 12 years of age and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper on receipt of ten cents. (If in haste send an additional two cent stamp for letter postage which insures more prompt delivery.)

A Practical Home Gown.

The home gown that is made with waist and skirt joined to make one garment is a most desirable as well as most fashionable one. It is neat and smart in effect, easy to slip on and off and altogether a boon to the busy woman. This one is closed at the left of the front and is made of striped washable flannel but the same model will be found available for linen and cotton

fabrics, for cashmere and all the materials that are adapted to simple gowns of the sort. The [illegible]irt waist is made with plaits over [illegible]oulder and the skirt is a plain g[illegible]ore, the two being joined by means [illegible]elt.

For the medium size [illegible] be required 8⅞ yards of material 2[illegible] 7½ yards 32 or 6½ yards 44 inches wide if material has figure or nap, but if not 8 yards 24, 6⅝ yards 32 or 4⅜ yards 44 inches wide will suffice.

The pattern 6183 is cut in sizes from 32 to 42 inches bust measure.

Success with Home Dyeing.

THERE is nothing magical about the art of dyeing. It is a group of facts, and the expert is the one who has the ability to keep these facts in mind to draw from as the occasion requires.

First, Study the Fabric

First, make yourself familiar with the several fibers that enter into the composition of the different goods that we find on the market. This can be determined sometimes by a single examination, but often the mixture is of such a nature that experts are baffled. Generally this can be determined by ravelling out the threads each way of the cloth, from a small piece, and trying them in a flame.

Cotton burns freely without odor; wool singes with but very little flame and gives out a disagreeable odor, as of burning horn or hair; silk burns more freely than cotton, while mercerized cotton masquerades in unexpected places as silk, and often gives trouble to the unsuspecting dyer. All-wool material, like ladies' dress goods, etc., should be carefully ripped and cleaned by washing, care being taken about the use of soap, as strong soap will dissolve the wool fibers. If the color comes out when put into the water, boil for a few moments, turn out the colored water and replenish with clear hot water, doing this as long as the water is colored. You will readily see, if the goods are uncleansed and put into the dye bath in this condition, that the old color on the goods will mix with the new dye and the resulting color will be a combination of the new and old colors and not what you had reason to expect. Here is where many failures are made.

The goods are oftentimes boiled in a dye solution, much as one would boil potatoes, and with as little attention, and the dyer wonders why

bright, clean shades were not obtained as a result of such unthinking methods. Have your goods as clean as possible and free from old color.

The Dye Bath

The next step is the preparation of the dye bath. This involves the selection of the dye that is adapted to the fiber to be dyed. Some are claiming that it makes no particular difference what the goods are, that there are dyes that will color all the different fibers at one and the same time and in the same bath. This is true only in a very limited sense. It is not true when you are seeking the best attainable results, as shown in the bright, new effect and permanency of the dye. The best results can only be obtained by adapting the dye to the particular fiber or fibers which compose the goods.

For wool and silk or a mixture of these fibers use a special dye for wool and silk and you will secure the brilliant color and appearance of new goods.

If the cotton dyes are used for such goods a dull color will result which will show on the face of the goods when made up that the article has been re-dyed, and such colors are fugitive.

Our grandmothers knew better than this, and with the limited resources of the indigo dye-pot in the chimney corner, logwood chips, fustic, alum blue vitriol, did good work, but they found that wool and cotton must be handled differently. And the dyers that have today all the grand combination of color which the advent of the coal tar series has placed at their disposal, will say with us that the affinities of the dyestuff and the goods to be dyed must be studied if you are to expect satisfactory and lasting results.

Now Follow the Rules Exactly

After deciding on the dye to use, read the directions carefully; no matter if you think you know all about it, read them and follow them to the letter. Dissolve the dye with hot water by boiling in a small dish, strain into the water you intend to use for the dye bath already heated and placed in a vessel large enough to move easily the goods to be dyed, enter the goods while moist, stir often. Keep the dye at boiling heat for thirty minutes at least, and if the goods are cotton or mixtures with cotton, let the temperature cool down before taking out the goods, stirring often during the time.

If the goods are dark enough, hang them up to drain and cool, then rinse thoroughly and press while moist.

Why we say to dissolve and strain the dye into the water that is to be used as a dye bath, is because we have known many people to open the dye package and throw the contents into the kettle of hot water, intended for the dyeing, stir it a little and put in the goods. When such goods are taken out, little spots of undissolved dye will be fixed as so many dark points all over the surface. And the person doing this always maintains that she has followed directions exactly!

During the dyeing process very careful attention should be given to stirring, turning and lifting of the goods in the air. A large percentage of unsatisfactory dyeing is due to neglect of this point. The stirring should be done with two clean, smooth, round sticks. If these are pointed, or have sharp corners, or are splintered, the goods are apt to become torn, particularly in the case of silk or other thin materials. From the time the garment enters the dye bath it should be continually agitated with the sticks, always with a tendency to spread it out, trying to take up as much of the dye as possible. Do not allow it to become knotted or bunched in one part of the vessel or float on the top of the dye. It should be often lifted and turned over completely in order that one portion may not remain for any length of time in contact with the bottom of the vessel, because at this point the heat is greatest and the dye would become forced on and produce a heavier shade on this spot.

It is not always convenient to rip the garment; dresses, children's clothes and men's coats and trousers must often be dyed whole. Careful attention is required in dyeing to keep them spread out free from folds, and in rinsing and hanging up to dry do this in such a manner that the moisture left after rinsing will not gravitate towards the seams and leave a spot that will be darker in shade than the body of the goods.

Warning and Suggestions

In men's clothes and ladies' wraps the linings should be removed before dyeing. After dyeing, such articles should be washed well with water and soap to remove surplus dye and prevent crocking the undergarments. Garments made up of a mixture of cotton and wool, cotton and silk, cotton, wool and linen, linen and wool, linen and silk, linen and cotton, pongee, silk, mercerized cotton or straight cotton, require the dyes for cotton, linen, and mixed goods. In dying light shades be careful not to use too use too large a quantity of the dye powder. Often all that is necessary is just enough to show color in the dye bath.

Remember that a long bath in a weak color is more permanent than a short bath in a strong color. This applies with especial force to summer wash goods. Such goods, after rinsing from the dye, should be passed hot in a clear, well-strained starch solution colored with a little of the dye liquor in which the goods were dyed. Hang up and treat as you would starched goods in the laundry. This fixes the color and gives body to the goods. The starch solution should be boiled and used thin. Wash goods can in this way be kept bright by using the colored starch solution after each washing. Solutions of the dyes can be kept in bottles indefinitely if tightly corked and are valuable aids in the laundry department.

A word about wringing dyed goods may not be amiss. Some dyers do not wring at all. Rinse thoroughly and squeeze out with the hands lightly and hang up to drain and dry.

Do not put freshly dyed goods through the wringer, for it will produce creases very difficult to press out. Many stiff silks and ribbons are ruined by the rough handling given them in the process of dyeing and wringing. Here is where the careful manipulator will show the best results. Shirtwaists sold from the department stores and elsewhere are nearly all made up with cotton thread and trimmed with cotton lace. Such articles must be dyed with the dyes for cotton, linen and mixed goods.

Please remember, when your dyed goods are not satisfactory there is a reason for it. Search carefully for the cause, for there is one, and you will find it if you do not act too hurriedly.

In dyeing over other colors we often lose sight of the fact that dyes are transparent and are modified in a marked degree by the color they are dyed over. Study the effects of such combinations and make your selections in dyes in view of the combinations that will take place when the goods are dyed.

Again, though it may seem unnecessary to say, we have known many to make grievous mistakes by not keeping the fact in mind that goods cannot be dyed a lighter shade than the original color. There is hardly a week passes without the city dye houses receiving black goods with the request that they be re-dyed shades ranging from a gray to a brilliant red. The only color that will give satisfactory results on black is the same color to brighten it up.

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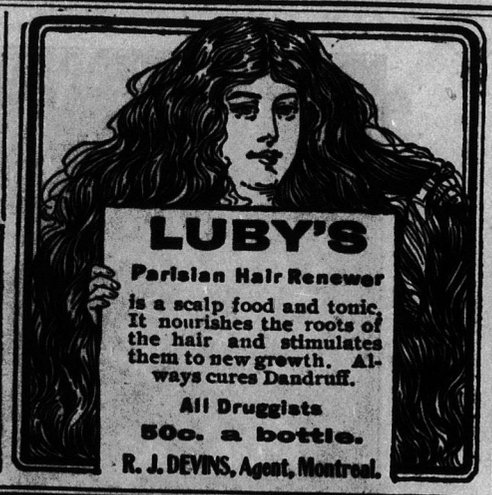

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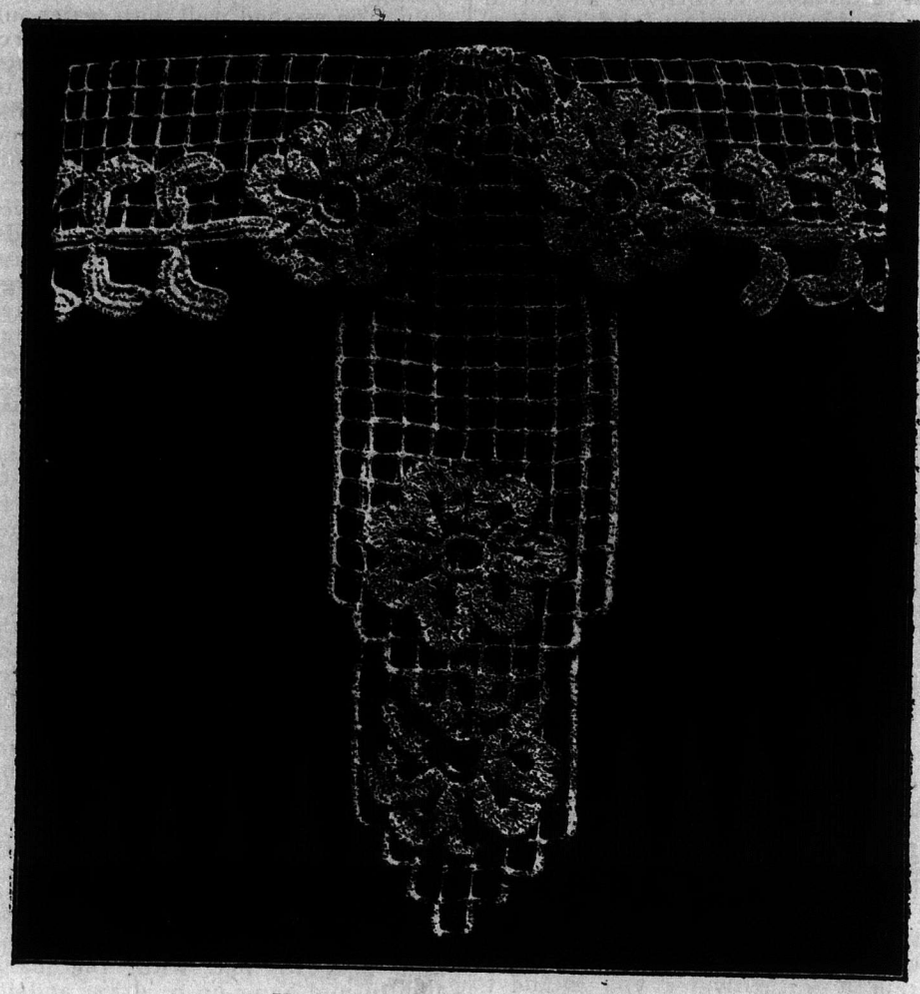
To make the collar illustrated, only two different kinds of motifs are required, and these have been designed for the amateur worker.

The net is coarse Filet, and must be of the very best quality—if hand-made all the better, but if this cannot be procured, the machine made answers very well.



Up-to-Date Neckwear, Figure 1.

To make the motif, Fig. 3: Take four long strands of No. 10 padding cotton, fasten the No. 42 thread to the end. Twist the p. c. round to form a small ring, and work d. into it. Join first and last stitches with 1 d. * Over the p. c. work 3 d., 10 t., 10 long treble (turn the thread twice round the hook, then hook the thread through two stitches at a time), 10 t., 3 d. Pull the p. c. to keep all these stitches compact and work 1 d. over p. c. into the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th stitches on center ring. * Repeat 7 times, putting 5 d. into next 5 stitches on center ring between petals.

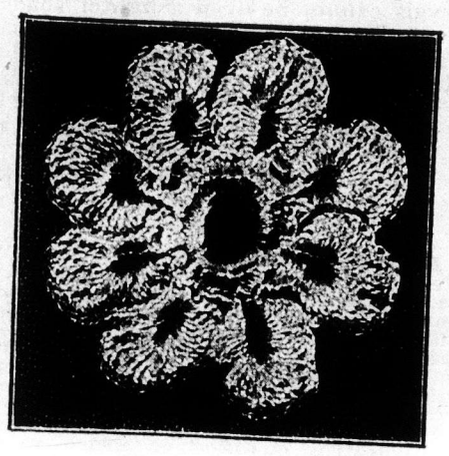
Five of these motifs are required.

Fig. 2.—Over a p. c. of four strands work * 20 d., 20 t., 3 d. Turn, miss 1, 2 d. into next 2 d., 1 t. into each t., 1 d. into next d. * Turn the p. c., and repeat 6 times, fastening each leaflet to the center of the preceding after the last stitch of the first row. 20 d. Turn back and work d. over p. c. into each of the 20 d. between the leaflets, and after the last one. Turn again, and work 20 d., into the last 20 d., then repeat the leaflets on this side opposite those on the other side, fastening them in the same way, and working the 20 d. between.

Up-to-Date Neckwear, Figure 2.

Ch.= chain stitch; d.= double stitch; t.= treble stitch; p. c.=padding cord.

To prepare the net, cut out a piece long enough, and to the depth required, overcast the edges carefully all round, then with a fine crochet hook and No. 42 Irish lace thread work a row of double stitch over the "overcasting."



Up-to-Date Neckwear, Figure 3.

Two of these motifs are required.

Tack the motifs in place on the net, and sew them carefully on the wrong side to the net all round. Remove the tacking threads, and insert the lace into a folded band of cambric about 1½ inches deep, and as long as required. Top-sew it neatly in place, and work the usual buttonholes.

Sew the cravat ends to the cambric band, so that they be in the center when the collar is buttoned. Then press with a hot iron on the wrong side, which completes this dainty little collar.

Uses of Cretonne.

Never before was the pretty patterned cretonne, both French and American, put to so many uses in fancy work. I recently saw a table cover of buff linen with a wreath in the center made of poppies cut out and basted on and the rough edges finished with red coronation cotton braid. Finished edge of buttonholed scollops. A simple and handsome lamp shade is made by cutting a large circle of fine cretonne, with a hole cut in the center to fit around the "collar" of the foundation wire frame. In choosing the cretonne, a pattern that has a good deal of color and has the

ground of the fabric almost covered with the design will be found most desirable, and only the finest grade of French cretonne should be used. The richly colored fruit and leaf designs are very beautiful, especially those showing bunches of glowing grapes and leaves, and the French bird and flower patterns are also very artistic. Finish the frame with gilt fringe or gilt braid. It is advisable to have an asbestos collar made to protect the upper part from the heat. Sectional baskets are useful and attractive. The formation of these baskets consists of five pieces of light weight pasteboard, one for bottom, the others for the sides. The bottom piece is cut perfectly square, the side pieces correspond in measurement on the lower edges with the bottom; the top edges may be rounded, pointed, or square, as one prefers. Each piece of the cardboard is neatly covered on both sides with pretty cretonne and the edges finished off with a binding of narrow ribbon. The pieces are then joined to the bottom and together by means of ribbon ties. For pin-cushions the oblong mattress shape, thoroughly well stuffed, is always one of the most successful. These mattress cushions look very pretty covered with detachable linen cases, which can easily be removed for washing.

Notes for the Sewing Room.

Trim the white serge or mohair suit with fancy weave white silk braid.

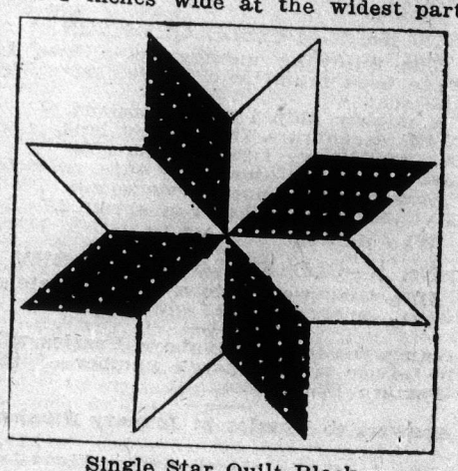
A tiny cushion with a loop of tape sewed to one end, and the loop slipped over the spindle where the spool stands is a convenience for needles and pins.

Run the edge of the table linen through the hemmer of the unthreaded sewing machine, and hand-hem afterward. The hem will be turned neatly and evenly.

Cut basting threads at short intervals in order to draw out without pulling the threads of the fabric.

"Single Star" Quilt Block.

Someone requested a star pattern, and I send one. The star is composed of diamonds, each about 4¼ inches long and 2 inches wide at the widest part;



Single Star Quilt Block.

they may, of course, be made as much larger as desired. A very pretty quilt has the diamond of red figured calico, alternating with blue, and with white for the remainder of the block. Set the blocks together with plain white squares or strips.

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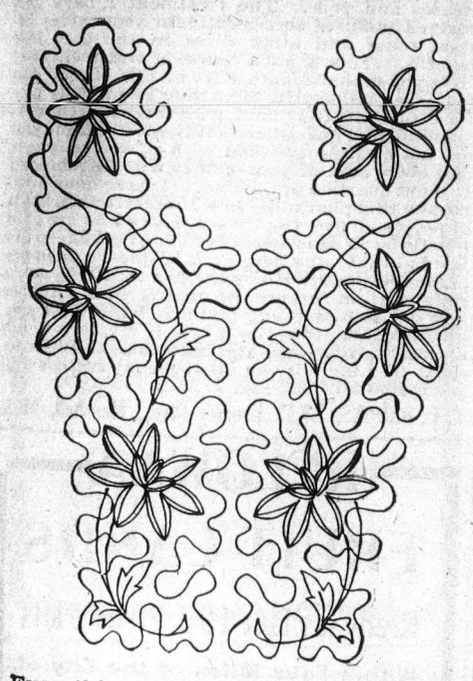

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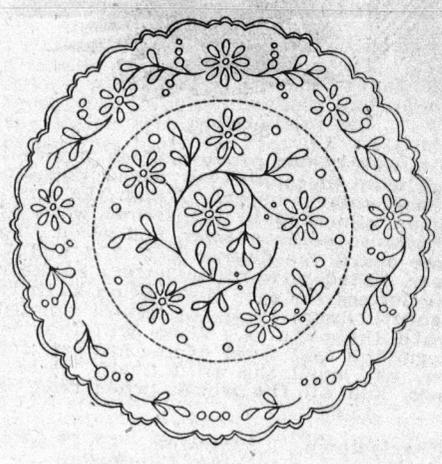

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Round the Evening Lamp.

No. 1.—PROBLEM.

Charlie and Freddie having sent their lingerie, consisting of thirty pieces, to the wash, Freddie calls for the same and explains that as his bundle contains half of the cuffs and but one-third of the collars, it should cost but twenty-seven cents. As four cuffs cost the same as five collars, Hop Lee, who is a poor mathematician, wants to know how much he must charge Charlie for the other package.

No. 2.—HIDDEN CITIES.

A noted detective recovered the booty from some great bank robbery by playing burglar and joining the gang. He tells about receiving a rogue's letter which gave the names of certain cities which were visited, and which could readily be deciphered by the initiated. By way of illustration, let us look at the following rogue's letter, purporting to come from a noted pedestrian:

"Dear Jim—I won the race. The track was at the Olympic, level and hard as cobalt. I more than won, for my position was central—eight before and eight behind. They had all a start from a half to a mile—to them a considerable advantage, but I can win on a run or walk and overtake and meander by—or kill—the best of them. Treading from early day to night the roads we follow.

"Ellsworth."

No. 6.—SQUARE WORD CHARADE.

The first cliffs tower o'er the sea,
Second, third, in land of Jews
Did fourth away a vast debris
And discovered Santa Cruz.
When speaks the fifth from her tower
Hearts faint or break that feel its power.

No. 7.—PUZZLE QUESTION.

The following message is alleged to have been found in a bottle cast up by the sea:

"A mighty ship I now command,
With cargo rare from every land.
No goods have I to trade or sell;
Each wind will serve my turn as well;
To neither port nor harbor bound,
My greatest wish to run aground."

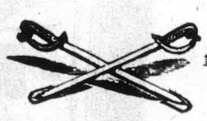
Who was the author?

No. 8.—OLD STYLE CONUNDRUM.

If a bear went into a drygoods store, what would he want?

Answers to all the above Puzzles will be given in the March number of the Western Home Monthly.

No. 3.—PICTORIAL ENIGMA.



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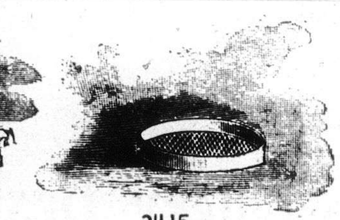

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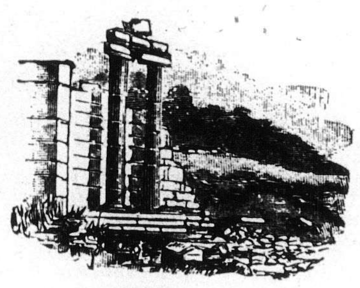

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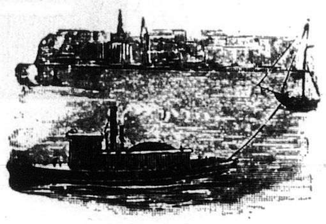

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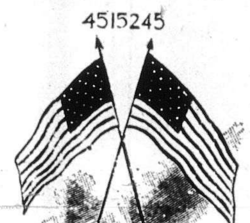

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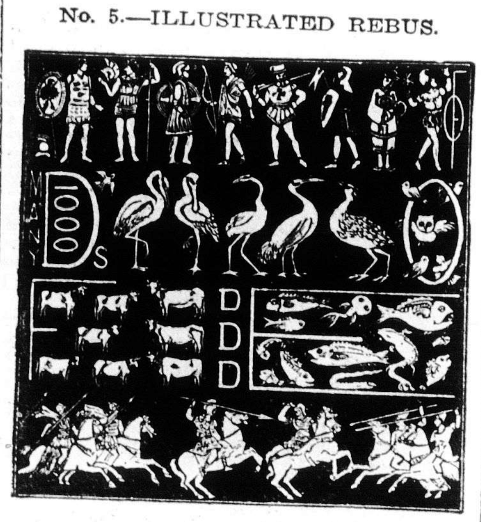
The answer contains five words, and is a well-known proverb. Each numeral beneath the pictures denotes a letter in that word of the answer whose place in numerical succession is indicated by that particular numeral. Thus: the numeral 2 under the first picture denotes a letter belonging to the second word of the answer; 5, that its letter is in the fifth word of the answer, and so on. To solve the puzzle, write down some distance apart, the figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, to correspond with the words of the answer. Find a word or letters suitably descriptive of each picture, using as many letters for each description as there are numerals beneath its picture. Group beneath figure 1 all the letters denoted by the numerals 1 in the numbering beneath the pictures. There will thus be in one group all the letters that go to form the first word of the answer, and these letters, when set in the right order, will spell the word itself. Repeat this process in finding the remaining words, and all the words, when read off in due order, will be the answer.

No. 4.—Beheadings and Curtailments.

1. Behead and curtail the central portion of a winding staircase and leave a sheep.
2. Behead and curtail a secret store, and leave an instrument used by fishermen.
3. Behead and curtail a kind of candle, and leave an imitator.
4. Behead and curtail a pleasure vehicle, and leave an interjection of regret.
5. Behead and curtail to speak languidly, and leave bleak.
6. Behead and curtail a country-seat, and leave unwell.

No. 5.—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



A well-known verse of four lines.

Answers to Puzzles in January Number.

No. 1. Geographical Syncopations.—1. Gardiner, Gardner. 2. Allenstown, Allentown. 3. Arkansas, Aransas. 4. Charlestown, Charleston. 5. Charlton, Carlton. 6. Cumming, Cuming.

No. 2. Problem.—Three pounds.

No. 3. Hidden People We Daily Meet—1. Widow. 2. Bride. 3. Lad. 4. Lass. 5. Maid. 6. Liar. 7. Cheat. 8. Villain. 9. Lady. 10. Deacon. 11. Sexton. 12. Pastor.

No. 4. Lesson in Geography—

Foreigners who cross Arabia's emtpy sands
Sigh for the oasis with its springs and palms,
And one from o'er the Egean Sea
Adores the excellent acacia tree.

In forced obedience to their fate
The Polar Esquimos in their icy tents
Long for the sun to alleviate their fate.
With efforts and expedients
They club together for security
Like bees in an apiary.

No. 5. Ladder.—

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No. 6. Illustrated Rebus.—Because it is departed (D parted).

No. 7. Different Ages.—1. Badinage. 2. Presage. 3. Marriage. 4. Mirage. 5. Engage. 6. Tillage. 7. Enrage. 8. Passage. 9. Message. 10. Dotage. 11. Stoppage. 12. Vicinge.

No. 8. Old Style Conundrum.—Because every man had one kilt before the battle.

No. 9. Connected Squares.—

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T O N Y         E S A U
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No. 10. Transpositions.—1. Broadest, best, road. 2. Steady, stayed. 3. Is held, shield, he slid, led his. 4. Supersede, pure seeds. 5. Other, or the. 6. Ye men, enemy.

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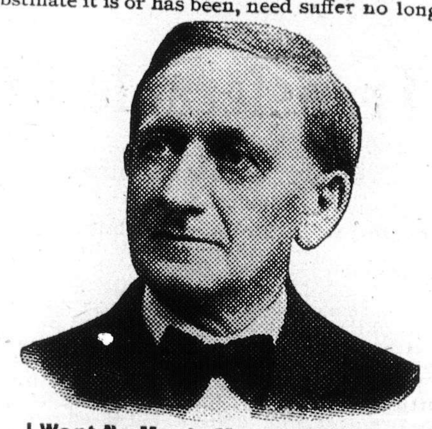

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Among the Flowers.

In the Window.

As a rule, the average window-gardener tries to crowd too many plants into one window. It is small wonder, for it is surely a heart-breaking task to decide among the favorites we wish to save for winter companionship. We choose one, then another, and cannot decide not to take a third, and so it goes.

There is no wisdom in this course, however. If one tries to keep a greater number of plants in a window than can develop without crowding, the result is never satisfactory. The plants will neither grow nor show to advantage. Tmere is no comfort in a shelf full of ragged-looking, straggly plants that seem only trying to get out of each other's way; indeed, you will get more real pleasure out of a single well-grown plant which has all the room needed in which to expand and bloom than a dozen such as described.

Plants need sunshine and light and room as much as human beings do in order to develop the best that is in them. Don't crowd them. If you have too many, share them with your neighbor who hasn't any.

Flowers for Farmers' Wives.

So many farmers' wives have no place for flowers except, possibly, some far-off garden spot, that I long to tell them how I have succeeded in raising flowers right at my back door, in spite of chickens and little pigs. I have had flowers in boxes, and flowers in beds, in the most hopeless situations, and under the most discouraging surroundings, that, nevertheless, were a source of delight all summer.

First, as to flowers in boxes: Never let them get dry; provide good drainage; have the soil one-third sand and use large boxes. You cannot keep a small box of dirt from drying out in the long hot days of July and August. I have had the best success with a wash-tub, or a box that would hold as much, Set on a stool and raise it above the reach of the chickens. Set your boxes as near the places where the men wash, as convenient, so they will not have to take any unnecessary steps, and ask them to pour the water on the flowers instead of on the ground, then you will only need to water them in the evening. This arrangement will save you time and strength, and the family will take more interest and pleasure in your flowers than they will if you do all the work yourself.

Unless you provide good drainage and a sandy soil, your plants will suffer during a rainy time. The ground will become thoroughly soaked, and should the water remain in the soil it will cause the roots to rot, and thus stop the growth of the plants, if it does not kill them outright. Without plenty of sand, also, the soil may become packed and soggy. Bore some holes in the bottom of your tub or box. Put in your old broken crockery, bones, etc., and some charcoal. I think the charcoal keeps it pure and sweet, even though it is constantly damp. Cover these things with hay, so that no dirt can get through. Then get some good mellow soil, mix it with sand, fill your vines, nasturtiums, petunias and sweet alyssum round the edges. These plants will do well in any situation, except the box, and it is ready for the plants.

The kind of plants will depend on the situation of the box. If it is on the north, try pansies, and put madeira pansies; do not try pansies on the south or west, you can have good success with roses, geraniums, phlox, heliotrope, snapdragons and ageratums. If you use geraniums or roses, you will need two-year-old plants to get the best results, but you will not need more than four or five plants of that age to fill the centre. Whatever plants you use in the centre of the box, be sure to plant some of all the plants named around the edges. I have found it almost a necessity to plant a madeira in each corner. They form large tubers, which take up a good deal of room, and by cramping the root-room for the flowering plants you will get so many more blossoms.

If you cannot get maderia vines ground ivy is the next best thing. It will rapidly fill the damp, mellow soil with roots, and answer the purpose.

Suitable Annuals for the Northwest.

There are thousands more of strangers in this progressive Northwest territory than there were last year and trusting that at least a few thousands are flower loving strangers, I write article that they may avoid the failures made by others, in choosing flowers unsuited to this latitude.

Flowers of rapid growth, hardihood and above all the "warranted to bloom" sorts are to be desired, that they may grow and bloom during the short summer months to put some gay coloring on this beautiful prairie which some have called monotonous.

The sweet pea is an admirable plant for the west, as the cool springs are exactly what it requires to promote vigorous growth or root, provided there is a rich soil from which it may feed, while the long and sunny days of summer are an incentive to profuse bloom.

The nasturtium, although a South American plant, is well adapted to the cool western climate. All that is needed to bring it to perfection is a light soil, plenty of water and a gardener who is wise enough to know, that to transplant nasturtiums is to stunt them.

Pansies, those flowers which to see is to love, do remarkably well here, for a cool climate is what they desire, but it is well to plant them in a hotbed as early as possible, as this will give them a much longer blooming season. If covered lightly with compost or straw they will even withstand a western winter.

Petunias are flowers to be desired not only for their beautiful blossoms, but also for their sweet delicate fragrance.

Salpligossis, asters and poppies also do well, although the first two would thank you for a hotbed training at first.

The lobelia, mignonette and centaura, probably better known as corn flowers, are very popular, very hardy and very desirable annuals for the west.

As to edging plants, none excel the sweet alyssum or candytuft. It is advised that they should be transplanted so that the stocks may become more rugged.

Winter Window Gardens.

At this season of the year when women readers in the country are not so busy, I would like to have a word with them about winter window gardens.

Is there anything which helps more to make the home cheery and bright during the long winter days than a window filled with fresh green geraniums and ferns? I say geraniums and ferns because I have had much excellent success in keeping these through the winter where other plants have sometimes failed me. Then, too, they are very easy to obtain. If you have not some friend who has more geranium slips than she can dispose of every fall when she takes her plants indoors, as often happens with everyone who cultivates geraniums, you can secure sturdy plants at any florists or nurseryman's at very small expense. In potting your plants for the winter, one essential must be very carefully observed. No plant will succeed in a soil from which the water cannot pass off freely, and in the cultivation of all kinds of window and greenhouse plants perfect drainage is an absolute necessity. In order to secure this, place over the hole in the bottom of your flower pot a piece of charcoal, or a bit of broken flower pot, putting it in such a position that it will not completely close the opening but will prevent the soil from falling through. Over this more of the same material, either the charcoal or small bits of the pot, as the case may be. Fill the pot about one-eighth full of this, and over it place some moss or otehr rough material to prevent the soil from mixing with the drainage. Then fill the pot with soil, setting in your plant, and I am sure your care will be rewarded.

You may get your ferns from the florist if you like, but I have had excellent success with the wild ones taken from the woods for they are easily cultivated if a few practical details are observed, and if you study those that grow in your neighborhood you will find a far greater variety of them than you had ever imagined, some of which are quite as pretty and graceful as the cultivated ones. Growing in their native places, they are for the most part, of course, found in shady positions where during their growing period they have an abundance of moisture at their roots. Therefore, under cultivation, a shady window is for most kinds more suitable than a sunny one, and during their season of growth a good supply of water at the root is demanded; but this does not mean a stagnant soil, for they cannot thrive where the drainage is not complete. For this reason, in potting your ferns, you should be careful to follow every detail as described above in order that all water which they do not absorb may drain off readily and surely. Then you need not be afraid to give them plenty of water regularly, for an abundance of it is necessary to their best success. The most suitable soil for them is a mixture of garden loam and the black soil found in the woods where they grow. Take about equal parts of each, and add a good sprinkling of sharp sand, mixing it well through the whole, giving it more if the loam is clayey, and less if sandy. In selecting the fenrs, pick young plants, even though they are not quite so large at first, and it is well to try the sturdier looking varieties at the statr. When you have learned to care for these well, you will be able to cultivate the more delicate varieties with success.

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O bonny maid with laughing eyes,
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So sweetly shy yet gravely wise,
So proud yet debonnair?

The postman comes this way apace
Your manner I divine,
You hope for Cupid's gift of grace,
A dainty valentine.

O winsome, eager brown-eyed lass
Impatient by the door,
I see you stand while moments pass
And count your treasures o'er.

All rich in lace, with tinsel bright
Yet not from choice of thine;
You hope ere falls the shades of night
For one more valentine.

O woman weary of life's ways
With silver in your hair,
Why do you dream of other days
When you were young and fair?

I see within your hand you hold
A closely written line,
'Tis from your sweetheart, loved of old
An old time valentine.

Thus on this day of days we know
The power of Cupid's art,
His arrows speed from mystic bow
To wound full many a heart.

And youth and maid in romance sweet
Dream still of love divine,
And all expectant wait to greet
Their own true Valentine.

Health Notes.

Common salt is an excellent dentifrice.

A good laugh is better than medicine.

A gargle of salt and water will often clean a furred tongue.

Bathe chilblains in a strong solution of alum and water, say an ounce to a pint.

A relief for insomnia from being overtired, is to bathe temples and back of the neck with very hot water.

Paint a boil that is just beginning with iodine twice a day and it will become absorbed.

Children should have plenty of sleep. While going to school they should have some time for outdoor recreation every day.

Stretching exercises are used to make one taller; stand and sit erect and you will add perceptibly to your height.

Uncooked cereals should not be given to children until they are about two years old. The cooked oatmeal strained is best for the average child.

Cramps caused by indigestion can be relieved by taking a few drops of oil of peppermint or spirits of camphor in hot water and applying heat to the abdomen.

Warts can be removed by touching them with collodion in which salicylic acid, 20 grains to the ounce, has been dissolved. This should be done once or twice a day, keeping the wart somewhat encrusted, when it will shrivel and drop off. If this causes any soreness, a little castor oil applied a few times will heal and remove the redness of the skin.

People who suffer from weak ankles will find great help from bandaging quite snugly through the day. At night they should pour cold water over them, and rub them until in a glow. If this is persisted in all winter, it will make a marked difference in their ability to stand or walk without turning or twisting their ankles.

Damp feet are responsible for many of the colds which people think are unaccountable; the health and well being of the whole body is in a large measure dependent on the care of the feet. Put on warm stockings and sensible shoes; there is nothing attractive about low, thin-soled shoes and open worked stockings at this season of the year.

If the baby does not show any inclination to sit up at six months of age, and must have his back supported when sitting for a few minutes at eight months old, prepare a strong solution of salt water, one-fourth pound of rock salt in a quart bottle of water. Use a little of this diluted at first in tepid water, every day after his bath. Sponge the spine and his whole back with it and rub vigorously until there is good reaction. When he becomes accustomed to it, use full strength.

A baby's nose often becomes stopped up with a cold, making it almost impossible for him to nurse. He will get some relief by keeping his nose greased on the outside. Drop a little cosmoline into his nostrils to soften the crusts that form; when softened they can be removed by using a wooden toothpick around which twist securely a whisp of absorbent cotton, which has been dipped in boracic acid solution. This will cleanse as it removes the accumulated mucous. It gives such relief that very little children accept the little discomfort willingly, when it is done carefully.

To prevent chapped hands, dry them carefully each time you wash them. Rub them every night with a little mutton tallow, or a mixture of one tablespoonful of glycerine, juice of one lemon and water to make a half pint.

Nervous children sometimes scream when frightened or slightly hurt, losing their breath until they are blue. This can be remedied at once by a dash of cold water in the face to make them catch their breath. Nothing more easily becomes a habit than this display of weak nervous power, and it requires a gentle, persistent effort on the part of the mother to teach the child self-control. Suggestion is better than any method to correct this dreaded result of fear. Teach the child to laugh over a tumble, to touch what she fears, and encourage every effort on her part to overcome the terror which masters her.

Try this exercise for reducing the size of the lips. The muscles have become flaccid, like any other muscles of the body and exercise will strengthen and contract them: Hold the lips tightly together and smile as far as you can—sounds funny, doesn't it—then "unsmile" very gradually, contracting the muscles slowly. Do this ten times whenever you chance to think of it. Acquire the habit of keeping the lips close to the teeth; that will help a lot.

A simple and effective ointment for cold sores or fever blisters: 5 grains of camphor, one-half dram of powered arrowroot, one-half dram of subnitrate of bismuth, one-half ounce of ointment of rosewater. Apply to the blemish. Do not use on the healthy skin of the face, as bismuth has a yellowing effect.

La Grippe.

La Grippe, the foe of human kind, appears in the fall, gaining in strength in its attacks until after Christmas, when it is at its height.

It is a germ disease, as yet not wholly understood nor sufficiently explained, and so it is easy for both doctor and layman to lay upon its broad shoulders, so to speak, the censure of much of the sickness at this time of the year.

A little thought as to the difference in the conditions of life in cold weather and in warm will perhaps give us a clue to the real cause of the various diseases which grip us at this time. As the weather grows colder we shut out more and more of the fresh air, we eat more animal food, and at Christmas have the extra feasting.

In sanatariums where consumptives live in fresh air and on simple diet, there is practically no grippe, and it has passed into a saying "where fresh air was least, grippe was most."

We may all test this statement by carrying out the following suggestions: Open the bedroom windows, not an inch or two, but a foot or two, from the top if possible, every night.

Keep outdoors in the fresh air as much as possible; when out of doors breathe deeply, inhaling through the nostrils.

Drink plenty of water, hot or cold; eight glasses distributed through the day between meals, it is estimated will make good the daily loss.

Depend upon fruit, vegetables, and nuts for a large part of diet; nuts are the best substitute for meat, salads of various kinds help digestion.

Avoid all excesses and notice the result of this life upon your "grippe habit."

Don'ts for a Sick Room.

Don't call on a sick person while there is any necessity to avoid undue excitement.

Don't enter a sick room in cold weather until you have removed your wraps and are warm.

Don't sit in a rocking chair, and rock violently while facing the patient.

Don't rush into the room with loud talk or laugh; an excess of animal spirits may be depressing. Good cheer and a sunshiny call does not mean a boisterous manner.

Don't bring bad news nor talk of depressing things.

Don't make a long call and tire the patient out.

Don't enter a sick room highly perfumed, it may prove nauseating to the patient.

Don't call early in the morning; visitors will be more welcome when the bathing and dressing, the late breakfast and tidying of the room have been completed.

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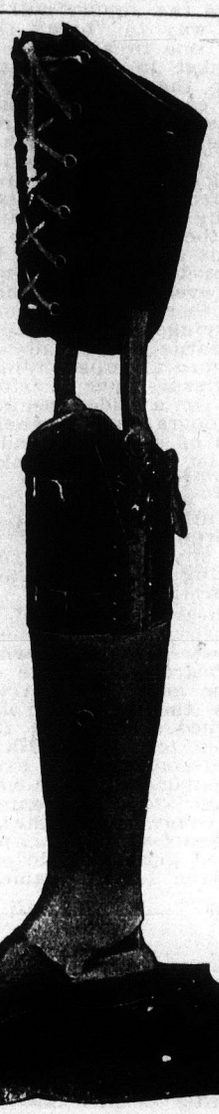

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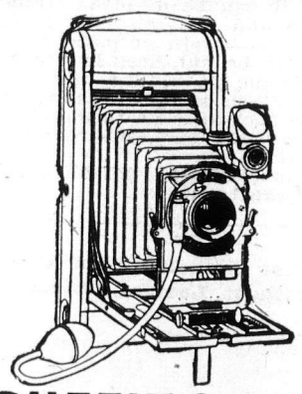

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Boys and Girls.

Little Bright Eyes.

I am lonely today, little Bright Eyes;
Come, leave for awhile your play
And bring me a ray of sunshine,
For I'm lonely and sad today.

Come in my lap, little Bright Eyes,
Your head on my shoulder lay;
Put your soft little arms about me,
For I'm lonely and sad today.

Come and whisper to me, little Bright Eyes,
What I'm longing to hear you say—
That you love me the best in the whole wide world,
For I'm lonely and sad today.

Oh, who could be sad, little Bright Eyes,
With you to drive sorrow away?
I soon shall forget in my gladness
I was lonely and sad today.

If only you'll come, little Bright Eyes,
Will leave for awhile your play,
And nestling close on my shoulder
Tell me you'll love me alway.

When Grandma Tucked the Quilts.

When Brother Fred and Bob and me
Were little tads together;
We made one trundle do for three
So we'd keep warm cold weather.
And when 'twas bedtime every night,
And we'd climbed in the trundle;
Dear grandma came by candle light
And tucked us in a bundle.

The strangest stories ever told
We heard in that old attic,
When grandma's rocker, worn and old,
Rocked on the boards erratic.
She told of goblins, giants, kings,
Fair princesses and lovers;
Of castles grand and other things
Before she tucked the covers.

The tricks we played on grandma dear
Would start us all to giggle;
We'd toss the pillows far and near
And shout and kick and wriggle.
But when she said that spooks were due,
And woe if they but found us,
We all lay still while grandma threw
The warmest quilts around us.

Oft have I dreamed, in some strange room,
Far off, a world-wide rover,
That I could see through semi-gloom
Dear grandma bending over.
I seemed to feel her gentle hands
Just as when but a boy;
Though far away in distant lands—
Oh, fleeting dreams, what joy!

—Victor A. Hermann.

The Little Brown Wren.

There's a little brown wren that has built in our tree,
And she's scarcely as big as a bumble-bee;
She has hollowed a house in the heart of a limb,
And made the walls tidy and made the floors trim
With the down of the crow's foot, with tow and with straw,
The coziest dwelling that ever you saw.

One morning Sir Sparrow came sauntering by
And cast on the wren's house an envious eye;
With a strut of bravado and toss of his head,
"I'll put in my claim here," the bold fellow said:
So straightway he mounted on impudent wing,
And entered the door without pausing to ring.

An instant—and swiftly that feathery knight,
All tousled and tumbled, in terror took flight,
While there by the door on her favorite perch,
As neat as a lady just starting for church,
With this song on her lips, "He will not call again
Unless he is asked," sang the little brown wren.

—Clinton Scollard.

A Farewell.

My fairest child, I have no song to give you;
No lark could pipe to skies so dull and grey;
Yet ere we part, one lesson I can leave you
For every day.

Be good, sweet maid, and let those who will be clever;
Do noble things, nor dream them, all day long;
And so make life, death, and that vast forever
One grand, sweet song.

A Lesson from the Child.

He begged me for the little toys at night,
That I had taken lest he play too long:
The little broken toys—his sole delight.
I held him close in wiser arms and strong,
And sang with trembling voice the even-song.

Reluctantly the drowsy lids drooped low,
The while he pleaded for the boon denied.
Then when he slept, sweet dream, content to know
I mended them and laid them by his side;
That he might find them in the early light,
And wake the gladder for this joyous sight.

So, Lord, like children, at the even fall
We weep for broken playthings, loath to part,
While Thou, unmoved, because Thou knowest all,
Dost fold us from the treasures of our heart,
And we shall find them at the morning-tide,
Awaiting us, unbroke and beautified.

A Home-Made Spider.

A funny spider that walks all over your table, but that can't be made to spin a web, can be made of cork with only a moment's work. It will give you lots of fun. Your spider can be of any size, according to that of the cork used for its body. For its legs use wooden toothpicks. Stick two into each end of the cork, and then bend them in the middle until they crack, but do not break through on both sides. They will bend and form your spider's jointed legs. Place your spider on the table, get some water in a teaspoon, and shake a drop carefully on each leg at the joint. The legs will immediately begin to move, and appear quite life-like. Of course it will not run across the table like a real spider would do, but if the toothpicks are of tough wood, and the top of the table smooth, it will wriggle a good deal and astonish every one who sees the trick for the first time.

Favors at a Party.

A pleasant little way to distribute the gifts or favors at children's parties is to tie them to the chandelier by means of strings. Lead the children in turn to the end of the room; blindfold them and turn them around, and let them march to the chandeliers to cut down a gift with scissors, blunt-pointed ones if possible.

Another party and ever-pleasing diversion is to have in an adjoining room as many red balloons as children. Let these float through the room with strings attached. On opening the door have the children rush in and try to catch the strings. In large cities white balloons with the children's names painted on them may be obtained for a dime each.

Smart Sayings of Little Children.

The following was said by Josephine, aged four, who had been visiting her grandparents, and had heard them speaking of their new house which they had bought at a bargain.

On her return home she said:

"You don't know what my grandma lives in."

"What?" asked her mother.

"Why, she lives in a bargain," said Josephine.

"What shall I get you for Christmas?" asked a father of his five-year-old daughter, who was suffering from toothache.

"I'd like some teeth like mamma's, so I can take 'em out when they ache," replied the observing miss.

A little boy was sitting by the mill-pond, fishing, when a man appeared upon the scene, and asked:

"How many fish have you caught?"

"Well," replied the little fellow, "if I catch this one I'm after and two more, I'll have three.

The boys of a class were asked to name the islands surrounding Great Britain. All were mentioned except the Isle of Man.

"Now, lads," said the teacher, "if you went to an island and found all men on it, and no women, what would you call that island?"

"The Scilly Isle," shouted a boy from the back form.

Mamma (speaking of a little orphan)—"Poor little fellow! He never knew a mother's love."

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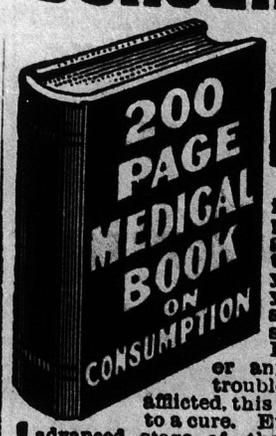

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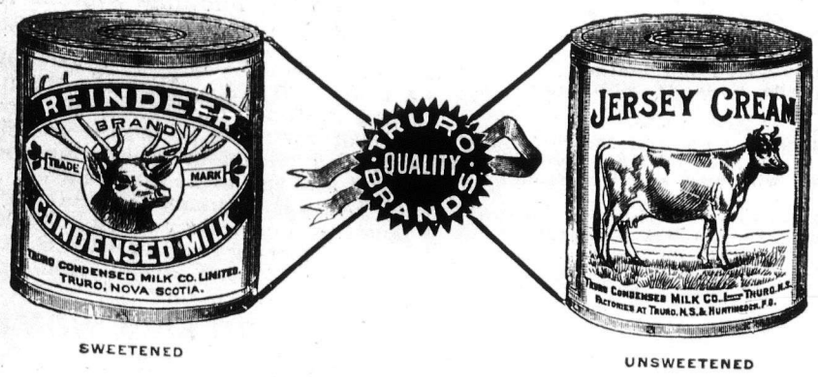

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Woman and the Home.

Moth Eaten.

I had a beautiful garment,
And I laid it by with care;
I folded it close with lavender leaves
In a napkin fine and fair;
"It is far too costly a robe," I said,
"For one like me to wear."

So never at morn or evening
I put my garment on;
It lay by itself under clasp and key
In the perfumed dusk alone,
Its wonderful broidery hidden
Till many a day had gone.

There were guests who came to my portal,
There were friends who sat with me,
And clad in soberest raiment
I bore them company;
I knew that I owned a beautiful robe,
Though its splendor none might see.

There were poor who stood at my portal,
There were orphaned sought my care;
I gave them the tenderest pity,
But had nothing besides to spare;
I had only the beautiful garment,
And the raiment for daily wear.

At last, on a feast-day' coming,
I thought in my dress to shine;
I would please myself with the luster
Of its shifting colors fine;
I would walk with pride in the marvel
Of its rarely rich design.

So out from the dust I bore it—
The lavender fell away—
And fold on fold I held it up
To the searching light of the day.
Alas! the glory had perished,
While there in its place it lay.

Who seeks for the fadeless beauty
Must seek for the use that seals
To the grace of a constant blessing
The beauty that use reveals,
For into the folded robe alone
The moth with its blighting steals.

Forethought and Foreboding.

While it is necessary at the present stage of progress of the human race to exercise some measure of forethought for future maintenance and comfort, there is much that is a waste of time and vital energy for which there is no better descriptive word or phrase than the well-worn and trite "borrowing trouble."

This is simply a habit of thought which may be overcome if we will but train the mind to "dwell on pleasant things." If the individual will is not strong enough alone to overcome this pessimistic tendency to shroud one's self, the family and home in clouds of imaginary calamities, we should seek in the companionship of others to cultivate a happier frame of mind. Get out among people, become interested in the affairs of others, even widely beyond the neighborhood environment, and in the great general interests of all humanity lose the depression caused by individual foreboding.

True, we learn of widespread misery and suffering; we learn to realize and be thankful for our comforts and forget our own lesser trials.

It is necessary to take thought for the morrow and make provision for the days that are to come but it is most unwise to depress ourselves with imaginary troubles.

This beautiful world is not a "vale of tears" only as we make it so. When we contemplate its wonderful beauties and consider its no less wonderful resources in a proper frame of mind, we cannot but feel that it was intended by the Creator as a place where his creatures may be happy if they will while learning the lessons of life that are designed to fit them for eternity. And that such a beautiful place is provided for humanity during the stage of progress termed earth life should give full assurance of the wondrous blessings to be known in the life to come, when, the infirmities of the earthly condition having fallen away, the freed spirit shall go untrammelled and unafraid upon the next stage of progress planned by the Omnipotent for all whom He has created "in His image."

This effort to counteract the tendency of pessimistic thought has carried us far—into the realm of the infinite and unknowable, but not unattainable; for however erring and suffering and sinful and sorrowing we may become through misconception and misuse of the plans and provisions of life here, all, from the humblest to the greatest, shall be finally carried out of and beyond it into the higher realm of being.

And this should not be a saddening thought. We should so live and so regard every phase of life as to enjoy every passing pleasure to the utmost, contributing as we may to the happiness of others—for the opportunity is quickly past, we come not this way or to this day again—and bear every trial and sorrow as a portion of the discipline necessary to the chastening of the spirit that shall make us more worthy our spiritual inheritance and enlarge our capacity for its appreciation and enjoyment.

Let us make the most and best of life, for ourselves and for others, wherever our lot may be cast, expect only good, anticipate only pleasure, and bear whatever ill may befall as simply our share of the "common fate of all;" not as the dispensations of an angry God, but as consequences of our ignorance of the plan of the Creator, weak, human transgressions of His universal laws which, were we able to properly interpret and conform to them, would always bless, never distress.

We were created for happiness here and hereafter. "Seek and ye shall find," and enjoy; but do not the one selfishly nor the other grossly. If we keep the spiritual nature ever in the ascendent, the thought of the pure and good ever in mind, attune the laws of individual being as nearly as human conception may to the grand harmony of the infinite, our thoughts of the eternal future will be tinged with no shadows of foreboding or fear and we will joyfully answer the summons, "Come up higher."

St. Valentine Entertainment.

A good many members of The Western Home Monthly will want suggestions for entertaining a St. Valentine's party.

Let the heart be the prevailing shape for table decorations and whatever else is to be used by way of entertainment. Before the supper will come games. A good way to "break the ice" and get every one in a jolly humor is to place a basket in the centre of the floor; divide the guests into two sides and give each side the same number of hearts, cut out of cardboard but of a different color for each side.

Let the opposing sides take turns at trying to throw the cards into the basket from a given distance; the side getting the greater number of hearts into the basket will be the winner. This sounds as if it would be an easy thing to do; the fun is in seeing the hearts land everywhere but in the basket.

Another merriment-maker is the game of trying to blow soap-bubbles through two large rings made of wire and bent to a heart shape. Wrap the wires with red tissue-paper or ribbon and suspend them in a wide opening, between folding doors or elsewhere. Have your basin of soap-suds and clay pipes ready and let every one take a turn, or as many turns as may be agreed upon. Blow a big, clear bubble, detach it carefully from the pipe and try to blow it through a given ring. Above each ring should be a rhyme, or motto, indicating which is the lucky one and which the unlucky.

A heart-shaped card, bearing one-half of a rhyme, or sentiment, may be given to each gentleman, while a corresponding heart bearing the other half of the rhyme may be given to each lady, and when the gentlemen have sought and matched their cards the partners may file out to supper. Have the table prettily decorated with evergreens and put red paper-hearts, or valentines, bearing appropriate sentiments, at the places. The cakes, sandwiches, and ices should be heart-shaped. Appropriate heart-shaped prizes, comic or otherwise, may be given for the games, if desired.

How to Carve.

To carve well is a matter of economy as well as of grace and health. To get the best results from a saddle of mutton or lamb, they should be cut in thin slices and when the shape of the piece permits, a slice should be cut evenly over the whole surface in the plane of the knife. If the slice proves too large to serve, it can be divided. Hams, legs of mutton and of lamb should be cut in the middle. A loin of pork, mutton or veal should be cut first in the thickest part. Tongue should be sliced not too thin. The slices should be about a quarter of an inch thick and should be cut first from the centre, where the tongue is thickest.

As a general rule, beef should be cut thin and mutton thick.

How to Use Cleansing Fluid Upon Cloth Without Leaving "Rings."

Use a sponge or a scrub instead of a cloth. Do not pour the fluid upon the cloth, but take a small quantity at a time upon the sponge or scrub and, stroking the cloth lightly around the spot, work toward the spot as a centre. Rinse the sponge or scrub repeatedly in the fluid (some of which should have been poured from the bottle into a salcer). The spot, if thus treated, will gradually grow smaller till it is a mere dot than can be "pinched" out of the cloth with a drop of fluid. If the strokes are made away from the spot instead of toward it, all the dust or grease is worked out into a ring surrounding the spot.

Repeat it:—"Shilo's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

SUPERVISED BY THE CHEF OF THE MARIAGGI, WINNIPEG

COOKING RECIPES.

Oyster Omelet.—Drain two dozen oysters. Have ready some hot lard and throw them in. Let fry until they begin to curl; then spread over them four well beaten eggs, seasoned with salt and pepper. Stir all together until done. Serve hot.

Leap-Year Cake.—One cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of butter, one-half cupful of milk, whites of three eggs, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Frosting—One and one-half cupfuls of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of almond extract, yolks of three eggs.

Mush Bread.—Sprinkle one-half pint of cornmeal into one pint of hot milk. Cook for a moment till partly thick. Take from fire and stir in the yolks of four eggs. Fold in the well-beaten whites; salt; turn into baking pan and bake in moderate oven for twenty minutes.

Cream Cheese Pie.—Mash a cream cheese; add two beaten eggs and one-half cupful of white sugar; mix all together and pour this filling in a pie plate lined with ordinary pie crust. Lay on the cream strips of the dough, lengthwise and crosswise, and set in a moderate oven.

Chicken Croquettes.—Take four cupfuls of minced chicken, one cupful of breadcrumbs, three eggs, drawn butter. Roll chicken, breadcrumbs, eggs, seasoning and enough drawn butter to moisten into pear-shaped balls. Dip these into beaten eggs and breadcrumbs, put into chafing dish and fry a nice brown.

Corncake.—One cupful of flour, one cupful of cornmeal, four tablespoonfuls of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar, one teaspoonful of soda (or two of baking powder). Mix ingredients together, then add one cupful of sweet milk, then two tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Bake in rather hot oven fifteen to twenty minutes.

Heart Cakes.—Work half a pound of butter to a cream with the hand. Put into it four yolks of eggs and two whites, well beaten, half a pound of sifted sugar, half a pound of dried flour, two spoonfuls of orange flower water, half a pound of currants, one ounce of candied orange and citron. Beat till the cakes go in the oven. This quantity will fill eighteen tins.

Panned Rabbit.—Clean and cut in halves. Place in a baking pan, spread with butter, dust with salt and pepper and bake in a quick oven one hour, basting frequently. When done lay on a heated dish. Add a tablespoonful of browned flour to the gravy in the pan, mix well, add half a pint of boiling water, stir, season with salt and pepper. pour over the rabbit and serve.

Boston Baked Bean Cakes.—These are made of left-over baked beans. Heat with a little water to moisten, rub through a colander, season with salt, pepper and mustard. Put a tablespoonful of pork drippings or butter in a frying pan and cook in it when hot a tablespoonful of minced onion, taking care not to let it blacken. When colored slightly, lay in the cakes and brown on either side. Serve on toast or with tomato sauce.

Frozen Plum Pudding.—One pint of sweet milk and ten large seedless raisins. Boil these together for twenty minutes. Beat the yolks of two eggs very light, and stir in one-fourth pound of brown sugar; add this to the hot milk. Let all come to a boil, remove from the fire and strain. Beat in one ounce of citron and one dozen almonds both chopped fine, one teaspoonful of vanilla. When perfectly cool, freeze as ice cream.

Union Cake.—One and one-half cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of butter, one cupful of sweet milk, six egg whites, one-half cupful of cornstarch, three cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of baker's extract of almond. Cream the butter, add sugar and eggs, dissolve the cornstarch in the milk and add to the mixture. Next add the baking powder and flour sifted together, and then the flavoring extract. Bake in a moderate oven.

Potatoes Baked in Milk.—Pare and cut in thin slices crosswise one dozen potatoes, slice two large onions, and add about one-half cupful of finely chopped fresh parsley. Put the whole into a granite pudding dish and cover with milk, putting pieces of butter on top. Bake in a hot oven for one-half hour. Salt and pepper should be added when served, as the milk is apt to curdle if it is added before cooking. This recipe is also good if canned tomatoes are used instead of milk.

Danish Suet Dumplings.—One cupful of suet, chopped fine; one cupful grated bread crumbs, one cupful flour; one-half teaspoonful of baking powder, one-half cupful sugar, two eggs, one pint of milk, large pinch of salt. Sift together powder and flour, and beaten eggs, grated bread, sugar, salt and milk; form with smooth batter, which drop by spoonfuls into pint of boiling milk, three or four at a time. When done, dish and pour over them the milk they were boiled in.

Nut Custard.—Nuts may be added to boiled or baked custard, almonds, hickory and walnuts or pecan being the favorite varieties. The almonds should be blanched and cut in strips, the other varieties coarsely chopped. For baked custard they are placed in the cup or dish and the uncooked mixture poured over them before placing in the oven, but they should be stirred into boiled custard as it is taken from the fire. In either case add a few drops of vanilla or lemon flavoring.

Turkish Macaroni.—Break half a pound of macaroni into inch pieces and drop it into quickly boiling water. Keep at a fierce boil till the macaroni is tender, then drain and let it stand in cold water for ten minutes. Make a sauce with two tablespoonfuls of flour, one pint of strained tomato, and salt and pepper to taste. Drain and add the macaroni and half a cupful of almond meats cut into strips. Simmer fifteen minutes, turn into a dish and sprinkle thickly with grated cheese and a few almond strips and serve.

Bean Croquettes.—Soak one pint white pea beans or the little brown Mexican frijoles over night in cold water. In the morning cook until soft in water to which a saltspoonful of soda has been added, changing the water after it first comes to a boil. Rub through a colander, then add to the pulp one cupful of grated bread crumbs, one tablespoonful of minced parsley, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, two eggs well beaten, one small onion grated and salt and pepper to season. Mix thoroughly, shape into cylinders, dip in beaten egg, then in cracker dust and fry in deep fat. Drain on soft paper and serve.

Beef Croquettes.—An excellent way to cook cold beef. Mince your cold beef (not too much fat) with a small onion. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and a little mace. Crumble half a slice of bread, add a dessertspoonful of flour, mix well together, and bind with a beaten egg or a little milk. Roll into balls, dip them in flour or browned breadcrumbs, and fry in butter or good fresh dripping. Serve with brown gravy or with butter browned in the pan after cooking your croquettes, adding water, flour for thickening, and a teaspoonful of meat extract.

Sea Pie.—Make a thick pudding crust. Line a dish with it, or, what is better, a cake tin. Put a layer of sliced onions, then a layer of salted beef cut in slices, a layer of sliced potatoes, a layer of pork, and another layer of onions. Season with pepper all over. Cover with a crust, and tie down tightly with a cloth previously dipped in boiling water and floured. Boil for two hours, and serve hot in a dish.

Pressed Fowl.—Take a fowl after cleaning, and boil slowly till the flesh slips from the bones. Place the pieces of meat on a dish, and cut into neat pieces. Skim the fat from the liquid, and in a pint of the liquid dissolve one-half ounce of gelatine. Season this, and if necessary add a little browning. Wet a pie dish, and arrange slices of hard-boiled eggs around it. Fill the centre with fowl, scattering herbs amongst it. Pour the stock and gelatine over, and set aside to cool. Turn out to serve, and garnish with sprigs of parsley and grated yolk of egg.

Hint for Plucking Fowls.—Put fowl into basin or pail, pour boiling water over it before starting to pluck it. This cleans the feathers, and makes the fowl far more easily plucked. I am sure this simple hint will prove useful.

Home-Made Sherbert Powder.—Mix one teaspoonful of essence of lemon with four ounces of castor sugar, then add two ounces of carbonate of soda free from lumps. Mix all together well for five minutes, tie down in a bottle or jar, and keep in a dry place.

Lemonade Syrup.—Lemonade syrup can be made from the following recipe: Put into a basin a pound and a half of loaf sugar, one ounce of citric acid, and the rind and juice of two lemons. Pour over all one quart of boiling water, and let the mixture stand till cold, stirring occasionally. Strain and bottle. A wineglassful of the syrup should be mixed with almost a tumblerful of water.

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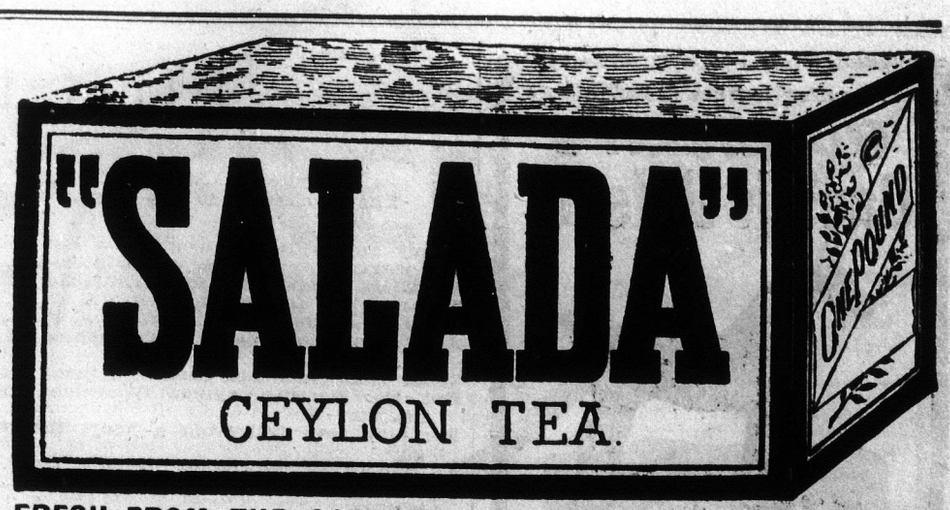

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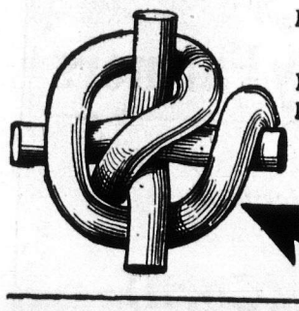

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About the Farm.

The Foot-Print in the Snow.

Heavy and white the cold snow lay,
As, nearing my cottage one winter day,
I saw by the porch a foot-print small,
A bare little foot-print, toes and all,
Pressed—ah, so wearily!—into the snow,
As if the wee beggar no further could go.
"Poor little homeless waif!" I thought;
But the fleeting sympathy came to naught—
For pity may fall from a heart that's gay
As lightly as snowflakes melting away.
Bright little faces, and hands rosy-warm
Waited to welcome me out of the storm.

Closing the door, in a joyous glow,
I chided the children for crowding me so—
The glad little witches! as sunny and bless'd
As ever a home-coming mother caressed.
Then I caught up the youngest, unnoticed before,
My sweet little Mabel, who sat on the floor.
"Why, darling! How's this?" I cried, in surprise;
"Barefooted?" The little one lifted her eyes;
They were brimming with tears; her cheek, too, was wet.
"Oh, my feet!" she sobbed. "What has hurt them, my pet?"
"Why, mamma—to see how it felt, you know—
I just went and stood out there in the snow."

That was all. But while fondling and making them warm—
The dear little feet that had tempted the storm—
And putting on soft little stocking and shoe,
A feeling of sudden remorse pierced me through.
O God? can you pardon? How soon I forgot
When I thought 'twas a beggar-child passed by my cot!
"I can see it all now!" I cried in my soul—
"The lifetime of blindness, the slow-coming dole,
The pale-blossomed pity that never bore fruit.
Dear God, I will tear it away, branch and root!"
Love teaches at last. Their hurt now I know—
The bare little foot-prints we see in the snow!

IN THE DAIRY.

The Life-Saving Machine.

By a Farmer's Son.

Time is the stuff life is made of. On this principle anything that saves your time, saves your life—providing, of course, that you don't stupidly or deliberately go and kill the time that was saved. A time-saving machine presupposes that your life is worth more than a machine's time. And to you who read this column, I am convinced that it is. There are people that are better off pounding sand than not, because they worse than waste their spare time. But as a general rule, a saving of time to the average farmer is a saving of life.

Did you ever take an inventory of the daily barn chores? Father gets up, say at five o'clock in the morning. He has studied economy in time sufficiently so that he has a regular order of doing the chores—no steps or minutes being wasted in turning from one chore to another. He carries a watch and times himself. The best speed through the chores he has ever made was, say an hour and a half. When he doesn't keep keyed up to speed all the way through, it takes, say an hour and three quarters. If anything goes wrong, or something extra has to be done it uses up two hours. It is no trick at all to take it easy and kill two hours and a half. These chores come every morning and every evening. Seven days in the week and three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. It is just the same next year and will be so to the end of the chapter. The house chores go on just the same way. If you could save, say a half hour each chore time—that is an hour a day—you would save by the end of the year 365 hours, or thirty-six and a half working days. More than a month in twelve! That month might be the difference between profit and loss on the whole farm.

On the farm where I grew up the spring was about 400 feet from the barn. The six horses and the bull were led to the spring from the barn for water morning and night. Water was dipped into a tub, and we waited while they filled themselves. Time consumed for each round trip, eight minutes. Total time watering, thirty-two minutes. Watering stock including noon waterings, not less than one hour a day, or thirty-six days each year. Now, the cost of a pump, well, windmill, tank and watering troughs for the stalls would have been about $200. This would have watered not only the teams, but all the dairy stock as well. We would not have had to wait while they drank, and they would have watered themselves better than we could have done at the spring tub. This investment would not only have saved us a month's work a year, but would have freed us from the daily fetters of that particular chore. Now if added to this economy in watering, the hay had been handy to the mangers, and the grain in a bin on the ground floor, how much of semi-daily running to and fro, of lugging and lifting and time consuming it would have saved. I see now that our whole family would have lived more if we had had the sense to save our time.

The dairy has this one standing, urgent objection: It ties a man, hand and foot to a cow, and a woman to the pots and the pans. We have bred cows up to give a great big pail of milk morning and night, but such a cow is as helpless without a man close by as is a baby without a mother. But having produced the milk, we can't afford to spill it. It is the richest thing that grows on the farm. What shall we do with it Take it, be thankful for it, and save all the time and labor we can in getting it to the best possible market. As for the barn chores, one can plan his barn to save his steps. There are books on barn plans, excellent plans that have been tried and found good. And there are here and there good model barns that one may study to advantage. Our agricultural colleges have such barns, and books; and bulletins about them that you can get by asking on a postal card.

After the milk is drawn the woman of the farm has usually been charged with the task of getting it ready for the market. We have spoken in this column of the cream separator, "The Ladies' Aid Machine," the king of all labor-saving dairy machinery—the machine that saves forty-eight hours of cream rising; that whirls the pure cream far ahead and out of reach of the malignant, bittering bacterium; that gives the calf the warm, sweet, fresh milk, skimmed, but not impoverished, and so keeps the good calves on the farm; that gives the farmer's wife and daughters, instead of endless pails, and pans, and cans to wash and scald and rinse and sun, just a few separator parts and cream dishes to clean, and so keeps the good farmer's daughters on the farm.

A farmer once said to me: "All this talk about a cream separator sounds very fine, but the machine costs $100. That would take all the profit out of my dairy for a year, and maybe more."

This is a strong argument. More than half the farmers feel like this. Farmers' wives tell me that while in the times gone by the pigs ate up mother's new bonnets, in these days new farm machinery is doing the same thing. Just when we need decent clothes, and a little new furniture in the parlor, and a labor-saving cistern pump and sink in the kitchen, father wants a new hay loader, or a new binder, and away goes the year's savings. Now, if mother wants this cream separator she has not only got to give up her new dress, but father must forego a potato digger, or a manure spreader, or a side delivery hay rack. So it goes till father invests so much in machines to save labor that he can't save any money.

Yesterday I received a bulletin from the agricultural college, treating of the cost of producing farm crops. In this bulletin the cost of machinery was discussed in a way that I am sure every farmer's wife would appreciate. The cost of machinery was shown to be a heavy load on the farm. It was shown that much of this expensive machinery is used but a few days in the year, and as every machinery man knows, a machine that is idle 350 days in the year is not as profitable as the machine that is idle but 300 days, or less. For this reason, the bonanza farmer, who makes his machine cover 200 acres to the small farmer's 20 acres, is beating the small farmer on the cost of crop per acre.

The remedy proposed in the bulletin is co-operation in these expensive machines. Let two to six farmers who can agree to co-operate without friction, buy together. Thus one small farm can get the use of many machines at the cost of one, plus a little bother in waiting and going for the machine. The cream separator can easily be shared by two near neighbors, or by more if not too far removed. Let one farm be the "skimming station," and if much milk is skimmed, a gasoline engine may be installed to do the work. In any case, it would not be unwise to suggest to father that certain of the expensive and necessary machines he wants, that are easily adaptable to co-operative use, bought in partnership with some real good neighbor and so save a hundred for the cream separator.

The men of the farm are continually getting catalogues of labor saving machinery. It would be a good idea for the farmer's wife to get a catalogue or two of dairy machinery, showing the best kind of churn, butter worker and like implements. Then if she can find some one who has used these machines, she can study them at first and second hand. One can lengthen her life and broaden it, too, if she will study economy of time and use time-saving as well as muscle-saving machinery. With dairy machines working for you morning and night, and with a good realization of the value of time yourself, you ought to be able to take and keep for yourself, out of the whirl and the worry of the day, one quiet hour (or, better, two) in the middle of each afternoon, and six splendid ones on Sunday.

Why Butter Prices Hold Up.

Much speculation is indulged in about the fact that with all the supposed great increase in creameries the prices of butter still hold up. Hoard's Dairyman says: Those who speculate forget two or three things:

1. That the cow is the source of the butter supply, not the creamery.
2. That the more dense the cow population becomes in any section, the less proportion of heifer calves are raised.
3. That the increase in milk consumption has been so great that a very large share of the cows of the country have been diverted from butter making to that business.
4. That the increase of cows in this country is only about five per cent. yearly, so it takes about 20 years to double the cow population.
5. That the progress of dairy ideas among farmers is teaching them to weed out the unprofitable cows, thus reducing very perceptibly the milk supply for unprofitable butter making.
6. That the percentage of increase of population is much greater than the percentage of increase in cows, while the consumption of milk and butter per capita has been steadily on the increase.

All these things tend to strengthen the dairy business in all its parts and keep prices to a healthy grade.

The Time for Planning.

There is a time for sowing and reaping, and just as necessarily a time for planning, if the coming season's work on the farm is to be a success. And the time for planning is while the earth is resting and all its forces dormant which are to be waxed into unusual activity by means of intelligent tillage to bring forth yet greater fullness of yield.

Just what crops shall be sown, and where; how much fertilizing is needed or can be given; how best to prepare the ground; what variety and quantity of seed of each kind shall be sown—are some of the problems to be worked out during these restful mid-winter days and evenings.

Planning pays as well as labor by greatly increasing the reward of labor. As experience is a dear teacher, every farmer should be glad to profit by the experiences of others and so achieve as great success as any and avoid the failures.

The farmers' institute and the farm papers which describe the experiences of others are within the reach of every farmer, and shortsighted indeed is he who neglects to profit by them. The experience of others in his own neighborhood is another source of learning most successful methods of farming along all lines.

And while the good man is planning as to how he shall increase the farm's productiveness, his wife is no less interested in planning to get greater returns from the poultry and the garden, and how to make the farm home more attractive by planting flowers, vines, shrubbery and trees.

Never were there such opportunities presented for securing the desired information as at the present time, for, beside the sources already named, there are really valuable books sent out by manufacturers of farm implements, incubators and separators, and by nurserymen and seedsmen everywhere, which are all reliable, because if through these directions as well as through the implements, seeds and trees sold to them, the farmer and the farmer's wife secure greater and more satisfactory results for their labors, they will in turn contribute to the dealer's success by recommending his wares to their neighbors.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Eggs are worth top prices now and it is best to see that the hens have good care.

From now forward all surplus stock will be kept at a loss. Therefore, dispose of it as quickly as possible.

There is no one food that is sufficient for poultry. A variety is needed and corn, wheat and oats should be the basis.

A hen that is frequently frightened is not a good producer. Make your fowls tame by careful and kind treatment.

Although the roosting place should be well ventilated, to provide good air to breathe and insure freedom from dampness, a draft will cause colds.

If you breed standard-bred poultry, do not kill the best specimens for market, but place a small ad. on the poultry page of the Western Home Monthly and get good prices for the surplus.

The table scraps, including pieces of bread, meat, etc., may be mixed with potato and apple parings and vegetable trimmings and cooked on the kitchen stove. This, mixed with bran and corn meal to a crumbly mash, makes an excellent food for layers.

Feed Cut Green Bone.

Cut green bone is one of the best aids to the general thrift of the fowls and to produce strong fertile germs in the eggs, but where this is not easily obtained beef scraps of good quality will answer the same purpose very well and if one does not care to feed mashes the beef scraps may be mixed with dry bran and placed in some receptacle where the hens may help themselves at will. In this way they will balance their own ration pretty well and save their keeper considerable bother cooking and mixing and feeding mashes, which when improperly fed are the source of a great deal of trouble in the flock.

Now is the time to select and mate the season's breeders.

Do not allow two males in the same pen at one time, but keep one cooped one day and the other the next.

Over fat hens, especially those which are broken down behind, should not be used for breeding.

As the winter progresses the necessity for feeding some sort of green food increases. Steamed green cured clover, cabbage, mangel wurzels and apples are the best green foods for the purpose.

Don't forget to open the doors and windows wide when the sun shines. No matter if the temperature is low, the birds will not suffer if they are busy exercising in a deep litter, scratching for food.

It is seldom wise to use both pullets and hens in the same breeding pen. Better results are obtained if one pen is composed wholly of pullets, so far as the females are concerned, and another wholly of hens.

STARTING EARLY VEGETABLES.

A subscriber writes: I have always wanted a hot-bed in which to start early vegetables, but have been obliged to do without, and so I do the next best thing. In the fall I have three or four boxes placed in the cellar and filled with good garden dirt. Along in February I fill shallow boxes and pans with this, and after exposing to the sunlight a few days I sow in them tomato, cabbage, ground cherry and pansy seeds, so as to have good plants to set out early in the garden. There are two south windows in both kitchen and living room, and I place stands and shelves in them for the plant boxes. I thin out the plants as they come up to at least two or three inches apart in order to give them root room, which is necessary if the plants are strong and thrifty. Last year I sowed radish seed and put some onion sets in deeper boxes, so that we had new radishes and young onions in April.

With a large hot-bed, the farmer's family might have a supply of fresh vegetables the whole year round, the novelty of growing them at all seasons would make their care a pleasure. I shall try to sell enough of my young plants this year to pay for some hot-bed sash, and next year!

On cold nights when there seems danger of chilling the plants, I place newspapers all over and around the boxes, and am sure to have a good fire in the stove.

An Ontario woman writes: I have been keeping a small flock of hens for six years and I never fail to get eggs all winter. I have never owned a bone cutter or bought any bones for my hens. Sweet milk and fresh buttermilk are fine for laying hens. Oats are very fine feed and I like to feed them in the chaff so they will have to exercise to get it. When it is very cold I brown their corn in the oven and feed it hot, putting on a spoonful of lard or cold gravy and some black pepper.

I cook all my parings and table scraps, adding a little grease and salt, and bran and meal. I also give them raw cabbage and potatoes and plenty of wood ashes or coal cinders so they may help themselves to charcoal at all times.

Hens must have plenty of fresh water and plenty of grit if they lay any eggs. I pound up broken dishes so they can swallow the pieces and that makes fine grit. I never feed glass. Oyster shells cost only about one cent per pound and hens will soon lay extra eggs enough to more than pay for them.

The roosting room must be warm enough so that they will not freeze. Dry leaves make a fine litter for the scratching room with a little grain thrown in at night for them to be scratching in while you get ready to feed them in the morning. Make a small door between the roosting room and the scratching room so the fowls may pass back and forth at will and provide a box of dry dirt for them to dust in. Most any breed of hens will lay in winter if given the proper care.

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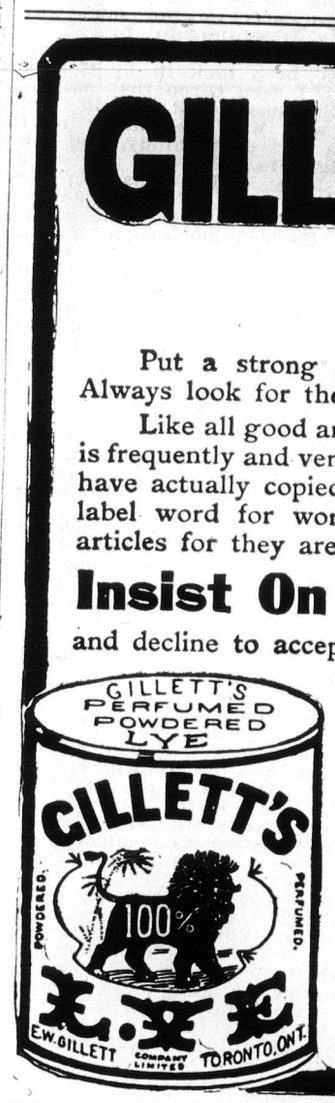

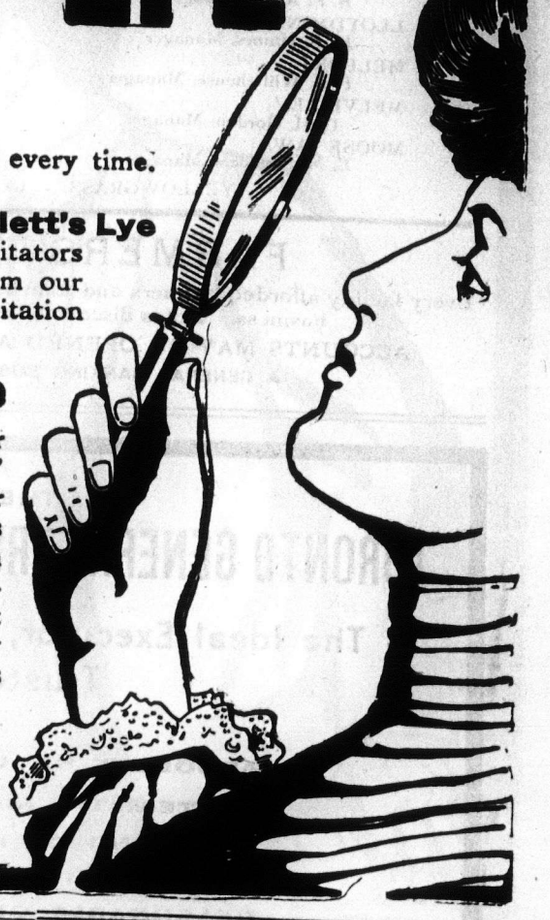

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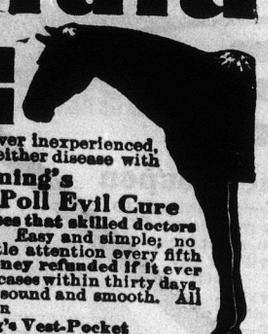

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An' dey's houahs to dance 'fo' de break o' de day.

What ef de win' is a taihin' an' whistlin'?
Look at dat fiah how hit's spittin an' bristlin'!
Heat in de ashes an' heat in de cindahs,
Ol' Mistah Fros' kin des look thoo de windahs.

Heat up the toddy an' pas' de wa'm glasses,
Don't stop to shivah at blowin's an' blas'es,
Keep on de kittle an' keep it a-hummin,'
Lat all an' drink all, dey's lots mo' a-comin'.

Look hyeah, Maria, don't open dat oven,
Want all dese people a-pushin' an' shovin'?
Res' from de dance? yes, you done cotch dat odah,
Mammy done cotch it ,an' law! hit nigh flo'd huh;
'Possum is monst'ous fu' mekin' folks fin' it!
Come, draw yo' cheers up, I's sho I do' min' it,
Eat up dem critters, you men folks an' wimmens,
'Possums ain't skace w'en dey's lots o' pu'simmons.

Mr. Bush as Santa Claus.

"This here Christmas coming round pretty mid'ling reg'lar every year," said Mr. Milo Bush, "always put me in mind of a feller I knowed back in Ontario when I was a young man. Likeliest fool in the province—he was, I mean. Biggest fool I ever seen. Dutcher was his name—Jerry Dutcher. He wasn't one of these here amatoor fools that just work at it for fun, but a reg'lar perfessional fool. Didn't know enough to ache when he was hurt. Couldn't 'a' scratched a match on a grindstun—not if he tried.

"Well, this Jerry got it into his head that he was good-looking. Thought he was a reg'lar Ap Heller—whoever he was. Got a notion the women was all thinking about him. Finally he acchooly got soft on the same gal I was sort o' shinning up to. I was some weak them days myself, or I wouldn't 'a' been took in by that gal. Evenchooly I seen throo that gal.

"One Christmas old Uncle Peleg Twigger, who was the father of the gal, give a sort of a shindy, and asked in we neighbors. I went, and so did this here Jerry, and a passel of other folks, mostly fools. The gal, Jerusha, was there making bigger fools of most of 'em. Us younger people indulged in various pastimes of a more or less intellecchooal character, such as hunt-the-slipper, Copenhagen, and sich, while the more elderly folks played old sledge and drunk hard cider in the kitchen. This Jerry was all the time getting betwixt me and Jerusha in his fool way—a-curling up his moustache and a-striking attitoods. Old Si Hooker finally struck up with fidd'e music, and we danced—tripped the light bombastic toe, was what Jerry said. I could 'a' knocked him down. And mostly he tripped it with Jerusha, too—he got four dances and I got one.

"Then the next thing on the programme was the distribution of the Christmas presents. In the past they'd had a tree, but no, that wouldn't do for Jerusha this time. To tell the truth, that gal was just about as foolish as Jerry. I didn't see it then, but I seen it later. Woman, thy name is flayalty, observes the poet—and he hit it pretty near right.

"No, nothing would do for Jerusha this time but a Sandy Claus—reg'lar live tomfool, with a pack and whiskers, a-playing he was Sandy Claus. 'Mr. Bush,' says Jerusha, a-purring like a Maltese cat—'Mr. Bush' will you honor us by being Sandy Claus?' 'Sartenly,' says I; 'it is yours to command;' just like that, I says, beginning to catch on to Jerry's ways.

"Well, they got me my pack and my whiskers, and I put 'em on, and then says Jerusha, 'You will find a ladder outside to get up to the chimbley with.' 'Wot,' says I, 'have I got to come down the jim-fizzled chimbley?' 'Of course,' says she; 'all Sandy Clauses do. The fire is out. Our chimbley is large. It is all for the children, you know, Mr. Bush. Don't you love children, Mr. Bush?' 'Yes,' says I—just like that—'yes, jig-wiggle 'em, I love children, but I'm no chimbley-swab.' Then that there Jerry Dutcher come up, his elbows sticking out, and says he: 'Is yer Sandy Claus balky, Miss Jerusha? Let me be yer Sandy Claus. I love to make happy the little innercent children.' Then I goes out into the night, ready to back down into a volcainer.

"The bore of that there chimbley was not large, but by slipping my pack up on the back of my neck, and folding my whiskers and holding 'em under my chin, I managed to get started. Soot got in my eyes, and I was forced to omit many remarks which would have fit the occasion for fear it would also get in my mouth. Them remarks I said inwardly, however, and they applied to the chimbley, the idjit Jerry, the gal, and the happy, innercent children which I loved.

"I calculated that I'd gone rooting and scraping down that hole about five hundred feet, when I stopped a-straddle of something. I felt about, and found it to be an iron rod, which seemed to 'a' been put in by the man wot built the thing to hold the sides together. I h'isted up, but my pack was ketched. I tried to swing over, like a man getting off of hossback, but there wasn't room. My whiskers had come unpacked and were wiped up over my face mostly, but I could not get my hands up to brush them down. The voice of the happy, innercent children which I loved came to my ears. The distant strains of the fiddle floated up. I could hear Jerry and Jerusha talking gayly. My feeling, repressed too long, burst out. Opening my mouth, regardless of both soot and artificial hair, I spoke my mind freely as becomes a man.

"My remarks attracted the attention of all, and I heard the women removing the children from the room before I could say more. Then I heard Jerusha looking up the chimbley. 'I can see Mr. Bush's legs,' says she. 'Then he himself must be near,' says Jerry. 'Be you stuck?' calls old Mrs. Twigger. 'Wot did I say?' says I. 'I would dislike to repeat wot you said,' says she. Then they all began to talk. 'We must rescue him,' sez Jerusha; 'the children are waiting for their presents.' 'Wot can we do?' says ole Si. 'I suggest pushing of him down somehow,' says Jerry. 'Couldn't we drop something on him from the top of the chimbley—say a anvil?' They all said no. 'Then,' says Jerry, 'why not h'ist him up? Wot do you say to a keg of powder in the fireplace? Let us blow the young man who was so anxious to be Sandy Claus out the top of the chimbley like a b'iling volcainer.' Then they shut the idgit up, and brought a crowbar, and after reaching up and measuring with a long stick and locating me they all went upstairs and began to dig throo the bricks where I was. 'Let me wield the bar which shall liberate a hero,' says Jerry, and they let him. 'Be careful; do not overdo,'' I heard Jerusha saying to him. 'A brave and a innercent man is imprisoned—shall I spare my muscle?' says Jerry. By-and-bye he got a hole through. I wiggled around and, seeing my chance, did not spare my muscle, but kicked him in the jaw like a mule, knocking him off the chair he was standing on, pretending it was a mistake as I backed out of the hole. He struck the floor, and Jerusha rushed up. 'Alars, my Jeremiah,' shrieks she; 'dead, dead! Alars!' 'No,' says I, 'but he will be when I get clear out,' my head still in the chimbley. Jerry got up, with a little blood on his mouth where I'd kicked him. 'Wot! Heavings, my Jeremiah bleeds!' screams Jerusha. 'He will die! Yes, yes, he will die!' and she faints in his arms. Just then her father comes in, pertty short-sighted from the cider. 'Wot yer holding my darter that way for?' says he. 'She is fainted,' says Jerry. 'Besides, we're going to be married, you know.' 'That's wot you be,' says the old man. 'Here, Squire, marry 'em!' 'But the gal is in a faint,' says the Squire. 'I have recovered,' says Jerusha, firm as a rock. So the Squire married 'em right there, with me all out of the chimbley except my pack, which wouldn't come throo the hole, so I hung with my toes a foot from the floor dooring the bootiful and impressive ceremony. Then Jerusha looks up and says she, 'Mr. Bush, if yer face was clean, mebby you might be allowed to kiss the bride.' Then I kicked at Jerry again, but missed him, and they cut me down, and I went home, thinking to myself wot a blessed thing is a happy Christmas."

Christmas Nervous Prostration.

A new kind of Christmas nervous prostration was given by an old colored man who lately called at a physician's office.

"You say your wife is very sick with nervous prostration?" asked the physician.

"'Deed she is!" was the emphatic reply. "She's been mighty bad fo' some time, sah."

"Has she been working too hard?"

"No, sah, not dat. Yo' see we had a fine tu'key Christmas, a noble, big bird it was, sah, en my wife she done et nearly de whole bird; then she et a whole minch pie, en two pounds of candy aftahward, sah, en her narvous system ain't been right since, sah."

Her Own Eyes Good Enough for Him.

A little Scotch boy's grandmother was packing his luncheon for him to take to school one morning. Suddenly looking up in the old lady's face, he said:

"Grandmother, does yer specs magnify?"

"A little, my child," she answered.

"Aweel, then," said the boy, "I wad juist like it if ye wad tak' them aff when ye're packin' my loonch."

His Idea of a Christmas Dinner.

A boy, who was asked to write out what he considered an ideal Christmas dinner menu, turned out the following:

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Mince Pie

Second Corse
Pumpkin Pie and Turkey

Third Corse
Lemon Pie, Turkey and Cranberries

Fourth Corse
Custard Pie, Apple Pie, Chocolate Cake and Plum Pudding
Dessert
Pie

Turn About is Fair Play.

Last Christmas a middle-aged tinplate worker married a widow whose acquaintance he had made but a few weeks before while working some little distance away from home.

"Sarrah," he said nervously, after the guests had departed, "I 'ave a weddin' present for ye."

"What is it, John," said Sarrah with a smirk.

"I 'ope ye won't be 'fended, Sarrah," said John, more agitated than ever, "but it is—er—er—it is five of 'em."

"Five of wat?" asked Sarrah.

"Five children!" blurted out John desperately, anticipating a scene. "I didn't tell ye I 'ad children—five of 'em."

Sarrah took the news quite calmly; in fact, she appeared relieved.

"Oh, well, John," she said, "that do make it easier for me to tell ye. Five is not so bad as me, watever. Seven I 'ave got!"

"Wat!" howled John.

"Seven," repeated Sarrah composedly. "That is my weddin' present to ye John."

He Saw Them, All Right.

Two officers were sent to arrest a Quaker; his wife met them at the door and said, "Walk in, gentlemen; my husband will see thee."

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A lady in the centre seat of the parlor car heard the request of a fellow-passenger directly opposite asking the porter to open the window, and, scenting a draft, she immediately drew a cloak about her.

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Couldn't Tell Which.

Jones had come home later than usual and had ready a good explanation, but his wife gave him no chance, and immediately began to tell him what she thought of him. He endured it patiently all evening, quietly read his paper and went to bed. His wife was still talking.

When he was almost asleep he could hear her still scolding him unmercifully. He dropped off to sleep and woke after a couple of hours, only to hear his wife remark:

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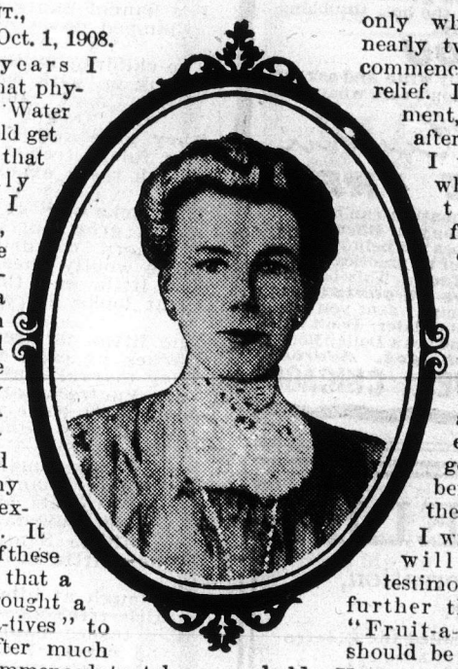

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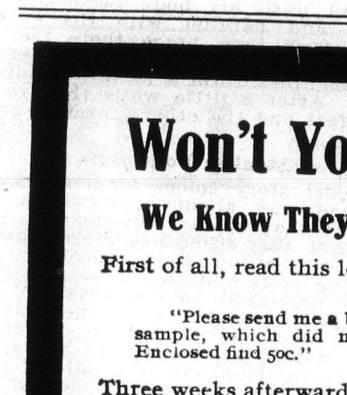

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The Village Santa.

Beneath the spreading Christmas-tree
The village Santa stands,
A cotton-batting beard wears he
And white gloves on his hands;
His flannel pants come to each knee.
Clamped down by rubber bands.

The children in the crowded pews
Look on with wondering eyes,
With "Ums'!" and "O's!" and "Ah's!"
and "Oo's!"
They gaze at his disguise
And fairly tremble in their shoes
With their expectant sighs.

He plucks with grace the wondrous fruit
That grows upon each bough—
The horn, the drum, the bathing-suit,
The woolly sheep and cow,
The little gun that will not shoot,
But looks fierce, anyhow.

The little children laugh aloud
When he calls each by name,
They marvel that in all the crowd
He knows what each would claim,
And every little one is proud
At all this public fame.

An awkward man is he, forsooth,
A clumsy man, indeed,
But the ideals held in youth
A scant foundation need;
The village Santa, rude, uncouth,
Their little faiths may lead.

We laugh at him—the padded fraud
With trinkets, drums and guns,
Who tosses bauble, toy and gaud,
And cracks his feeble puns—
But by this we are overawed,
The faith of little ones.

A Strenuous Alpine Dance.

Peasants of the upper Bavarian Alps are famous for their agility as dancers. One of their curious dances is as follows: Eight boys form a ring in the middle of the dancing ground. They join hands firmly as they circle round; every alternate dancer flings his feet forward until his body becomes horizontal and parallel with the ground. These four then brace their feet together and, supported by the others in the ring, they form a rapidly revolving cross. After a little while they regain their feet and the others form the cross.

Monkey Policemen.

A short story comes from a traveler in Hindustan about monkeys in that country that act as policemen. It is said that they often are of real assistance in quelling disturbances or suppressing riots and that they sometimes act as protectors to the weak and helpless. For example, says the traveler, on the platform of a public warehouse at Agra a little street Arab had spread his rug in the shade of a bale of goods and was just falling asleep when a man, accompanied by a pet leopard, came up. A troop of monkeys had taken position at the opposite side of the platform, but at sight of the leopard the whole gang charged along the platform and instantly formed a semi-circle about the boy, every one of them bristling with anger and ready to resist the attack that they thought the leopard was going to make on him.

Humoring Santa Claus.

Santa Claus was born in Patavia, in Asia Minor. That was not his real name. He was an abbot, and named St. Nicholas. He afterward became archbishop of Myra. At the latter place he died and was duly buried. In May, 1087, his remains were carried by some pious Italians to Bari, on the Adriatic coast. They are now at rest in a splendid church which bears his name. The people round about make a pilgrimage to his shrine every year. No one seeking food on that occasion is refused by the priests, while accommodation is given to as many pilgrims as the edifice will hold. On St. Nicholas day, December 6, a great celebration takes place in his honor. Early in the morning the populace takes his image from the priests and carry it through the town. At night the city is grandly illuminated.

Origin of Waits.

Christmas waits are a very old institution. The word "wait" was originally the name for a musician, or one who played on wind instruments. Waits were first annexed to the King's court and sounded the watch every night, and in the winter paraded the streets to prevent lawlessness and theft. A regular company of waits was established at Exeter, England. The word is also thought to be connected with the old German "wacht," a vigil or watching. "Waits" has also been considered a corresponding word with the Scottish word "waith," which meant wandering or roving, in allusion to the ancient "menstrales" of that country. A remnant of the custom still exists, in Scotland, for magistrates annually grant a certificate to a few musicians, generally blind men, who perambulate the streets at night during December playing on violins the old Scottish melodies. At the beginning of the year they call upon the people whom they have serenaded and receive a small subscription.

Items of Interest.

Hundreds of women are employed in the secret service of Germany.

The ants of South America have been known to construct a tunnel three miles in length.

The only country in the world where the fashions in women's dress do not change is Japan.

The light of one candle power is plainly visible at one mile, and one of three candle power at two miles.

The female brain begins to lose weight at the age of thirty, but that of the male not until ten years later.

A leading tailor says that many young married women come to him to learn how to pack their husband's clothes.

Among the objects found in recent excavations in Egypt was a whole company of wooden soldiers fifteen inches high.

In the capital of Honduras all the houses in the poorer quarter are made of mahogany, which costs less than pine there.

Lincolnshire has the biggest British farm. Over two thousand acres under plow. The second largest is near Coldstream.

The Swiss army will soon include a corps of volunteer motorists. They will have a special uniform, and will be armed with revolvers.

In the south of France wine is now sold by the half hour. On payment of two cents one can go into a wine cellar and stay there for half an hour.

The Turkish government recently disposed of an immense collection of stamps which it possessed in order to raise money to build a railroad.

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A curious mode of catching turtles is practiced in the West Indies. It consists in attaching a ring and a line to the tail of a species of sucker fish, which is then thrown overboard, and immediately makes for the first turtle he can spy, to which he attaches himself very firmly by means of a sucking apparatus arranged at the top of his head. The fisherman then hauls both turtle and sucking fish in.

Cobblers are proverbial smokers, and the Syrian shoemaker is no exception to the rule. He, however, smokes not a short pipe, but a long-stemmed hookah while he works. He is properly a slipper-maker, and to his skill in handling leather he must add a knowledge of embroidery in order that he may decorate with colored silks, jewels and bullion the gorgeous footgear of his feminine customers.

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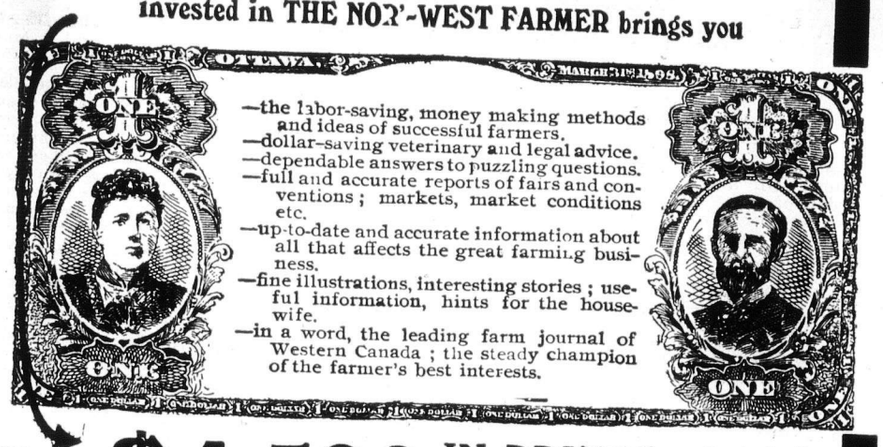

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You're repenting and regretting, you are sighing, "O, alas!"
And you're missing all the glories of the present as they pass.
Leave the grim and grewsome picture—look the other way awhile,
For the face that's toward the future is the face that wears a smile.

You are lost in contemplation of the blunders you have made;
You are sighing o'er the countless times your soul has been dismayed.
But the future's sun is shining on the future's verdant trees,
And the future's birds are singing—you are missing all of these.
Cease that useless gazing backward, look the other way awhile,
For the faces toward the future are the only ones that smile.

When your back is toward the future then the blazing lamp of hope
Throws your shadow o'er your landscape and with blinded eyes you grope
For the blessings that had vanished with the times they strove to bless;
Face about and you'll discover all your groping's fruitlessness,
You'll be dazzled by the glory of the prospect for a while,
But with face turned to the future you will learn to wear a smile.

—S. W. Gillilan.

New Factor in Temperance Work.

The total abstinence requirements of employers form the most powerful factor in the temperance work at the present time. On this one subject there is no question of fairness, no demand for arbitration. In other matters employers sometimes find their way blocked by differences of opinion about salaries, or a lack of harmony about the number of hours that constitute a working day. But no one ever questions their right to demand absolute sobriety on the part of every employee.

Even the ones most affected by such stringency have a sufficient sense of justice to conceal their resentment at any fancied curtailment of so-called personal liberty. For unless a man has gone beyond the power of his own will to control his habits of life, he will hesitate long before he will risk the loss of a lucrative position.

Competition is so close and the unemployed are so numerous that the inefficient and the inadequately equipped are being crowded out of every trade and profession. The "survival of the fittest" finds a constant exemplification in the demands of labor, and the "fittest" is never the man whose senses are partially obscured by the haze of alcohol, or whose perceptive faculties are dulled by the mists of moderate drinking.

The country is teeming with strong men of clean habits and active brains, who need employment and who seek advancement, and they will crowd every drinking man from the fields of active endeavor unless his unfortunate addiction is speedily overcome.

Railroad officials were first to enforce rigid rules prohibiting the use of intoxicants by their employees. Sad experience had taught them that a large per cent. of accidents to life and property were the result of the use of liquor. They recognized the fact that alcohol obscures the sense of color and diminishes rapidity of thought—two points of vital importance when it is considered that failure to distinguish the color of a danger signal, or the delay of a few seconds, may mean death to scores of passengers.

The railroads protected the public from danger or loss by requiring absolute sobriety on the part of employees. And gradually business men came to realize that the same accuracy and clearness of perception were necessary in their work, and a new order was promulgated which practically bars the drinking man from desirable positions.

It is a new branch of temperance work. It does not assume any philanthropic airs, but it accomplishes the results. It is an advantage to the employer, but it is a far greater advantage to the employee, for in many instances it is only the temperance lecture he would listen to—the only temperance pledge he would ever keep.

Sometimes, however, the warning comes too late, and the employee realizes that it is not a question of will power; that he is the victim of an overpowering demand for alcohol, and, struggle as he may, he must either endure the tortures of a constant craving, or suffer the penalty for its gratification.

Happily, for such men science has furnished an unfailing remedy. If they have passed beyond the danger line, where the habit of drinking is merged in the disease of inebriety, they need to be cured instead of reforming.

A Lesson from a Child.

"I remember that the greatest lesson I have ever learned in my life," said the bystander, "was pointed out to me by my little daughter. I had never been a drinking man; but sometimes after the theatre, I am ashamed to confess, that I came home many a night slightly the worse for wear and liquor. The habit grew on me, in spite of tearful entreaties from my wife. I took a bottle of whiskey home one afternoon. After dinner I made for the bottle, which I had left in my study, poured out a glass and raised it to my lips, when I caught a reflection in the polished woodwork of the wall. I turned quickly, and there was my little daughter standing in the doorway looking at me. I could never describe the expression on her face. If one might say it of a child, it was a commingling of reproach, pity and disgust. Probably she had overheard conversations between her mother and myself; perhaps the mother had instilled that feeling; perhaps it was instinct. I have not taken another drink from that day to this.

Will Take What Papa Takes.

The best way to cause a sober and upright nation to spring up in the next generation is to teach the evil effects of alcohol in the schools and the homes of the present day. It is a common custom among some classes of people to take liquor in small quantities on special occasion, such as on New Year's Day, when visiting, before or after meals, or as part of the social life. Children, at all times most observant, watch this handing round of the sparkling liquor, and notice that after taking it their friends and relations grow gay, are jolly and less restrained in their conversation. Noting these effects, the child argues "that it is good for me," and in a short time asks for it. The parent in whose home liquor is habitually kept could not have any sustaining force to back his statements to the child that the liquor is not good for him, and later the child would find out for himself what this thing is.—Archbishop Bruchesi, Montreal.

Alcohol the Worst Poison in Whiskey.

Julius Hortvet, Minnesota's state chemist, has just completed an examination of a miscellaneous collection of liquors which have been sent in for analysis on the ground that they contained many adulterations more harmful than the alcohol itself. In his report, Mr. Hortvet declares that alcohol is without doubt the worst poison in whiskey, whether "pure" or "blended."

Here and There.

The big breweries are engaged in an attempt to make the saloon business respectable by helping to enforce the laws that will secure the closing of the so-called "low dive." What then will become of the lower strata of saloon habitues, their long-time and most faithful patrons? It is the business of the breweries to take from a man his manhood, draw him down to the lowest level, then kick him out. The "low dive" is a product of the brewery business of which it seems brewers have developed sufficient grace to be ashamed. The only way to do away with undesirable brewery products is to close the breweries.

Of the nearly 250 private charitable organizations in Boston, 30 alone spent, in 1906, nearly $800,000 in efforts to relieve distress of various kinds. Using the most conservative estimates, not far from $300,000 of this money went to take care of the results of the use of alcohol, and of this amount, about $150,000 were used alone in caring for children made destitute or abused by drink.

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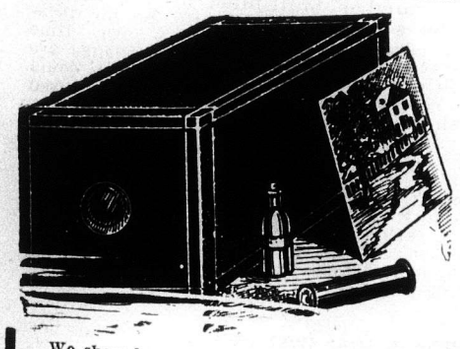

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LIFE'S COMIC SIDE TREATED BY CLEVER PENS

A man stopped a newsboy in New York, saying: "See here, son, I want to find the Blank National Bank. I'll give you a half dollar if you direct me to it."

With a grin the boy replied: "All right, come along." And he led the man to a building half a block away. The man duly paid the promised fee, remarking, "That was half a dollar easily earned, son."

"Sure!" responded the lad, "but you mustn't fergit that bank directors is paid high in Noo-Yawk."

Two working men were discussing serious subjects. Said the younger, "I say, Bill, what are these 'ere joint-stock companies?" "Well, I'll explain it to yer. You and Jim and 'arf-a-dozen more of our mates puts a penny each and buys two ounces of 'bacca and a clay. Then I calls myself the managing director, and I sits down and smokes that pipe and that 'bacca. "Oh, yes; but where do we come in?" "Oh, you're only the shareholders—you looks on and spits."

"Patrick, did you steal Widow Maloney's pig, and if so what did you do with it?"

"Killed it and ate it, your Honor."

"Well, now, Patrick, when you are brought face to face with Widow Maloney and her pig on Judgment Day," said the judge, "what account will you be able to give of yourself when the widow accuses you of stealing?"

"Did you say the pig would be there, your Honor?" asked Pat.

"To be sure I did."

"Well, then, I'll say, 'Mrs. Maloney, there's your pig.'"

A proud father was helping his children with a little parlor play at home in whose plot courtships and weddings played a leading part. During the progress of the play he went behind the scenes, where he found his youngest offspring sitting quietly in a corner.

"Why, Marie," asked he, "have you been left out of the play? Why aren't you on with the others?"

"I'm not left out," indignantly denied Marie. "I'm the baby waitin' to be born!"

An old gentleman on board one of the numerous steamers which plv between Holyhead and the Irish coast missed his handkerchief, and accused a soldier standing by his side of stealing it, which the soldier, an Irishman, denied. Some few minutes afterward the gentleman found the missing article in his hat; he was then most profuse in his apologies to the soldier.

"Not another wurrd," said Pat; "it was a misthake on both sides—ye took me for a thafe, and I took ye for a gintleman."

Mr. Wood, a man very fond of playing jokes, met his friend, Mr. Stone, and at once inquired jocosely:

"Hello, Stone, how are Mrs. Stone and all the little pebbles?"

"Fine," said Mr. Stone, "all well, thank you," and then with a twinkle in his eye: "How are Mrs. Wood and all the little splinters?"

One day an Irishman was seated in the waiting-room of a station with an odorous pipe in his mouth. One of the attendants called his attention to the sign: "No smoking."

"Well," said Pat, "I'm not a-smokin.'"

"But you have a pipe in your mouth."

"Shure, an' I've shoes on me feet an' I'm not walkin.'"

They were on their honeymoon. He had bought a catboat and had taken her out to show her how well he could handle a boat, putting her to tend the sheet. A puff of wind came, and he shouted in no uncertain tones:

"Let go the sheet."

No response.

Then again:

"Let go that sheet, quick."

Still no movement. A few minutes after, when both were clinging to the bottom of the overturned boat, he said: "Why didn't you let go that sheet when I told you to, dear?"

"I would have," said the bride, "if you had not been so rough about it. You ought to speak more kindly to your wife."

The Rev. Mr. Goodman (inspecting himself in mirror)—"Caroline, I don't really believe I ought to wear this wig. It looks like a living lie."

"Bless your heart, Avery," said his better half, "don't let that trouble you. That wig will never fool anybody for one moment."

Muldoon—"I want to ask you a question."

McCaffrey—"All right, ask away."

Muldoon—"I'm thinking of getting married agin. Now you have been married three times to my knowledge; tell me which wife you liked the most?"

McCaffrey—"You bite three lemons, one after another, and then tell me which is the sweetest."

"Going to send your boy on an ocean trip, are you?" said a friend to a father. "Yes," replied the father. "You see, if there is anything in him I think a long sea voyage will bring it out."

An old Scotch fisherman was visited during his last illness by a clergyman, who wore a close-fitting clerical waistcoat, which buttoned behind. The Clergyman asked the old man if his mind was perfectly at ease. "Oo, ay, I'm a' richt; but there's just ae thing that troubles me, and I dinna like to speak o't." "I am anxious to comfort you," replied the clergyman. "Tell me what perplexes you." "Well, sir, it's just like this," said the old man, eagerly. "I canna for the life o' me mak' oot hoo ye manage tae get intae that westkit."

A teacher in one of the country schools had a class of young children in mathematics before her. The examples were in addition and she propounded this question: "Now, children, if I lay four eggs on the desk, and Sam," pointing to a freckle-faced boy at the head of the class, "should lay three, how many would there be?"

The bad boy, who was at the foot of the class, had been listening intently, and shouted out, "Go on, Sam, take her up. She can't do it!"

A young man and an adorable young lady meet. He speaks:

"Girl, you do not love me! You never will love me! I am going to kill myself immediately."

"And how are you going to do it, pray?"

"I shall shoot myself."

"Then, if you will be so kind, will you buy the revolver of James? James is my fiance and I am greatly interested in his business.

The editor of a little Western paper was in the habit of cheering up his subscribers with a column of short pertinent comments on their town, their habits and themselves. The department on account of its intimate personal flavor was the most popular thing in the paper.

The editor, as he saw it growing in favor, gradually allowed himself a wider and wider latitude in his remarks, until the town passed much of its time conjecturing "what he'd das't to say next."

On a hot day, when a simoon whistled gailly up the streets of the town, depositing everywhere its burden of sand, the editor brought forth this gem of thought:

"All the windows along Main Street need washing badly."

The next morning he was waited on by a platoon of indignant citizens who confronted him with the paragraph in question, fresh from the hands of the compositor, and informed him fiercely that he had gone too far. After a hasty and horrified glance he admitted that he had.

It now read:

"All the widows along Main Street need washing badly."

Harry Laughlin, the billiard expert, told at an exhibition game in Toledo a billiard story.

"Once, when I had my own parlor in Columbus," he said, "I was a good deal disturbed by the loss of chalk. Chalk disappeared at a tremendous rate, and I said to my helper:

"'Keep a better eye on the chalk, Jim. I'm no millionaire.'

"'I know the gents wot pockets the chalk, Mr. Laughlin,' Jim said; 'but they're reg'lar customers. I guess you wouldn't want me to offend 'em, would you?'

"'Well, no,' said I, 'I wouldn't. You might give them a gentle hint, though. Use your diplomacy.'

"Jim, I found out later, used his diplomacy that night. He walked up to one of my best patrons that had just pocketed a piece of chalk, and he said:

"'You're in the milk business, ain't you, sir?'

"'Yes; why?' the patron asked.

"'I thought so,' said Jim, 'from the amount of chalk you carry away. The boss likes enterprise, and he told me to tell you that if you wanted a bucket of water now and then you could have one and welcome.'"

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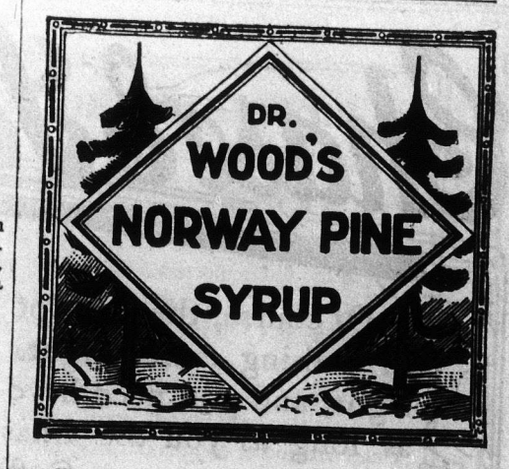

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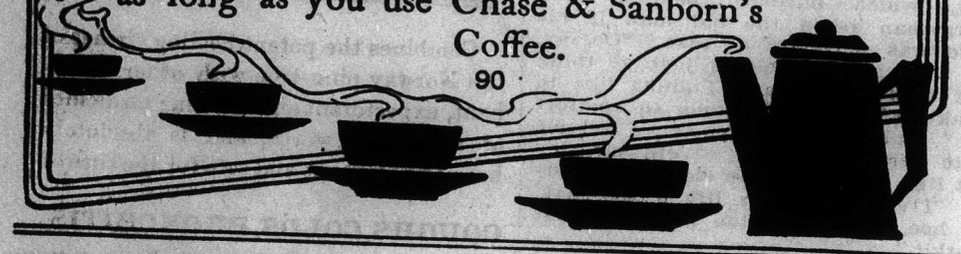

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Hints for the Housewife.

Miscellaneous.

A cloth dipped in strong cider vinegar will clean mica.

When peeling onions, begin at the root end and peel upward, and the onions will scarcely affect the eyes at all.

Have a small horseshoe magnet fastened to the end of a tape or ribbon of sufficient length so that it can be dropped to the floor to pick up scissors and needles.

Stains or grease-spots, on table or bed linen, may be removed by rubbing on gasoline or naptha before sending the pieces to the laundry.

If dresser or side-board drawers stick rub the offending parts with soap, which will cause the drawers to run smoothly.

Remember that vegetables grown above ground should be cooked in salted water, while those grown below should be cooked in fresh water.

A dust cloth, slightly dampened, will remove dust thoroughly and prevent the fine particles from flying and settling again. In the sick room a damp duster should invariably be used.

Many householders dislike to burn organic refuse because of the offensiveness of the process. This can be overcome entirely by first drying such matters in the ash-pit beneath the fire.

If a hair mattress has once been thoroughly fumigated with carbolic acid an inroad of bugs will be warded off for years. Sometimes this is done by the manufacturer, and in buying a new mattress it is well to make inquiries about it.

The Japanese observe strict rules in the amount of water used in their flower receptacles. "In spring the vases are nine-tenths full, in summer they are full to repletion, and in winter very little water is used." A receptacle once used for flowers is never used to hold anything else.

Useful Old Water Bags.

Old hot water bags should not be thrown away as they make excellent linings for sponge cases or for bags in which to carry bath or tooth brushes, etc., when travelling. Cover the rubber with any light material or with a colored linen. Small pieces of the rubber, cut three inches and a half by one and a half, and sewed with white thread, make good finger stalls to put on when paring fruit and vegetables. They are easily cleaned and may be used a long time. Another good use is to cut round mats to place under house plants.

A New Use for Raffia.

The matting in my room had been torn by moving a heavy piece of furniture. I tied in some white linen thread to join the broken strands of the warp. I then dampened the matting and threads of raffia, of the same color as the matting, and with a large needle wove the threads of raffia out and in, over and under the warp, taking care to follow the original design in the matting, and it is now impossible to find where it was broken.

A Kitchen Recipe Book.

The cleanest, neatest book in which a housekeeper can keep odd recipes is made by covering a thick blank book with white oilcloth. The trouble with cloth-bound recipe books is that they get greasy and floury in a short time from being handled by the cook while she is mixing ingredients, and there is no way of cleaning them without injury to the cover. An oilcloth book can be wiped off every time it is used.

Care of Valuable Rugs.

The owner of antique rugs does not always know how to take care of them. According to a man who has made a life-study of antique rugs, too much care can not be given them. Do not brush them with a stiff broom against the grain; use a strong but soft bristle brush, and brush the rug with the grain or nap. After this partial cleaning a damp cloth may be stroked across the top to give a brightness to the colors and to gather up the loose dirt.

Once or twice a year a genuine old-fashioned scrubbing should be given; this will freshen the colors and thoroughly clean the rug. This should be done by hand and by an experienced person.

Washing Chintzes.

A capital method of washing chintzes or the favorite printed linens which are so frequently used in upholstery nowadays, is to first lay the loose covers to soak in cold salt and water so as to set the colors. When these have soaked twelve hours they should be removed, the moisture wrung out, and the covers placed in a boiler in which a small quantity of bran has been boiled in water for about five minutes. They should be well rubbed and squeezed in the bran water until all the dirt has been eliminated, when they should be taken out and plunged into salt water and left for some little time. If this is done carefully not a vestige of color will wash out or even fade, and the covers will emerge from their bran bath as fresh and clean as when new.

A Special Way of Washing.

I have discovered a new method of washing. Put your boiler on the stove and fill it with soft water. Put in one teaspoonful of coal oil to the pailful of water, and shave enough soap in to make a good suds.

Sort your clothes in piles for each separate boiling. When the water is hot, put the finest clothes in first, and put the lid on, so all the steam will stay in. Let boil twenty or thirty minutes, occasionally punching them with the clothes stick. Have the washing machine full of clean, hot suds. Take the clothes out of the boiler and run them through the machine, then rinse, starch, and hang on the line.

The only precaution you must take is, that if there are any spots that hot water will set, rub them out in a little cold water first. If clothes are badly soiled, soak over night in cold water.

The Reduction of Fuel Bills may be accomplished very effectively by the use of the "Hay-Cooker," first introduced into the Norwegian Army, later into the United States Army, and now forming a part of the outfit in many homes. The cooker as it was first instituted consisted of a close, air-tight box, in which was packed the non-conducting hay, and a nest made in the hay to receive the closely-covered vessels containing the food. Excelsior, finely shredded paper or asbestos may be used for packing, and an old trunk makes a good box. There are cookers on the market which save the trouble of construction at home. These are sometimes neat boxes with padded linings with receptacles made to fit closely into pockets made for them. There are also manufactured non-absorbent washable, metal cookers. For cooking in this fireless stove the heat is first generated in the articles to be cooked over an ordinary wood, coal, gas or oil stove. The closely-covered vessels containing the food are removed to the cooker, where it continues to cook by its retained heat. The fireless cooker, so simple and easy of construction, is saving fuel in many homes, and the unceasing "watching of the pot" is done away with.

The Mending of Socks and Stockings consumes valuable time, and the speed with which they are worn out helps to wear away the income. The objectionable holes will be slower to make their appearance if the heels and toes are rubbed with paraffin. The rubbing of the shoe wears away the paraffin instead of the stocking. It may be renewed as frequently as needed. It is found that the washing of colored hosiery before wearing is an effective way of postponing the wearing-out process.

Dishwashing Consumes the Valuable Time of the housekeeper. If the number of dishes are counted which are used to serve one person at each meal and that number multiplied by the number to be served there should be no question regarding the cause for time wasted in dishwashing. Bone-dishes are a fair illustration of china which could be relegated to the top shelf of unused dishes. There may be still more simplicity in service to economize the time of the housekeeper or the service of the maid, whose time is money, without losing the idea of dainty service. Only enough dishes should be used to secure the effective and dainty service of meals. This economy adds greatly to the appearance of the table and is one which waits on good digestion.

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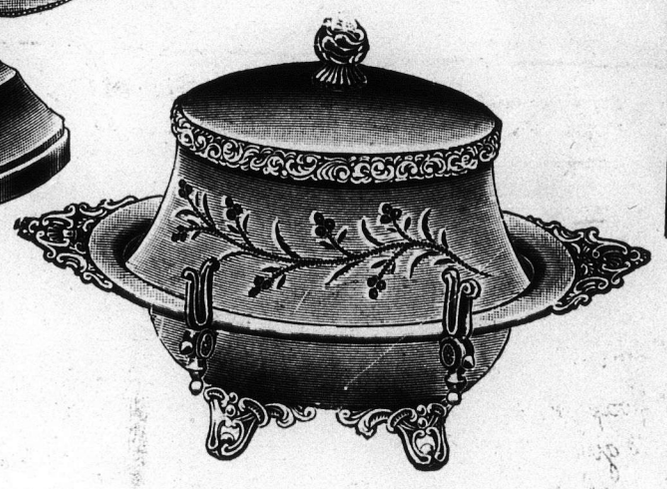

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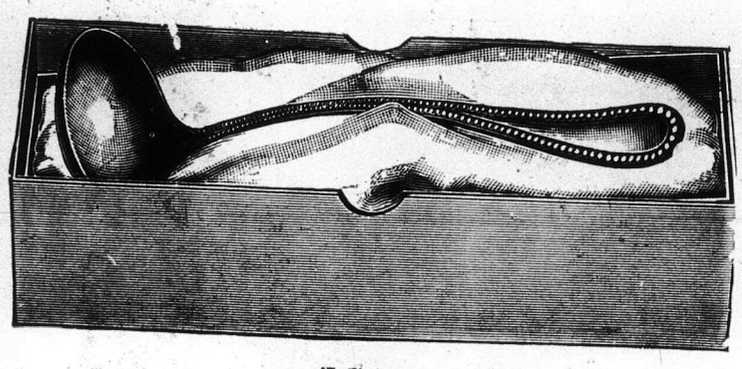

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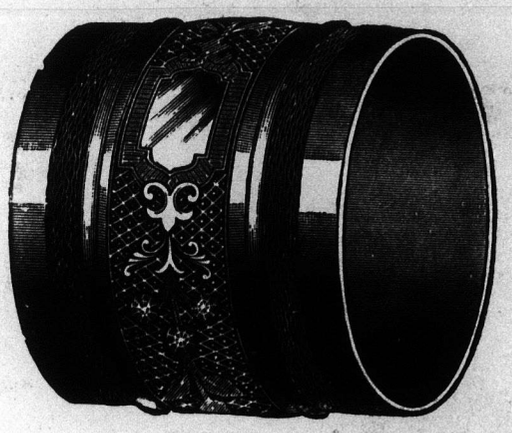

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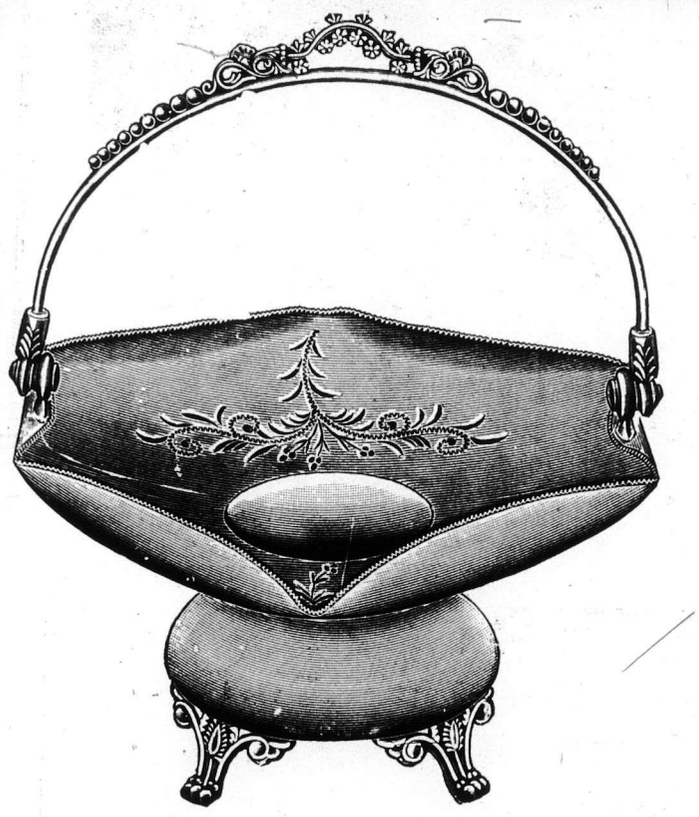

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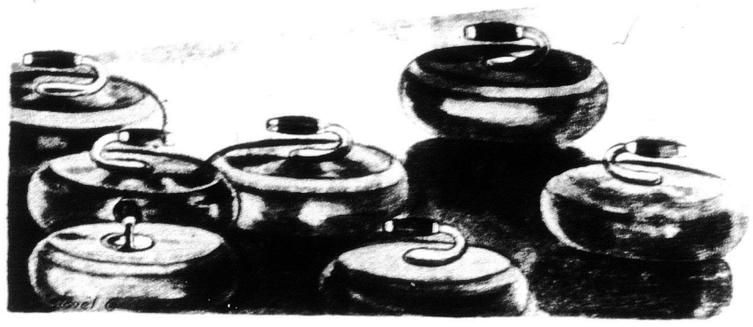

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