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GOD and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for the Christmas time and its message. Once angels sang Thy song or Peace and shepherds abiding in the fields heard and wondered. Yet they sang that man might learn the song. Nearly two thousand times with the revolving years have Thy people turned in memory toward the song or the angels and the light that in it and with it shone from heaven. Nor have they turned in vain. We have heard much and learned much, and Christmas and its message means more than it once did. For this we bless Thy name. Yet our Father we are still as those who watch wearily in the night and look for the moming. And we come again to Thee, for in Thee is no darknes's, but only light.

Help us to find our peace in Christ. Help us to see that only as we are one with God is there peace for us, which is abiding. It may be that led thus by Thy spirit, we may discover that we have more of the peace of God because more of the nature or God, in the midst of this confusion that seems at times to drown the angels'song, than in the quiet and inactivity that we sometimes call peace, and sometimes pray for, but which is surely, in its reality, only death.

We bless Thee for the spirit of Jesus, which we have seen manifested throughout our land during the year-the spirit or service, the spirit of sacrifice. We bless Thee for the tens of thousands of our young men who, though war was repugnant to them, and strife repugnant to them, have listened to the call of duty, to withstand with their lives that which seemed monstrous, that which with one fell stroke would threaten with disaster the gifts which Thou hast given us through a thousand years of experience and struggle. Be with our young men, O God, and make them valiant. While they rejoice at being soldiers of the King, may they rejoice yet more at being soldiers of the Cross.

Be with those who at home require no less the valiant heart. In hours of anxiety may Thy presence bid them be of good cheer. In hours of sorrow may Thy presence banish darkness. May all the pathway of duty be made glorious by being made the place or communion with the Son of Man.

Make this time of strife an instrument of peace. May the spirit of sacrifice shown by our soldiers and their mothers and their wives and their sisters make still more hateful the skulking cowardice of the spirit of self-seeking, until men holding the foul deformities of manhood in abhorrence may seek their real manhood in Christ.

Thus, $O$ God of Love, through the confusion that seems to mar the peace of to-day, bring about a higher peace, that will vindicate the hope that shines like a light out of heaven upon men's hearts at the Christmas time. Hear our prayer, O God, which we seek to offer in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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## A Cbristmas

## THE BELLS

THE Christmas bells are pealing once again, but their music abounds in minor effects and in rebellious discords. There is no longer the hearty ringing which suggests careless, joy and the
laughter of children, but a ceaseless tolling which speaks of tears and heart aches, of empty chairs and lonely hearths. Yet to him who listens with the heart rather than the ear, there is something heavenly in the music. There are harmonies of peace that nothing but the hardships and terrors of war could have produced; there are suggestions of joy and goodwill that could have been prompted only by co-operation and sacrifice.

## LONELY BUT COMFORTED

$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{N}}$ one of the rural communities of 1 Manitoba there may be found tonight an elderly pair. They are alone in the body, but in soul they are surrounded by their family of boys - their boys, but now, their Country's and their King's. Two years ago that home was gay with laughter and rich in the joy of exuberant young life. Now the rooms are silent and a gloomy sadness seems to have settled over all. Yet look closer and you may read in the two lovely faces something of pride and joy and devotion that was never known before. You may read that these two are glorying that they have been privileged to give to their Country and their God four sons who will not have lived in vain. They realize that the joy they took out of their four that the joy they took out of their four sturdy baby lads may have been more or less a selfish joy; that their pride in their four young stalwarts may have been, perhaps, a selfish pride; but now they know that there is nothing selfish in the joy and pride and devotion which fill their hearts when they learn that in the trenches four young men - their very own-are sacrificing health and life that right may be upheld and tyranny overthrown. The very best wish of The Western Home Monthly is that all parents who have given their sons in this glorious cause may know this higher joy.
A man may amass wealth, may build up a great business, may leave a fortune to his children, and because of this may enoy satisfaction and distend with pride. By his country and his God he will be measured by what he has given through himself and his children to forward the cause of truth and freedom. The men and women who can hold up their heads to-day, who can smile through their tears, are those who hàve some one to love in the fields of Belgium or on the plains of France.

## BEREFT BUT CONSOLED

$\mathbf{W}^{\mathrm{HO}}$ are these with eyes so lonely and with faces so unutterably of the Christmas bells? It is a mother
whose son is lying in a soldier's grave it is a wife whose life-companion lies by his side. Yet such is woman's devotion at this hour that the air is charged for these two with celestial harmonies. They who have com through death have reached the higher life, and they alone of all the human throng can understand the shepherds song; they alone get comfort from the words: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life fo his friends." The wish of the Monthly is that all who have made the sacrifice may know something of the great joy and experience fully of the great consolation

READY, AYE READY
THEY are crowded together in the 1 barracks. They are inured to hard ship and strain. They walk and drill and walk again. They are eager for active duty, but must hold themselves in patience, for their hour has not yet come. This daily round of duty is monotonous. It is hard for the body; it is harder for the mind. But the boys in khaki will see it through. They know what the outcome of this war means for their country, the Empire and the race. And so they build them selves strong in resolution and fit themelves in every way for the life themelves Gradly that is head. Gradually they begin to get the eal message of the bells. The deep cadences were always there, but they were never heard by these men until ow. It is a strange thing this about the Christmas chimes, that listeners always determine the music that will be heard. A young man, gay and debonair a year ago, heard nothing then but empty tinkling; the earnest patriotic soul of to-day hears the bugle call to higher service, the trumpet call to victories over self and $\sin$ and wrong. The Monthly can wish for every young man who has enlisted nothing better than this: that he may realize to the full the opportunity that awaits him ; that he may attain to true manhood through the highest sacrifice; that the song of peace may ever sing in his own soul, and that he may have a foretaste of the peace which the world is to enjoy through the sacrifice of many.

HEROES ALL $\mathrm{C}_{\text {trenches. We who are not there can- }}^{\text {OLD }}$ not picture the dangers nor imagine the horrors. Surely, however, we can realize that those who are holding an enemy at bay, now gaining a trench, now winning a stronghold, now pressing forward to occupy new ground, now retiring to accept the faithful ministrations of the Red Cross workers; surely we can realize that these heroes have reached through their zeal and their devotion a height to which we cannot hope to attain. It is idle to send these men a greeting. It is more meet that we should sit by and worship. Yet there are lonely hearts on the firing
line, and in the whitewashed halls there is great suffering, and if it would do any good to these our soldiers to know that our hearts are with them every hour and every minute then let them know it. The Monthly can send no wish but this: that all may live up to the standard of bravery, kindness and purity already established; that all may purity arrea highest peace - the peace now the highest peace - the peace during commotion-the highest joythe joy af service-the highest good, an may return home unsa, and hat an may return home unscathed, io blushing honors thick upon them, to lead here honored by their fellows and favored their God.

## MINISTERING ANGELS

A BAND of women workers-knitting and sewing-putting thought and heart and good wishes into all they so cheerfully perform - what can we wish for them but that their kindness may return upon themselves? May they have the reward promised to those who give a cup of cold water in the name of the Master! No higher commendation was ever accorded any one than that contained in these simple words: "She hath done what she could" There are some all through this land of whom it would be no extance to say this much. May all such have a new vision this Christmas Day. May their hearts give a deeper meaning to the music of the Bells! May they hear the songs and melodies that are unknown to the selfish and the vain! And above all may they soon experience the joys of reunion-the battle ended, peace for a thousand years.

## THEY ALSO SERVE

TO have the will but not the power; 1 to have the courage but not the portunity-this seems the hardest lot of all. Men beyond the age limit, boys yet in their teens, fathers and helpless little children-all these must stay behind. Tis hard to only stand and wait. Workers in factories, toilers in the fields-gladly would many of you join the colors, but the way is not yet open for you. Contain your souls in patience. Those who watch the stores are yielding as noble a service as the are yielho ase men who are bearing arms, provided only The is a time of common good. This is a time of sacrifice. No sacrifice is too great for such a cause as this. So while our brothers are offering their lives at the front, we who remain behind must lay on the altar our time, our wealth, our all. All is at stake, and all must be risked. Good old Reginald Heber has taught us all the song the bells should ring:
"They climbed the steep ascent to heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain, God grant to us that grace be given To follow in their train."

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## The Genesis of Cbristmas

$T$ is always an interesting task
to trace back a stream to its - sources. Not casually or arbitrarily was the feast of the
nativity fixed in midwinter. A1nativity fixed in midwinter. Al-
most all the heathen nations regarded the winter solstice as the ost important point in the newed life and activity of the powers of nature, and of the gods, who were originally, perhaps,
only the symbolic personifications of these. In the northern countries this fact must have made the Celts and Germans from the earliest times celebrated the season with the greatest festivTraditions Derived from Ancient Customs
Ages and ages ago, perhaps a
hundred centuries or more, when human beings began to record the facts of the physical world, they
noted that there was a definite season at which the short days of winter began to lengthen, and the long, grim nights to grow more brief. This was at the time of the winter solstice, in Decemer, when the sun turns in it apparent course among the stars, its radiant light and vivifying heat. Men knew that the power of stern winter had been broken and that soon would come the springtime, thrilling the earth o swew life, causing the seed and suffusing all created burst, with the fresh joy of vigorous youth. All the world over this moment of transition was watched was welcomed with merry-making and with a sort of symbolism
which bellonged to the nature which belonged to the nature
worship of the primitive peoples worship of the primitive peoples
-east, west, north and south alike.

## Yuletide Among the Druids

In the remote north, where winter is stern and unrelenting for many months of the year, the first token of its decline was black Scandinavian forests great fires were kindled, fed with mighty trunks of pine and spruce, the heavens, defying the frost king and hailing his approaching downfall. Around these roaring seas of billowy flame gathered the savage, bearded northmen, basking in the ruddy warmth, calling with hoarse voices upon their barbaric gods, and clashing their rude weapons; for the time was
coming when the ice in the fjords would melt, when the serpentshaped boats would again be launched, and when the vikings would glide out to slay the mon-
sters of the sea, or to fight and sters of the sea, or to fight and plunder and ravage the abodes of ther men.
But on the night that was flaming wheel of the sun turned backward once again, and when the yule logs were made ready
to flare out, a terror, strange, and sinister, took possession of the
timid. Men and women and children whispered to one another that on this night there were
many who suddenly put off their many who suddenly put off their into werwolves, fierce, ravening and thirsting for blood; and that these dreadful creatures roamed in the forest glades until the rising of the sun of the new year. In this belief is seen again the the season.
Mysterious Ceremonies of Celts and Gauls.
Strange, weird and awe-inspir-
ing was the December ceremonial ing was the December ceremonial among the Celtic peoples of Wes the rites of the Britons, who observed this period of their winter solstice in their great them gardens and temples. In mysterious blazed at night, and ied the ceremonies accompanmistletoe, which symbolized the

## A siterry Christmas <br> 

continuance of life and of the means
But more wonderful still was the scene among the Gauls on the coast of Brittany. Human eyes have never gazed upon a stranger ight than these marvellous sanc huge white columns, uncovered huge not enclosed by walls, rearing their forest of stone up to the rosty heavens. Amid all this maze of mystic pillars, the flames of countless fires glared at night, lets of gatives, crowned with chapimposing processional. At a distance the uninitiated gazed with awe upon the spectacle, perceiving on the eliffs the frantic figures of the women, their hair streaming in a sort of fiery mist, as they waved their torches wildly and
shrieked out cabalistic words and litanies, while the myriad pillars schoed to the fearful chanting of the men.
Germans, Jews and Egyptians had
Winter Festivals
At the winter solstice the Germans held their great yulefeast in commemoration of the
return of the fiery sun-wheel; and believed that, during the twelve nights from December 25 to
January 6 , they could trace the
personal movements and interferences on earth of their great deitMany Odin, Berchte and others. Many of the beliefs and usages of the Germans passed over from have partly survived to this day. The yule festival like the Saturnalia of the Druids, was the
greatest feast of the ancient Germans. It was dedicated to Odin, or Wodan, the greatest god of the heathen. He was the old
Germans "god of heaven" who blessed the fields and gave victory; blessed the fields and gave victory;
who was worshipped as the giver of good things.
In Jewish homes the Nanukah, the great Festival of Lights, spreads the glow of the transition period into the hearts of Jewish children, almost at the same hour
when Christmas shedsits light and when emistmas sheds its light and neighbor's roof. This is to welcome the renewal of light and heat from the returning sun, and the custom goes bac corded history.
celebrate the
he pagan festivals, it has transpired, were called unconscious prophecies" of the law and divine promise. The Church sought to combat and banish the deep rooted
heathen feeling by adding, for the heathen feeling by adding, for the
purification of the heathen feasts and customs which she retained, her grandly devised liturgy, besides dramatio representations of the birth of Christ and the first Sonts of His life.
So it was that manger-songs
arose, and a multitude of mas carols, as well as Christmas carols, as well as dramas,
which sometimes degenerated into Which sometimes degenerated into
farces or fools'. feasts. And so arose also the Christ-trees, or Christmas trees, present giving, and Christmas dishes. Thus Christmas became a universal social festival for young and-old, high and low, as no other Chris-
tian festival could have become. Why We Celebrate December 25 Nobody knows whether December 25 th is the exaet date on which Christ was born, or what people first celebrated that date,
It may have been in April, or in It may have been in April, or in ber, judging by some of the atterdant circumstances.
But if heathenism was to be understood and conquered, some of its established institutional and festive ways must be adopted and reformed, and filled with a new meaning in accord with the new thought and hope then beginning
strangely to move the hearts of strangely to move the hearts of that happened. After the triumph of Christianity, the prejudice of the early Christians against the celebration of birthdays as heathenish died out.
Some time between 337 and 352
Pope Julius directed Saint Cyril to Pope Julius directed Saint Cyril to ascertain the correct date of the
Nativity. He reported that the Western churches observed it on December 25 , although other churches kept the day in January, April, May, March, and September. Pope Julius was so satisfied with Saint Cyril's report that he set December 25 as. Christmas Day,
and our observance of that dat has come down to us from that deeision.
The observance of the festival of the Nativity was from the be ginning called Christmas or Christ Mass, because a special mass wa celebrated on that day. The pure
glow of the spiritual festival dissipated the dark clouds of licentious and wicked ceremonies that marked the notorious Roman Saturnalia but the Christian observance, while exterminating the evils of the heathen festival which it dis placed, permitted many of the pleasing and innocent features
to remain. Among these are customs which survive at the present day - the decorating with evergreens, holly and
laurel; the burning of the yule laurel; the burning of the yule $\log$ and singing of Christmas carols, which are the evolution of the ancient hymns of praise to
Saturn and Bacchus and other Saturn and
heathen gods.

## The Night Rider

## A Ohristmas Tale of Candle-hght Days by Edith G. Bayne

TTHE stage coach lumbered heavily falling snow she discerned a black horse along through a seemingly endless and a rider at a standstill a few feet labgyrinth of bush. The rough road again with dull monotony, and the late December evening was rapidly closing in. It was fifteen miles from York village, Where Elizabeth Blake had been to the trading post, to her home on the lake shore, and she was now returning with
laden baskets and in company of Mistress Ogilvie, widow of Major Ogilvie late of the Fort.
Master Treadwell, the driver, being cold and lacking company on the box, had had recourse to his usual solace in times of stress or loneliness, a square green bottle, and the faithful horses plodded on unguided, for the reins had
slackened and Master Treadwell slept. Within the coach, seated opposite nother, were the two women, the elder short and stout with a sonsy rosy face, and the younger slender and fair with great blue and brown curls that peeped coquettishly from underneath the grey beaver bonnet.
the girl, clinging to the window-ledge
away.
"Ho, ho the coach! Hillo passengers!" called the deep voice again,
Having elicited no response from Treadwell on the box, the rider now rode close and saluted Elizabeth.
Your Jehu is drunk as an owl, madam, and you are standing on the brink of a great hole in Crossman's
Bridge." "Mercy-a-me!" shrieked madam from Elizabeth glanced beyond the rider, and in the thickening gloom spied a wide black chasm not ten paces from the horses' heads.
"Tis the mercy of heaven!" she mur-
mured, dazedly. mured, dazedly.

And the instinct of jour beasts, madam-or-is it Miss? Zounds, 'tis "Have done!" pretty one!" Mistress Ogilvie, who had now appeared at the door, "Have done, sir!"
"Hush, aunt; he has saved our liv s, whoever he is."
"I thank you, sir-we both thank you.


Children gazing at toys during the Christmas holidays
with a small, white-mitten. hand, for Pray tell our driver to step down a the coach wheels had sunk to their hubs moment," said the wo in a deep rut. "Father bade us hasten. * "Glance out child and see if you can discern lights," rhild and see if you can "your eyes are sharper than mine, and metninks we should be approaching the settlement.
The woman sat bolt upright, swaying from side to side with the erratic move ments of the vehicle, and balancing her
self by aid of a great green umbrella. The girl areat green whrew thrusting out her head, peered into the deepening twilight
"I see no lights,", she said, "but I hear hoof-beats. And 'tis snowing harder!" "Ah, 'twill not be a green Christmas the window quickly, Betty, lest the candles be blown out!'
Two feeble tallow dips in their sconces above spluttered and wavered,
threatening to retire into ultimate gloom, so the girl made haste to obey. For'a few moments the stage labored along as before. Then of a sudden it gave a violent lurch, and the horses, with a series of convulsive plunges and staggerings, came to a halt.
"What can the matter be!" exclaimed Mistress Ogilvie, startled out of her phlegmatic calm
ear, and a deep voice now broke the winter stillness is "Put thy head out, child, and ask what is wrong," directed the dame.
Flizabeth opened the coach door and
peered without. Through the heavily-
"Madam," responded the rider, "your driver is past stepping." "Oh!" from then "Betty "Oh!" from the lady, then "Betty
child, what under the canopy are we
to do?" The girl surveyed the stranger. His features were indistinguishable under the squirrel-skin cap, but he was very tall of form and wore a dark great coat leggings and riding boots.
"Will you help us ford the stream, "
"Gladly. Step in again ladies, and trust to me. The river is swollen and rapid just here, but 1 think not deep.
With much trembling and hesitation and many outcries on Mistress Ogilvie's part, and a furtive fear and swift heartbeats on Elizabeth's, the stage was backed away, the horses were led downhill south of the bridge, and soon the icy water splashing and surging over the
wheels and washing against the windows, told the passengers that they were in the act of crossing the stream. Once or twice a tentative pause or an indeterminate lurching of the vehicle paled their cheeks and gave them vivid nightmares of a watery de :h. lowly and steadily and very carefully, however, the rider in the van led the reluctant team
on,' and after a seeming great while-in on, and after a seeming great whe-in
reality but ten minutes-their fore-hoofs touched the farther bank, and they clambered chill and dripping up the incline, landing safely upon the road once more.
"Ha "Ha! your driver is awake!" cried the rider. "Now, man! Thou hast come un-

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wittingly through the Great Flood. Hast sense enough left to keep the road and "Wharp lookout?" be kept in motion after this dipping!" "Stay sir-we thank you kindly" said Mistress Ogilvie. "What will you take in return for-"
"Aye, kind sir, name thy wish," supplemented the girl The women stood at fumble in her reticule. "Wilt have a sovereign?" and she tendered a bit of gold.
"Nay, nay," declared the stranger, shaking his head.
"But you have rendered us a great "You have saved our lives! Indeed you must take something!" urged Elizabeth. Twill be little enough The stranger drew off the squirrel-skin cap and paused a moment. Then he "I will have a must give me something," he said. "Law!" exclaimed madam, bridling. "The girl laughed merrily.
"You first, aunt!" she said, pushing the lady forward.
The rider imprinted a chaste and re-
sounding salute upon her fresh chee then turned and met the eyes of the girl.
"Would that I were the first and the
last!" he said, softly, as he bent low.
last!" he said, softly, as he bent low.
Madam, exceedingly flustered,
Madam, exceedingly flustered, was pointed


Babine Indians Fishing on G.T.P. Line B.C.
engaged in rubbing the spot of late con- "I wish they were home," said the Cap-" tact, with her pocket-handkerchief. As tain. "Step to the door mother, again." the girl sprang backward she sent a keen, Mistress Blake opened the door. A gust: searching glance into the stranger's face. of wind mingled with thick, soft snow-"Aye-the hirmit. Make haste now tain Blake hobbled across the floor and and speed homeward. I ride on to the peered over her shoulder.
Fort, for I do think there is trouble "Betty!" he called, "Betty, child are afoot this night, lady. That bridge be- "Betty!" he called, "Betty, child, are, tokens "Hasten Elizabeth, and do not stand I cannot see a hand's breadth before chattering there," called Mistress Ogilvie m chattering there," called Mistress Ogilvie His wife gave a sudden cry and pointed
from the depths of the coach. Obediently the girl followed her aunt though freshly shot, in the puive wood of into the vehicle, casting one last wonder- the door frame, lodged an arrow. ing half-fearful look at the rider on the "Pluck it out, mother," said the Capsable steed. ward. The lidies called out farewell, ward. The lidies ealled out farewell, saddle, the great coach and its passensaddle, the great coach and its pass
gers whirled away into the night.

The interior of the ione $\log$ cabin that nestled amid its grove of pine and baleve of Christmas, and the homekeeping heart of Mistress Blake -these many Years, sore-wrung with fond memories at
this season, memories of England and this season, memories of England and
England's Christmas-had lent willing England's Christmas-had lent willing
industry to her hands. From the dark rafters hung evergreen boughs, inter- water she had crawled for a draught of

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her to his cabin, where she lay for two "How so? What could happen in this weeks in pain ar'fever. A bullet had quiet spot? Things are peaceable to days her life hung in the balance. The only-well, only for the Ine by--
surgeon from Youns surgeon from York, together with careful nursing, had carried her over the crisis into safety, however. During all
of this time the red woman of this time the red woman. watched the movements and occupations of the pale
faces with those shrewd, inscrutable black eyes that glittered from her dark stoical countenance like twin beads, and few words escaped her. Yet she cherished gratitude nevertheless, as was evinced on her departure. Drawing a savage-lookgot from the hearth-box and commenced got from the hearth-box and commenced
to whittle it into the form of an arrow. Fascinated, Martha Blake and her aughter and sister, Mistress Ogilvie, in the end and held it up a single notch "Phe end and held it up, saying:
send this."
Then cutting a second notch beside the Then cutting a second notch beside the
first, she raised the stick above her frst, she raised the stick above her
head, as though brandishing a tomahead, as though brandishing a toma-
hawk.


## The Road to Bethlehem

"Iroquois on warpath, when snow flies. Fusiliers, but now a farmer-settler in Burn, scalp! Paleface run, run for life!" the Canadian forest.
For some time the white women could "Welcome, welcome! Come to the fire, ture, but as summer passed and September came in, they found the one-notch arrow twice sticking tightly in the pine wood of the cabin door. After that they The crops had not been abundant, and there was little game, yet the pioneers in and about the small colony cherished no fear of threatened Indian uprisings that came to the ear from time to time,
from the lips of hardy hunters who had penetrated far north and west above penetrated far north and west above The threat was hoary. They had heard it so often that they had come to look upon its import as most improb-
able; though, of course, quite possible, able; though, of course, quite possible,
in spite of official vigilance at the Fort in spite of official vigilance at the Fort.
"Come, let us eat," said the Captain. "I'm rarely hungry to-night, though I doubt much if I can do justice to the meal whilst the child is abroad."
The pair partook of the sup The pair partook of the supper in
silence, their ears ever on t'e alert for old man returned to his bench at the hearth and began puffing at his pipe. "Seems to me, Martha, like's if something's happened or about to happen-
that we didn't quite figger on," he said, that we didn't quite figger on, he saic, from the table-side.
"H Hied Blake.
"Hast heard the news?" demanded the "News?
"News? Nay! No British mail has come to port these five weeks gone. The "Tis at sea.
of affairs at England I speak man, 'tis -damn'em our very door! The Indians Mistress Blake's at at last!"
histress Blake's hands flew up, and
"Aaptain's pipe clattered to the floor "Aye, 'tis but too true! The rascals
"the fleare have cut off our communication with the Fort. Part of the bridge 'tween here and there is burnt away, and they're gathered at one of their devilish pow-
wows up the river. Looks like they wows up the river. Looks like they
mean business, I've got all mean business, lve got all e farmers
"Who a block-house."
"We must get word to the Fort!"
cried Blake. "The river can cried Blake. "The river can be forded.
I've already sent a messenger, man Tve already sent a messenger, man. black avised villain that rides abroad only at nightfall-for his health evi dently, for he never robs or steals, as I've heard of, anyway. I found him riding eastward an hour agone, and he
undertook the mission. But what's a score of guns when arrows are flying
from those demons in ambush!"

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"Heaven deliver us!" broke from Mis-
tress Blake's pale lips tress Blake's pale lips.
"How many Indians, think you, there
will be to fight $\psi^{*}$ asked Blake will be to fight $\tau$ " asked Blake.
"Some four hundred odd more. We're ridiculously outn-perhaps but weIl fight to the last man, God helping! Come' Hasten and gather up
what thou valuest best, Mistress Blake, what Captain, get thy gun and give me
and Curn
thy arm! Where is little Mistress thy arm! Where is
"Alas! They are from home. They went to York this morning," said Blake, making no motion to secure his gun. The three stood in a silence that ap-
proached despair Fach thought of the proached despair Fach thought of the
burnt bridge and Master Treadwells weakness. Each waited for the other to speak. Then, like a sudden song of glatness on the heavy air came the
sound-distinct this time-of the coachwheels. The Captain flung wide the
door and there, 2 great, dark blur against the misty-dun colored baek ground, stood the coach. Treadwell, with a loud "Whoa," drew up and
sprang down to the ground. Elizabeth sprang down to the ground. Elizabeth the formc. nimbly, the latter slowly.
The greeting they received; a com-


When the Boys Do Their Own Laundry
No tears, no word of complaint-only softly-spoken sentences of cheer fell from their lips, and high resolve shon in their patient eyes. The attack was rather long in materializing, so long, in fact, that the heavy at their posts, and che late moon rose over the dark pine ridge and travelled westward where it hung at
midnight, a pale gold erescent in the winter, sky. Two more hours passed. Then Blake, who stood at a small window near th door, consulted his great silver watch and found that it was past two selock
"God hasten thy comrier that went the Fort: ${ }^{-7}$ he whispered to Desborough "We are but nine men."
in sore," responded the other, "we are praised weed of more, though heaven b fies three inches deep on the roof. If the devils attempt to fire us, their plans, methinks, may go awry." dark was not long aiter this that a long thicket behind the cabin and darted for ward to a lone tree, where it seemed to Then came another shadow, and another
fear. The news was quickly palpitating Just as stealthily came more. The pic cated; even Treadwell, who blinked their guns, and the drowsiness of destupidly, comprehending its gravity. ferred sleep had caused them to relax, Master durst not return to York, montentarily, from their vigilance, for pointing toward the east. "Look yon- forms, and the forest glades were silent Above the pines rose a dull, red glow, as diding cathedral aisles. Those softlysaid Blake. "Come, bundle the women back into each behind its own tree or rock or the coach, and do you take them to my clump of bushes. Suddenly an arrow house, Treadwell. Captain, we shall sang through the still air. Another fol-
foot it!" directed John Desborough. Stoping only long enourh to seize
one or two articles of especial value and to extinguish the candles, the women antered the candes, the women shot from the loop-holes a volley of walked rapidly after it. In two men the arrows. Alert as the gunners had half-an-hour the after it. In less than been, they also had falled to discern the log rabin that stood in a clearing, two soul in the house was broad a watio every miles further west. Here were gathered redskins apparently had searcely. ex-
about about two score of settlers, including pected such a prompt response, for there
women atid children. Two men were now ensued a hasty parlev among them. - pickitul hifore the house and within, at They had aimed at the pickets whio
every winlow and loophole in the logs were now safely within doors. Happily, stood ann, ther man, armed with, a six- neither had been st "nck, thonsi a
shooter or all ofl "muzzle-loader." Some arrow had spun through the fur cap of of the womm at-n were armed, and stood one, and there remained sticki: cap of
opready to fall in as substitutes at the
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man, stand forth. I want to speak with
thee."
There was no reply from the forest
depths. ${ }^{\text {depths. }}$ "Is Gray Rabbit there?" he called again. tall, half-naked dark form seemed to spring up from nowhere, not six paceis away. "Ha Gray Rabbit, thou art the chief of this marauding band. I wil make terms. What dost 'thou want?" The Indian shook his head rapidly from side to side, emitting several short guttural sounds "So thy people are hungry. Well, dost expect to eat us?"
The chief stood in stoical silence "I repeat man, dost propose to $r$ :e u for meat? Art a cannibal? Harken! I will give thee a hundred bags of corn, captain of the others will give somethingvenison, pork, or beef. We have barely sufficient for ourselves this winter, but we will part with half for the sake of peace. Draw off thy band and this sha The
The only reply to this offer was an head. It glanced off leaving a nasty flesh wound on the brow, that rained blood at once. He lost no time in with drawing and barring the door again. hideous yelling, accompanied by such a hideous yelling, accompanied by such a
hissing rain of arrows that it seemed as though the air were filled with the sound. The guns steadily belched fort their answer. Red forms fell here and there, but others quickly took their
places. From the forest all about, they poured forth upon the clearing, in teem ing numbers. The cabin was surrounded The small glass panes of the six win dows were broken in and dark face appeared in the apertures. They were
shot down quickly, but more sprang up shot down quickly, but more sprang up hour of fierce fighting, of speedin arrows and rapid shooting, of wild screeching and ${ }^{\text {s }}$ soft praying sped away like five minutes
"I fear our ammunition is getting Desborough. "Have at them while it lasts!" he growled.
Blake stumped about from window to loophole upon his wooden leg, filling the wounded. The women had now come to the aid of the remaining fighters. Mistress Ogilvie wielded a huge knife to some purpose, and the battle hung at uncertain balance, with the odds, if any there were, in favor of the palefaces.
Then the Indians, finding it a losing game as the morning advanced toward dawn, with a hundred of their band lying dead in the snow, approached with lighted faggots which they applied to the jutting logs at the corners of the
cabin. Smoke that was not the smoke of powder rose, and presently flames leaped into view. The faces of the men grew a shade paler, and a few of the women moaned and clasped their infants closer in their arms. The flames were
darting merrily about the lower part of the cabin, and the interior was becoming insufferably warm; the red-skinned demons had commenced a hideous dance in the front upon the clearing when of a sudden was heard galloping hoofs
last put new heart into the besieged. A last volley from the loopholes poured encouraging shouts from the road. In three minutes a score of riders galloped into view, their figures cl arly outlined
against the brightening eastern sky. In the van rode a tall man wrapped in a belted great coat with a squirrel skin, cap upon his head, and into the seething mass of darting, dancing savages was sent a cannonade from twenty fresh
guns that took' such toll of them the clearing was left free of few but prostrate forms. Calling for buckets the horsemen galloped to the creek. The
thin ice was broken and the buckets filled and passed from one pair of willing hands to another. The settlers threw,
also, armfuls of snow a ainst the burning lose, and after much rapid labor,
with the hissing of the quenched element and the shouting of one man to another down. Little actual air, the fire died done. The lower structure was charre and smoking, the windows all broken, but the building was otherwise intact. "Blessings, blessings upon thee!" fer vently spoke Captain Blake to the leade of the reinforcements.
"We galloped the full sixteen miles," said one, "this fellow would not show here." "Come in and eat and drink", cried voman, in and eat and drink, cried a men swarmed into to the door. The house, but their into the smoke-filled house, but their leader sprang into, his saddle again.
"Whither away in such haste?" demanded John Desborough, catching the Th of the black horse The stranger bent downward a "Z whispered something. "Zounds man, what care we?" cried
Desborough. "There are none here but wish thee goodwill. Thou'rt the hero of the day, man! See, 'tis already coming dawn. Have breakfast and rest a bit,
then-""," "Nay, nay," persisted the rider, gath-
ering up the reins. At this moment ering up the reins. At this moment
Elizabeth appeared in the cabin doorway. "A cup of hot coffee, lass!" cried Way. "A cup of hot coffee, lass!" cried
Desborough. "Here is one that cannot
wait." girl disappeared, and in a moment re-appeared with the coffee and a gen-
erous loaf. Only when she had reache the bridle did she recognize her pre"Here stands the fairest lass in a the colony," said Desborough. "Wilt not remain and be served a proper breakfo from her hands?" "That in faith
plied the rider, would need no urging permit myself, but that I may no Thanks, fair las pleasure-alas armed me through Farraught ha And with a low tranger rode away obewards the tal ards the rising

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rosy and clear. York village lay in
smouldering ruins, as did the homes of

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in the forest. But there was deep thannk. few remembered his good deeds. in the forest. But there was deep thânk- few remembered his good deeds fuiness and peace and goodwil in the dhere lives, however, a legend to this that foregathered about the hospitable evening, as you approach Crossman's board of John Desborough, Christmas Bridge it bears another name nowcarols sprang spontaneously from their
lips, and prayen the season is drawing near to
Chratitude ascended lips, and prayers of gratitude ascended Christmas, you may see a ghostly stage
to heaven throughout the day, and when coach passing over it. It halts in the evening fell they sat in the winter twi- centre, and a rider on a black horse light about a huge Yule log of Canadian joins it. He leads the team backward pine that blazed upon the wide hearth, and downhill, and they ford the river,
and heard once more the story of the if it is running, or cross silently over on and heard once more the story of the if it is running, or cross silently over on
Christ-child who was born in a lowly the ice if the stream be frozen. Upon manger. Who, likewise, had been with- the farther bank a ghostly maiden steps out a home upon a Christmas morning from the coach door. The rider plucks long ago, but who now sat at the right off his squirrel-skin cap with its jaunty
hand of God the Father. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { hand of God the Father. } & \text { tail, and bends low. Thir lips appear } \\ \text { Of the hermit rider of the forest none } & \text { to meet. Then the maiden returns to }\end{array}$ ever heard again. Some averred that he the coach and re-enters it; the myshad escaped to colonial wilds, where the vision melts away \& silently as it remorse had eaten into his heart. appeared, in a whirl of soft, falling Others maintained that he was mad and

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0 NCE upon a time there was a of the unhappiness there. Thereforc, ang who was unhappy. Weary the page pitied the king, and pitying,
and old was his heart. Bitter and loved him. sharp was his tongue. Yet in years he One day, as the king sat in the roysl was not very old; he was only fifty-three. chamber, garbed in his rich apparel, there
But the flavor of life had gone from him. appeared before him a fairy, robed in But the flavor of life had gone from him. appeared before him a fairy, robed in
He was tired, so tired, of living, and white. The king gazed at her in astonHe was tired, so tired, of living, and white. The king gazed at her in aston-
Remorse gnawed at his soul.
Yes, Remorse. For so harsh had this "I alwent, so extremely plain was her face, Yes, Remorse. For so harsh had this "I always thought fairies were beautiful,"
monarch been with his children that he mused he. monarch been with his children that he mused he.


## View of Granby Wharf, B.C.

was now left all alone in his grandeur, "I am the Fairy Truth," she said, and with no one of his own to be liknd to him. her vaice was sweet as the peal of a silver
Had the good Queen lived, it would have bell. "You are unhappy, O King. Had the good Queen lived, it would have bell. cou are unhappy, O King. I
been different. But she had died when have come to help you-to tell you what the little princess was a tiny babe, and will make you happy once again." some said the king had never rightly re- Her glance was so clear and divining that
covered from the shock of her death. Be it seemed to the king as though she mut that as it may, the fact remains that to his know everything he had ever thought, or motherless children he was anything but a said, or done. He felt indeed that he wa severity, keeping them at arm's length, face to face with Truth. The fairy con thundering at them and threatening them, until they saw in him only the frustration of every boyish desire. Then they grew解 eared him with all her gentle heart phess she was, or if you thought she wour The elder of the princes, chafing beneath the rigid rule of his father, sought adventure in forcign wars and died in battle. foolish duel and the king, now doubly a reaved, centred his failing hopes in his daughter. But how could she know he loved her so? Certainly he gave her no
sign of affection. So, when a penniless young nobleman at the court offered her
his love, away with him ran the shy little princess, hungry of heart, and the king was
left alone. Then indeed did he pity himleft alone. Then indeed did he pity him-
sclf and imagine himself the most abused monarch in the world. His daughter he
disowned and forbade ever to see his face again. But the years went on, and selfpity gave way to remorse.

## whose frank, fearlests manners and pleasing

 countenance had made him the favoriteof the ling. And because his eye clear and true, free from the scales of self, and because his heart was clean, it was
given to this himhle youth to see into the


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 hard a great, sparkling gem, clear as as hoashold was mastir, the peage set out
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upon lis
 himseif as he might have been-the man rily. "Aha", said he, "I am going a-sun-
and monarch he was intended to be- beam hunting. Did ever lad go seaking
 subjects, honored and, respected by his this that I shall noal return e mopty-handed
fellowmen. Regretully he inghed and laid dowmen. Regrefilly hesighed anclaid
 ingly sad, yet stere too; but there seemed
to sbine with to shine within her a sort of hiden radi- $\begin{gathered}\text { So he went to the forest and sat him } \\ \text { ance that hinted of beauty to be reveelede. } \\ \text { down by the side of a still clear pool. }\end{gathered}$ All
 Lhook again,"she commanded. "I see day long in its, sunitit depths the litile
 More lovely," said the king, wonderingly. skimmed, light as air. All day long the


 ing in on him. "It it myself as I may be- rant air fell the wild music of birds, while


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come that $\mathbf{I}$ see-the man that you will the bees hummed in melodious undertone. come that I see-the Wise Fairy Truth, Was ever so perfect a pool, so green a
hclp me to become. Wlade, so sweet a summer's morning?
pray tell me how it can be done!" pray tell me how it can be done!"
"What you must do first," said the "Never!" said the page, aloud. "An "What you must do first," said the neace so puzzled a page, I am sure. If discover the Home of the Sunbeams. For
all these merry sunbeams have a home as she did to the king, and tell me how to here on the earth, and you must find it. It is the first step. The rest will be easy when once you have mastered this secret. There is a youth in your house-
hold, more guileless than you, who may be able to help you. Now, I must begone. Adieu," and, taking the jewel, the fairy
vanished.
Deep plunged in thought, the king sat for some moments. Then he rang for the spired between the fairy and himself. Wonderingly the page listened to the
strange recital. But when he saw how strange recital. But when he saw how
earnestly his royal master desired to earnestly his royal master desired to know the secret of the sunbeams home,
the heart of the page waxed strong within the heart of the p
"Sire, I feel that I can discover this secret. I am young, I am strong, I am
afraid of nothing. To-morrow morning, I shall set forth; and I shall not return until I have wrested from the world this pear
"Brave youth," cried the king, "You
have comforted me greatly. May Heaven have comforted me greatly. May Heaven wise as you when I return. For you no this pouch of gold. " Want for nothing on beams' home, could I but hear you. this pouch of gold. Want for nothing on $\begin{aligned} & \text { beams' } \\ & \text { your journey, }\end{aligned}$ and placing the pouch of Adieu!"


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The wand was pointing directly out of was a treacherous quagmire, in whose the forest, and thither the page buoyantly miry depths he would soon have sunk out strode. He emerged upon a velvety of sight.
meadow in which a peaceful herd was As he entered the village, the sound of grazing. The wand pointed across the childish laughter greeted his ears. On $\begin{array}{ll}\text { green country, away from, the city streets. the green were a dozen or more little } \\ \text { Light of heart, the page followed. } & \text { golden-haired rompers, enjoying the last }\end{array}$ light of heart, the page followed. came to the bank of a river, whose waters ing the direction of the wand, the page flowed dark and deep. As he looked, approached the green and stood, unob they seemed to become darker and deeper served by the children, beneath a spread than ever and dashed themselves about as ing tree. A woman, sitting sewing on a though in fury. "What shall do?" glanced at him. She was of a lofty cried the page in distress. "True wand ${ }_{\text {says }}$ I must cross. Ah, the Truth Jewel," countenance, beautiful but sad. and he flashed forth the great gem. Im- Just then one of the children separated mediately the river subsided to a mere himself from his companions and came,
brooklet, over which the youth joyously running to the woman. "See mother " brooklet, over which the youth joyously running to the woman. "See, mother,' sprang.
Now, when he had traversed some miles of country, the sun being high in the heavens-"'I am hungry," quoth the page, of country, the sun being high in the he The mother put her arm about him and
heavens "'I am hungry," quoth the page, held him close, while together they
"He who would track the Sunbeams to watched the glory of the sinking sun.
their lair methinks must have refresh- "Mother," queried the child, "When the ment. Mayhap the dame have refresh- "Mother," queried the child, "When cot- sun sets, where So, pausing at a wayside cottage, he
asked the dame if perchance she could refresh a weary traveller with she could milk and bread. "Indeed, young sir, you are welcome," said she, and bade him
enter. The cottage was poor, but clean; the dame was wrinkled, bent and brown, her face so seamed and lined as to appear he hastened to turn upon the truant the


Indian Bridge adjacent to G.T.P. in British Columbla
to have lost all human semblance. She its way towards the bright-haired boy, et before him bread and meat and a who was just then asking his question, pitcher of milk, and as he ate, she said: "When the sun sets, where do all the little went to the wars. I I gave them to my sunbeams go?", Straight into the heart of the child country. light of the am alone now, danced the sunbeam, and the page, stridBy the light of the Jewel of Truth, the ing gladly forward, answered him. "They pase saw that the cottage was a palace, go to their homes, my little lad-in the a heart of pure gold. Then he sat down beside them and told Slipping under his plate some gold them the story of his search, of the
pieces from the king's pouch, he bade her difficulties he had encountered, of the pieces from the king's pouch, he bade her difficulties he had encountered, of the arewell, and continued his journey, lessons he had learned. When he spoke
mightily refreshed, and smiling to him- of the unhappy king, the eyes of the
celf at the thought of the dame's pleasure mother grew moist and tender and she self at the thought of the dame's pleasure
when she should discover the coins. He was nearing another belt of wood-
land, when as he approached, suddenly land, when as he approached, suddenly
there fell on his ears the sound of a mighty roaring. In a moment out rushed a roaring. In a moment out rushed a,
dragon with many heads and mouths, and each mouth roaring as it came daching onward. Escape there was none. "Ah,
my jewel," cried the mage, "Now we
shall'see this demon in his shall see this demon in his true perspec-
ive and he flashed the sparkling tive, and he flashed the sparkling gem
straight upon the dreadful monster. The
next moment he laughed aloud in next moment he laughed aloud in glee,
for the dragon had shrivelled away to a for the dragon had shrivelled away to a
puny creature, with the squeak of a It was towards the close of day that the young traveller drew near a little village,
nestled at the foot of a wooded hill, like a nestled at the foot of a wooded hill, like a
tired child at its mothel's knee. He had tired child at its mothen's knee. He had
met with various difficulties, to all of which met with various difficulties, to all of which they had dwindled away. Once he had thought to cross a green meadow which
looked wondrous inviting to the foot and pooked wondrous inviting to the foot and
nleasant to the eye, but the wand bade
him make a detour of the field per looked wondrous inviting to the foot and child back with me. "He waits without.
pleasant to the eyce, but the wand hade Take you this jewel of Truth in your
him make a detour of the field. Per- hand and throw its light on the child when the light of the jewe. To hhi great sur: he His royal master took the stone and the
prise, he saw that in reality the meadow mage ulhered in the child and his mother.
tage will be kind of heart." The little sunbeams that play with me all mother grew moist and tender, and she
said: "He is my mather. We will go
with you to him" fall with you to him."
So the page abode in the house of the So the page abode in the house of the
widowed princess that night, and early in the morning they set out to return to the royal city. With the gold the king had provided, the page purchased a coach and pair, so that they rode in state along
the broad highway. And when they reached the palace, the page bade the princess and the child wait in the great or their coming.
Glad indeed was the monarch to behold again the checrful face of the page. Overoyed beyond measure was he to learn of
the success of the youth's mission. Embracing him, the King entreated to be told at once every detail of his journey. So the page told the monarch the tale of his adventures, saving only the identity
of the child in whose innocent heart the sunbeam had found a home. "Now, Sire;" he concluded, "I have brought the
child back with me. He waits without.

A full minute they stood facing the king. In that minute, by the light of the jevel ot
Truth, the king and the orincess learned Truth, the king and the orincess learned
many things. The king saw the tender mearning love in the heart of his daughter. The princess saw deep into the empty, hungry heart of her fathe
tood "m as ""
"My child!" cried the king, and the "My grandchild"" cied tears. "My grandchild!" cried the king, and
folded the beautiful boy in his arms. Now, the king, in embracing the pri cess, had allowed the precious stone to marble floor of the chamber, chipping of a tiny fragment. The page hastened to pick up the stone. As he did so, he felt
it taken from his fingers and a melodious voice said: "Farewell, o King! Farewell, happy princess and charming child!, Farewell, valiant page!" For a moment the
Fairy Truth appeared before them Fairy Truth appeared before them, sur-
passingly sweet. In a twinl.ling she was gone; and on the marble floor lay the tiny chip from the Jewel of Truth.
"See," cried the page, "she has left us a chip, off the Truth Jewel!"
"So she has,", agreed the king. "So she has,", echoed the princess.
"So she has," cried the child, and the all looked at one another.


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## A Christmas Princess

By W. R. Gilbert

$I^{T}$T was none of your modern Christ- peals of merry laughter and a babel of wasses of warm sunshine and tongues. into the belief that, deluding mankind at hand, only to chill poor credulous fools with biting winds and belated frosts, a few weeks later.
No, it was the real old-fashioned Yuletide of our youth, with ice and
snow on the ground and snow on the ground, and thick white
rime on the trees, and when night came - East brilliant star of promise in the

On this correct Christmas eve a little figure trudged along the frosty roads, left the lights of the town behind, He followed the beckoning star shining above. Along the lonely highway he standing he reached a road where houses standing in their own grounds loomed arge to right and left.
The boy opened the gate of one
garden, and walked timidly up the drive.
One of the windcws was open, and from one of the windcws was open, and from
behind the drawn curtains he could hear tongues.
For a For a few moments he stood and listened then, apparently discouraged by the noise within retraced his steps.
Pursuing his way along the road, he found a gate standing invitingly open: the garden was very silent, and when he reached the front door, the windows all looked down blankly upon him. The house was empty. Awed and frightened stillness of the place, he turned and fled back to the high road. Keeping his eyes fixed on the star, and quickening his pace he presently came on a house larger than the rest, which rose directly in were of himed, but lights shone in some of the windows. The boy leant against the gates and looked wistfully up the wide
avenue. Dare he venture into the dark avenue. Dare he venture into the dark
unknown before him? nknown before him?
The overarching trees made a
rellis work of white frost, which shone and sparkled in the moonlight like an enchanted way.
Visions of castles and ogres, of princesses in distress, and brave knight errants, flashed through his childısh Prain. Perhaps imagination transformed him
then and there into a knight of old for with a firm hand, he finally turned the handle of the heavy gate, pushed it open, passed through, making his way boldy to the house, under the overrime on him as he passed beneath them. Reaching the lawn before the house, the boy stepped into the light of the lamp hanging in the porch.
Then with hands thrust deep into his pockets and head upraised, he commenced singing in a clear, childish
treble:
"Hark, the Herald Angels sing, Glory to the new-born King. Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."

Having sung the hymn conscientiously through, he waited a moment to see if
the inmates of the house would show any appreciation of his efforts, but the
door remaining closed, and the silence


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"We will keep it," announced the king If not-" If not, Sire," cried the page, "wh not set it among the jewels of your crown? "Wisely spoken," declared the king. "We will do as you suggest." And so, as the fairy did not return, the jewel was placed in the royal crown.
So the princess remained at her father's court, and the handsome boy grew up,
strong and noble the delight of his grandstrong and noble, the delight of his grand-
sire's heart. And so beautifully changed sire's heart. And so beautifully changed
did the king's nature become, that in a surprisingly short time he became as good and great as anyone could hav loving service, was appointed a high office in the kingdom, which he fulfilled with great wisdom. And so they all lived
happily ever after. A couple of city men were playing golf
when they saw an old gentleman looking
at them wistfully. They asked him to
join the game, which he did with alacrity.
He was mild in speech and manner and played well. But once when he made a foozle he ejaculated vehemently the word Assouan!
A few minutes later, when he had
made another bad play, he repeated: The fourth time he said this one of his "il do not want to be inquisitive, but will you tell ment to be inquisitive, but
often'"." "Wiell," said the old gentleman, "isn"
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unbroken, he cleared his throat and "Come here," he commanded proceeded to exhort all "Good Christian men rejoice with heart and hand and
voice." He had not by any means' concluded his theme, when a deep voice behind him made the boy start, and abruptly "Whinated his carol.

What are you doing here?"
The child looked up at the speakera tall elderly man, with iron grey hair were sternly fixed upon him from beneath the thick beetling brows.
"I was singing Christmas carols."
"Oh! were you? Then don't do it ma
again!" "I'm sorry you don't like it."
"Dm sorry you don't like it." my grounds?"
but I didn't to-night because think trespassing counted oonight, because it's Christmas time." would count because it's chistmas time either, eh?"
"I don't know anything about stealing." The child's eyes met his, solemnly. With a non-committing grunt, the stern
faced man turned and walked towards faced man turned and walked towards the house, while the boy, with a sinking ness. He had started out so full of hope and happiness to sing his Christmas carols, and now it seemed as if no one wanted to hear them.
The man on the doorstep caught the ound of a stifled sob.


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This photograph of Russian artillerymen at work was found on a Russian offioer captureb dy The boy returned obediently. The
light of the lamp shone on the aureole of rime about his fair curls--shone too, on cheek.
"What do you want-money?" He produced te
towards the boy.
"No, thank you"
"You won't take it?"
my carols."
"Why should I like them?"
as." "That's a bad reason. I hate Christmas!" he exclaimed vehemently.
"You hate Christmas?" the bo echoed incredulously.
"Yes! do you like it?",
"Why?"
"For everything. Good night, sir." The boy raised his cap, and would have gone his way, but the man seemed "S to let him.
Suppose you come in for awhile and tell me what 'everything' means, and some of the reasons that make this
season attractive to people season attractive to people. Have you
found anybody who wanted to hear your carols?"
"Not yet," the boy confessed, and keen disappointment looked out of the large I went on long enough," he added cheerfully. $\longrightarrow$
"You're evidently of a hopeful disposition," remarked the man, opening the door with his latch key. The boy followed him into the house, feeling as palace he had dreamed, lay at the end of the enchanted avenue. A butler appeared and took his master's hat and coat. His well trained solidity could scarcely conceal his astonishment at the change guest. It was many a year since house. The man led the way into a large and luxurious room.
"Don't stand there staring, Dawson; you fool," he growled, as the servant's yes still rested with astonishment on "Ts small figure.
Is that your brother?" the boy in
"My brother"-with a chuckle, as the "I closed-"No, why?"
"I thought it must be 'cause you were so "rude to him."
"OT'. Are you rude to your brother?" The not got one, but I 'spert I re." be if had one. Most frilows
The boy took an exhaustive survey of he room then solemnly scrutinized the before him. "This is the most beautiful house I've er been in. You ought to be very, hood to live in an enchanted palace," not an ogre."
Well, I fancy opinion rather leans to the belief that I am. I'm certainly "I think very likely there's a spell over you, and when it's broken you'll find you're really a good man." "Oh! I have never thought of the you seriously studied the question of evolution?" "I don't know what you me
read a great many fairy tales." read a great many fairy tales."
"I see. What's your name?" "Terence." see.
"How old are you?"
"I gather you live with your mother", and have no brothers."
"Yes," nodded the boy, "there's only "Your father is dead?"
"Yes, he died two years ago. He wras a singer, but he got a dreadful cough,
and couldn't sing any more, and he and couldn't sing any more, and he coughed for months and months, t:ll all our money was gone and then he died. for mother. But sometimes I get rather tired of waiting. I did to-day, so I came out to sing carols while mother was away looking for work-she teaches music, but we haven't any pupils just
now, so one gets poor, you see-and I now, so one gets poor, you see-and It
thought if I could earn some money it would be lovely to give her a Christmas present to-morrow, as a great surprise--
and have a turkey and plum pudding,
"Christmas, ah! Yes, that was wh you came in to tell about, wasn't it?

The gentleman pointed The gentleman pointed to an easy
chair in which the boy ensconced himself, while his host dropped into one on the opposite side of the fireplace.
"Well, Master Terence, please inform me for my future edification why you like Christmas."
Because-oh, because there are such a lot of things to make one happy." "I find a lot to make me miserable." "Do you?"-with surprise and pity. "Perhaps you don't have a Christmas tree?",
"No, I'm afraid I don't. Do you?" "Yes, we're going to have a beauty to-morrow","
"Yes, it was mother's idea. We had a fuzzy, kind of plant, and she bought five
cents' worth of small candles, and she's cents' worth of small candles, and she's making things out of paper to hang on,
and we're going to light the candles and pretend there are all sorts of lovely and pretend there are all sorts on I
toys on the tree, and everything think of that I'd like. Mother's going
to pretend to cut off. Won't it be fun ?" to pretend to cut off. Won't it be fun?" The man had grown silent, and was looking intently at the boy. "And your dinner," he said at length,

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shall have some no laughed Terence. " course, we shall preal dinner, but, of Terence?" course, we shall pretend it's quite differ- "I daresay you might." ent things. If I don't manage to get Terence felt distinctly dubiöus as to
any money by singing to-night, bread whether this stern strange man should and cheese will be turkey, and bread and we asked to come and see them in their
 have jam to-morrow. We dont we always one hid not care for strangers, soo prudently
pretend, only on particular days like refrained from issuing the invitation pretend, only on particular days like refrained from issuing. -the invitation
Christmas and mother's birthas , ind his hospitality urged him to make-viz: Christmas and mother's birthday, and his hospitality urged him to make-viz.:
mine, and my rabbit's. I've had him that his new friend should come and mine, and my rabbit's. I've had him that his new frien should come and
three years. Have you got any rabbits share the joys of his Christmas tree.
 "No, child. I've got nothing-nothing." her to-morrow?" enquired the man, "No, child. l've got nothing-nothing." her tomorrow" enquired the man,
"Nothing like that, praps, but what a breaking in on the child's puzzled but lot of other things you've got?" Terence silent debate. "Well, I think perhaps I'd better not remarked tactfully.
"But I've no one to pretend with." You see you're only my friend. T've got

 well, but it's not such fun." "''m always alone." motcher's man who was a soldier, and The boy realized vaguely the pathos one's the old woman who sells oranges underlying the man's words. After a I took mother to the stall, but she pause, during which a brief but desper- doesn't come to see us, though mother ate conflict waged within his soul, likes her very much",
Terence said slowly: "Ive decided that "As I unfortunately don't possess an Terence said slowly: "I've decided that "As I unfortunately don't possess an
Ill give you my rabbit for a Christmas orange stall, nor a butcher's shop, nor ril give you my rabbit for a Christmas orange stall, , nor, a butcher's shop, nor
present to make you like Christmas, even a beat,' I'm afraid this meeting present that you won't always be quite even a beat, Fm arfaid his meelits alone." , accomplish Do you think we could The man rose in silence, and paced up persuade your mother to come here toand down the room. Terence felt rather morrow with you and the rabbit, to hurt that his generosity should meet teach me some of your pretend games,


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with so cold a reception. Had he been and yet have a real Christmas dinner and capable of realizing and understanding a real tree?"
the tumult of long suppressed emotion
"But I thought you didn't have Christ the tumult of long suppressed emotion mas trees because you are too old?" have been rewarded out of all propor- morrow, just to forget for once how a heart, long dead and wakened it to old I am." " a heart life once more. The man realizing per- "A real Christmas dinner and a real haps, that his silence might appear tree? Oh, I say, that would be wonder ungracious, said somewhat huskily:
"Thank you, my boy-thank you. I should like to have your rabbit: it will always make me feel less lonely "T'm glad you'll have him. Perhaps
you'll begin to like Christmas if you you'll begin to like
get some presents?"
"No, lad, no. I can never like Christ"No, lad, no. I can never like Christ-
mas. You wouldn't understand, but it mas. One Christmas years ago that the was one Christmas years ago that the
only thing I loved on earth was taken only thing
from me."
"What was it?"
"The woman who was to have been
"The wo
my wife."
"Who took her from you?" $\begin{gathered}\text { "Rodney Blake," replied the boy, }\end{gathered}$ "My best friend ran away with her, a set of ivory chessmen on a table. but you can't understand these things, child." "Y a "Yes, I do understand, because my,
father died at Christmas. But mother father died at Christmas. But mother "Yes. Father always called her Nita said that should make it easier to bear but I know it's Juanita 'cos I rever trouble, because you see it was the time the little Christ-child came into the world, and He came to comfort every-
body who was sad. Mother and me were body who was sad. Mother and me were
very sad. I was unhappy mostly bevery sad. I was unhappy mostly be-
cause she was. I was only a little chap, then you see, that was three years ago."

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Ask your neighbor to take The Western Home Monthly. It pleases everyone-it will delight him or her also.
"Peace and goodwill from Heaven to Earth
Begin, and never cease.
said the boy softly to himself. The man
dipped his pen in the ink, paused again dipped his pen in the ink, paused again and laid it down. "Terence," he said, "you shall take a your mother that you found an ogre in a lonely castle, who was only an ogre because someone had cast a spell on him, and tell her, he can only be transformed back into a prince, when a
beautiful princess comes to break the beautiful princess comes to break the
spell.". ful princess. She's just like the one in my fairy tale book." "Well see if you can persuade her to make the ending to this story a happy
one."
"I think she will p'raps to please me. She does lots of things like that for me. And besides, it's not often. a lady out of a fairy book, with a live ogre to get rid of. It's most lovely. But
d'you know I don't believe you're an ogre at all. I believe you're a real proper prince." "Do you really?"
Terence nodded. for a prince. P'raps you've rather old
a king by now. I am glad I came to your enchanted castle." 1 came to "So am I, little man. Perhaps you are the knight through whom $I$ am to
be freed from the spll
"Do you understand me, Dawson?" he thundered. "Yes, Judge, Certainly. Ill send the "Yes, Judge
young woman Dawson descended to the servants hall, and confided to its occupants his conjecture as to the speedy confinement
of his master in a lunatic asylum.

The fairy tale princess, accompanied by Terence, carrying the rabbit, walked together up the enchanted way to the
castle of the ogre. The bald headed one admitted them. A moment later they Nood before the ogre
Nobody said anything, but the Princess grew very pale, and the ogre looked than an ogre. At last he spoke. "You have come to break the evil spell that has been upon me all these years, have you not?" he said earnestly, not at all as though he was only pre"Oh, if cess with I only could," said the Prinever forgive me, Jim?" Terence was rather bewildered at the very real way these grown ups played. "You don't know his name, Mother. You should call him 'Prince,' and, of what you're for."
ah!
Ah! Knight-errant! Tell us how an a bewitched ogre does under these cir-


## Prince Rupert Waterfrent

kindly suggested had been cast upon "Terence cogitated a few moments. "What a splendid idea ?" cried Terence. it's the prince who saves the princess, "We'll pretend that, won't we? I and then it's quite simple. He just am longing for to-morrow. We'll play fairy tales all the afternoon won't we, Mr.-King? Good-bye. Oh!" He turned with the bald head who stared at me won't mind our coming.'
"If he does, he'll go," answered Terence's new friend, which utterance was wholly enigmatical to the boy but pect of the bald headed gentleman's disapproval was evidently not regarded with any dismay by the king of this castle.
"Good-by "Good-bye." Another wave and Terence was gone, running down the enas fast as his little legs would carry

Judge Fansittart returned to his library and rang the bell. Dawson, "the bald headed," appeared in answer to the "Go out
spruce you can find in the shrubbery", "Dig up, Judge! A tree. I, Judge?" "What size tree, sir? inquired Dawson, "What size? I don't know. The proper ,size for a Christmas tree, of
Dawson bowed differentially
"And, Dawson. Who's the youngest
female in the house?" female in the house?" "The kitchen maid, Judge, Fifteen her age is, so I understand."
"That'll do. Send her into the town o buy the right things to hang on a Christmas tree."
Dawson looked blankly at his master.
it's the prince who saves the princess,
and then' it's quite simple. He just kisses her and everything comes'right, and they live happily ever after." "I see," said the Prince-ogre: "then in
this case matters are reversed, I suppose?" matters are reversed, I sup "Yes," assented Terence, "in this case the Princess must kiss you, I expect fairy tale."
fight because it's a rea The pale fa
a rosy red, and she looked shyly at now ogre-prince. He held out his hands, and she went right up to him, and then he caught her in his arms, but whether he kissed her, or she kissed him Terence ha
never been able to make out: but it never been able to make out: but it spell was quite broken, and the ogre turned into a most splendid prince, who ever after that loved Christmas and rabbits and Terence-but Terence's
mother, most of all, and he called her his Christmas Princess-and they lived happily ever after.

A Philadelphia lawyer, who spends most of his time at his country estate, em desire in life is to live until the wanner of freedom is unfurled over Ireland. One evening the lawyer strolled through the grounds of his place and stopped to have a chat with the gardener.
'Michael, do you know that while we is dark midnight in Ireland?" he asked.
'Faith, an' Oi'm not surprised," re-
plied the gardener. "Ireland niver got
justice yet,"


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## The Young Man and His Problem

SPEAK UP!
Speak up. Speak out. Have a mind of your own. Support your soul by great convictions. Clear the atmosphere of your mind by straight thinking. Be through with cant. Be not a sounding board for the notions, opinions and ideas of other people-and hav your say. Speak up. Sr ak out.
Kate Doudgat Wiggin in "Pe charmingly depicts , Penelope's Progress,' repertory of aicts a scotch maid whose entire phrase with which she invariably replied in a single phrase with which she invariably replied to all ques
tions. The only answer she deigned to give was tions. The only answer she deigned to give was " could na' say;" "Jean who lives next door?" " could na' say." Jean is it raining?" Turning upon you her blue .Scotch non-committal eyes, she would

## FINGER PRINTS.

The criminal is a fool. The forger is just as sure to be caught as water is certain to freeze when the "glass" drops. Every telephone tells on the criminal wire flashes with information concerning his size weight, shape and appearance. He cannot eat with out being seen or walk without being heard. Because the fugitive is a stranger, men inquire "Who is he?"
and because he is an idler, men ask "Wly should the be here?" And, even if he should but press his hand on the glass of the mirror he has left an infallible sign and signature which may reveal dis whereabouts.
There
There is one man who is thoroughly persuaded of the detective value of finger prints: Lit is a Now with the marks of his own fingers changed his plea from not guilty to guilty, though he had fixed up a plausible alibi and there was no other evidence. The jury, it was afterwards leearned, would have split apon the finger-print evidence, so the man goes to cial opinion on the evidential value of the prints is
lost.

## ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

He is a wise man who knows when he has enough. Why add dollar to dollar, farm to farm, land to land,
and house to house, when you have couough? You cannot live for ever - not here. And if you have see the and to spare, be wise, spare yourself, travel bor up to the place where he can say: "Enough is enough."
When Pyrrhus was about to sail for Italy, Cineas, a wise and good man,
"To conquer Rone," sail Pyrwn
"And what will eu do next, my lord?"
"And I will conquer Italy."
"We will subdue"
"We will subdue Carthage, Macedonia, all Africa, "And when"
shall we do?"
"Do? Why,
Wh have contuered all we can, what
"Do? Why, then we will sit down and speni our
time in peace and comfort." "Then," said Cincas, "why not sit down in peace and comfort now?"

## AFRAID? EH!

What are you af raid of? Do you expect to win in the game of life without a venture? Are you satis-
fied to remain just exactly where you are, for lack of a little courage? Plunge-even though the waters be cold. Test your strength. Try your hand. Risk an experiment. Better have folks laugh over you than
loved ones weep over you. Remember that failure i, the vestibule of success. "Three failures make one success." "A faint leart never won a fair lady." From The Bookman we clip:-
"Carlyle came up from Eeclefechan to attend Edir:burgh University when he was scarecly fourteen
years of age, and with a companion, Tom Smail years of age, and with a companion, Tom smail a clean-looking and cheap lodging in simon square, a poor neighborhood on the south side of Edinburgh, of: Nicholson street. After residing in various parts of fers, and the most interesting of his wavier quar in Edinburgh was at 1, Moray street (now Spen street), Leith Walk. Here he commenced his literary work in earnest, and began to regard life from brighter standpoint. Leith Walk is described in Enfer. 'All at once, 'he writes, 'there rose' a tho do in me, and I asked myself, 'What art thou afraid of , uy spiritual new birth or baphometic fire-baptian mrhaps I directly thereupen began to be a man."

## SELF APPRECLATION

Take pride in your own work and seek to improve it. If a speech has been effective, review the telling
points. If you have written a paragraph with music points. If you have written a paragraph with music n it, commit it to memory: it may come in handy, some day., Compare your literary work. Dare to
"work up" a judgment on yourself. And believe in your own "genius." More men fail through a lack of confidence in themselves than through conceit or ver-confidence. It was said by Rebecca Harding Davis concerning O. W. Holmes, that:
He enjoyed his work as much as his most fervent cemember one evening that he quoted applause. I poems, 'and I was forced stupidly to acknowledge that I did not know it. He fairly jumped to the book-cases, took out the volume and read the verses, standing in the middle of the room, his voice trem
ling, his whole body thrilling with their meaning.
"'There!' he cried at the end, his eyes flasline
could anybody have said that better? Ah-h!' witl' a long, indrawn breath of delight as he put the book

COURAGE AIND FAITH
War is an unspeakable horror, yet he who would doubt that even from war good will be evolved at ast can have little faith that life is more than a

## RETURNING GIFTS

Send a gift to somebody-where there is no possibility of return. Gift for gift and present for present is a pagan ized form of Christmas celebration Surely there is an empty hand and an outstretched arm reaching your way Dr. Grenfel, the saint of Labrador, when in this country last July, told how when he was in one of the hospitals at home in England he saw a little blind boy. He was waiting to be operated upon for cataract. He used to sit in his cot with his hands outtretched. One day a sister was askel Why he sat like that. She said, "He hold of his hands.
trength than that of the ancient Stoic, whoso rength over anything that contemplation bim supe it unmoved; but true courage means-unswerving aith in the future. It is such colrage that is de nanded now and for this faith there is no lack of

THE EAST AND VOTES FOR WOMEN It is interesting to note in the United States newspapers the various reasons, or explanations, the defeats which the woman suffrag seaboard in which it wats voted upon this fall. Th ceneral summing up is that the four States i Iuestion are among the most conserrative in the nservative East. One thing which is a certaint beyond question is that among the organized in in those States were the liquor interests, which a ways pay women the compliment of being afraid of

## CHAINED

Some men never rise. They are educated, cultured brilliant, "lucky," the idols of beautiful social circles and seemingly the favorite children of destiny, bu they never rise, they never soar, they never lif
themselves above the dead level of average humanity Why? The answer is in one word: "Habit!" Th chains of evil habit hold them for ever to the earth A naturalist tells how he formd on the Atlantic coast the skelcton of all eagle with an iron trap clasping one of its feet. IIundreds of miles away hen. weightel $n:+1$ innouish, it had flown snare country, until at io-t. worn out by the burden and the pain, it "Min the margin of the sea, the instrument of thon the margin of the sea.

Diamonds are found embedded in the soil. Pearls re found hidden beneath the surface of the sea. So men of genius are born in the huts and haunts of poverty, and great souls and master minds rise from the obscure corners of the earth. Let us turn John
Ruskin's "Ethics of The Dust" into a parable illustrating the divine possibilities of human nature:"Ruskin, in his 'Ethijcs of the Dust,' informs us that the mud of a London street is a grimy mixture of clay and sand, soot and wand separate the sand, and let the atoms arrange themselves according to clay, and it becomes a white earth fit for the finest porcelain, or if it still purifies itself, you have the sapphire. Take the soot, and if properly treated, it will give you a diamond. And lastly, the water, if purified and distilled, will become a dewdrop, or it the London street mud you have, according to Ruskin, an opal, and a sapphire, and a diamond, and a lovely snowstar."

## "O GOD, SAVE US!"

Men hide their religion, but put their unbelief on xhibition. Religion, like love is too sacred a thing to be talked about, but "infidelity" is a subject, poor enough to be used as a football by any fool. Modest men are backward about telling you what they believe, but the man of superficial thought will inform you, without request or persmission, about his
doubts, fears, unbelief and agnosticism. But in the hour of danger all men 'seek God. Once, on the Cininnati express train, going at forty miles the hour, the train jumped the track, and we were near a chasm eighty feet deep; and the men who, a few
minutes before, had been swearing and blaspheming God, began to pull and jerk at the bell rope, and got up on the backs of the seats, and cried out, "Oh God, save us

## ALL ON BOARD

Get on board! The train is starting! Five minutes more and "she" will leave the station. People who are for ever taking the "next train" miss the possible to "get ricll" too late. What earthly use is possible to "get ricln" too late. What earthly use is
there in reputation, fame, and popularity when sleep will not come and food will not digest. A neighbor remarks.
"A friend of mine passing along the streets of New York some years ago heard the newsboys announce
the death of A. T. Stewart. Instantly he said: "We the death of A. T. Stewart. Instantly he said: "We were about the same age. If I am to do any good in
this world with my money I must begin now." During that year he put $\$ 80,000$ into educational enterprises. This was not taken from his current

## OH MEMORY!

Memory is like a rast library into which the architect has wrought domes, arches, aisles, fire places, stairways, windows, pillars, and mosaics. This is the palace, which we are building for the future.
Ah, and it will be a magnificent palace-or a stately prison. Oh memory! Macbeth and Lady Macbeth were the victims of
this inability to forget; he by day, in this waking this inability to forget; he by day, in his waking noments, she at night in dreams and nightmares, were pursued by the undying ghost of Banquo, which
was but the objectified image of their own conscience, s it drove its shadowy sword into their inmost hearts till he cried: "Oh, full of scorpions is my" mind, sweet wife"; and she wandered about in her sleep, striving in vain to wipe the blood-spot from is one of the safeguards of virtue, one of the is one of the safeguards of virtue, one of the
restaints of vice.

GET TO WORK.
Get to work. Begin operations right on the spot Where you are. lou may be four miles from noWhere, but begin there. Begin with what you have. reach. Don't spend your time wishing for a better start. Crank Your machine. Wind up your clock. Hork the windmill on your own pipe, organ. Use a that an oil lamp is better than a gas pipe without a gas-jet. If the world were perfect you, would be out of a job. You will have a better environment when rou get your fence up. If your job was the best ne on the road, the chances are, you wouldn't have
t . Thank God for what you have. Columbus manned his ships with jail-birds because the sailore of his time feared what lay beyond the horizons that had bounded their royages. Remember, he got there!

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HELPING HIM OUT
By E. I. Chicanet, Author ${ }^{\text {"The }}$ "The Wanderer Returned,"
"Camera and Gun," etc.
T. OVE is love the world over; its darts strike prince and peasant in tent they experience the same extrafordinary sensations.
Now, Smith was an ordinary com-
monplace name; like monplace name; like an ordinary man
he fell in love and experienced all the he fell in love and experienced all the
extraordinary symptoms wheh accompany that state.
Smith was engaged in a large city
emporium where his duties consisted in
measuring off ribon at so measuring off ribbon at so much per
yard, meanwhile talking pleasantly and giving the regulation store smile. giving the regulation store smine
People sometimes wonder why store clerks are so solemn" "after hours." I
ask you yourself, do you care to carry ask you yourself, do you care to carry
on business after its day is over? on business after its day is over? When a part of a man's daily occupaat night. Besides the facial muscles could not stand the strain.
But this is neither here nor there, Smith was deeply in love, and the object of his affection, little Bessie Joyce
at the hosiery counter, a miniature, pocket edition of a girl, and as Smith used to say as he expanded his chest before the mirror at night, "Just as high as my heart."
The course of true love never does exception to the rule. A big rival was there-in more senses than one-in the person of Percy Brown, one of the shop-
walkers. walkers. Percy was a big six-footer,
with a chest at once the with a chest at once the envy and
despair of poor Smith, who took dumbell exercises night and morning. Furthermore, Percy was the possessor of a sweeping black moustache and Smith smoothing his six-on-each-side affair often speculated on the value of the field of love.
So far Bessie had been non-committal and bestowed her smiles equally upon the rival lovers. But Percy had the advantage of being able to walk around and occasionally exchange a few words
with Bessie; she would smile and then poor Smith's face was sad to see. Envy and jealousy chased each other over his countenance and the strange combina tion left a curious result.
At, night, however, when the store
closed, Percy would be left behind for further duties ando Smith, treading on air, would escort Bessie to the car, and occasionally, when he happened to be
going in the same directipn, going in the same direction, would see
her to her destination. Of course Bessie knew that he loved her-what woman doesn't when she is the object of affection? "She could see the lovelight in his eyes," as the poet says, and indeed in Smith his whole anatomy seemed
to be telling the same tale. did not let on, oh, no! What woman does? Also she loved him, but what female ever discloses this fact until the psychological moment? And so Smith, served his time of misery, male sex, was a great reader of novelettes and in
a recent one, "From Sculery a recent one, "From Scullery Maid to
Duchess," she had read how love might be increased by the addition of a proportion of jealousy. Hence the amorous Escorting Bessie home in
night, Smith, artfully as he thought brought the conversation round to the theatre and things theatrical and led up week-"A Play that was being staged that meanwhile hoping the conversation
would last out until they reached the next bridge. Bessie saw to that and as
the light became a little dinmer, in a the light became a little dimmer, in a
stuttering veice and shockingly ungram stuttering vice and shockingly ungram-
matical language, he asked her to accompany him to the theatre that even ing. By the time he got through his fortunately he was t
to notice the an
other occupants.
sented, was quite cool-
thought.
Supper was not a very
or Smith that night, i


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 with pink stripes, also the cuff links his Hise cup of misery was now full and his
grandfather had left him and which were heart sank within him. Whatever would only used on very special occasions. The she think of him now? He felt like a best trousers being slightly out of man who has come out from bathing to crease, had, before supper, been placed find all his clothes gone but his collar
folded under the trunk, with most of and tie. Bessie the room's portable furniture on top of understood how things were going. She Great struggling ensued with a high $\frac{\mathrm{kept} \text { up a a conversation allost unas- }}{\text { sisted, for until their destination }}$ \#hite collar and, after three had been sisted, for until their destination was laid by, one was fastened on, with only answer in monosylables. At the prefew futile attempts, one of the ties' mingle of the theatre he was glad to Sright spots was successfully placed in tibly coler.
the middle of the bow. All this accom- During the first seenes the middle of the bow. All this accom- During the first scenes of the play
plished and fully attired, he posed be- they sat enthralled, their interest inplished and fully attired, he posed be-
fore the mirror, stretching forth his arm fore the mirror, stretching forth his arm
as he had seen the hero do when send ing the villain to perdition. It was still an hour before he could go and meet Bessie, and he beguiled the
time in going through the several contouching a electric sloved hachd which far ney near
his. As and his. As the lights were lowered for the
second second act, with a burst of daring, he

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Writing this word early in November for The Western Home Monthly Christmas Number I express the earnest hope that when Christmas,
1915, arrives the arms of His Britannic Majesty and his brave Allies 1915, arrives the arms of His Britannic Majesty and his brave Allies
may be gaining a distinct ascendancy over the assailants of liberty and may be gaining a distinct ascendancy over the assailants of liberty and
democracy. Yet even in this first weeh of November a true analysis democracy. Yet even in this first weeh of November a true analysis
of the situation yields every reason for steadfast confidence and fortifies of the situation yields every reason for steadfast confidence and fortifies
our determination to prosecute the conflict forced upon us to a completely our determination to prosecute the conflict forced upon us to a completely
successful issue. The event of the War to date must make every Canasuccessful issue. The event of the War to date must make every In the
dian and Britisher prouder than ever of the British Empire. In the dian and Britisher prouder than ever of the British Empire. In the
world's relations prior to August, 1914, Britain was looked to as a world's relations prior to August, 1914, Britain was looked to as a
naval power and not as a military power. As a naval power Britain naval power and not as a military power. As a naval power Britain
has not failed. After fifteen months of war Britain is the absolutely has not failed. After fifteen months of war Britain is the absolutely
undisputed mistress of the seas. In addition she has shown her ability undisputed mistress of the seas. In addition she has shown her ability
to become a military power. To-day Sir John French commands one to become a military power. To-day Sir John French commands one
million men in France and Belgium; and within the Empire there are million men in France and Belgium; and within the Empire there are
more than twice that number cf reserves and men under training. No more than twice that number cf reserves and men under training. No
Canadian can fail to thrill at the thought that of all the millions who Canadian can fail to thrill at the thought that of all the millions whan
have been in action in the fifteen months of fearful war our Canadian have been in action in the fifteen months of fearful war our Canacian
boys have proved to be fully equal to the best in every possible respect. Woys have proved to be fully equal to the best in by reflection upon the thousands of our best men who have given their life's blood for our sakes and for the principles or honest dealing between nations and universal liberty. I cannot think
that these lives have been given in vain. I am firmer now than ever that these lives have been given in vain. I am firmer now than ever
in the conviction that the struggle will result in a full vindication and in the conviction that the string
victory for these principles.
(Signed)


Premier of Saskatchewan.
ventionalities before the glass. His bow seized the little hand and could have was perfected and he succeeded in rais- jumped when the pressure was returne ing his hat in the most approved man- Breathlessly they watched the plav, as
ner without disturbing the parting in the hero periodically escaped death at ner without disturbing the parting in the hero periodicallains squeezing hands
his hair.
After waiting, in his imagination, all the time; and then, with the vilain After waiting, in his imagination, all the time; and then, with the vulain
several hours, but in reality about half vanquished and the hero holding the an hour, Bessie appeared, and Smith rather corpulent heroine in his arms, began at once to lose his comfortable $\begin{aligned} & \text { Smith found his arm in a new position } \\ & \text { self-satisfied feeling. His shirt cuffs and mentally calculated Bessie's waist }\end{aligned}$ self-satisfied feeling. His shirt cuffs and mentally calculated Bessie's waist
must be protruding at least eight inches measurement. and he was painfully conscious of the The walk home that night was a
finger marks on his collar. Bessie was dream; for Bessie said she preferred finger marks on his collar. Bessie was dream; for Bessie said she preferred
dressed in "some soft shimmering stuff", walking, though Smith stuttered out dressed in "some soft shimmering stuff," walking, though Smith stuttered out
as authors say, who are not initiated into something about a taxi. Incidentally as authors say, who are not initiated into something about a taxi. Ancidenany,
the mysteries of the fashion column, and she preferred the less frequented streets, to Smith she appeared as something un- but all too soon, they arrived at Bessie's earthly as indeed he felt himself just home and parted at the gate.
then, only in another sense. This was the first of many little ex
then, only in another sense.
Somehow or other they boarded a car cursions which broke the every day rou and when Smith came back to earth, tine of work at the store. All the smile
the conductor was standing before him now went Smith's way and Percy looke and making some sarcastic remarks for other world's to conyuer. about "love-birds"' and Smith had to go As he grew better acquainted with
through nearly every pocket before find- Bessie, Smith became less bashful and ing the necessary. By the time he self-conscious, though he never could
found it, the sweat was trickling down feel perfectly at ease in her company. found it, the sweat was trickling down feel perfectly at ease in her. company
his cleeks and he found the fare had Still events were less funereal. But even been . Aready, paid by Bessie, who was when they had arrived at that stage
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pany," he could never pluck up enough courage to ask the momentous question,
though any observer could have been perfectly sure of the answer. periectly sure of the answer.
In fact as far as maidenly reserve would allow,' Bessie had assisted himalmost prompted him. And yet Smith never caught on and then kicked him-
self as he went home at night and asked the gods if she loved him. Oh! man, man, thy name is destiny.
And so Christmas came along-that season of good-vrill and presents and indigestion which brought a special stress as the ane in the store. ing, Bessie asked "Where are one evenWhere are you going to spend Christmas, George ""Oh, 1 don't know," he answered. "At the boarding house likely. I was thinking rio time at the store." "Won't you come and have dinner with
us, George? Ma told me to ask you. us, George? Ma told me to ask, you.
There'll only be a few relations, she added, as Smith showed signs of collaps ing. And so it was arranged.
elbow in a lemon pie. It took him some elbow in a lemon pie. It took him some Bessie's pa flung his jests around so rapidly and everybody laughed and joked so hilariously that he soon found himself actually enjoying it all and in foot under cover of the table.
As night came on and with it the disappearance of the small fry, Smith
found himself seated with Bessie in a well-screened corner anid in some miraculous manner he had taken possession of a little hand near his.
"Haven't we had a lovely time?" she sighed.
"Perfect," sighed Smith in acquiescence.
"It is so nice for a whole family to
get together like thi", get together like this.
"Fine," said Smith.
"Yine," said Smith. family to-day, George."
Smith blushed as he thought of his $\underset{\text { arrival. }}{\substack{\text { Smith } \\ \hline}}$

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"It is the proudest thing a man can say, I did my bit for my King and Country." These are the golden words of Hon. George Murray, Prime Minister of Nova Scotia, at a recruiting meeting at Halifax, last Summer. He did not go far enough! Three words more I ask. My revised version is, "It is the proudest thing a man, woman or child can say, I've done my bit for my King and Country." We are all equally called to the colours.

It is up to each one of us to find out our bit without delay and to do it. The call is imperative and immediate! My own small daughter went to a "Soldiers" Handkerchief Party rejoicing in needle, thread, himble and a heart full of expectancy. Did you hem a handkerchief, dear? I asked on her return. My thimble would. not fit my fingers mother, neither would it stay on my thumb, I pricked myself! I could not hem a handkerchief"-yet with undaunted pride she added but "I pulled the threads.

There is work for each one.
"When our cause is vindicated and there is peace on earth, let it be recorded as the proudest pages in our annals that not one home, not one workshop failed to take part in the common struggle and earned a shcre in a common principle" said Premier Asquith.

Yes all are called to serve.
All are called to pray,
All are called to sacrifice
The glory of Sacrifice in a great cause, the liberty of the world, hould be the pride of every man, woman and child in these heroic days of Canada.

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On the fatal day, Smith presented
himself at the shrine faultlessly arrayed as usual, to be warmly greeted by Bessie's mother, who before he suspected anything had saluted him with a thunderous attack of oscillatory artillery
Evidently Bessie's ma knew more than Evidently Bessie's ma knew more than
Smith. As he stood in the hall, he was entertained by the cross-talk, sotto voce of two of the younger generation. "Who's that?", asked the one. "That's
Cousin Bessie's beau," answered the
 other. "inder bashful, but she thinks it's ${ }^{\text {a }}$ It is superflugus to say that Smith was not quite at ease as he entered the parlor, where Bessie introduced him to
a host of brothers, uncles, cousins, aunt and such. like family impedimenta. He made himself as pleasant as possible, feeling all the while very unpleasant himself, and very bushful among, so
many strangers. Then came the signal many strangers. Then came the signal
for dinner and given the seat of honor at the right hand of Bessie's pa, whilst Bessie herself had a place beside him. A late arrival was introduced to him across the fable and with the utmost grace possible under
the circumstances, he shot his arm out, the circumstances, he shot his arm out,
managing in the operation, however, to overturn a cream pitcher and dip his they enjoyed the scene, though they had overturn a cream pitcher and dip his witnessed it hundreds of times before.
"Christmas is such a glorious time," went on Bessie. I had a cousin that was
married at Christmas. Aunt Kitty asked me to-day when I was going to be married. I said I didn't know, praps never. I guess it wouldn't be too bad to be an Smith didn't know what to think, or to say either.
"There was a feller once wanted to marry me, but I didn't care much about him. Somehow the fellers a girl likes
never asks her. Did you ever think of never asks her. Did you ever think of "N-no-Yes, not quite, that is-I -
answered George, wiping his face. "You haven't never met the right girl. I knoivis, went on Bessie. "It's a terrible esponsibifity but I-I wouldn't, mind
trying it with the right man"-this with a tender squeeze of the hand. And then it all came out just like gingerbeer that has had its energies pent up for months. He held her in his
arms and poured the hoarded love story rms and poured the hoarded love story
into her willing ears And as they stood together at the door, looking up at the bright Christmas stars, they fixed the wedding day. An the wise old moon went under a cloud
and the star's twinkled and winked for

Fritz and the Rabbit
Written especially for The Western Home Monthly and illustrated by Bonnycastle Dale

66 OTATOES they grow small in snakes have teeth, but very tiny ones, 1 Kansas. "Potatoes they grow small and to intimidate and semi-charm with, but they pluck them in the fall, and they eat only the fanged ones have any poison. they pluck and all, for a very odd place $\begin{aligned} & \text { The fanged tooth of the three poison- } \\ & \text { them } \\ & \text { is Kansas." } \\ & \text { ous snakes lies back where our wisdom }\end{aligned}$
Twas thus I heard the lad singing as he came down the main street of a ansas town in boom time some years go. We were walking right over the are only brought into standing position Court House, right cn top of the pala- of these snake is alarmed. At the root ial Grand Western Hotel and, to make tiny changs lies the poison gland, a atters worse, Fritz shot a rabbit right and channel in the tooth connects it the Grand Union upon the Opera House and examined the wound.
upon the Opera House and examice" rab- Now Fritz and I have wandered bit. He might properly have called it a broadcast over the continent and we hav Jack hare, as all the large animals in not been killed many times by rattlethese families of rodents are hares and snakes, although we have slept in many the smaller ones, with small ears, true a snaky looking spot, nor have we eve rabbits.
"Say, let's kick the corn stack over our own hearing apparatus. Oh! yes, we "Say, let's kick the corn stack over our own hearing apparatus. Oh! yes, we
there on the County Asvlum, I saw three have read of hundreds-Fritz says mil-thabbits-Well! hares if you will be so lions, but he is young yet, of newspape correct-go right in under the corn." cattlesnakes killing people, but how

$30,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. catch of Halibut, B.C. Coast
The lad jumped up and I followed him would the young and very innocent across this corn harvested field where, breed of reporters flourish if this apaccording to certain Kansas real estate boomers, a great Western city was in the very act of growing. All over the immense field the corn had been stacked in
mighty green tent-like forms. Under mighty green tent-like forms. Under paraded past a country school singing one of these the hares had disappeared. and he was promptly bombarded with "You kick the stack and we'll get the winter's stored firewood by the irate them as they run out," cried the lad. I scholars, and what do you think this
did-luckily for your humble servant he firewood was-corn. As I am a living did-luckily for your humble servant he firewood was-corn. As was wearing knee boots for out darted man, with gleaming yellow ears of corn
three most unpleasant looking rattlers. filled Yitz dropped his "backload" of rabbits for the winter's scliool fires-it was selland started for the nearest county road ing at eight cents a bushel that year. and I followed him. You see I had not But it was rabbits we were after and really lost any rattlesnakes and I did the hedges were literally filled with want to see if Fritz was all safe. He "jacks" and "cottontails" and the lad Was, if somewhat breathless. ited I guess I'll leave those rabbits for us pointed from his verandah to his the poor, or the asylum folks can have broad fields, all divided with osage them, who cares?" laughed the happy lad. orange trees growing in long green lines. So we proceeded on our way rejoicing. "Guess every one who don't may the
If thire had not been a foot of ground be in the drive, if they dor If thre had not been a foot of ground
maze covering all the earth between the pests get the rest of their crops." So maze covering all the earth between the
conntacks, I would not have fled so in- behold us groping our way before daycontinently, as we had never come, light to our appointed place at a cross aerwa, on any of our medical friends' road, each armed with a club. An
bool. in these central southern states around the hage fifteen mile circle, at book in these central southern states around the huge fifteen mile circle, at an atal case of snake bite. The varieties, the Thater Moc figures of men and restless. wimpering (av, the Copperhead are the only hounds. At five o'clock sharp the cannon in the U.S. or Canada that have was fired and the great circle commenced
lon:: oncealed poison fangs. True, all to advance, each man beating every bush


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and hedge and driving all the hares and had to pass out, but, excepting for food, They lived in burrows along the island's rabbits ahead. The circling dogs were it is utterly wrong to take inoffensive banks and you could always tell tho frantic as the ever-lessening circle drew life. I would as soon think of robbing in. At one spot, about six o'clock, the Tiffany's wonderful show cases of their human circle was so far drawn in that gleaming jewels as quench the spark of
men were visible all along it and a per- life in the meanest unoffending animal fect army of bounding animals were What is this thing we do? We say leaping through the sand and sage "'ve killed it." The exquisite organism ahead. Fritz, red and breathless, was and under a microscope the humblest is
beating every cover and gully we came as wonderful as the human beings, is beating every cover and guly we came as wonderful as the human beings, is
across and one big rabbit hound contin- still, the motive power has passed. ually followed him, crunching up the Where now is the thing we called life? shake, a squeal, a throw and another forever responsible for quenching that dead rabbit lay outside the human hedge. By seven o'clock both right and left hand drivers were within Ransas, with its sands and rodents, by eight o'clock my neighbors of the we are in Ontario with its winters and ring were within a few feet of me and its snows, and again Fritz would hunt the the fields ahead were literally alive with hare and rabbit but his soul is vexed leaping hares and rabbits. At nine with one great question


Aristide Briand who has held severeral cabinet positions and was (iviani
Arintiae Briand who has held several cabinet positions and was premier of France from
January 2 st torch 11th, 1913 has been asked by President poincare to head the new
cabinet, following the resignation of Vivianise The latter succeeds Briand as Minister of
Justice in the present calinet. Briand is the Justice in the present calinet. Briand is known as an exceptionally strong man.
o'clock we were all on our hands and "Shall I change my name?" he appealed knees, a veritable living fence about a to me, "the boys say I am a German be hidden by crouching scurying animals. "Tell them the name Fritz belongs The exhausted hounds were killing now well to Switzerland and poor tortured as they lay upon the earth, too tired to Belgium, and that a thousand Fritz's are
stand erect, the men were beating back now hurling bullets and shells toward stand erect, the men were beating back now hurling bullets and shells towards
the frightened prey that came charging the common enemy; and also that the frightened prey that came charging at the living circle. I estimated there were 5,000 penned up "vermin," as the ring. Now the men grasped their clubs- Hun." sweethearts from the desperate tighter. shrill whistles rang :llong the So, to provide food for the shanty
line and the last act in ridding the coun- Fritz must needs purse the Tye and the last act in ridding the coun- Fritz must needs pursue the harmles
ty of the rabbit pest began. Fritz hare. He copied the native Indian and
promptly turned away and walked to. I have pictured hime to promptly turned, away and walked to- I have pictured him to show you their followed him-over 18,000 rabbits and a plentiful fall feeding on clovers and wares lay dead by 12 oclock. Now this grasses and wild roots and berries, were
was an act of necessity, to save the forced now to gnaw the bark from the
varying hare, so called because it varie from white to grey to smoky brown from winter's snow to summer's dust, by its swift runs, from the true rabbit, the cot tontail here, which is short-legged, short eared and slow and small, just as both are on our own home prairie.
Fritz took the canoe on the sleigh over the weak young December ice, after he
had carefully cut a hole with the ice chisel to see if it would bear, accompan ied by a trapper friend, to buy the brass wire for the snare for the bunnies that by now were crossing to the mainland and girdling the orchards. The great the frosty stars as they returned; as the cold increased and the ice further contracted, great booming cracks would run miles long across the lake, striking the shore at the "landing place" with a noise like cannon' thunder. Early that into the recesses of the island of the beaver to set the snares for the rabbit in true Ojibway style. Fritz selected young second growth maples and hickor ies, trees, say two inches through, and
bent them down over the well beaten rabbits' trails ard fastened them to two stakes driven into either side of the trail, each stake had a notch cut, one on the north side and one upon the south side. Under these notches, a stick, a
little larger than a lead pencil, was laid to this is fastened the cord that holds the tree down. To the stick the brass wire noose is fastened so that the loose slip knot projects over the rabbit trail. Poor, foolish bunny sticks his, head in, the stick is dislodged, the supple tree
released and the strangled rabbit flies high up into the air and hangs, dead, far above the reach of mink or martin, fox or weasel.
Early next morning, while the glit, er of the winter sun made a fairy woods, we sought the sning, snowladen a strange fruit the naked trees bore night-feeding animals hung, stark and rozen, from the now erect saplings, mercifully killed by the tightly drawn noose. Some of these northern varying and are fair eating, always a bit pound ess, but an onion or a nip of savory helps them out. Some of them are al most 20 inches long, with a white bit of tail 2 inches berind that. These hares a rabbit hound undiminished for the first few thousand yards but after that the supple long-legged dog soon catches them. The rabbit is readily caught by he houns. The advance of man and and rabbit's natural enemies the hare's wolves, mink, weasel, as well as the wils, hawks and eagles, has given these numbers a that to grow in incredible umbers. So thickly do they inhabit the ortick" districts of the sub the "small and all below that to the very farmed istricts of the prairies, that they breed parasite which every few years, usually poken of as seven, kills them off so loave the districts and fur bearers tribes of trapping Indians have likewise to leave. But a few years later, as the hares and rabbits breed two and often hree times per year, back comes the ndians-still numerous as thearers and do not think our young neighbors ex or killing rabbits in Same inspector ouldn't of killed it on September- it tried to bite nce", was a good one, do you?

A year or so ago, Lord Anson, of Lonor a recine for a cure for rhysiotisor the soripe for a cure for rheumatism, for Sulphur, one ounce; cream of tartar, one ounce; rhubarb, one-half ounce; gum vaiacum, one dram; hon, suten A tablespoon of this is taken night and morning in a tumblerful of white wine

## Christmas Unusual

"H Christmas this year, Mo spend go home for the holidays, together with Christmas this year, Mother?", a returned soldier or two, to , come and
asked her married daughter of append Christmas day with me," old Mrs. Tainton.
"I certainly cannot say, 'Christmas as "OOh Mother," said her daughter, "I certainly cannot say, 'Christmas as "John and I had intended that the whole France," was the reply. "But after duly at our house this year, but we thought considering the matter, I have come to that on account of year, but we thought the conclusion that because my sons are there would not have been any Christmas when I cannot go myself, I ought not to cheer, so we made no plans."
"That is because you and John both deprive you and Mabel, who are just as have young heads on your young should-
much my children of whatever pleasure ers, my dear Amelia, and you will learn may be near at hand. So I have decided sometime that the views of youth are to invit' you and John, and one or two of very superficial. Why should not I re-
Mabel's young friends who are unable to joice over the blessings that we yet enjoy,
-health, home comforts, some of my Tainton's hospitality. Two of these loved ones still near me, and the ability to young men were anxiously looking forhelp me to do this. I am sure," come and ward to the privilege of "doing a little bit help me to do this, I am sure. gathered at Mrs. Tainton's beautiful third, alas, having lost a limb at St home to spend a war-time Christmas. Julien was compelled to remain in Canada Mabel Tainton, had invited two friends, to learn the lesson of patience, to stand whose parents were in Europe with the still when others are on the move, which militar (for people who are big soldiers is perhaps the hardest of all lessons to
in time of peace must forsake home and learn. All these with Mr. and Mrs. kindred when war breaks out) and who Stewart, composed the party. had been dolefully looking forward to the The flags of the allied nations were very prospect of eating their Christmas dinner conspicuous among the mural decorations. ably surprised tabye, but were most agre- They adde a bright bit of colour to the ably surprised by the receipt of an invita- simple branches of spruce that served as meal, at the festive season. Three young maintained that since farmers had brought soldiers who were, to use their own words, the spruce into the city it was the duty of
"laid up for repairs," also enjoyed Mrs. the citizens to enable them to make a sale

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of $j \mathrm{t}$. "We people in the city must see to it she said, that in our retrenchments, others to suffer need. Our charity must begin at home, but it need not remain
As the day was intensely cold Mrs. Tainton's guests hastened home from the church, and gathered in front of the blazing fire that was burring so brightly
in the open fire-place in the drawingin the open fire-place in the drawingroom. They were chatting merrily, and
awaiting the call to dinner, when lol out went the electric lights.
"Dear, dear," exclaimed the hostess, "how very tiresome. I sincerely hope my mind some month's ago when cutting down expenses, that candles were one thing that I could very well dispense with this Christmas, so there is not a single one in the house. But darkness continued senger was despatched to procure oil for some lamps.
"I know. what we had better do while we are waiting", exclaimed Mabel clapping fire so as to make a good blaze and then we can tell stories. What do you say, Mother, dear?"

## I.X.L.WA여N: <br> , <br> Cift for Mother <br> Make her burden lighter <br> S $50 \begin{aligned} & \text { will do this. and be a source of } \\ & \text { happiness by relieving her of the }\end{aligned}$ <br> drudgery of washdag. Wanh tran the finest fabric to the thing coarsest blan- <br> ORDRR TO-DAY-Now <br> 




"That. is indeed a happy. thought," ree pliad her mother, "ony 1 would "What kind of a s story sis that?" asked Private Black, the Rector's son.
"A story that some person begins and then the others in turn continue, ${ }^{\text {job }}$ was the answer of more than one voice.
"All itight," sidid Mrs. Tainton, "form ato one endid of it and commence the story. So here it goes: . here was once a very Charming goung lady where whas onede a a very
nifing in a magnifcent house in town, a house with ${ }^{2}$
brownstone front. This young lad had brown-stone front. This youmg hady had
everything that luxury could invent, or everything that lluxry, could "invent, or
noney could provide" "ob yes,"
 writen from Shorociifite to her teliling her
thate she must make Tast yearis part that she must make last year's party dress do for this winter," and she had a
dress for every event, and shoes to mat ch every dresery Shent, san in the drawingroom,"," Wising for something to to
wish for," continued Mrs. Stewat. ", So wish for," continued Mrr. Stewart." "So
she sat "and thought and wished, and be gat and thought and wished, and



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self she had much difficulty in making her toilet. Consequently the young lady in the drawing-room having waiting and suffered the pangs of ennui for exactly two and three-quarter hours opened the door
and quietly walked out. Now Miss Vera and quietly wank."
"Well, she walked on and on," said Vera evidently trying to collect her thoughts "she walked on and on until she feare so she walked very slowly, and still slower then at lastinstinctively she turned downa street that led straight to a wood. Whe she came to the wood she looked around her and gazed about meditatively and admiring the magnificent rees with thei "Oh! poplars," exclaimed two or three voices.
"Excuse me, they were elms, and magnificent oaks and stately birches," pro "But Tennyson said that they wer poplars, 'all silver green with gnarlec
bark,' but go on," said her brother who bark,' but go on," said her brother, who was the third soldier of the party. you interrupted me, you naughty boy." "Very well then, where was the young lady errant? Ah yes, I know, she was majestic elms and looking up into the branches to see if there were any nightingales there when suddenly she bumped into the most exquisite young man with
eyes of azure blue, and hair of golden hue. eyes of azure blue, and hair of golden hue,
She bumped into him with such violence that her heart was badly bent. Someone else fire ahead."
Mr. Stewart came to the rescue just here and continued: "The young lady way and tried to make an apology, the summoning up her courage she said 'Prythee can you help me?
way I also had when. I entered this "The but I too have lost it. However, as wended my way thither I espied a smal abode from which smoke escaped and around which chickens were pecking. Le us repair thither, fair lady, and seek ad-
vice ere the night fall for 1 perceive that vice ere the night fall for perceive en is lowering." (He also per
darkness ceived though he did. not admit it, that his heart also had been badly indented by the concussion.)
accompany," quoth the "So they went forward till they came to a woodcutter's hut. They were just about to knock at the door,, when the loud "Ohast of a horn,"was heard."
her father coming in his automobile to look for her-"
This anachronism and incongruity set "What are you laughing at? Where is the joke?" exclaimed Vera.
In the midst of the renewed laughter the room was suddenly illuminated by the returning light, at which Mrs. Tainton
said, "I must ask you all to leave the fortunes of Edwin and Angelina to be continued in our next, as dinner has been long waiting, and I feel assured that we are all ready to do justice to an ample meal "We can assure you," answered the lieutenant that, thanks to Miss Mabel's suggestion of the story telling we have not been suffering. But now that I have even I am hungry."
So the merry party repaired with alacrity to the dining-room. - Written by Margaret Johnson for he December Issue

A Big Playfellow
It's lots of fun down in the grass, You won't come, too? I wonder why! It's fun a-playing with the Sky!
I guess you are too tall to see;
you would come dotwn here with me, And just ungrow a little, you
Could see just what you wanted to.
Such big cloud-ships with sails spread out ocatch the wind that's all about! And big gray birds with soft cloud-wings,
And wolves and bears and tiger-things!
Just lying down here in the grass,
Ive seen about a million pass; Thev creep and run and sail and fly-

Grain Growers' Grain Co. Annual Report
Shareholders of The Grain Growers' ing coal, flour, apples, lumber, builders' Grain Co., Ltd., gathered at Winnipeg, supplies, wire fencing, fence posts, oil Nov. 11 and 12 , to hear the report of twine, potatoes, and different lines of the board of directors, to discuss the farming implements including gas enCompany's business $\mathbf{y}$, 1915, and to offer to an. agreement meference was made suggestions for the future. The usual Katchewan Grain Growers' Association dividend of ten per cent on paid up last March whereby the supplying of capital and the announcement of a commodities and machinery to farmers handsome profit from the year's opera- would be carried on jointly. While the
tions indicate sound and successful machinery lines showed a loss, the demanagement of this big farmers' con- partment as a whole gave a substantial cern. Resolutions were passed favoring free wheat and urging confederation of the farmers a a source of stability and strength to the other in the conduct of
the farmers' business. The old board the farmers' business. The old board
of directors was re-elected: T. A. Crear, John Kennedy, R. McKenzie, Collyer, F. M. Gates, J. F. Reid and E. J. Fream.

President Crerar in his annual address covering the ninth annual report of the
directors to shareholders directors to shareholders gave a comprehensive review of the various phases
of the company's activities. Following is a digest of the address with some excerpts from parts of general interest to grain growers' of Western Canada. The year ending August 31, last was, he said, in almost all
successful in the Company's history


Considerable extension had taken place be said that we could have hande in some of the Departments of the three times the value, with comparabusiness which had only been in opera- tively very little additional expense, tion a short time previous to the last which would of course have made the During the year, owing to the reduced crop yield, there was a reduction
of several million bushels in the volume of several million bushels in the volume of grain handled through the Manitoba Government Elevators leased by the
Company. This reduction had to be met as far as possible by a corresponding reduction in expenses. The profit $\$ 7,390.95$ as, against $\$ 4,317.29$ for the previous year. This was a better result financially than was expected because elevators in Manitoba are operated against a much keener competition than
exists in the neighboring Provinces, particularly because of the Milling particularly because of the Milling crop yield below the average such as we had last year are particularly keen buyers of grain. It was pointed out that the Company should continue to operate these elevators, because, when
combined with the other Farmers, panies in Saskatchewan and Alberta it increased the amount of elevator storage controlled by the farmers and to factor in the grain trade of the counfactor in the grain trade of the coun-
try. It was anticipated that in the next few months negotiations might take place between the Manitoba Government and the Company whereby the
latter would secure permanent control latter would secure permanent control
of these houses either by purchase by long-term lease. The handling of the Terminal Elevators also had been quite satisfactory. Economy in operation and increased revenue from stor age showed a net profit In dealing with the Co-operative and Machinery Department, the president
referred to the business done in supply.

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power to meet, our wibhes to Trs sturf to the head of the Takes at the time it was. required and as a conse guence ieneryy oninaerabe amout came in, and the Company was blamed where in no sense blame attached to it. "If this Department of the business is to be carried on so that the lowest cost possible to the purchaser can be
Becured, it can only be done by farmers perdering early. what they require and ordering enough of it. If, for instance, we could have in our hands by the lst of March, orders for twine, wire and other commodities to the full amount be a very easy matter to make arrangements to have those orders filled, and it would unquestionably work out to still lower prices. There is no doubt fers and other merchants engaging in this class of business have been compelled in the past to raise their prices in order to protect themselves against the possibility of having to carry large is equally certain that we will have to do the same thing if we are going to remain in the business, and have it of this difficulty lies in he solution of this difficulty lies in having farmers


Potato Field in British Columbia. G.T.P. Ry
of their requirements. It is better for
them to have a little of the goods left over, than to be short in the quantity required."
profit of $\$ 530,000$ from the year's op prontion of $\$ 330,000$ from the year's op-
erations. Over $45,000,000$ bushels of grain were handled, most of it American grain. Up to the close of navigation a year ago, The Grain Growers to exporting Canadian grain. Owing to almost all the crop had been shipped out before the close of navigation, it ness would be done in Canadian grain until another crop was marketed. Un der these circumstances, the Managing Director suggested going to New lork and opening an office temporarily the to carry on some business in the ex
port of American grain. A very fa vorable line of credit was secured through a New York bank and business was opened early in January.
Net Profits Reach Quarter Million
The financial statement covering the various activities of the Company were placed before the shareholders present
for consideration. After deducting all for consideration. After deducting all
expenses and charges the profits of the expenses and charges the profits of the
year are $\$ 226,963.08$ the best year's year are in the company's history. The shesident discussed it as follows:-
It was pointed out also that $\$ 8,000$ It was pointed out also that $\$ 8,000$
in grants had been given. to farmers' organizations including $\$ 1.500$ each to the Manitoba and Caskatehewan Grain Crowers' Associstion
ers of Aberta and
Farmers of Ontario.

The assets of the Company have in-
 \$41,61,3,34 in the the present yeyr, or an
increase of about
$\$ 88,000$ been also an increase in the capital stock of the Company. The total subscribed capital now stands at $\$ 1,199,400$.
 ben $\$ 996,015$ the total now being $\$ 876,422$. The reserve a. year ago stood
at $\$ \$ 200,000$ and $\$ 15,000$ in $a$ specinl rescree, this year the general reeserve is increased to $\$ 340,000$.
After referring to amendments made to the Companys charter by the Do minion Pariliament last winter
announcing that shortly after the New
New announcing that shortly arter the New
Year opens, Branch would be added to the activities of the Company, President Creará dealt with the apathy that is apparent on
the part of a mreat number 0 of members the part, of a great number of members
of the different farmers' "In this comnection", he said, it might the weonnection, toint out saia, the the
future of the Company is bound up Huture of the Compony is bound up
very largely with the future of the very largely with the future of the
other farmers
organizations in
West. other farmers', organizations in West-
ern Canada. $I$ think the conviction is steadily growing in the minds of those who might be termed the leaders of the various organizations that some tep must be taken to draw them more closely together in such a way and by
such means as will tend steadily with

Text: Ye shall find the
manger.-Lrke ii.
manger.-LTKE ii. 12 . babe lying in It is my puroose, by God's help, to the vineyard of God, and squeeze their
juices in part into a cup for our hearts to juices in part into a
drink this morning.
I have thought a good deal, first and last-being something of a lover of
letters-of passages which dare not be omitted from the world's literatuie, because their loss would, be so utter that heartbreak would ensue upon the loss.
And my conviction holds now that this And my conviction holds now that this
passage out of the Gospel of Luke-in passage out of the wospe of Luke-in
which is rehearsed in simple, tender and delicious phrase the birth of a babe, with such simplicity and poetry, with such
chasteness of reserve and daintiness of chasteness of reserve and daintiness of
touch, that it seems as if it might have beer
Written With Ink Made Out of Tears, or it might have been written with ink dews of night-is such a passage. I freely say there is no passage in human literature more utterly exquisite, more more entirely earthly, more absolutely
heavenly than this beautiful story of the heavenly, than this beautiful story of the
birth of Jesus Christ. And I would think it were the bounden duty of everybody
that has a heart to read this story a that has a heart to read this story at
Christmas. All persons who have no Christmas. Al persons who have no things; but all people who have hearts are in honor bound to their hearts, as the Christmas time comes on, to read everything in the Gospel story touching the Sometimes I find men and women to whom this Virgin Birth seems superfluous; some to whom it seems incredible; sut so far as my poor faculties are concerned, it appears to me, that if anybody
has the large perception or understanding hias the large perception or understanding,
the infinite heart-hunger, the eyes that the infinite heart-hunger, the eyes that
can look into eternity and not be afraid
they can see that the Virgin Birth is so wholly apt in history, is so wholly worthy of God, is so right a method for the
coming of the Christ of the times and the coming of the Christ of the times and the
eternities, that we dare not hesitate to eternities, that we dare
receive it and believe it.
And that night, while the shepherds vere awake and watching over thei
sheep-humble men at humble task-sheep-humble men
an angel came and

Took the Sky for a Pulpit
the passing of time to weave into the very fibre of the organizations the ele-
ments that will lead to increased ments that will lead to increased
stability as their various enterprises stability as their various enterpri
and activities expand and develop.
"The question as to the best m by which this can be brought about," he which this can be brought about," most important as it is in many respects the most difficult one that has ever come up for our consideration.
While the working out of it calls for a display of the biggest kind of statesmanship, it is not, if approached in the proper spirit, an impossible thing by
any means. What a splendid thing it any means. What a splendid thing it
would be to have all our farmers' organizations drawn together in such a way that they would be a strength and support to each other, rather than, as
they are at present, with their possithey are at present, with their possi-
bilities of developing strifes and rivalries and jealousies. I am convinced of this fact, that if an expression of
opinion could be secured from the individual members of the organizations, no matter where they are, such an ex-
pression would be overwhelmingly in pression would be overwhelmingly in
favor of such a plan."

The Thankful Life
Our whole life should speak forth our
thankfulness; every condition and place we are in should ibe a witness of our
thankfulness This will make the times and places we live in think it or us. We thing better than to live in. We live not to live our life is not the end of it elf,
 with such pungency and foree, such direct-
ness sand
poefry, such heavenly-minded ness and poetry, such heavenly-minded-
ness and such earthly speech that the shepherds did not forget and could not,
but committed the whole sermon to heart; and when the sermon was ended, then all the sky was peopled with choiring angels
and the choir sang what the preacher had said. For the preacher had spoken in saetry and the choir of heaven had set it to music, and the sky was one voice,
welcoming the King of Heaven to the welcoming the King of Heaven to the
Manger and the Cross. Now, that in Manger and tory.
When Jesus came to Bethlehem, it
was the people who were on the lookout was the people who were on the lookout
that saw Him. It is not a question of that saw Him. It is not a question of it is not a qu
are apparent

The Question Is, Who Watches ?
All the glory that ever burned alcng the sky-line of the west is lost to people
who don't look. Life is so filled with wonder that nobody can fall into a
routine who watches. The street yester routine who watches. The street yester-
day was very full of people. The crowd was crushing, the tumult of melody in people's hearts was strong and great,
reverberant like the sea and psalm-singing like the angel's song. The crowding throng was very great and very glad, but
every human life there presented and every human we tere presented and represented, if we were watching, was a
poem. Blessed be all the people who
turn Christmas faces to the Christ mas places, and take up the tune of the holy, happy Christmas.
poetry. It is the singer who shall catch
the psalm. The shene poetry. It is the singer who shall catch
the psalm. The shepherds were out
watching. And Bethlehem's town knew
not that any King had come, and Bethlehem's village heard not the 'Baby's cry,
and Jerusalem's throng heard not the advent of the chariot of Him whose glory
fils etennity with light The fills eternity with light. They heard not, they saw not; only
awake to watch. When the shepherds went at the angel's
bidding, they saw a common thing. Al they saw when they went away from the angel's singing, was a Babe in his
mother's arms. And if those shepherds nother's arms. And if those shepherds and dried-out soul, then you know that mongst themselves they said, "What ools we are to have left the singing angels to have come here to hear the crying of a
baby!" But men who sit erect and watch the thing through, and who have enough of the apocalypse of God in their hearts to let God say his larger things in
their souls, we know about what they their souls, we know about what they
saw. They saw only this: that one new saw. They saw only this: that one new
baby had been borr among the homes of men. They saw that.

## Just One Baby,

and his name was Isaac Newton. Just
one baby, and before he died he held gravitation in his hand and held it fass. Just one baby born in a cabin in Ken-
tucky and when he died the world ucky, and when he died the world fumbled at its task and ceased to read
and only learned to weep, when Abraham and only learned to weep, when Abraham pleted task in his bleeding hands. Just one baby, born at a preacher's house where there were too many children al-
ready, and Samuel Wesley and Susannab ready, and Samuel Wesley and Susannab love. There are never too many babies at the house of such as have a heart to ove. Just one baby at the Epworth town parsonage, and now he is dead as four corners of the part, men rise at the that one more baby came to that crowded parsonage house, and John Wesley was born. One baby at a peasant's home, and and the father came and took the
it little red hand and stooped and kissed it, and Martin Luther had come to town; and nobody eared. And then one day
Martin Luther went into the carital that Martin Luther went into the cap:tal that
we name heaven, and all the people throngwe name heaven, and ail the peope athrong-
ing its streets a song of Paradise.
One baby! Beloved, if we might learn
one needed thing this one needed thing this morning, might it

Every Cradle is Holy,
that every baby, though laid in manger or in kingly cradle, has around it a glory
like trailing clouds of sunrise? No one can guess against to-morrow. There are no slum babies born; there are no princely
babies born; there are just God's babies born, and every cradle is an eternity come to town. I tell you that if once we watch the cradle at the manger of Bethle-
hem, the cradle of a mother's rocking arms the singing of a mother's lullaby, the chanting of the angels, to stop no more for ever, the whisper of a mother's, kiss
upon a baby's cheek, the rapture of the upon a baby's cheek, the rapture of the singing songs, a mother saying only this,
"My baby! My baby!"-if we look at that, it might put us in love with every baby's cradle and make us eager to kisp every baby's cheek, and want to help
every baby into larger life. To be in every baby into larger life. To be in
love with the Babe of Bethlehem make us love with the Babe of Bethlehem make us
in love with every baby everywhere. I remember Margaret Sangster said, in a
book I red of hers one time a thing book I read of hers one time, a thing
that I think worthy a thousand volumes that I think worthy a thousand volumes compare with any mother's rapture over any baby. And the black mother in her dusky arms holds her baby, and the Hottentot mother in her arms holds her
baby, and the Korean mother in her baby, and the Korean mother in her
arms holds her baby, and you, mother, in your arms hold your baby; and maybe you women know something, therefore,
of how big God's heart is, and how lavish of how big Go
God's love is

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The Western Home Monthly takes Though, wheat and garden truck grow pleasure in publishing in this issue luxuriantly here and mature quickly in
the second of three illustrated articles the long sunlight days of the short sum on "The Land of Great Waterways"- mer, one is beginning to get into the ${ }_{\text {a }}^{\text {a }}$ deseription of the Peace River land of the midnight sun; a land where country and beyond. This is by long night breaks, but to recede again before odds the most interesting and authentic description of that tistrict,
its people and its wonders, that has its people and its wonders, that has
yet appeared in print. The writer is Francis J. Dickie, of Edmonton.

CHAPTER IV.
7 ${ }^{\text {ROM Carcajou Point on, the river }}$ F gradually broudens tillat arort. Veris nearly a mile broad.
Fort Vermilion, three hundred miles from Peace River Crossing, is one of the
most important posts upon the Peace not only as a point to which much fur comes, but as the centre of a large and very ine agricuitural district. Here, five hundred miles from civilization, whea yielding as high as eighty-six bushels to the acre. The Hudson's Bay Company operate an electrically run flour mill, which, in 1913 , ground 40,000 bushels of
wheat into flour for local consumption. Wheat into fiour for local consumption. Sprawling along the south bank of the
river, some sixty feet above water level river, some sixty feet above water level,
are the homes of a dozen whites-fur


Reindeer at Fort Smith, part of
the coming of a new day. Arriving here on June 20th, I sat outdoors at eleven month old newspaper; and the light, while not as bright as noonday, was ooftly clear, showing distinctly the pring horizon.


Interior of Indian home at Fort Vermilion. The fire place is of clay.
traders, mounted police, missionary priests and clergymen-and the shacks of
the breed and Indian resid reeres and the Hudson's Bay Company


Beaver at work cutting down tree. The Clipewyan
Indians beeieve their tribe to
animal be sprunty flom that

## have also trading posts that buy up the

 ur from the region hundreds of miles to census of the place would probably give aLike all frontier places in this land, Vermilion is a quiet place. No gambling
saloons flourish; here no dust wasting prospector in on a bust, is to be seen, for north of 53 no liquor is állowed to
be sold be sold.
To veterans of some of the American frontiers this feature will always be a noticeable one; and always, no matter where you go, it is the same.
There is no lawlessness in the Canadian northland, wide and vast as it is.
Here, in this last west, no daring des. perado bad men terrorize. Gun play is almost unknown; and the wide-hatted man-hunting sheriff, so common a figure
in the early days of the territories of the in the early days of the territories of the
United States, is here seen not at all. In his place, at long intervals, a lone mounted policeman patrols. And, considering the territory these men cover, the volume of crime is less than in any
similar stretch of country in the world. In addition to the mounted police, In addition to the mounted police,
representing law and order, and for the hearing of such cases as may come up, are local justices of the peace. Generally some old-timer of good reputation and
who has the confidence of the seattered who has the confidence of the seattered
population of his district, is appointed to fill the position. These requirements of
office seldom go with a liberal education; often extremely to the contrary, and almost never is one of these appointees possessed of the least glimmering of law. This results often in legal findings that
are almost unbelievable in their ludicrous features. Two instances of cases
given; also the course that a mounted policeman took
found himself in: the Peace river directly across from, a emall settlement, lived an old-timer named Jones. At a little pier at the bottom of the hill he kept a small row boat for making occasional crossings to the,
settlement. People coming from up cottlement. People coming from up noyed him by borrowing his boat. There was a ferry about half a mile farther up, but many preferred using the boat as a shorfer method. However, those desirous of so doing, always were courteous
enough to climb the hill to Jones' house and make request, which in a way allayed his annoyment.
But one day, a man hurrying from up country to the settlement to file on a claim ahead of some othíer parties, did not wait for the necessary permission
and took the boat. Just as it happened Jones, a few minutes later, found it necessary to make a trip across; but, just as he started out, he saw the boat
half-way across the river. Saddling half-way across the river. Saddling a horse, he rode rapidly the longer way
around by the ferry and into the settlement. Here, before the local magistrate, one Mortimer Carlson, Jones swore out a "John Doe" warrant, which the magistrate signed. Taking this, Jones hurried to the mounted police office and placed it
in the hands of the officer there, who accompanied him down to the landing where the confiscator of the boat had moored it.

J. P. Hughes and dog team who went from Fort Chipewyan to Chicago by trail last

Here Jones and the mounted policeman waited till the thief would return.
Slortly he did in the person of one, Shortly he did in the person of one, Archie Mackenzie, another old-timer of ing, Mackenzie submitted to arrest and ros led to the house of the magistrate for speedy trial.
Now, in the present case, the magistrate was a particularly good example of
the type of men before mentioned. He the type of men before mentioned. He
knew absolutely nothing of law. However, to uphold his dignity and
strengthen belief in his absolute fitness to hold of.ce, he had long before imported a large set of ancient law books
from tl:c outside world. These he never read, but some of them were alvays on hand $\mathrm{u}_{\mathrm{i}}$ pon the parlor table. In the parlor were staged what few courts were With the arrival of the prisoner, Carlson hastily convencd court, to which had gathered, in the wake of the officer, most
of the citizens of the little place. Had the magistrate been conversant Had the magistrate been conversant law, the natural thing for him to have done in this case would have been to turn up to that part of the criminal code dealing with petty theft. Instead he This directed him to a certain pare. Finding the page, he read it over care-
fi:lly. for, according to the code, the heading
dealt with piracy on the ligh seas. Wias the river a high sea? This quess
tion it once obtruded itself upon him. He rad on carefully the much punc-

But he could not sentence his friend to death for such a trivial offence. Yet again, there was his dignity to uphold,
his standing in the community as a man who was versed in the law. Perturbed in mind, desperately embarrassed, he kept tarning over page after page, seeming to be absorbed in reading, but really stall-
ing for time to think. He must let his ing for time to think. He must let his
old friend go, but do it in such a manner that his own reputation for judicial acumen would not suffer.
As he turned the pages aimilessly over, he came, more by good fortune than
anything else, to a passage of instracanything else, to a passage of instrac-
tions contained in certain law bo:ls authorizing the magistrate that: Where a man has been found guilty, of an offence, which, in the magistrate's judr. ment, seems worthy of dealing leniently
with, the sentence may be suspended and with, the sentence may be suspended and
the prisoner placed upon his gobid the priso
Like an oasis to a thirsty traveller in
a desert did this passage loom up before a desert did this passage loom up before
the worried man. With his best judicial the worried man. With his, best judicial air he straightened up, eyeing the tonis, addressed the prisoner at the bar:
"Archibald Mackenzie, you have pled guilty to the charge of piracy on the high seas, as laid against you by
Cyrus Jones. Under the criminal code of the land you have committed a very the law is called upon to deal with. The sentence - and there is only one-is
death." At these last words, his manner became exceedingly solemn. Even the prisoner, looked glum. The crowded antiripation of the is mouement.
 pecullet a little farther formation, had an swampy slough which led into a lake. high water on the river a small portion of its flow passed through this slough into the lake. When high water existed on the lake, or high winds blew across it flowed back through the slough and into Carlson weighed this fact carefully and decided that, in view of this fact (and according to the letter of the law), a charge of piracy on the high seas must
be laid against Mackenzie. Fortified by this knowled
proceed, the magistrate read the charge to Mackenzie as it appeared in the book. In private life the prisoner was a very good friend of the magistrate's, and also
knew that the man on the bench was knew that the man on the bench was
aware that his hurry to get across the river was to cinch his claim to certain mineral lands that a big corporation of a distant city had been trying to lay claim to.. With this in mind, he felt lenient, and so pleaded guilty to the charge. This left the judge nothing to do but pass sentence.
law books to look up the recourse to. his ing it up, to his horror he halty. Looking it up, to his horror he found there Vainly he read through and through; but there was no alternative sentence given.

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Then, in slightly lighter tone, but to-morrow afternoon and I tell ajou; I
without relaxing in severity of manner, must have time to consult de book," and the magistrate proceeded: "However, in here he tapped very gravely the ancient the present case, I hardly think the act warrants this extreme measure, and 1
am going to exercise one of the privileges am going to exercise one of the privileges
which the law-makers of the nation, with great foresight, have seen ffit to place in the hands of the justices appointed to deal with such matters
throughout the land
There was a long pause, then: "I find you guilty of the charge, but this being your first offence, and as you have been
Iong a peaceable and respected member long a peaceable and respected member
of the community. I will suspend sentence. You may go."


Fort McMurray
The second case has to do with a length of time, his brow the while who, if anything, was even less qualified denly out of nowhere the great idea who if anything, was even less qualified Carlson. This man, Leroux, by name, could not even read, but, od,ly enough, lad a law book, an ancient criminal code,
presented to him by a passing mounted presented
police officer.
It was Leroux's custom that whenever a case was brought before him, he would listen gravely till all the evidence for and against the person accused was
put in. Then, with an air of profoundput in. Then, with an air of profound-
est thought would bid the parties concerned to return upon the morrow, as he wished time to consider so weighty a matter.
The court ended, he would hurry surreptitiously to the home of the near-by
Catholic priest, a very worthy man and of considerable learning and breadth of
view. the worthy Father, Leroux would repeat the gist of the case heard that day, and upon hearing the priest's deci-
sion woudd return home. By such mean he gained considerable repute for fair and wise decisions, and was held in a good
deal of respect by the half-breeds and deal of respect by the half-breeds and French-Canadians of the country about. One day there came before him struck him.
Rapping, for order he once more called the court to order.
keel your dog? whereabouts you say he keel your dog?" As he put the question,
the magistrate waved his arm to the map that hung upon the wall beside him. Taken aback and surprised at this un-
expected
auestion expected question, Alphonse advanced to the map, and after considerable study
pointed out about the place on the local pointed out about the place on the loca
map where the dog had met its end. "Ah, I see," Leroux said, shaking his head after the manner of one who reeives anticipated but hoped against news," "that is too bad." Turning to the accused he went on: "Batiste, you are
dismissed; I think you guilty lak hell dismissed; I think you guilty lak hell,
but hivee, in dis book, I find there is no law for dog north of the fifty-third," The vercict was certainly a most diplomatic one. By the chance-come
thought he was able to save both hi thought he was able to save both his relative, and at the same time retain
liis friendly relations with the opposing faction:
The third tale has to do with the unusual manner in which a mounted police man produced evidence in time for a


Shooting rapids on Slave
LaRiose, with the killing of his dog. One winter, some few years back, a Now, a dog is a very precious thing in trapper in the Vermilion district was
the northland, and the killing of one found dead in his shack His head was the northand, and the kiling of one found dead in his shack. His head was
here amounts to as heinous a crime as badly battered in, pointing to murder
 prairie country. Laflour was a rela- mounted police constable stationed at
tive by tive by marriage of the justice, and the nearest point. Inquiries by the Leroux was loth to punish him. He latter revealed the fact that the
listened carefully to the evidence, which deceased had been trapping in company listened carefully to the evidence, which deceased had been trapping in company
was very strong. There was absolutely with another man. no doubt that Laflour was guilty, and that the killing of the animal had been mounted policeman locked up the shack, nothing more than a bit of spite work leaving the body within while he con-
upon his part. Desirous of stalling for tinued his search for the upon his part. Desirous of stalling for tinued his search for the missing
time, and for the friendly time, and for the friendly, guidance of partner.
the Holy Father, Leroux rendered his After a hunt covering several weeks
held at the nearest point for trial. the no distant future, to be a great
About a week previous to the time set engineering work undertaken for it, the prosecuting attorney notified remove the Chutes and, in part, make the police that the dead man's head would have to be produced in court to ation, as upon their testimony much would depend. Now, the place of trial and the point
where the body lay were over a where the body lay were over a hundred miles apart, so haste was necessary, to
prevent the trial from being delayed. prevent the trial from being delayed extra strong dog team to bring the body in. the winter was fast waning. But the winter was fast waning
Long stretches of bare prairie and snowLess woodland delayed him on the trip in, and, by the time he reached the in,
disack, the snow had almost entirely
disared, making his dog team shack,
disappear
useless.
useless. days still remained before the opening of the trial over a hundred miles
away-and the snow was gone awsen looked out over the thawing wilderness wondering what to do. It was impossible for him to carry the body alone. But the trial must proceed, and he had his orders to be back within police orders are given to be obeyed on the minute. And Olsen, above all things, was a stickler for duty; an tions. He dragged out the body which, too,
had begun to yield to the balmy air, and


The Chutes of the Peace River
viewed it thoughtfully. Then a happy swarm with the sons and grandsons of the man had been injured; upon it territories; and mingling with them wil the man had been injured; upon it territories; and mingling with them wil head, in fact, was what he had been less thousands from the battle-raped oruered to bring in.
Olsen, though a mounted policeman. fuse and work, and in the fusing and Olsen, though a mounted policeman. fuse and work, and in the fusing and
was not a deep reasoner; neither was he the working, build up a great country, squeamish, so, acting upon his happy a land of prosperity and plenty, a new
 cut off the head, wrapped it in a piece $\begin{aligned} & \text { Saying goodbye to the Peace and still } \\ & \text { of gunny sack, and started on foot floating upon the same water, one moves }\end{aligned}$ of gunny sack, and started on foot floating upon the same water, one move
back to the settlement.
down the Slave. For most of the
The The things the O.C. said to Olsen on seventy odd miles that lie between the
his arrival cannot here be recorded. conjunction of the rivers and Smith's Only a long and particularly honorable Landing, rank on rank of standing trees record saved him from severe punish- line the shoreline, a seemingly endless ment. The case against the trapper's medley of spruce and poplar and willow partner, of course, fell through after the that slip on and on in orderly row into
mutilation in this manner of the body. the dim distance. mutilation in this manner of the body.
Thus closed a case probably without Thus closed a case probably without Canada. in the history of western meanderings of a very bad dime novelist or the first attempt of someone trying
to write a moving picture scenario with to write a moving picture scenario with a plot that is out of the ordinary. Yet,
strangely enough, like so many other odd happenings in the north country, it is true, as the crime reports of the period will show.
Sixty miles below Vermilion are the Chutes, over whose three-mile stretch the river has a drop of sixty feet. This
is one of two short stretches which today obstruct an otherwise clear line of navigation over two thousand miles of Waterway from Hudson's Hope, in north-
western British Columbia, to the Arctic sea. With such a wonderful stretch
capable of being travelled over by caaple of being travelled over by
faimly large steamers there is likely, in
cleare sailing to the Arctic. part, make
Below Vermilion, between two hun dredow and thirty and two hundred and fifty. miles-accurate mileage on the winding Peace being an impossibility-
the' Peace is joined by the Rocher river the Peace is joined by the Rocher river
flowing out of Lake Athabasca. From flowing out of Lake Athabasca. From
there on it moves as the Slave. there on it moves as the Slave.
It is while travelling over this stre one comes fully to admit the Peace's claim to recognition as a great river. Flowing more than a mile wide and dotted with thousands of islands in every stage of development from the
sand bar on, it ebbs slowly along in basin of a wonderful stretch of country Many men have gone down the Peace, some have told of it, but few, if any, have left its sloping banks and gone
into the country that lies beyond. Endless miles of rolling prairie country lie to the northward, and long stretches of almost giant spruce; but I, like all the rest of the voyageurs, stuck closely to
the sure and easy way of the water the sure and easy way of the water
Some other day I am going back and Some other day I am going back and
traverse all that vast stretch of land thaterse all that vast stretch of land morrow, the yet virgin land that pioneers and trail blazers since earliest time
have moved forward too and is have moved forward too; and it, in its
turn, like the middle west of Ohio, Iowa, turn, like the middle west of Ohio, Iowa
Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri; and Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri; and
the last west of Texas, Oklahoma and the last west of Texas, Oklahoma and
Arizona and New Mexiop, will some day

Beyond Fort Smith, a hundred odd miles or so, is Great Slave Lake. From
the upper end of this, stretching in a northerly and easterly direction, are a ong string of smaller bocues: Artillery a-dozen lesser ones.
From the shores of all these begins of territory of the greatest single herd of the earth: that of the Barren Land Caribou.
No statistics of their number have ver been gathered. The enormous area of the country covered by them and
their numbers as seen by various men make it a difficult task to venture even a hazard. That tuere are millions of them is admitted. As yet I have not travelled to the Barrens, but upon the subject of the caribou have been deeply
interested, and of them have gathered no little interesting data.
Alphonse Tamm

Alphonse Lamoreaux, who went over on, and has from Edmonton to Dawtravelling over a greater part of the wilderness territory between Edmonton and the Arctic, told me the following
"I was camped at Fort Norman in the passing." (Fort Norman is situated on the Mackenzie River 1,400 miles north of Edmontopi.) "For two weeks I was camped there, and during all that time, night and day, the caribou were passing,
by within a quarter of a mile of my by within a quarter of a mile of my
tent. I have no idea how many there were. But no matter what hour of the day or night I looked out-and it was
as bright then at two o'clock in the as bright then at two o'clock in the
morning as the afternoon-they were morning as the afternoon-they were mile deep, and as far as you could look back they were coming on. I broke camp at the end of the second week How long they kept passing after that
couldn't say." And, he went on, amused at my deep interest in a thing which to him seemed but trivial, '"not being a
writer or particularly interested, I

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finds is an attitude that an outsider finds constantly taken by men of the
inside, by the old-timers. Here was a man who had seen a sight which, to a big game hunter from the outside world, a naturalist or a writer, would have been a priceless one. But, being of the
north, he accepted such things calmly, north, he accepted such things calmly
without exceptional interest, as a without exceptional interest, as a hap
pening of the trail. In fact, I would never have learned the story but for the accidental turning of the conversation toward the matter of the animals. Then, he casually mentioned the story just And was not all of the herd. Five hundred miles to the east and south of where he was, a mounted policeman told me that in order to lay in a supply of meat for a
long trip, he had killed sixteen within a long trip, he had killed sixteen within a
quarter of a mile, and this in less than half an hour. The very killing of such a number in such a time and space speaks sufficiently of their numbers. Colonel Jones, better known to the
world as "Buffalo" Jones, who is world as "Buffalo" Jones, who is an experienced traveller therein, reports viewing them from a hill near Lake Clinton-Colden. He had a clear view either way for ten miles, and over it all there was a moving mass of caribou.
H. T. Munn, another distinguished traveller, who spent some time in the land,
watched a herd for several days, whos head, he placed at over two million eaux at Fort Norman, this was only wing or advance guard of a far greater number. Ernest Thompson Seton, naturalist, author, who spent nearly eport upon the herd given to the Cana dian Commission herd given to the Canathe total number of animals at thirty million head, or greater than were ever the buffalo of the plains.
Mention of Colonel "Buffalo" Jones re calls the story of his unfortunate though well-merited attempt to bring out to Barren Lands. Beyond Great Slave Lak he managed to lasso a few of these and barged them down a chain of rivers to Fort Rae. In this the Dog Rib Indians helped, receiving for their work a dollar
and a half a day and grub. But Jones never got any farther with them. Jone the Indians had nerer irftended that he should. They thought that if he got them out to civilization it would bring more white men in after the same thing and they were jealous of their territory
However, an Indian is a diplomat: thic deepest kind of one. So they calmly went to work for the white man and out of the trip a couple of dozen of the
braves made a nice little stake. Arrived braves made a nice little stake. Arrived
at Fort Rae, the animals were carefull at Fort Rae, the animals were carefully
corralled
preparatory to moving
them

Indians slipped up and cut the animal's throats. It was the dirtiest
treachery, but typically Indian.
In connection with the caribou, the Chipewyan Indians have an interesting legend, and one that they are most $\sin$ cere in their belief in.
According to them: If a caribou be hit metal, they will desert the country for seven years.
Perhaps the most interesting thing about Fort Smith, is that near here the which the Canadian Government brought in as an experiment.
Reindeer have been found a very valu able animal in Lapland, Alaska and Labrador. Not only are they a docil and efficient beast of burden, but thei meat, milk and hides are of greates where they to-day exist. In Alaska under the supervision of the American Government, the reindeer have become almost the main interest of the natives many natives, formerly living in poverty stricken state, are getting on an independent standing. With prosperity comes better living and a desire for improvement, both in homes and the peo Dr. Grenfell,
, whose life of work in Labrador has done so much to better conditions of the people there, imported
a large herd from Alaska, and they

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and asked: "Hello
"Hello, have you got a dancing class The Cossack grinned yet more broadly and replied:
"Well, y
"Well, you see, Excellency, there's more there was a of them and only 15 of us, something if we weren't careful. So to ore we started we went round and cut off all their hooks, belts and trouser buttons. Now they've got their hands full, and it's no use their trying to bolt!"-New York Journal.

Learning is pleasurable, but doing is


A small band of caribou in region Slave Lake.
thrived in Labrador. Following his example the Canadian Government had shipped to Mackenzie territory, in the
vicinity of Fort Smith, fifty reindeer Unfortunately, the long journey of over four thousand miles by steamer, train, and later scow boat and trail, was very
hard on the animals. Many of them hard. on the animals. Many of them
died. However, a few are still living, and with proper attention there is possibilities in the reindeer as an industry in
this country. More of these animals will likely be shipped at some date in the rear future when the ending of the war
permits the attention to such things.

Will the Demand for Furs Ever Stop? We have a letter from one of the biggest, if not the biggest fur house in the world, in which they tell us some
ling facts about the fur industry.
We wonder if our readers, particularly those who do any trapping, realize the
wide fluctuation in fur values. We knew in a general tsort of way *that finished furs changed somewhat in price accord ing to the trend of fashion, and the time of year in which the garment was bought, and certany this would have raw furs. But the communication just received from Funstën Brothers \& Co., of St. Uouis, the central fur market of the United States, throws a new light on the present demand for furs of all kinds is simply terrific! They state that in a recent auction sale of over a quarter of a million doliars worth of furs-the included-bids averaged sone foxes being 171 per cent higher for these sking than Those who do any trapping at al should keep posted in regard to prices or else they are liable to be greatly underpaid far their's skins. Do not be guided

## CHANGE

Quit Tea and Coffee and Got Well
A woman's tea and coffee experience i interesting: "For two weeks at a time solid food would ferment and cause suc distress that I could hardly breathe a times, also excrutiating pain and hear palpitation and all the time I was so nervous and restless and coffee drinker up I had been a tea years $I$ had been trying different phast 20 cians but could get only temporary relief Then I read an article telling how som one had been helped by leaving off tea
and coffee and drinking Postum and it seemed so pleasant just to read about good health I decided to try Postum. "I made the change to Postum and there is such a difference in me that don't feel like the same person. We al
found Postum delicious and like it better than coffee. My health now is wonderfully good.
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## Death of Sir Charles Tupper

The Last of the Fathers of Confederation


#### Abstract

C.B., P.C., M.D., was born at A. A.M.G N.S., on July 2, 1821. He was the son of Rev. Charles Tupper, D.D., a Baptist minister of Aylesford, N.S. He Bacel minister of Aylesford, N.S. He received his early education at Horton Academy and then crossed the sea to study med and then crossed the sea to study medwhere he graduated in 1843 . He returned to his native place and settled down to the practice of his profession, With all the energies and powers of a superior mind he soon achieved success in the profession. In 1846 he married Frances Amelia, daughter of Silas Hibert Morse, also Amherst.

Enters Political Life As soon as Sir Charles (then Dr.) that he will be among those selected at an Tupper found himself well established in early date for overseas service. He is the who now becomes Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., succeeding to his grandfather's title, Bart., succeeding to his grandfather's title, is a Barrister-at-Law and was born in London London, England, Aug. 8, 1884, educated at Harrow, Upper Canada College and at McGill University, obtaining his degree at the latter institution. He read law with the firm of Tupper, Phippen and Tupper of this city from 1905 to 1908 , and in the latter year was called to the Manitoba bar, forming present partnership of Tupper, Tupper, McTavish and Company, barristers, in the same year. In 1910 he married Margaret Peters Morse, daughter of Charles Morse K. C., Ottawa. He is at present a lieutenant in the 79th Cameron Highlanders 79th Cameron Highlanders at Minto street barracks, Winnipeg, and it is likely his profession, he began to take an active eldest son of the late J. Stewart Tupper.




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## Thus with instinct so true

Out on thy waters blue Launched he his light canoe Or on thy shores around Planted his hunting ground here with uncanny sound
His war songs rolled.

With bow and arrow dear With tomahawk and spear; With traps and fishing gear Content was he Until the white man came And gave their chieftain's name

Now where their tribes did roam Where in the days to come God grant that they May never be controlled
By lust and greed of gold,
But may the truth unfold
The better way,
And when life's race is o'er
And hence their spirits soa
May still thy placid shore
Enwrap their clay.
Kamun, Alta -Lawrence A. Craig

AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSES
The first continuous four weeks' shor course ever held in Manitoba is to be conducted, beginning January 10 th next,
under the auspices of the Man under the auspices of the Manitoba De-
partment of Agriculture and the Expartment of Agriculture and the Ex-
tension Service of the Manitoba Agricultural College. It will be the newest and most systematic course ever offered the farmers of the province,
their wives and the young people. their wives and the young people.
It is being planned to hold the four
weeks' short course at four district centres - Morden, Boissevain, Neepawa and Virden. Accommodation for those attending will be arranged in the town and the only expense entailed will be for board and lodging, plus a small
registration fee which will be refunded registration fee which will be refunded
to those who attend two-thirds of the lectures. Arrangements have been made with the railways for half-fare rates.
The following is only a partial list of the subjects which are to be dealt
with; but it will serve to indicate the very comprehensive and practical nature of the program:
Field Husbandry-Soil Classification Management; Cultivation and Conser vation; Crop Rotations; Seed Selec tion and Improvement of Varieties; Weed Identification, Control and Eradi-
Animal Husbandry-Breeds of Beef Animal Husbandry-Breeds of Beef
and Dairy Cattle, Sheep and swine,


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Characteristics of each and their Suitbility or Otherwise for Western Conitions; Care and Management, Feeding, Breeding and Grading Up; Cost of Production; Type of Stock suited to Dif-
ferent Conditions of Farming; Marketferen.
Dairying-Care of Milk and Cream; Cow Testing; Milk and Cream for Creameries; Building up the Dairy erd.
Horticulture and Forestry-Varieties; planting and Care of Fruits and Trees Farmsteads; Lawn Mixtures; Perenial and Annual Flowers; Vegetable Garening; Practical Methods of Controlects affecting our Trees.
Farm Mechanics-Home Sanitation; Pneumatic Tank, Sewage System, Sew Farm Power, Electricity; Gas Engine Construction and Operation; Use of Concrete; Labor-Saving Devices, etc. Poultry-Breeds and Varieties, Their Characteristics and Adaptability; Winter Egg Production; Co-operative Marketing of Poultry and Poultry Products; oultry Houses; Diseases
Other Subjects - Bee-Keeping and other subjects will be announced later together wis.
and dates.
In addition to the subjects partiall set forth above, there will be much to interest the farm women. It is in tended to hold at each place a week' in Cookery a ery and probably a week's course in Home Nursing.
Also, between Christmas and New Year's, a week's course in Agricultura
Mechanics will be held at Killarney.

## The Western Home Monthly

## The Philosopher

## WAS HEROD A GERMAN?

The latest exponent of Kultir, Herr Ernest Setha, Ph.D, has proved to his own satisfaction that Moses was not a Jew, but a German. This is quite Sn line with the grotesque claims put forward by the thooks to arguing solemnty that the world owes every thing worith while to the Germans, and that every Yreat manf encient or modern, really belonged to the German rice. None of these glarifiers have yei claimed Herod as a German, though he unquestionably the sioverne of thiotably as a a babykiller and as a stealthy organizer, with willing and disciplined tools to execute his zuthless commands.

## A CURRANG-POINT FOR HUMANTTY

Nearty a century and a half ago, one of the greatest of British statesmen saw that the world was then drawing close to one of the momentous the Gospel he said, "It is good for us to be here." the Gospel he said, "It is good for us to be here."
At this time these. words may once more be echoed. We are face to face with a world catastrophe of unprecedented magnitude, but we also are facing towards the dawn of a new day Midnight and devastating storm must give way to sunlight of
that new dawning, which we know gust come. A that new dawning, which we know must come. A greater power than moving armies and more invinpresent is not in its appalling tragedy, but in the
hope for the future of humanity.

## A WORLD IN STORM

Results are measured by the greatness of their causes, and it seems that so vast and terrible an uphearal as this, which the world is now suffering is
fitted to bring about a complete readjustment of fitted to bring about a complete readjustment of men's conceptions of their mutual relations. During beginning, there has prevailed the belief that the real, or fancied grievances of those in authority, or that strange, nd undefinable thing known as national pride, makes war neecssary. Against this the teaching of Christ has protested for nearly ${ }^{\text {a }}$ score of centuries, but without availing to make the
Germant of to-day an impossibility. What if, in the crash of the greatest storm of history, the clouds were to be scattered, and the light of Truth at last

## the christmas message and the war

The approach of the second Christmas since the beginning of the upheaval that is still convulsing
humanity, may well make every thinking person humanity, may well make every thinking person
ponder anew the siginificance of the fact that war's destructions still rage furiously in the world, in this twentieth century since the angels announcing the birth of Jesus sang to the sheipherds watching thei Hocks by night the message of "Peace on earth." No matter in what way we approach the considera-
tion of the terrible fact of world-struggle now in progress, we must recognize that there is writ large across the face of it the lesson that the war is
due to $a$ people being not of good will, but of evil due to a people being not of good will, but of evil
will. For, in all truth and charity-and surely, in will. Fhr, in al seruth and crarity-and surea, ou
the Cristmas season the prompting to celear our minds of all that is in conflict with truth and clarity is strongest-it must stand written in the record for all the generations of humanity to come, that
this war has been caused by the German people this war has been caused by the German people
willing evil, under the poisonous influence of Pruswiling. evil, under the poisonous infuence of Prus-
sianism, The national minds of the different peoples save of late aroused the interest of those investigators who call themselves psychologists, and they have written books about national psychology. But
usually they study national psychology from the usually they study national pyychology from the
outside, as if they were studying the habits of ants outside, as if they were studying the habits of ants
or bees. But we could all, if we would study ourselves, : know something about $i t$, and something selves, know something about it, and some
more intimate than any pyychologist could tell us.
mor Just as the honest, law-abiding person, if he has thie
power of looking into himself penetratingly, can power of looking into himself penetratingly, can
understand how he might have let his lower nature overpower his higher nature and so have become criminal, so the peoples who are fighting now for
human freedom and for the welfare of humanity in the time to come see that what they are at life-and death grips with in their opponents is the madness
that has grown out of willing evil instead of willing good.

AS TO THE QUESTION "DO W. WMEN WOTE ?
THE VOTE?
With the equal suffrage movement holding, as it does, so conspicuous and important a place through. terners should have taken an interest in the news of the campaign made in the States of New Jersey, Penns,slvania, New York and Massachusetts by the
in all four States in defeat for the equal suffrage cause, coupled with which in New York it is interest ng to note was, a triumph for Tammany in the othe was made by the women's organizations campaignin for votes for women. In New York City they held parade a couple of days betore the voting, in whic 40,000 women marched. They had most of the im ortan an prominently identified with education, with work for the bettering of the conditions of life, and with pro ressive activities generally were no less energeti In their support of the equal suffrage cause. The nterests whir do not want women to have votes vere so powerful at the polls, however, as to swam
out the supporters of that proposed reform. One teresting fact brought out with great clearness in the campaigning in the four states named is that the pponents of equal suffrage have to admit, and do dmit, that there is not a single sound logical arguhemselves however, in the declaration that the majority of the women do not want the vote. This as vigorously denied by the equal suffrage wome in New York especially. Neither side could prove its ssertion, of course. In reading over the reiteration sffrage declaring themselves profoundly convince that the majority of women did not want votes, an its upholders declaring no less positively that the vere sure that a majority of the women did want ootes-the question came into the mind of the Phil record? Why not have a referendum in which onl omen could vote, and in which all women would have votes, the question on the ballot paper being
"Do you want the suffrage on an equality with Do you want the suffrage on "an equality with otes ", and each woman marking her cross op
osite "Yes" or "No" acording as she was minded r, another suggestion which this brings into $\min$ that an Act should be passed giving women vote on an equality with men, and making provision a the same time that the first roting to be done afte he passing of the Act should be on a referendum are to say that the opponent of votes for women would oppose either one of hese suggestions.

## canada's new status in the world

One of the things which the war has made unnistakably plain to all the world, including some people in the United States who used to entertain different idea, is that the Canadian people have
not the slightest intention that their country shall ever cease to be a self-governing nation of the British Empire. They would be as likely to determine to begin walking on their heads as they ar o give an instant's consideration to the idea of any ther future for Canada than that. The Canadia people have never for an instant considered an
other future for Canada. But there have been good many people and quite a few newspapers $/$ in
the United States who were unable to realize that Che United States who were unable to realize that
fact. They believed that Canada was ready to drop fact. They believed that Canada was ready to drop
out of the Empire, and that a very great proportion out of the Empire, and that a very great proportion
of the Canadian people, if not actually the overwhelming, majority of us, were yearning secretly for annexation to the United States. There is not
one newspaper, or one person, in the United States one newspaper, or one person, in the United States
who is laboring any longer under that delusion. who is laboring any longer under that delusion.
Allied with that delusion was another, namely, that if Great Britain were to become involved, in a serious war, the Canadian people would look to the United States to protect them. That delusion, too, has been blown to pieces by the war. The heroism of which the flower of Canada's manhood has given
such superb proof in the struggle of human freedom such superb proof in the struggle of human freedon has
the nations of the world. Canada has taken her place in the front rank of nationhood. She has give the world proof that there is no name which any man or woman can claim with juster pride than that
which every son and daughter of hers which every son and daughter of hers announces in
saying, "I am a Canadian".

## "SCHRECKLICHKEIT"

All the newspapers in Germany recently pub-
lished an article designed to excuse the policy of lished an article designed to excuse the policy of Zeppelin raids on Great Britain. The publication the government and published by governmient order shows that official Germany realizes that there is need of some attempt at justifying, both at home in
Cermany and in the neutral nations, the policy of of Cermany and in the neutral nations, the policy of
bombarding undefended cities from the air and murdering non-combatants, including the air and murdering non-combatants, including women and
children. The article begins by saying that Great
Biteing Britain's attempt to stare Germany is sufficient Britain's attempt to stare Germany, is sumcient
justifcation for the Zeppelin raids, which, says the
article, have been resorted to solely by way of

German official assurances that there is no real shortage of food in Germany? Altogether apart from that, however, the talk of zeppelin raids as being by way of "reprisal" is on a par with the pretence thal the warly unexpected by Germany. As a matter of fact, the manufacture of Zeppelins was part of the German preparation for the war. They were intended for attack. They, were to be the great agents of schreckicheet, or terrorization, which was a main part of the German plan of senselessly outrageous destruction in Belgium, the submarine outrages which had their climax in the torpedoing of the Lusitania, the murder of Nurse "Savell and the innumerable other manifestations of upon to spread a numbing terror of German might that would reduce the nations on which Germany was making war to paralyzed helplessness. On the contrary, the effiect is to arouse them to greater determination. The policy of "Schrecklichkeit" will tand in the records of history as having been, in
effect, a against Germany itself, as well as against effect, agains
civilization.

SElf-REVELATION BY PROTEST
When Zeppelins dropped bombs on unprotected French and British cities, killing women and children, great was the glee of the Germans. But when a squadron of French aeroplanes battered Karlsruhe by way of rephsal, German broke out in wild inthe German submarines delighted Germany ugely and were proclaimed by German journals to be magnificent triumphs of legitimate warfare at sa. Hhen a U-boat sank a merchant ship, it was only doing what was perfectly right and proper, ship rammed the U-bat it caused a howl of protest from Germany. So it has gone all along since the war began. To cite one more instance, the use of gas by the Allies, by way of reply to the deadly hlorine is denounced by Germans as outrageous. a word, the German view is that things which it is wrong for the Allies to do, it is perrectly right
or Germans to do. This distinction, which is constantly drawn by the Germans, is in reality a confession of moral inequality. The German indignaion is inconsistent, it is grotesque, but it is sincere, in the queer German way. The war has made the minds do. The German indignation in question is, in ruth, a confession of moral inequality, a revelation hat the Germans consider the Allies bound by cer ain moral standards wind Germans the out with the the Allies. It is a German self-disclosure, which is ontributing to make the world realize the true meaning of the German belief that human destinies ould be

HOW LONG WILL THE WAR LAST?
In considering the question of the probable dur-
ation of the war, the London Times remarked re atently of that "more than twelve months ago Lord Kitchener ventured to express in the House of Lords uent events have the war would be long, and subse s a military prophet." But just his reputalion itchener mean when he said "long"? The question orld wis the war end is one wich the whol vorld is asking. The longest war there has been
ince the time of Napoleon was the Civil Whar in the United States, which lasted for four resent war lasts until the fall of next year, it wil ave been longer than any war in Europe since the battle of Waterloo was fought. And when we remember that at the beginning of this year the
British term of enlistment was made three years, or onger, it would appear to be a not onclusion that Lord Kitchener's idea when he saic hat it would be a long war was that it would las hree or four jears. Most certainly that was not the lea of the War Lord at Berlin and of the whol uick returns has been the Prussian idea since the time of Frederick. The war which Prussia waged against Austria in 1866 was a matter of days, ather than weeks; and the war against France was n August 2,1870 ind the month between Saarbruck,
 have usually been long, and this, as Lord Morley has sia, may be called Europe's civil war. But there is this great fact, on the other hand, to make for a speedier ending of it, namely, that while the faith
for which the Allies are fighting is the strongest and best thing in the world, our enemies have only the belief in force, which is a feeble creed, if a creed at
all. It evolies no real I. It evokes no real loyalty and crumbles to dust

## Great Recruiting Campaign

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## Every Town and Village in Western Canada to share in Great Rally

## SOLDIERS TO BE BILLETTED IN HOME TOWNS

In order to, stimulate recruit- is sufficient, and indeed is more parative comfort has never been ing and at the same time make than many working men can offered. It is the earnest wish of the new men as comfortable as rely upon earning steadily, the publishers that readers of possible during the winter Pay and Field Allowance is The Western Home Monthly will months the military authorities
have decided on the plan of bilhave decided on the plan of bil- $\$ 1.10$ a day, in addition to the movement and encourage
letting men in their own home towns, as explained by the in - the Subsistence Allowance of their men folk to join the colors. structions from Colonel Ruttan 50 c . a day for single men, making Do not let the Dominions in reprinted below.
This plan should form a splen- men and unmarried men who are did inducement to all men who the sole support of a widowed are physically fit and not irrevof- mother receive 75c. a day Subsistably bound by family ties. It means all ence Allowance, making a total of the comforts of home life can be enjoyed at $\$ 1.85$. the same time with enough drill and exercise to
ensure healthy conditions during the winter ensure healthy conditions during the winter
months, when employment is scarce. The pay ther seas claim to outrun the Maple Leaf in rallying to the flag. It is expected that the northern portion of Manitoba will raise one of the finest battalions in the country. This ection of the province breeds a hardy race of men who can face any climatic rigors with m -
punity, and their outdoor life naturally makes punity, and their outdoor life naturally makes them hardy and fearless.


It has been decided that each centre in Canada will be allowed to retain within its own borders for the winter or until the needs of the cause require their removal, all troops who pass the Medical Examinations, are of good character and are otherwise ac ceptable, raised after this date.
The troops so to be enlisted at any one point must be at least twenty-five in number and no expense will be charged to the public until at least twenty-five men have been accepted, and should the number drop below twenty-five, the remaining men will be removed to the point of mobilization. removed to the will be made by Medical Officers appointed by the District OffiOfficers appointed for the purpose.
cer Commanding for the
When the minimum number of men When the minimum number of men has been enlisted, the District Officer
Commanding will be notified, and on Commanding will be notified, and on
receipt of such notification the men will receipt of such notification the men will be placed on the pay list and an Officer appointed to take charge of them. No men will be allowed to be boarded or billeted on any premises where liquor is sold. Buildings used for quartering men shall be clean, warm and sanitary and overcrowding will not be permit
ted. The Recruits will be issued com ted. The Recruits plete uniforms including Great Coat, plete uniforms including Great to those on subsistence allowance.
It is notified for the benefit of all It is notified for the beneit of and
concerned that, beginning Nov. lst, and continuing thereafter, the following rates of Subsistence Allowance in lieu
of Rations and quarters will be paid of Rations and quarters wint
recruits, Canadian Expeditionary Force, recruits, Canadian Expeditionary may be quartered throughout the District and until such time as they are drafted into one of the C. E. F. Units TUnmarried men ......... 50c. a day
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Military District No. 10 will be divided into four parts for the ensuing winter months in order to simplify recruiting and Billetting, each administered by a Recruiting Battalion, the Officer Commanding having full jurrisdiction over all recruiting matters in his area. The four areas coincide with the following Domintor Electoral Districts, and the Commanding Officers are provisionally appointed with the provisional rank of Lieuenant-Colonel, "tod take effect from the 15 th inst.
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(B) Officer Commanding, Lt.Colonel R. A. Gillespie, 106th Regiment, W.L.I. D.E.D. Dauphin, Portage la Prairie, Marquette and Brandon. Provisionar Headquarters, Dauphin, Manitoba.
(C) Officer Commanding, Lt:Colonel J. A. Aikin, 29th Light Horse D.E.D. Prince Albert, Battleford, Saskatoon, Humboldt, Mackenzie. Provisional Head quarters, Prince Albert, Sask
(D) Officer Commanding, Lt Colonel H. D. Pickett, 60th Rifles of Canada, D.E.D. Moose Jaw, Regina, Saltcoats, Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia. Provisional Headquarters, Moose Jaw, Sask.

## World's Greatest Man Hunt

Now Nearing to its ${ }^{2}$ End. Written by Francis J. Dickie, Edmonton

Far up in the grim, ice bound re- nearly fifty years throughout the world gions of the lonely Canadian Arctic for deeds of daring in bringing criminably most famous man hunt is now tive Eskimos. The former are armed drawing to a close. Inspector Beyts, with the most up-to-date rifles and Sergeant Major Cochan, Corporal ConWhy ${ }^{\text {Wha }}$ and two constables are about to break eamp at a point two hundred take, dead or alive, the murderers of Radford and Street, the two American explorers $k$
June 1912. automatic revolvers; the latter mos
with spears and bows and arrows. with spears and bows and arrows.
If the police succed and retum If the police succeed and return to
civilization, where the murderers will civilization, where the murderers will
be given the ff:test of trials, it will be o:e of the most spectacular and noteworthy police feats in the history of
justice upon the American continent.


1. A. Kulai- right) the guide who took in Radford and Street. (Left) his wife whom be bought

Radford and Street went in from Chesterfield Inlet in the summer guided joined a tribe of Eskimos far inland for a rifle and went on farther hunting. Radford and Street later engaged two of the Eskimos, supposed to be Hullffailatk and Am-me-ker-nic, to guide them to a whaler stationed some
sixty miles of point Barrow. The preparations for the journey were all completed and a start was about to be made when the wife of one of these Eskimos took sick and he refused to go. Not understanding Eskimo, Radford
took a wrong meaning from his words took a wrong meaning from his words Radford was instantly speared and fell. Street made a run for the dog sleigh,
but was speared before he could get but was speared
the dogs started.
The following summer Akulack came out from the interior to Chesterfield
Inlet and told the story to H. H. Hall, Hudson's Bay man in charge at this point. The factor sent the story on to
the police at Fort Nelson where it was the police at Fort Nelson where it was wirelessed to the world.
Shortly after a mounted police patrol under Inspector Beyts started out to bring in the murderers. The patrol was provisi
So this gram little body of men, repbecome world famous for their sticking "till, they get their man," started out on a three thousand mi'e journey from
Regina, Saskatchewan, the mounted poRegina, Saskatchewan, the mounted poli:e headquarters, to the
regions of Bathurst Inlet.

Kow after long months of travelling they have at last drawn in upon the
little tribe among whom are the suspected murderers, Hull-la-lark and Am-me-kei-nic. The little band are camped near Baker Lake and through more peaceable natives of the Chesterficl. that the band will make a fight. The:; are thought to be about two hundred
in number. They are, however, in a in number. They are, however, in a
very primitive state, using bows and arows as their forefathers did anl having little knowledqe of white men's
weapons. So the battle, if such there be, will be between five determined white men, with back of them the rec-
ord of their illustrious body, famous for

The Smile that Won't Come Off The above heading is just typical of the average farmer's face to-cajy, as ke reflects on the bumper crops of unexpected year's work ensures a contented mind, but the happy results have not been attained without more or less strain on the system. With that big fat balance in the bank-
now is the time to recuperate the lost now is the time to recuperate the lost half" would welcome the announcement that you are going to take her for a holi-
day-a holiday she so richly deserves after day-a holiday she so richly deserves after
her strenuous exertions in attendance on her strenuous exertions in attendance on harvesting operations. Give her a sur-
prise and-tell her you are going to take her on a visit to her friends and yours. The Canadian Northern Railway gives pense. They have placed on sale very low fare excursion tickets to Eastern Canada, the United States and Europe, and
you have only to call on, or write to, the you have only to call on, or write to, th nearest Cansion pamphlet, which tells you all about these cheap excursions. This will be an opportunity to travel by the New
Canadian Route the Canadian Nortlern Canadian Route, the Canadian Nort'.ern,
Canada's second transcontinental, either to the East, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec and Montreal, or the West, Vancouver, Victoria and California points. Brand new most modern up-to-date equipment have most modern
been provided.

## A Parable of Perfection

There was a learned man who, eight
years long desired that God would show him a man who would teach him the truth And once when he felt a very great longing
a voice from God came to him and said a voice from God came to him and said,
"Go to the church and there shalt thou find a man who shalt show thee the way to blessedness." And he went thence, ant found a poor man whose feet were torn and
covered with dust and dirt; and all his covered with dust and dirt; and all his
clothes were hardly worth three farthings And he greeted him, saying:-
"God give you good day!'
He answered: "I have never had a bad
"God give you good luck."
"I have never had ill luck."
"May you be happy, but why do you "I have nurer been unhappy."
"Pray explai," The poor man answered, "Willingly. You wished me good day. I never had a
bad day; for if 1 am hungry I praise God if it freezes, hails, snows, rains, if the weather is fair or foul, still 1 praise God; am I wretched and despised, I praise God, and so I have never had an evil day. You I never had ill luck, for I know how to live with God, and I know that what he does is best, and what God gives me or ordains for me, be it good or ill, I take it cheerfully from God as the best that can be, and so 1 God would make me happy. I was never unhappy; for my only desire is to live in God's will, and I have so entirely yielded
my will to God's, that what God wills, I my will to God's, that what God wills, I Then the Master understood that true
abandonment with utter humility is the nearest way to God.
The Master asked further: "Whence aro "From God."
"Where did you find God?"
"When I forsook all creatures?"
"Where have you left God?"
"In pure hearts, and in men of good
The Master asked: "What sort of man are you?"
"II am a king."
"Where is your kingd 8 m?"
"My soul is my kingdom, for I can so rule my senses inward and outward that all the desires and powers of my soul are in
subjection, and this kingdom is greater than a kingdom on earth.'
"What brought you to this perfection?" "My silence, my high thoughts, and my union with God. For I could not rest in
anything that was less than God. Now I have found God; and in God have eternal have found God;' andi in God have
rest and peace.'-Meister Eckhart.

This year has been an important one for the manufacturer of Absorbine. It the career of this popular liniment and the first year of growing on his large arms of some of the herds used in its manufacture. By growing the herbs and of having the highest quality ingredients The fact for his preparation.
The fact that he has always mainand never in the slightest degree cheap-

Mowntod Police Patrol interviewing peaceful natives at Chesterfield Inlet, 1913
ned it, is one of the reasons and "You seem extra careful," I remarked probably the principal reason why Ab- "Yes," he said, working without look orbine has grown from a very humble ut the world product known throughIt does everything usually expecter ion high grade limment and in cermicide which accounts for its value in healing cuts, boot chafes, bruises and If you are one of the very few horse en not familiar with Absorbine, writ to the manufacturer, W. 1. Young
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it well worth having.

## WISE WORDS

## A Physician on Food.

A western physician has views about "I have always believed that the duty of the physician does not cease with reating the sick, but that we owe it to meir health especially by hygienic and dietetic laws.
"With such a feeling as to my duty I take great pleasure in saying, that, in ny own experience and also from personal observation, I have found no food oo equal Grape-Nuts and that I find benefit this food will bring when used in ail cases of sickness and convalescence.
"It is my experience that no physical condition forbids the use of Grape-Nut
To persons in health there is nothing nourishing and acceptable to the stomach especially at breakfast to start the machinery of the human system on th day's work.
"In cases of indigestion I know that a complete breakfast can be made o
Grape-Nuts and cream; and I think it i necessary not to overload the stomach at the morning meal. I also know the great value of Grape-Nuts when th stomach is too weak to digest othe "This
This is written after an experience of more than 20 years treating all manner letter is voluntary, on my part without any request for it. Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine
interest.

One day, says a correspondent, an old umbrella mender brought his skeleton
frames and tinkering tools into the alley at the back of my office. As he sat on a box in the sun mending the broken and
torn umbrellas, I noticed that he seemed to take unusual pains, testing the cloth, carefully measuring and strongly sewing the covers. Being always interested in went out to dalk a piece of work well,

"You seem extra careful," I remarked. ing up, "I try to do good work"
"Your customers would not know the difference until you are gone?" I sug-
"No, I suppose not."
"Do you ever expect to come back?"
"Then why are you so particular?" "So that it will be easier for the next imply. "If I put on shoddy cloth or fow wid work, they will find it out in a
few, and the next mender few weeks, and the next mender that
comes along will get the cold shoulder
or the bulldog-see?"

## "Billie"

## By E. A. Sykes, Franklin, Man

NURSE McLeod walked slowly often coming home at night in such
through the public ward of through the public ward of a she came up to bed Eight. There she been watching the eager expression on he face, could have seen that her thoughts were busy with some mental problem. white beds, most of them now filled with human derelicts, and apparently not seeing what she was look ing for, she stepped up "Has the doctor told y to its occupant, may leave the hospital, Black?"" "Yes," the man answered, "I am leaving to-day." A relieved expression at once spread over the nurse's face and she said more to herwill fix things up alright." To Black she aid, "We are wanting a bed for a boy who is coming in this afternoon, and we put him." When the nurse had left th put him. When the nurse had left the and whe Black asked his neighbor who was a rather sullen looking and unusually
silent individual by the name of Burk silent individual by the name of Burk,
what his trouble was, he answered, "I hope they are not going to put any whinawake all night
The new patient had been in Number Eight for several days, the doctor and nendance, but outside of a few in atroans, caused no doubt by extreme pain when he was being treated, Burk had not hcard any of the whining which he had so and nights had passed without more days leep being lost, or being disturbed in any way, Burk began to get interested in his ittle neighbor. He wondered if the little ufferer had been quiet through exhaus. ion or from pure manly resistance. He when a fever had overta':ey him soon after he had run away from home, laying him ow in a distant hospital, where he would have given almost anything for some one bow and speak a kind word burning But those were lacking, and no one seemed to care whether he lived or died. This, long with the abuse and hardships he had passed through during the next few years, nobody but himself, and seeming to take delight in passing on such knocks as he had received when a boy. Thinking of is past now, made him a little more sympathetic ing, but even then, if bed Eight had eld anybody but a small and extremely ick boy, no amount of suffering would ave thawed him out. When the smal rm in the next bed turned towards him with his large fever burnt eyes, Burk met im with a smile, and for the first time in wenty years he was wis anxious to extend some sympathy to-
wards a fellow-being, yet he did not know ust how to show his sympathy in a way that would be most comforting to the boy. Thus it was with almost a guilty feeling hat he said blunty, Feeling better this him for the seond longer staring moisture gathered in his eyes until it ormed into two large drops, which as he urned away, rolled unrestrained down idden grief which he had tried so manully, to conceal. Then for the first time his life, the boy was seen to give way to cars, caused by other than physical pain. visdom for here was a mere child weeping bitterly because he had read something in man's eyes which was comforting to him. This was all the more strange be mercy to $o$ mane. When the boy awole after the sleep which naturally followed his deep emotion, he apparently had los some of the nervous shyness which had been his since coming to the hospital, for so, he told Burk much about his past life -
 After that the man would often leave
binn at home alone, while he went to town
state of intoxication that no matter what boy out with kicks and would drive the boy out with kicks and cuffs to put away sue horses. At such times he often
srom the cold or wet, yet he dare not refuse.
Here the boy stopped, and Burk took
the opportunity to ask him his name opportunity to ask him his guardian's name. The boy was visibly affected by answer. Then he, said for a a time did not
the man I live with", "Why said his questioner, "but what was his name." Again the boy was agitated and a flush spread over his pale cheeks, then
they went colorless again as fear and pain combined, racked his little body. "They just call him Joe," the boy finally stam-
mered. Burk thought by the boy's mered. Burk thought by the boy's actions, that he had been warned not to
tell the name of his guardian, so he did not question him further, but confined himself to asking him what his own name was. "Billy," he quickly answered, apparently relieved to think that he did not have to answer the other question. "Well, Billy, query, for he had learned that the boy was suffering from wounds as well as fever, and was determined if possible to find out to problem. Fuzally, as if he hade reached a


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now and said, "I would rather have a train pulled in to a village in Eastern mother ike iou, "Did you ever have a Canada, anlage and muscular looking man, mother Binge? Murk asked, after the accompanied by a small and rather deli-
 asked eagerly. Murk stared at the boy's speaking to any one. Following the Main
enquiring face for several seconds, as Street, they walked hastily along until


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The man on the steps replied rather indefinitely that he would like to have a
look at the orchard, at that moment a smart but elderly looking woman stepped into the hall. She adjusted her spectacles, looked first at the man, then beyond him to the boy, and back to the man again. sweetly "I think may be you have" he sweetly, "I think may be you have, "Ie
answered rather musingly. "I thought I had," was the reply, "but I cannot recall where or when it was. "Wont you tell us your name "please?" "Yes, mother,"
answered, "My name is Allan Burke."
Several weeks have now passed since the wanderer's return. Allan has once more taken a son's place in the family, and in doing so, he has removed many of the burdens which were beginning to rest
heavily on his aged parents. In his new heavily on his aged parents. In his new for he has fairly revelled in the fruit which he had seen the day he first came to Grandma's, as he now calls Allan's
mother. He is constantly thanking Mr. their kindness to him, and after learning something of the part he had played in
restoring their son to them restoring their son to them, they in turn
thank God for Billie.

## Canada and the "Panhandle"

By Max MeD.

WHEN a geography class is on the east by the Atlantic Ocean and on the west by the Pacific Ocean, the dominion is given 1,000 miles of coast line to which no claim can be made. Beginning at the Strait
of Belle Isle and running northwest for 600 miles is Labrador-British territory to be sure-but yet shutting Canada out from that extent of natural shore line. Crossing the continent in the same latitude we find a projection of Alaska
extending down some 500 miles and keeping Yukon territory, the northern keeping
half of British Columbia, and the entire
Mackenzie Basin-nearly one-third of Mackenzie Basin-nearly one-third of Western Canada-from free access to
the Pacific. This territory belongs to "Pe United S
When the Hudson's Bay Company began trading in furs on the Northern Pacific Coast, there was great rivalry
between its men and the fur traders of between its men and the fur traders of
Alaska. So intense did the feeling beAlaska. So intense did the feeling be-
come that, in 182, a treaty was made whom Alaska belonged, fixing definitely the line dividing the territories of the
two powers. In it Russia was confirmed two powers. In it Russia was confirmed in the possession of a strip along the Pacific Coast reach
as 54 deg. 40 min .
In 1867, the year of the confederation of the provinces of Canada, United When gold was discovered in Yukon in 1895 was found that the territory was inaccessible from the sea except through this strip given to Russia in
1825 . This now belonged to the United States, and trouble threatened. No attempt had been made to delimit the frontier between this coast strip and the Yukon; so after considerable negotiation, the matter was submitted
to the arbitration of three American and three British jurists. The commission met in London in deliberations was the Alaska Boundary Settlement. Portland Channel was so
defined as to give the United States defined as to give the United States two
islands, Sitklan and Kannaghunnutt islands, Sitklan and Kannaghunnutt which were generally regarded a
belonging to Canada, all the islands of the Alexander Archipelago, and a strip of coast on the mainland running south eastward as far as the parallel of 54 deg. 40 min . The strip is some 536
miles long and from 8 to 3.5 miles wide, miles long and from 8 to 3.5 miles wide,
the boundary on the mainland being measured from the heads of the larger
The Canadian commissioners, Sir Lout Jute and Sir Allen Aylesworth, refused to sign the award, thereby protesting against the judgment of Lord Alverstone,
the Chief Justice of England, and the
third British commissioner, who voted wind British commissioned whited States representatives. it has been thought by many Canadians who are not familiar with the facts, that but for the action of Lord Alver-
stone, Canada would have owned the tone, Canada "would h av,
whole of the "Panhandle." Interest in this strip of territory has been aroused of late by a resolution Congress at the last United States of Maryland, in which it is proposed that the President of the United States be canada to negotiate for the transfer of exchange or both Canada by sale or we are told, have been written by prominent Americans in both public and private life endorsing the idea. Many are in favor of a direct gift; some drocate sale, some "swap"; but all agree would certainly be should be made. th direction of universal peace ingenious scheme was that British Honduras might be given in exchange or the "Panhandle," and that in turn tension to miso territorial ex But a large percentage of opinions favor he direct cession of the Alaska coast strip to Canada without a string or a reservation. This would indeed be heaping coals of fire on the head of Canada just three years a after that
dominion had refused an offer ot dominion had refused an offer of
reciprocity
from the United States, The importance of the "Panhandle" Canada is shown in a statement of Mr. Smith that 600,000 square miles of habitable Canadian country, rich in umber, agricultural, and mining lands, stretch of land three times the area of Germany and ten times that of England and Wales together. This innocently imprisoned territory has the same climate as Europe in the same latitude. leg. 40 min ., on an area pores of deg. 40 min., on an area corresponding
to the country behind this "Panhandle," you find a slice of Ireland, a slice of
England, all Scotland, ali Denmark, England, all Scotland, all Denmark,
ween, and Norway, all Finland, a lice of Germany, and the richest part burg (Petrograd), cities like St. Peter habitant: Glasgow, with 900,000 Copenhagen, with 500,000 . An equal area in Europe in the same latitude stains 25,000,000 inhabitants. The tire Pacific slope of this country is mellows water power. The factories to be driven by that power will necessarily
be on tidewater in American territory. $=0$ 2 $=2$

The Sower
I sow my seed in every clime, Nor stop to reap in harvest-time I sow my seed and on Io, go,
Sowing and sowing to and fro.
I mind not rain nor heat nor cold, As many planter do, I'm told; The spring, the fall, the summer No tools I need. I plow the ground By restless whirling round and round The seed I plant I cover o'er
With blinding dust I keep in store

The willow by the river's side, The big trees where the song-birds hide, Wild flowers all by my magic spell
buy no seed Oh, no, not I! Why should the Wind e'er stop to buy? And take them off in my strong arm.
I sow for other, not myself; There's nothing hid upon my shelf Sowing and sowing to and fro. Cauested to offer to Great Britain and
though the subject were foreign to him they reached the opposite side of the then without answering he slowly turned away, staring into space, seeing nothing.
The honk of a passing automobile scared humming-bird from where it had been feeding near the fence, to some flowers at
his fret, then by the law that "Might is Right,, in in turn, put to flight some
butterflies which had settled on the blossoms for a sip at their tempting nectar, but Burr saw none of these. Memory years to the morning when he had left home in a passion, which he could now
plainly. see, was the fruit of his selfsacrificing parents pye wing him too much
of his own way. When Burt came out obis own way. When Burke came out of still asking the question. Slowly Murk repeated Billie's words, as if he were now
asking himself, "Have I got her yet", asking himself, "Have I got her yet",
Then with an expression on his face of guilt and shame which he was afraid eve the child's wisdom would penetrate, he
was forced to admit, he did not know.
One day when the Transcontinental
they reached the opposite side
village. Here they halted several times to look about, and the man was heard to
mutter something about the growth of the toter something about the growth of the
town. Finally a passer-by pointed out to them the house they were looking for
By way of an excuse which the man seemed By way of an excuse which the man seemed
to think was necessary for him, as not knowing where to go, he said to the boy, was here last.", The boy walked on with out saying a word, but his eager eyes were busy taking in every little detail. He saw he ouse beautiful flowers on either side of and even in the distance .he could see the ripening fruit, such as he had hungered for al his life, hanging in red and yellow
bunches beautiful beyond his fairest dreams. The place at once had a mag-
netic effect on him, so that he wished he hectic effect on him, so that he wished he
could live in such a place all his life. The could live in such a place all this lire. The
elderly man who answered their knock at the door, noticed the stranger was some-
what backward in stating his business. what backward in stating his business.
So he asked him what he could do for him.
will constantly be forced to contribute to United States troops across her territory. the enrichment of half a dozen American He further intimated that Sir Richard citibute a cent toward Canadian taxes. had publicly stated that Canada would What a constant and growing source of be willing to form a Canadian-American vexation and irritation! be willing to form a Canadian-American is a a new for the defence of Alaska. This is $/$ a new version of
applied to Alaska
Smith, "and see how we should like it. applied to Alaska Imagine that our northeastern states This proposal is the first instance on were simiarly incarcerated, cut off from, record of a great nation deliberately 20 miles wide, 565 miles long, running nation in the shape of territory. The from eastern Maine down nearly to resolution may not come to anything; Philadelphia; that all the great cities and if it did, the United States might


Victoria, November 11, 1915.
I hardly know what to say in these strenuous times to the readers of The "Western Home Monthly. British Columbia's chief care is in the prosecution of the war, toward which, in common with the rest of Canada, she is contributing largely of her men, her material and her money. As time goes on the great necessity of engaging the enemy to our utmost strength becomes the more apparent and we areendeavouring at this end to do our whole duty, and are confidently looking for victory to ultimately rest with the Empire and its Allies.

Now, as to our industrial conditions. Mining, one of our largest industries, though row most prosperous, was very muín aisorganized after the outbreak of hostilities. The iumber industry, for which there are now large opportunities and a wide range of markets, has been handicapped by lack of ocean-going vessels and the almost prohibitive rates of freight. The bountiful crop of the prairies will, however, offset this to some considerable extent. The distance of British Columbia from the east has made it difficult to obtain contracts for war munitions in competition with eastern manufacturers. This situation of late has greatly improved. Until the fortunes of war are decidedly favourable British Columbia is suffering financially, in common with the rest of the world, but on the while the situtution is vastly better than might be expected in the circumstances of a war so terrible in its extent and consequences. Mining, the fisheries, agriculture and horticulture have been unexceptionally prosperous during the present year and the outlook for the future in respect of the development of all our natural resources never were so good. The harbour facilities of the Province have been greatly improved and our means of communication very greatly increased in railways and highways, so that when the time does come for legitimate expansion business will go ahead with the proverbial "leaps and bounds." Our future depends so mactors of transcontinental and ocean trade that such facilitien
greatest importance, next to actual production itself.

Notwithstanding the war and notwithstanding the great drain on our people occasioned thereby, I have never, with a long and intimate know ledge, known them to be more hopeful, and confident optimism has always been the spirit of the West. It has carried the people through many ups and downs in the last sixty years and it will carry them successfully through this the greatest crisis of all history.

I wish the staff of The Western Home Monthly and its readers plenty of Christmas cheer and a prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully,


Premier of British Columbia.

on that seaboard-Boston, Providence, prove to be so hard a bargainer that it No that seaboard-Boston, Providence, prove to bould be impossible for Canada to accept Canadian cities, deriving their wealth the terms proposed. The significant from the American colony behind them, thing about the resolution is that the yet contributing not a cent toward of gain for the United States, but upon freight could be sent from Pittsburg or the fact that the present arrangement Buffalo to New York or Boston for is a disadvantage and an increasing xport except in bond. We should long source of irritation to Canadians. Mr. ago have found the situation unendur- Smith's proposal will be regarded by
some as too quixotic for practical "The only gentlemanly course, the nly manly course, open to us is to say to the Canadians: 'We will let you
have this 'Panhandle.' What will you give us for it?'"
$\stackrel{\text { Speaking at another time, this U. S. }}{ }$. . Speaking at another time, this U. S.
ingressman quoted an editorial from a Vancouver daily to the effect that anada cannot tolerate the occupation
Alaska by a foreign power, and would be compelled by self-interest, in case of cessity, to permit the transportation of


Borrowed Sermons
A story has been revived in the Daily News to the effect that the late Canon meming once preached one of Dr Talit was his own.
"Sermons," says a correspondent of the same paper, "are more liable to be appropriated than any other class of literary production. It is not often, however, that Noncontormist sermons are heard Yet this fate once befell a sermon of Dr. Clifford's.
"Dr. Alexander, the ex-Primate of Ireland, had been invited to preach at the Abbey, and it was noticed that the sermon bore something more than a casual resemblance to one by Dr. Clifior "The wishop subsequently wrote to Dr. Clifford expressing his regret at the circumstance. He said: 'My mind was so saturated with your rich and nobly expressed thoughts that I really somehow forgot that they were not my own until had preached. We differ upon a good whole line of politics, but I thoroughly re whole ine of admire, your thought, and re-
spect and
main your debtor."

## The Western Home Monthly

## Their Anniversary <br> By Hugh S. Eayrs.

W ${ }^{\text {HEN the hands of the clock in the }}$ to six o'clock Jndustries Limited, pointed desk, put on his hat and coot, and saying
"Good-night" to his fellow clerks, left the office. He bought an evening paper, boarded a street car, paid his fare and
settled himself to read. At the corner of
Jackson and Richmond Streets he folded his paper, got up and left the car. A walk of five minutes and the insertion of a
latch key in a Yale lock brought him into latch key in a Yale lock brou
the partor of his little home. Such was his procedure on the night of
November 30 th, 1914. So far as he could remember, if he ever bothered himself to for the pout it, this had been his procedure for the past ten years, For John Long according to a definite plan, and it had to be something very unusual and extraordinary that was allowed to interfere with his well-ordered, regular mode of living. Some people would call this
method. But later on, very often, it spells Fatalism.
He wasn't a young man; nor was he an
old man. But he was a prematurely aged man. Ten years ago, a young fellow married the daughter of a wealthy banker married the daughter of a wealthy banker.
If either he or Elsie had been able to see a little way into the future they would have waited a few months rather than directly oppose the wishes of Richard Shaw,
Elsie's hard and harsh father. But then Elsie's hard and harsh father. But then future, so in a burst of impulsive recklessness, which derived its impetus from what they both believed to be a perfectly overwhelming love, they dispensed with
the consent of Papa to their marriageand eloped.
Next day, Richard Shaw cut his daughter out of his will in the approved fashion. Four months later he died. His huge handed over to them, and daughter Elsie got nothing. Which was undeniably hard
for Elsie-and emphasises the fact that it was a pity she could not have seen into the But h
of course his fand did not seem to mind. have been useful, in-law's money would have been usenul, but it was not ab-
solutely indispensable. He was earning they might manage on that
A year later, a wee bundle of frail humanity lay nestling next its mother, and there were no prouder people in the Elsie Long Yoar after yohn and and passed. There had been three more little ones, but except for them and the consequent scheming necessary, and also the fact that every two weeks a pay
envelope for sixty dollars, instead of the nothing very much had happened.
True, he was getting to look older. in his dark brown hair. His face seemed to grow a little more tired-looking, and his shoulders developed a little more pro-
nounced bend. But he was still plain John Long; even, quiet, methodical John Long. She was only thirty, and still retained her erect, almost stately, carriage.
And to-night, to-night was the eve of the tenth anniversary of their wedding. After dinner, while the children were
playing at the back of the house, Elsie playing and sat upon the arm of her husband's chair.
"Do you know what to-morrow is,
dear?" she said. 'Ten years ago you and I ran away and were married. Ten years ago. It hardly seems that long, does it, John?", indeed it doesn't. Ten years ago, eh? Well, well! And how
many times during those ten yors have many times during those ten years have Don $t$ bother to answer; I know you don't regret for a minute. You're the
best little wife in the world, Elsie, and we've got, on fine together you and I. And then the children-how happy they
have made us, haven't they? But somehave made us, haven't they? But some-
times I feel that, after all, it was hardly
air to you to take you from the comfort and luxury of a Firth Avenue home, and bring you to a little house in a narrow the lights of beautiful mansions, and the round of society life that must be dear to the heart of one of society's fairest belles.
It seems like plucking the rose which
bloomed in a sheltered bowter, and transplanting it to a garden where there were
none of its kind, but only a mass of weeds none of its kind, but only a mass of weed to
And yet"-and here his voice seemed to caress the words as he uttered them, as if they were very precious to him-"and yet,, we have been happy, dalling, haven't

He paused, and for a moment there was repsponse.
Then "Of Then, Of course we have, dear. You matter?" want, and so what does the rest
And again there was quietness
"John"" Elsie was saying, "I am won. dt's just y yors do and I w were married. I feel I would like somehow to make to-morrow a red lettes ay. Couldn't we do something to commemorate the fact that you and I have been together for ten whole years? In all
his time I haven't been to a theatre; have never seen the people 'way up.' No, no, I'm not complaining,", she went on, "I have never wanted badly to go, but I don't know why, I would like to make,
to-morrow stand out as a great day."

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She stopped, and looked at her husband. occupants of Box C as the people around
"Well, John," she said, "why don't you them. Especially was this true of John. answer? Is it because we can't afford it, or don't you want to please me; or what?" 'It's not that, dear," he returned, "it's not that. I would like to please you, but,
listen. For ten years the world 'way up' has seen nothing of you. It has gone rolling on while you and I, in that, at any
rate, have stood still. There will be fresh rate, have stood still. There will be fresh
faces. Won't you feel just a little bit out of it? I'd hate to have you come home to regret, i"."
versary saw what he meant, and was pre-
She sam pared. "Out of it, John?" she said. "Why, I "Ont of it, John?" she said. "Why, I with you. I shan't look for those that I used to honow. They are nothing to me, now. Come, John,-let's celebrate. Just
for one night, dear. You can get out for one night, dear. You can get out white satin; I can soon alter that a little, and make it as good as anything that Lucille, or Pacquin has turned out this thusiastic, now. "Come John, say you'll take me."
And, of course, she got her way. hem. Especially was this true of John.
What would he not give to be one of them? He would have a house in Fifth money could buy-and Elsie should have diamonds galore, and-he stopped. What hand thal coincidence was it that made his hand touch the remainder of his thirty dollars, laid out for the week, in his After the show they went to the Savoy. The saloon was magnificently lit, and New York played delirious music, in one corner. The plate and cut glass seemed
to be resplendent with a blaze of light, and to be resplendent with a blaze of light, and perfume of the flowers on the tables, and the maddening intoxication of the whole scene seemed to fire the brain of John Long. ${ }^{\text {But how }}$
fashionable out of it he felt! His dress suit, out of date. He fancied other men were noticing it, and scoring him for it. Oh,
why couldn't he be like the other men in why could
the room?
"Wht someone was talking.
"Why, Miss Shaw, fancy seeing you
here! And yet I kniew I couldn't be mis-

"For what we are about to receive"
The next day John Long came home just taken. We have 'all wondered for ten The next day John Long came home just taken. We have all wondered for tel", lat ten years. But to-night there was a he stopped, and followed the direction of
lash on his cheek, and the light of inter- her eyes till they rested upon John. est and expectation in his eyes.
An hour later his wife came down the wellbred surprise in his voice. And then "Why, Elsie, what a pieture you look, "How are you, Mr. Long. Glad to know darling. You don't seem a day older than when we ran over to the Falls, and were narried. Do you remember?" His face shone with a pride that was
genuine. But it flashed across his mind genuine. But it flashed across his mind again that he had not done right to take
her away from the world of lights, and joy, and pleasure to which she belonged.
A taxi drove up to the door.
"Oh, John. This is good of you, dear. Oh, John. This is good of you, dear.
A taxi to take us down. Well, we are en-
titled to one big night, after ten years, ren't we, John?", night, after ten years, Irrived at the theatre John handed his
wife out, inquired the fare, and gave the
He had driver a quarter for himself. He had El-ie's request, and felt ridiculously like a Tre home, and want good things.
The play-which they saw from a box, The play-which they saw from god,
tinh they had to themenves-was good.
you."
But the man addressed wasn't glad. He was sullen. The stranger-evidently one
of the set to which Elsie had originally of the set to which Elsie had originally
belonged-was politely ignoring him. Gradually his anger rose. Why the
devil had he not counted upon this? devil had he not counted upon this?
What a fool he. had been. He ought to
have known that he could not bring back have known that he could not bring back someone eagerly seizing the opportunity
to try and make it bloom again. "Goodbye, Mr. Devine," she said, "so
glad to have met you again. It has glad to have met you again. It has,
seermed like old times to talk with you."
And turning to her husband, she went on And turning to her husband, she went on,
"John, Mr. Devine is going now." The two men bowed, and Percy Devine,
heir to a fortune of five hundred thousand heir to a fortune of five hundred
dollars, left them.
When he was gone, and husband and Wife were left alone, there was silence. Else spoke. "That was one of the
boys I used to know, John. Isn't he nice? Such a gentleman, too. So perfectly-;

## Practical Temperance Work

In the year 1880, Dr. Leslie E. dividual cases cannot be made public,
Keeley, then an obscure physician but it is a well-known fact that Keeley, then an obscure physician practising in Dwight, Illinois, being ness was a disease with a great many people, discovered what he believed to
be a scientific reme oe a scientific remedy and treatment for
this disease. When he made this claim it met with, ridicule and opposition from scientific and medical men throughout the country. Articles' were written in the prominent papers, based on the a fake, and claiming that was simply was a vice and could only be cured by the exercise of willpower. One of the papers in which these criticisms appeared was the Chicago Tribune, operMedill. Dr. Keeley went to Chicago to Medill. Dr. Keeley went to Chicago to
make the proposal to Mr. Medill that if he would send a certain number of what he considered to be incurable cases, they would be treated free of charge, if Mr. Medill would bona fide
investigate the treatment and watch the investigate These men were sent to Dwight, and there treated by Dr. Keeley. The result was so startling, and the cures were so radical and permanent that Mr. Medill, being a man of his
word, made a thorough and honest investigation and published the results as a matter of news in his paper; which had a wide-world circulation. The results were immediate and amazing. In a short time the capacity of the Dwigh
Institute was over-taxed, new building had to be erected to accommodate patients, and the Town of Dwight became famous. Branch institute were started throughout the world, one
of the first being in London, England, of the first being in London, england prominent dignitary of the Church o England, a member of the House of Lords, and a prominent financier were
prevailed upon to make an investigation prevailed upon to make an investigatio of the treatment, and were so impresse with its merithat they gave have since acted as a honorary yearly committee. Thousands of men in different station in life in Great Britain have bee successfully treated since that time. fully operated in practically every stat in the union, in addition to one in Mexico and two in Canada.
Nineteen years ago, George A. Griffith opened the Keeley institute in Winnipeg in the house built by the late
A. W. Ross, and there suceessfully A. W. Ross, and treated a great number of patients. The institute has been continued since that time, and is now operated by the Keeley institute of Winnipeg, who now' have a
handsome building of their own at the handsome building on Hugo Streets in the icity of Winnipeg.
This work has ever since been carried on in a modest and unostentatious way. requires its work to be performed in a confidential and private manner. This institute has treated nearly 2,500 patients, and recently prominent citizens investigapeg have made as thorough an of the results achieved,' and from carefully kept records they are convinced that at least 75 per cent of the cures performed in this institute have been
permanent and effectual. Naturally, in-

She stopped and looked at her husband. John Long said nothing for a time. through, aren't we? Come on, then." So John and Elsie Long, of the Six Roomed House, left the world of glitter,
where a man is judged by the style of his
The next evening, John Long, pursuing his regular systematic methods, arrived as foi' the last ten years.
And late that night his wife came to him
and said, "John, dear, I know how you
felt over last night. And I'm so sorry.
But I want to tell you that to me the face
But I want to teln you that
and form of John Long with hair growing
grey, and shoulders becoming bent as the but it is a well-known fact that
undreds of confirmed drunkards in all conditions and stations of life have been ransformed into useful members of society. In addition to the disease of fully treated cases of well:known victims of various drug habits, as well \& nerve troubles caused by various xcesses, including the excessive use of,
In addition to the treatment which is administered at the institute numbers of persons who are unable to leave heir businesses and attend the institute which latter course is alvays recom-
mended) have been treated successfull mended) have been treated successfully selected by them, and attended by their own physicians. Many prominent physicians have made a searching investigation into the methods and have ecommended this treatment for their Katients. Although the work of ther wholly from the standpoint of philanthropy, but is upon business principles, it has really been of greater service to humanity than any other
temperance agency that is known. The: emperance agency that is known. The miracles. There must be hearty coperation by the patients themselves. There must be a desire to live and lead decent moral life, and they múst, also on which to build. If lungs, heart, liver and brain have not been permanently injured, recovery is safe and sure. Nor do the doctors in charge of the Keeley Institute claim that patients when cured are not ube to wequire again a thato
anl cra-ng for intoxicants. All that is*claimed for the Keeley cure is that by scientific methods employed by them, constitutions impaired are restored as nearly as possible to normal conditions and the patient is enabled to become an The Keeley remedies are nothing more than nerve tonics. They do not, as is supposed by some people, produce
any injurious nausea or sicknesses. In any injurious nausea or sicknesses. In and health from the beginning and continue to do so throughout the whole course of the treatment.
The Keeley Institute is well equipped with all modern appliances for treating all forms of liquor and drug addictions, from same, or from overwork and other causes.
Special provision is made for treating
both sexes and absolute privacy is maintained.
The Keeley Institute has performed a most creditable work, and is one of f permanent institutions of the city by prominent business men under the by prominent business men, under the The annual reports of the London committee can be had on application to the institute's secretary. The committee for 1915 was Lord Montague of Beaulieu, chairman; Lord Bishop of Southampton,
Rev. R. J. Campbell, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.; Mr. Burbage (of Harrods, Limited). The late Canon Fleming was chairman for over 15 years and took a keen interest in the work and investigations of the cure.
years go by, are infinitely more precious one who does nothing for himself or for others. For you, John, have loved me We have been together all these years, to train them. And there is no one in the whole wide world that I can admire so much, love so deeply, as my dear, dear But But her husband's arms had closed and her, and it was sunny day,

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## The Rainbow <br> By Charles Dorian.

THE Captain of the coal boat, Canadian fishery laws on the little back Prince swore lustily at the lake with your respected customs officer the coal handlers in the hold balked at doing fifteen hours' work in ten to prevent his laying over Sunday.
"You could 'a had me out this after noon if you'd made the devils work. I when you tie me up here over Sunday when you tie me up here over Sunday
when I should be half way to Sandusky I got good cause to complain. It's a sufferin' shame, Louie, that's what it is." "That's all right, Cap-better lack next time. Men can't be flogged all the time. They're same 's you and me, after
all-just men. About the end of the all-just men. About," the end of the
week they lose steam," answered Louie, properly called Louie or Luigi.
"Inigi" was outcast when the ultimate letter of his surname, "Nardoni" was dropped. That was when he became a master of spoken English, so that now If known as Louie Nardon.
The bigger the Italian the more boyish they are, it seems, añd sobriquets running to diminutives are common among them. Louie's compatriots still called him Luigi and chattered to him in rich Piedmontese in preference to them.
"Give us a cigar, Cap," he begged, cheerfully. "You're one of the kind that can give and take, I don't feel sore
when you're mad. When you come in next trip we'll do good work on you, Cap-you'll see! The gang looks ahead, you know. If there was another boat waitin' they'd have got you out. They like workin' the 'Prince when she's dug down. Coal shovels best on skin, you a fleet o' boats out there waitin' to be unloaded what they can do. You can't blame them for lookin' out for the next day's work, now can you? O' course you can't."
black eyes flashed joyfully while listened to the lecture which accompanied ${ }^{1 \text { it }}$. ${ }^{\text {Y }}$.
"You're a fraud, Louie," the Captair" concluded.
"Oh, say, Cap! Any danger them asked Louie, irrelevantly.
Louie pointed to a craft breasting the "Prince's" hull at a tottering angle while one unsteady deckhand steered with a galley oar and the other loosened th halyard

Can't upset a yawl with a sheet tha size-might if ye'd rig her up like a
brig, as I've seen 'em do," shortly an swered the can
"How's chances to take her out to morrow ?" asked Louie
"Swim?"
"Sure," lied Louie
"Friends swim?"
Louie. I got the right kind," evaded "All right," assented the Captain. ber, this boat's to be unloaded Monda mornin' and no Italian wakes instead!' "Cap!" whispered Louie. "Here comes the timekeep. (Louie's language in-
variably tripped whenever he talked of variably tripped whenever he talked of
or to the timekeeper). "He's got the little white catboat you see up the little white catboat you see up the
creek-no bigger'n this yawl. I want to
race him, see? Talk it up! Hello, race him, see? Talk it up! Hello,
Willie!"
Willie nodded. Louie slapped him on the back and guffawed. "Give 'm a cigar,
"I'm going across to Majuba Island to-morrow," announced Willie Fitzgib bon, the timekeeper. "There"ll be room
for you and the Captain along with -my wife and me-if you care to come, "Count me out," said the Captain. "I'm goin' up to violate your hidebound
if no inspectors land off the
evenin. Thanks, all same."
"And Falvo and me,", cut in Louie. Guiseppe we'll maybe land up on the same Island Ain't the missus afraid of the little boat?"
"Sailing is great fun," answered Willie "and the little girl likes it as well as yawl. Maybe we'll cook supper together. Sorry, Captain, we can't have you."
The Captain looked darkly into the
vessel's hold, gave Louie another cigar vessel's. hold, gave Louie another cigar and disappeared through a doorway on
the bridge and did not reappear until next morning when Louie halloed to him

And the angels sang "Peace on earth"
as he dropped down the ladder into the and down with boyish delight, exclaimyawl, followed by a timid Neapolitan ing at the treasure he had discovered. whose presence was easily won by nothwhose description of sailing in a rough-and-tumble yawl took on the efflorescence of gondoliering on a gilded bay. oplained to him what it was he thought to be gold.
A fire was made but was no sooner
made than it had to be extinguished fhe Captain watchcd the sail flop a ungraceful circles and went in for his tackle, mumbling, "One born every minute-Italian tryin' to run a boat on race track."
Just as he banged the door shut the
ittle white catboat shot past the dock and headed for the easterly point of Majuba Island. Louie shouted recognition and tried to arrange his ropes the same as Willie's. He caught the knack in a few minutes and trailed along in the wake
fair wind.
It was glorious, scooting along without effort, carried out to a friendly Island lolled back in the stern leaning on the lolled back in the stern leaning on the
galley oar which he used as a rudder, galley oar which he used as a rudder,
loiled in heavenly abandon, his boat.
matc grinning with delight at the mastery of his pilot, thinking what great Say, ain't the missus afraid $o^{\prime}$ water?" Willie's wife at the tiller turned and smiled reassuredly at Louie while Willie shouted back:
"Not what you'd notice."
They reached a sandy cove on the extreme left of the Island by one short tack in which the yawl nearly went
drift. They drew up together on the beach.
"We've struck gold," was Louie's first ejaculation as he dropped onto the sand. He clutched a handful of sand and focusing his jet eyes on the flecks
of dazzling mica which lined the bed of the bay and the lagoon, he raced up

fear of burning down all the timber on the Island. A wind was rising which gave cause for eating their meal dry
and in haste. Louie talked of the race back with every mouthful. His companion spoke only once and that to say: "Me no can svim."
"You don't have to," scolded Louie. "He's been talkin' like that all the way across. Some fellas don't get the spirit $o^{\prime}$ sailin' same as others. I wisht I'd
brought the woman along. Say, them's brought the woman along. Say, them's
great sandwidges, Mrs. Fitzaibbons Don't you think we'd better get ready for that race? I saw you racin Burpee fom it. This'll be different, though. You've got too much ballast in your boat. See, I ain't got any. I got a
bigger sail, too. We'll just get started even and-'phew, look at them white caps comin'!"
people these Nardoni's were anyway, back there in the shadows of the Tyrolean Alps before they heard of Canada.
"Come closer," called Willie from the "Ibis," which his boat was called. got the start $o$ ' me. I'll beat you 'You

You've reasoned it all out wrong Louie," said Willie. "But have it your own way. There's no fun tacking in a
sea like that without a centreboard and sea like th
ballast."
"Take things as they come" ri Louie, jumping to his painter and pushing off, sail up.
Willie sculled out of shelter and threw up his sail just at the mouth of the bay where the waves rushed madly by. He brought his craft gracefully round and cut into line, and then strained forward like a race horse getting its head.
There was no longer any race for Louie was going south by east faster than Willie went west by north.
"The big, simple boy will drift
to Manitoulin before he realizes that he cannot tack in the teeth of that breeze," Tharked Willie to his wife.
They were cutting ahead industriously,
smashing now and then into a heavy swell.
"Poor fellow," she sympathized. "His assurance may carry him through on land but he's no seaman-why, we'll be lucky to get in ourselves without a
ducking, and look at him, drifting out all the time."
"Think we'd better go and tow him in," suggested Willie.
"We might try it," assented his wife "But he'd make better headway if he'd row."
"The other fellow might row but Louie would never think of doing any Willie so contrary to usage, laughed
The "Tbis" split the wind, her sail walloped a little and she came round on the crest of a wave while Willie lackened sail.
They were upon the yawl in a short of laughter to their eyes. Louie sat in the stern, both hands clutching tightly the oar with which he steered, Falvo sat athwart the vessel, his boots hooked into the larboard gunhad life belts strapped about their waists. It would have looked tragic but for the comic attitude of the crew and the grin on their faces.
"Throw us your line and come home," yelled Willie.
"We're all right", called back Louie, lazily. "Save yourselves!" The grin
left the face of Falvo as he looked imploringly at Louie
It did not take much persuading to get Louie to throw out his line. Catching he boom shot out to bowsprit position and the sail wrapped itself around the
mast. "Haw! Haw!" laughed Louie. "Better cut loose, Willie, we're all right." "Drop your sail, confound you," comwithout a word and his mate settled into the bottom of the boat resignedly. They had drifted a hundred yards while Willie unfurled the sail. And the hundred yards were never regained with the yawl in tow. It was more than wide bowl of a boat in tow blocking all the wind needed for tacking.
"There's only one thing left, Louie. We can't make it this way-you'll just have to row for it. We have each one "Aw, what's the use-we're all right," argued Louie.
He grabbed at the oar when it was handed, him: he grinned weakly and took up a position which looked like The "Ibis" was a mile away on the omeward stretch when Willie exlaimed: the fool yo if he hasn't got the sail up again! Bet he's got Guiseppe owing with one oar and running the And it was te
A choleric Capto oclock that night when he choleric Captain of the "Prince" sent
is mate and five oars in another yawl to bring in the derelict. The wind had ropped and halcyon calmness reste upon the waters. They pulled vigorous rested when they saw the gleam of a trail-

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east side of Majuba Island. They pulled in there and ahoyed to the astonished ofl and were working industriouslyof at is, Guiseppe was-shovelling sand into the yawl, now one-third full. Louie sat on a $\log$ and injected enthusiasm
into the job by creating possible ex into the job by creating possible extravagances when they got the "gold" home and poke the fire and put on an wood within reach.
"Hello, mate!" he called briskly a the other boat approached. "Get uneasy about us? We're all right-boat needed a little ballast, that's all."
"It did, did it?" rasped the mate threateningly. He was not peacable at
best and he irked under supplementary duties. "Here, you, Joe-drop that oar!
Oars ain't made fer diggin'. Come onOars ainto this boat. And you, you bi onion, you'll unload that sand yourself or row it home alone yourself, which ever you like, because row it home you
will. You wouldn't stay alone on this island fer forty cargoes $o^{\prime}$ gold wid the ghost of that fellow that wuz murdered here forty years ago, I reckon.
At that, Louie's gusto vanished and he spoke with restraint:
here, oh! aw, I say, mate, that's raw sport. Come on back. Aw, mate-! Words failed him. They had aleady
started off with his Italian friend. Louie glimpsed a picture of a night álone on that island, ghost or no ghost. He decided instantly what he would do. H The effect on Guiseppe as The effect on Guiseppe was magical
He sprang upon the sailor with the oar He sprang upon the sailor with the oar
like a chimpanzee and wrung the oar away from him. In a moment Louie away fro
The sailor swung on Guiseppe and forced him violently into the cockpit
Guiseppe flamed up and ejected the much Guiseppe flamed up and ejected the much
rehearsed Black Hand threat: "You pay for treat me lak dot. Ital-
ian mans watch for you. Look out!" ian mans watch for you. Look out!" Louie called out to them: "Le, He threw it back to them. They capitulated and landed Guiseppe. ly manner. "Go home. We stay til mornin'. We got a job here that ain't quite done." "But the Cap
countered the sailor. wants his boat, "Oh, that's all right. I'll see the Cap
to-morrow"" said Louie, unconcernedly to-morrow,", said Louie, unconcernede? quizzed the sailor.
"Oh,' sand-maybe a little gold in it,
not much." Louie was quite master of the situation and held it.
here and we'll tow you home
"Oh, all right," yawned Louie. "Bette wait a few minutes. She'll hold a little more. Come, Guiseppe, throw in a little more. Watch out for" that tin can-I'll take charge of that."
They were off in a few minutes. The curiosity now. The spokesman asked "uriosity now. The spokesman that stuff genuine?" "I' "Genuwine?" exclaimed Louie. "I've
had me eye on this for a long time. had me eye on this for a lo
Genuwine! Well, maybe, Genuwine! Well, maybe."
its real value. This piqued the concea its real "How'd you like let us take a sample to Cleveland with us and prove it up?" he "sked. "Take half if "you like. Guiseppe alive on that island, I guess."
Louie settled down comfortably and warded off further questioning with curt The sailors took turns paddling at the stem and then settled down to straight
rowing. Guiseppe choked down a snore. "Better put the stuff in bags," pro-
posed Louie as they landed at the wharf "Stow it away so's the others won't git Wind of it. The man at Cleveland will say it's all right, you'll see. Th ge
Willie Fitzgerald to organize the com pany to-morrow. I'll give you first

Louie tucked the tin can he guarded
so jealously under his arm and he and Guiseppe dragged themselves homeward
On the way Louie took a handful the contents of the can and bestowed them upon Guiseppe.

## Lost and Won---The Woman who did Care <br> By Wilfred G. Astle

IM Barker walked out of his office with his old-fashioned parents would have a dazed look in his eyes, and his chosen for their boy.
hands groped vaguely as do those of
man not long blind, piloting himself often wondered if it was a very
wise engagement. He was domestic and

## For the

For the past week he had entered his cared little for society as weighed against and now that the crash disust in his mind, which his imagination pictured it. The was leaving it a ruined had come and he possibility of a cozy table, with Rheta's at the simple and trusting way that he had black eyes shining at him over the cofled him with unspeakable happiallowed his partner Moore to run the ness, but would Rheta's eyes shine at such Moore must have thought him an win a vision of home-bife-she, whose life had sophisticated infant to deal with," and he betending unending entertaining and begave such a writhe of anguish at the ing entertained. Many a time he had jeeringly: "Git on to de swell-he's who marry only to drudge their lives away jeeringly: "Git on to de swell-he's who marry ony to drudge thall salaries.

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## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

What means this glory round our feet,'
The Magi mused, 'more bright than morn?
And voices chanted clear and sweet,
'To-day the Prince of Peace is born.
What means that star,' the shepherds said And angels answering overhead,
Sang Peace on earth; good-will to men,
Tis eighteen hundred years and more
Since those sweet oracles were dore;
We wait for Him like them of yore;
Alas! He seems" so slow to come
But it was said in words of gold;
No time or sorrow e'er shall dim,
In perfect trust to come to Him:
All round about our feet shall shine on we our willing hearts incline
In we our willing hearts incline To that sweet life which is the Law.
So shall we learn to understand
And, kindly clasping hand in hand,
Sing, 'Peace on earth, good-will to men
For they who to their childhood cling,
And keep their natures fresh as mo
'To-day the Prince of Peace is Born.
Russell Loweil

passed without recognition, turned to
panion, "Tut, tut, I never knew young Barker finally reached the handsome flung himself into his favorite chair-one of the kind that holds out its arms and wraps you up in them. There he sat fo hours, going over and of Moore and Barker How he' had relied upon Moore, the smooth-tongued rascal, and now the villain had not only ruined him but with he genius of a magician had vanished brunt of indignation and curiosity of the public. He felt that Fate had been play ing with him in a most cruel manner,
since that time ten years ago, when he had since that time ten years ago, when he had left his country home and came to the city
with the five thousand dollars his uncle had left him, to work up a fortune in Toronto. m Many had been his ups and downs, but he was now able to sign his checks for sid
figures, or at least he could yesterday. figures, or at least he could yesterday.
He had intended to take a few weeks v cation the next month to visit his old father and mother who still lived in the little village where he was born. Their letters constantly begged him to come, and
then, too, he wanted to tell them about then, too, hetaned not a girl that one Rheta. Rheta was not a grut, and he
could satisfactorily write about
felt afraid that she was not the wife that

Rheta was queenly, aristocratic, scorn-ful-sometimes he used to wonder if she ful of showing any affection for careBarker had held old-fashioned ideas of a woman giving up things for the man she woman giving up things for the man she sweet, foolish little notes exchanged.
Here he pulled out one that he had re Here he pulled out one that he had re-
ceived that day from Rheta, and re-read it "Dear Jim,-Many thanks for the violets which came to-day, but I prefer roses my-self-they seem so much better bred. I
was sorry to miss you last night, but the was sorry to miss you last night, but the
Denton's insisted on my going to see Denton's, insisted on my going to see
L'Aiglon' with them-you know Evelyn is quite mad over Coquelin, and I was
really very bored by her rhapsodies. Today I go to Hamilton to Cousin Pearl's am afraid I cannot see you until Thursday night at the Princess. Till then believe me, Affectionately yours, It was typical of the girl, distant, selfcontained, and still it exhaled the same elusive fragrance that he so loved about her.
Well it was all over now, all his dreams of a superb creature like Rheta for his
wife. She was not one who could face life with a man who had just a could follars left in the world, for capital, even if she
loved him dearly, and sometimes
"They'll get the flakes. We've got
the lumps. All's not gold that gitters -Willie told me. These must be what they call the nuggets. Funny how they got there. Must a been a rainbow dipped
in there once. Buon giorno, Guiseppe." . HAWKINs. Prinaipal doubted whether she had ever cared any more for him than as a good comrade, who allowed her to go her own way
His head sunk down on his chest and a
mighty sigh came from his drawn lins. A mighty sigh came from his drawn lips. A knock sounded at his door, but he wa
unconscious of it, and finally camie the sound of a muttered curse and departing
footsteps. The telephone rang and ha footsteps.
wondered other end.
The next morning he went down to the entrance of the building apd bought the morning papers. It was all there, of Selecting the one with the most gl
head-lines, he mailed it to "Miss 8 Woodbridge, Avenue Road Hill," Whe whith call that afternoon at four thirty. Abou twenty minutes after four he fang the bed
of the imposing residence of the wood bridge's and was shown into the reception
room, while the butler took his card. I only Rheta would refuse to see him at a it would be so much easier, for even
wounded feelings would not be so painfu as an interview which must only result in
one way. The butter returned with the one way. The but Miss Woodbridge wa
announcement that
engaged, but that she would see Mr Barker, for a few moments. Barker walked up to the fireplace, and stood
there absorbing every detail of the handsome mantel, so that always after the
sight of great slabs of onyx gave him sense of being wretched.
He heard Rheta's firm step come down the hall and pause, probably to ascertain in the paneled mirror if her hair was jus
right. Then he heard her in the doorwa and turped to meet her, only to stop and and inghis hands over his eeyes !ike a man
who cannot grasp the actuality of what he who cannot grasp the actuality of what he
sees. There stood Rheta literaly swal lowed up in a huse apron, her charished
hair in upwonted disorder, her sleeve
rolled up with a handkerchief boun rolled up with a handkerchief bound
around one white wrist, and a great dab o flour on her aristac
Barker went up to her wanderingly stupialy, asiong with his eyes what it ial
meant, whereupon Miss Woodbridge, the
haughty high-bred, unapproaehable Miss haughty high-bred, unapproachable Mise
Woodpridge, threw her arms around his
neek with a delicious blugh and said, "You neak with a delicigus blugh and said, "You
dear old silly, cap"t you see, I am learnin dear old,"

Washing Pink Garments
When washing pink garments that have becone faded, pour boiling water over a few minutes until the color is all out of the cheesecloth, then pour the dye into a bucket of cold water. After washing dye water and allow it to remain an hour. This method gives a perfect, even coloring.

## If You 8 mile

The man who will smile,
In thic midst of trial
He may fall many time.
As upward he climbs,
As upward he always fall on his feet.
The man who will smale
Will win in some other way;
He will press his suit
By some other route
Till he turns the "nay" to "yea."
The man who will smile
Whe man who
If Homself and his friend to fate;
If to-day he fail,
He does not quail
He can smile and work and wait
H. O. Svelman.

## The Woman's Quiet Hour

By E. Cora Hind.
It is hardly peasible that we are coming to a second Christmas and the world still at war. Last Christmas it seemed that Christmas how it seems as if we Christm with us. something apprepriate for Chitor asks for how can we think or feel like Christmas sible way in which Christmas can be kept is by lightening as much as may be in our poper the burdens bound upon those less ortunate than ourselves. In every strait there ie left to us the consolation of work that, while Christmas must be kept very to pelax this year, it be regarded as a duty 0 yelax a little at this time.
on the various small frictions comment arisen in the big societies of women working for the soldiers. These frictions, $I$ am sure, are purely nerves from the long
etrain of work and weeks prior to Christmasty; and while the with endless toil and endeavour we should thy to Keep the week from Christmas to
New Year's free from extra labor New Year's free from extra labors. It is useless to say;" "Keep away from the zhought of war:" That is not posdiscussing it for a week. No good can come of wearing nerves to breaking-point. Moreover it is not fair to the younger years to come will bes. Thadowed sufficiently years to come will beshadowed sufficiently
by the results of this awful war, and the burden of it should not be laid upon them a moment earlier than is necessary. I am saying these things because, from letters among women who are working, I ind that there is a tendency to feel it a sort of crime to enjoy any relaxation while the not give themselves to Canadians should noss extravagance or to squandering of time or money, but there is a wide difference between that and relieving the tension so that in the weeks and months that will come upon us. My heartfelt wish and hope is that Christmas, 1916, may find the world at peace.

The title of Nellie L. McClung's new book is appealing and appropriate. I saw her for a few moments on her return from lecturing she had been In Times bounded admiration was filled with unbounded admiration at, her virility and poise. All the adulation and applause
poured upon her in the East had left her just the same sweet, strong, sympathetic woman she has always been. Her book is one that it will do every woman and
every man in the West good to read. It grips you, in fact, in the vernacular of the street, "it gets you where you live." Twelve chapters, each one of them packed with truth. Like the writer, it is
virile and strong and I am going to quote just' a few passages and then I hope every woman will buy a copy and read it for herself.
"Disturbers are never popula-nobody no matter how grateful they may have been afterwards for its kind services! "It was the people who did not like to be disturbed who crucified. Christ-the worst fault they had to find with Him was
that He annoyed thern-He rebuked the carnal mind-He aroused the cat-spirit, and so they crucified Him-and went across some souls like a cold draught, and they naturally get up and shut the door
They have even been known to slam it.
"We pray to the God of Battles, never by any chance to the God of Worlshops!!
"The average child does well for his parents, and teaches them many things.
Bless his little soft hand.-he broadens our outlook, quickens our sympathies, and leads us, if we will but let him, into ald
truth;, A child pays well for his board and truth., A child pays well for his board and
keep."
movement among women who are crying out for a larger humanity.

From plague, pestilence and famine,
From battle, murder, sudden death
And all forms of cowlike contentmen
Good Lord deliver us."
'In spite of the testimony of many reputable women that they have been able to vote and get dinner on one and the same day there still exists a strong. belief that the whole household machiniery goes "The woman movement, ghich to vas been
"Ther scoffed and jeered at and misunderstood most of all by the people whom it is destined to help, is-a spiritual revival of
the best instinct of womanhood-the instinct to serve and save the race."

## "The time

"The time will come, we hope, when mentally and spiritually independen enough to refuse to have their food paid for by men; when, women will receive equal pay for equal work; and have all avenues
of activity open to them and will be free to choose their own mates without shame or indelicacy, when men will not be afraid to marry becanse of the financial
burden, but free men and free women will burden, but free men and free women will
marry for love and together work for the marry for love and together work for the
sustenance of their families. It is not too ideal a thought. It is coming, and the new

There are a score of other passages which I have marked and long to quote but space wil not permit. McClung speak, the passages quoted will seem like her living presence, and to those who have not enjoyed that privilege they will stimulate a desire to read the book and to meet its
author at the earliest possible moment

Just a word about the war loan that Canada will be asked to subscribe for before Christmas. Every man, woman
and child who ean rake or scrap $\$ 50$ or The War $\quad \$ 100$ should put it into The War that loan. Not be-
Loan cause it is a great
financial investment because it is not, it will only pay five per cent. It is a safe investment and it is a patriotic duty. Think of Canada having to borrow all the time from the mother country when all over Canada there are banks. I think that those who have means, might well curtail the giving of presents among themselves and put the
money into the war loan instead. I do not mean into the war loan instead. I do not
meff gifts to those who need them, but the gifts among friends that are really a.luxury. It is infinitely better for our feeling as a nation that this loan be a few make big subscriptions to it.

Extracts from Ogilvie's Cook Boo $1 / 2$ cup butter
$1 / 2$ cup butter
3/4 cup milk
2 cups Ogilvie's Royal Household
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
$1 / 2$ teaspoon soda
4 eggs (whites)
Preparation-Cream the butter and sugar thoroughly and add the milk tar, and soda together twice, and add to the above, mixing well. Add the chopped walnuts, and lastly the stffly eaten whites, folding them in lightly.

Chocolate Cake
$1 / 2$ cup sugar
3 eggs
$3 / 4$ cup milk 2 cups Ogilvie's Royal Household
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
$1 / 2$ teaspoon soda
1 ounce unsweetened chocolate Preparation-Cream the butter and (saving and add the well beaten egg milk. Sift the flour, cream of tarta and soda together twise, and mix thor oughly with the above; warm the hocolate over teakettle and stir int the batter, bake about thirty-ive min icing.


Fashions and Patterns
Address all Orders to Pattern Department, The Western Home Monthly, Winnipeg
1508.-A Suspender Dress for the 1508.- A suspender Dress for the once appeal to the doll mother. It is bogue. As here shown white lawn em-
easy to make and good for silk, cloth in self color was used "Yal" serge, lawn, gingham, chambray, or per- portion above the pocket is The apron cale. The' guimpe or waist is made with a fuff. The skirt is straight and plaited The pattern is cut in 6 sizes for dolls: 14 , $16,18,20,22$ and 24 inches in height.
It will require $11 / 8$ yard of 36 -inch material It will require $11 / 8$ yard of 36 -inch materia for a 24 -inch size. A pattern of this
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trimmed with bands of lace or embroi dery. The coat will develop nicely in cashmere, silk, henrietta or Bedford cord. The sacque and kimono will look well made of flannel or flannelette, and the cape of
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drawers and underskirt may be of drawers and underskirt may be of nain
sook or lawn, the dress of gingham, per cale, lawn, batiste, silk or crepe. It may be finished with feather stitching or lace or the free edges could be embroidered in scallops,' with eyelets at neck edge and
sleeves, for ribbon insertions. skirt pattern is also nice for flannel, but the waist portion should be of cambric,
nainsook or lawn. The pattern for this nainsook or lawn. The pattern for this 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 inches in height $7 / 8$ yard for the petticoat, and 1 yard for the dress of 36 -inch material for a 24 -inch size. A pattern of this illustration mailed
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bined. The latter could also be developed as a button box. The work basket is The utility case may also be made cretonne, linen, denim or crash, but is best rubber-lined or made of rubberized
materials. The spool holder may be of silk, canvas, denim, cretonne or crash. A good sugyestion for the work baske would be found in $\tan$ linen, embroidered in red, and lining of red satin, or sateen. would also make this a serviceable article. The basket sections could also be woven of raffia over a card board foundation and lined with silk. For the pin box the same mor the work box For the utility cas there are lovely rubberized silks and cretonnes that will be very good for this article. It requires $11 / 8$ yard of 36 -inch material for No. 1, 11/4 yard
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## The Open Window

It was Miss Theophila's first batch of letters since, for the only time in many years, she had left home under orders to
seek rest and change. She opened the uppermost eagerly: "Dear Theophila. I hope everythin is beautiful and everybody nice, and you are having a good rest. Johnny has chicken-pox, and Billy has sprained his
thumb, and the currants won't wait, so I've got to begin preserving to-morrow; but I felt I must just send a line about
the trunkoom window in your attic. the trunk-room window in your attic It's open. I don't know who you left
your keys with, so I couldn't tell her, and it's worrying me. In haste with love, Mary Harding. "If that isn', Mary a, over, the blessed old caretaler ", exclaimed Miss Theophila Felicia Grant, in the other hammock, who had looked up inquiringly; and then she opened her second letter. A momen later she laughed, and read this paragraph aloud: trunk-room you didn't mean to leave the trunk-room window open? The first through the floor and spoil the ceiling affair, as she has your keys; but she hasn't shut it, so I felt it my duty to write." Felicia, glanced to the sly.- "If the storm we're going to have reaches Dul verton, too, I'm afraid that warning
comes too late " she said, "It won't do a mite of harm," Miss Theophila assured her. "The way the eaves slope, it never does rain in that
window. I left it open on purpose, so window. I left it open on purpose, so
the attic wouldn't get too hot and warp the attic wouldn't get too hot and warp
the extra chairs of Grandma Parson's mahogany set that I heep stored up mahogany she ripped open the third letter. "Well! Selina herself this time! She says
she knows perfectly well I told her that whe knows was meant to be open, but every wody who went by Sunday stopped her after church to tell her she ought to go over and shut it; and she's had two telephone calls and a note, and Mrs. Simpson
sent her little boy to inquire-and they've got her so nervous she's raced across after every sprinkle to investigate. Now she wants written instructions, so they'll leave her in peace. thing," suggested Felicia "With the neighbors observant as all that, life in Dulverton must be like living under a microscope.", cried Miss Theophila, with " "Oh, no!" cried Miss Theophila, with "They do notice things, dear people but it's most always to sympathize, and ever so often to help. That's the, beauty of a little town; everybody cares. flat; the constantly changing tenants below; the languorous lady with a French poodle above; the sulky, shirking janitor;
the thousand houses full of strangers bethe thousand houses full of strangers be "You're right", she admitte funny, maybe, but there's something fine funny, maybe, but there s some are ning having neighbors who are, ncigh-
toorly even to your empty house."

## Children and Pain

 mine mother should always keep inmind that she is rearing men and women
suffering must inevitably come, and that children with the most tender sympathy, that they soon pass away and gre for-
she is not doing them a kindness by making them feel sure that in the mother's gotten should be kept before the mind making them weak and whining about ear and heart there are always ready every trivial form of pain. She should attention and help, yet it is her duty to remember that the very foundations of insist on a certain hardihood toward pain.
fortitude under both bodily pain and Lessons of endurance should be taught artitude under both bodily pain and life, and that a good deal of this work must be done by her. A very little a certain be lightness of view. It can be taught to bear without complaint, and that to give way to whining overmuch is a species of cowardice. A calm and even way of looking at
pain can be impressed on a very immature pain can be impressed on a very immature mind. This is an important factor in
While While she treats the sufferings of her
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## The Young Woman and Her Problem Pearl Richmond Hamilton.

THE PRAYER OF THE SOLDIER'S 0 Thou Who has inspired the British
heart with love for Justice and Honor help him who has offered his life for the Nation's cause. May the memory of my influence thrill him with respect for the purity of womanhood. May he
feel that I am worthy of the protection he is willing to fight for. Create in me the spirit of lofty aim and triumphant determination that knows no de-feat-and the personality that will inspire him with nobility of manhood.
Fill my mind so full of the knowledge of good that petty little thoughts may find no room. As he has offered his life for service so may I be enlisted in the war against avarice, hate and petty bartering for selfish gains. Concentrate the accomplishment of a Nation's ideal woman. Give me knowledge of womanly work. Inspire me with a vision of my fice duty nor principle. shall not sacriciousness of purity of action the conmusic at midnight-may the sweetest of Christmas carols cheer my soldier sweetheart on this Christmas Eve. May I feel such a nearness of Thy Presence acred regard for honesty sincerity by a truth. May the spiritual wire that binds my soul to his be so charged with the current of womanly love at this swas seetheart -shall be the btrengy soldier inspired. Create in me the soul of a true woman. Amen,

IMPOSSIBLE PAINTINGS OF THE MADONNA FACE
The human hand has never been able to produce on canvas a spiritual face. An expensive painting of Christ as a peg thr was on exhibition in Winn peg shree years ago. When I saw it a expression of the soul. Artists since the beginning of time have tried without success to paint the face of Jesus.
The Madonna by Raffaelle Sanzio in Florence has marvelous color inzio in perfect form and is the execution of a genius but the soul is not there.
Bellini's Madonna is noted for
fection in technical qualities and spiritual expression is absent

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noblest products of Religious Art of the exhibition. In addition to the mother and Child, angels on the steps add heavenly touch to the picture but the heavenly expression is lacking.
the Dresden Gallery is one of the chie treasures of art in the word but the artist could not paint the soul. Go through the art galleries of Eu
rope and you will find in all ings of the human face that no artist has been able to produce the spiritual expression. It cannot be executed by human hand. Only the hand of He Who sent the Christ Child to us can
create the Spiritual face. We see it every day. In the North end of Winnipeg is The Madonna of the Immigrant with her child pressed close to her bosom. She looks straight at me and I see deep depths of spirituality in
her clear honest eyes. Ah-there is the production of the Master Artist-and a copy of the Christmas Child.
Out on yonder prairie a mother sings her child to sleep and again I see a
masterpiece Madonna by the Great Ar-tist-the spiritual face-the expression is there. A woman without spirituality has no real facial expression. Look into the mirror-my dear girl-have you al lowed the Master Touch of the Great Artist? Is there spirituality in the
and curves?
"A face with gladness overspread! Sweet looks by human kindness bred And seemliness complete that sways Thy courtesies; about thee plays From quick and eager visitings springs Of thoughts that lie beyond the reach
Of thy few words of English Speech."

UP TO THE CHRISTMAS STAR If you are honest with yourself do
not worry about gossip-fon gossip is not worry about gossip-fon gossip is
created by envy and malice. Sour created by envy and malice. Sour
brains curdle the soul. The inevitable accompaniment of personal progress is mud-slinging. If one is determined to rise, she must first learn to disregard non-essentials and she cannot afford to fritter her valuable energy worrying about the opinions of people who do thoughts for more vital things. Be an individual. Some one asked me why I did not cut the coat of my new suit square because every one is wearing
that style now. Well I have that style now. Well I have my own
ideas about what I can wear. It is the same with ideas. Some one cuts out an idea and a hundred thousand


## The Bairnies preparing to cuddle doon

that they may be spared the energy of creating one. Individuality is lacking. never repeats herself. She never produces two things alike. She puts a dab individuality in everything she crecertain style of coat because all the other girls are wearing that style-or a eirtain form of pleasure is right be cause the other girls say so. We sway hat the crowd. It is the individua accomplishes things. Merit alone wins. The best things are hard to reach. The best apples are on the tree-there is usually a worm in the wind fall. Only A first-class girl cannot be found on Life's bargain countur. Do not cheapen yourself by mixing with easy compan pass you by by
If tilize-do not brutalize your time If you are a stenographer of "notes" develop into a woman of note. There are no limits to ambition if it be clean and wholesome. The less effort a girl gives the less she gets-the higher she
aims the higher she rises. "And I if be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Look up to the Xmas star. graces. . It is a feeling-the appeal
which is made to a noble girl is answered almost before it is presented because her consciocsness of the needs of others is so acute that the meaning is comprehended intuitively. Nobility expressed in the face-for the benevolence that controls a noble girl speaks through a clear kind eye and a beautiful mouth. Nobility of feeling involves sympathy with all that is true and good. A noble girl is conscious of
entire harmony with that which is elevating and pure. The choice characters of the world have been animated by this sympathy. The noble girl finds welfare of all that in desires for the welfare of all that temptations in the opposite direction have no effect on her,
because her whole personality becomes because her whole personality becomes
ennobled. A life that is noble is al-
ways the result of inner forces and not external excitements. The qualities which must be sought in order to secure true nobility are a lofty purpose deep sympathies, and absolute self sacrifice. Nothing is too small and
nothing is too large for a noble girl to no. Let our gift for the coming year be an Xmas character.

HER WISH
A beautiful young life passed into -Helen Buchanan-Davison-the daugl ter of W. W. Buchanan-who was Canada's Temperance Reformer. Helen into the hearts of girls who needed joy friend. After her marriage she opened her home on Sunday afternoons to. friends of her husband-commercial
travellers who had no ravellers who had no homes. There
she and her husband entertained them in an atmosphere of sacred home environment and they were inspired, with
admiration for the good and admiration for the good and pure in
Christian character. After dinner they Christian character. After dinner they be measured?

## THE XMAS CHARACTER

The highest eulogy that can be paid to any, girl is to say she is noble. It comprises all the virtues and all the

During her girlhood she lived for a purpose and developed a strength men and women. The following wish was found in her Bible-her wish for the best that can be bestowed on a girl:
What shall we ask the kindly fates to give
To crown your life and make it ever Not splendor great nor gold wherewith In arrogance and pride your whole God make you fair and comely to the sight
Give you more heart than brain, more May you be tender, thoughtful, cheer ful, bright
The weaker ones to help and guide
 Alone and lonely on their dizzy Just do height
st do your humble part as best you These are the wishes of your friends
to-night." LIVES THAT LIFT
The human hand cannot produce a personality. There is something about the personality that eludes the photo-
grapher, which the painter cannot copy; grapher, which the painter cannot copy;
which the sculptor cannot chisel and which the sculptor cannot chisel and
no hand can record in biography. The mo hand can record personality has an elevating influence wherever she goes. Every life she touches responds with joy. It is
the emphasis of the power of the Christ the emphasis of the power of
Child in the heart of woman.
"For letting down the golden chain "For letting down the golden chain
from high, She drew her associates
sky. She bore her great communion in her She sweetly tempered awe; and soft-

THE MOBILIZATION OF HOPE.
In The London Daily News Sir James Yoxall, member of the British Parliafor Christmas reflection:
"Quick success is usually deceptive Every great cause fails at first. We can mobilize hope. Earnest hoping is a powerful way of asking, and a part of
faith that foresees.
Clough, in his singing robes of vision, gave us a hymn of hoping, which offers He criticizes pessimists who have little faith in British strength, and says "Say not the prophets.
"Say not the struggle naught availeth, The labor and the wounds are vain And as things have been they remain If hopes were dupes, fears may be It may be in yon smoke concealed, fliers, Sir James says that pessimists anic patriots says that pessimists are reason-they are true pro-Germaris an victory. be interned for they delay our is mental." Hapoleon said: "In war al a leader as not to worry, to keep clear mind always, to show no change of countenance, to exhort the timid, to augment the brave, to rally the waver ing. None of these things do our panic
patriots achieve. Bergson says, "Ger many's force is material not moral. which means that she is living upon material reserves alone. "On the Ger man side there is force spread out upon also deep force, resident in the there is Deep answers unto deep. Their strength is limited to itself because they have put themselves out of tune with the great slow forces, and into antagonism
with the eternal laws, that in why were in such a hurry, knowing the great slow force of time to be against them Therefore in the end they must fail and all. as a dozen tyrant empires have mone." Be an optimistic patriot-mo-


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## The Spirit of Christmas

By Charles G．Paterson，D．D．，St．Stephens Church，Winnipeg

$I^{\text {x }}$the course of a year we celebrate er－
tain days，each of which tain days，each of which brings its effect．Easter makes us rejoice in the assurance of a larger life，to be entered through the portal of death．Empire Day fans into a blaze the sacred spark of
patriotism which is ever glowing on the altar of the soul．Thanksgiving reminds us of the loving kindness and tender mercy of the Most High，and recalls us to mas once more draws near，its approach heralded by the stirring within us of
memories，emotions and aspirations among memories，emotions and aspirations among the tenderest，purest and noblest of which
we are ever possessed．What does its
advent bring？What is the spirit of this advent bring？What is the spirit of this
season，that youth and age alike should tingle so in expectation of its reappear－ nee？It is the spirit that was voiced in Bethlehem＇s plain on that memorable night：＂Glory to God in the highest，and on earth peace，good will toward men．＂ The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christmas is the good news，always new and only good，that every human being is more precious in the sight of the Su－ preme Being than all the suns and stars
which He has made．The music of Christmas bells and greetings，of the laughter and shouts of the children when they discover their gifts，of the carols and
hymns of the people assembled to wor－ hymns of the people assembled to wor－ ship－it is all but the reverberation of the
music that ushered into our world the eternal lover and Savior of men．The
light of Christmas candles and open light of Christmas candles and open
hearths，of sparkling，eyes and happy hearths，of sparkling，eyes and happy
faces，of all the season＇s cheer and mari－ glory of the Lord that shone round about when Mary received into her arms the mas light，and all Christmas music as it mas light，and all Christmas music，as it
was at first and as it has continued to be is a sure，welcome witness to this supreme truth，that God is Love．
Christmas commemorates the greatest
event in the history of earth or event in the history of earth or heaven，
the incarnation of God as one of ourselves the self－emptying of Deity in order that humanity might rise into newness of life of wonder that Carpeggio in his painting the scene to emanate from where th the scene to emanate from where the
Child is lying．No wonder that even the careless tripper round the world feels， when he reaches Bethlehem，a strong in－
pulse to kneel down beside the devout pulse to kneel down beside the devout the pavement where Jesus is supposed to have been born．No wonder that，one by one，the peoples of the earth，when they desire to take their place among the
civilized，alter their mode of reckoning to read with reference to that eckent．For
Christmas means just what Anselm of Christmas means just what Anselm of Canterbury wrote of old：＂God Himself，
through the mystery of the，Incarnation
hath become thy brother．＂It mean hath become thy brother．＂It mean
that the soul of the basest creature found in the ranks of our enemy is of more value than all the gold that would be needed to pay the costs of every war since the world
began．Christmas proclaims that in the began．Christmas proclaims that in the
sight of God all the celestial spheres whose
lights twinkle throughout infinite space lights twinkle throughout infinite space
are inferior in worth to one human spirit dwelling perhaps in the body of some
wretched victim of the temptations of our wretched victim of the temptations of out
modern society．The message of Christ mas is，＂the love of God is broader than
the measure of man＇s mind，and the heart the measure of man＇s mind，and the heart The spirit of Christmas is that of the time－
less and infinite．good－will of Him who love each one of us as though there were only one of us to love；the One who patiently
seeks to draw us unto Himself，where seeks to draw us unto Himself，where
only are to be had virtue and rest． But that is not all．The good－will of hearts at the Christmas season is meant to increase within us good－will to one
another．The former is actual another．The former is actual and un－ changeable；the latter is an ideal only partially realized．The recurrence of the
anniversary of Jesus＇birth helps on the movement mightily．The thermometer
which registers human affection reaches which registers human affection reaches
then its highest mark；the tide of genuine benevolence is then most nearly at the
flood．Not even the war can make this


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Christmas an exception．The dawn of that blessed day will find in every heart passion of devotion for our own，and a passion of devotion for our own，and a longing for their welfare，hardly paralleled in the years of peace．And they who have gone out from us to do what they can to make peace on earth，through armed re mental principles of that righteoundes which alone makes peace－they will direct toward home thoughts laden with good－ will for all who love them；and distance and danger will unite us all in and danger will unite us more intimate than before． Outside the Gospel，the most beautiful and helpful story and helpful story for this time of year is Dickens＇＂Christmas Carol．＂We should marvelous change wrought in Ebeneezer Scrooge by the spirit of Christmas，where by the crabbed and miserable of d screw became one of the most generous and happy benefactors in good old London happy benefactors in good old London town．The spirit of Christmas present is a masterpiece，the genial，kindly giant He was so tall；and yet he could stand with equal grace beneath the low roof of the cottage or the lofty ceiling of the dwellings of the poor，such as the Crotchet home，where crippled Tiny Tim was his special favorite．And he had a wonderful special favorite．And he had a wonderful torch from which he sprinkled incense on people quarreling and made them cease and on frugal Christmas dinners，making went a banquet，bringing wherever he went peace and good－will to men． It is all a parable，setting forth．the holy influence of the spirit of Him whose birther we celebrate．And we are under its in－ fluence once more．In the depths of the heart we feel good－will to all，even to our enemies．We wish their true well enemies．We wish their true well－being， we believe that we oppose them in was as truly for their own pod as for ours．We fight，and bear burdens，and pray not for ourselves alone，nor for our Empire only， but for the sake of that Humanity but for the sake of that Humanity which Jesus came to save and bless，that uni－ versus came to save and bless，that uni－ versherhood which is one and in－ divisible，having the one Father God． For this is a civil war．Those whom we mise resisting to the death are our erring， know not what they do．We must con－ inue to oppose them until we are com－ pletely triumphant；but when the end shall come may no pride or pomp of victory cause us to forget that the pros－ crate foe over whom we stand is still one of ourselves，our beaten brother．Mean－ while，as we twine our wreaths and orna－ sent our trees，while we fill the little mack the spirit of Christmas the spirit of the Christ，fully possess our hearts．May that beautiful spirit lead us away from of loving solicitude for others mack from the complexity and artificiality of maturity to the simplicity and sincerity of child－ hood．May it be ours this Christmas，as we rejoice in our knowledge of God＇s un good－will such as was His whose spirit bear，and whose Kingdom we in this war are striving to defend．＂Glory to God in are striving to defend．＂Glory to God in the highest，and on earth peace，good－ the highest，and，on earth peace，good will toward men．＂Amen and Amen！


Baths．
Everyday bathing is one of the neces sities of reasonably good health in sum
mere．The bath cleanses the skin the pores active and free from obstruc lions．It is stimulating to the circula－ lion and tones up the skin generally．A cool bath in the morning，with a brisk rub afterward，acts as a tonic，and is a
splendid nerve stimulant．A comfortably splendid nerve stimulant．A comfortably
warm bath at night just before the child is put to bed，acts as a sedative．The bath is one of the principal preventive measures for the summer．Disease lurk it the doorstep，comes in at the windows variety of ways that homes in such a needs be vigilant who would keep he children free from illnesses during the not summer month．．A bath in the morning before eating，or two hour
after a meal at any time that is coo
venisent，will prove beneficial

On Active Service with a Canadian Field the old land. The wonderful canal and commanding officer had secured for his Ambulance in Flanders
Recounted for The Western. Home Monthly By "A Winnipeg Scots-Canadian."
To the ordinary layman the part the line of communication, first the field important branch of His Majesty's divisions and chief surgical staff remain the Forces, the Royal Army Medical Corps, redressing the wounds, performing necesmay be a little obscure. Therefore some sary operations and doing all in their account of one's experiences in a Cana-
dian Field Ambulance might at assist the brave men who have prove of general interest.
Non-combatant, the activities of a Field Ambulance are naturally carried out just behind the firing line, forming the link between the trenches and the clearing hospitals, which are always situated
at a safe distance out of ordinary shell fire. The three essential requirements of a field ambulance are proficiency in handling wounded, mobility of transport and easy access to the trenches.
It has three divisionsand Transport (motor and Tent, Bearer being all subdivided into three smaller sections, each complete in itself and ready to handle any emergency even when separated from the other sections. open up an advanced dressing station as close to the firing line as possible, usually in some convenient farm building or its
remains. The bearer's duties consist of remains. The bearer's duties consist of
collecting the wounded from the regicollecting the wounded from the regi-
mental aid posts, rendering first aid as mental aid posts, rendering first aid as
required, and despatching the horse or motor ambulances with their loads of suffering victims to the safety and com-
fort of the various clearing hospitals on

strife. From the field hospital the wounded are transferred by motor convoy to the clearing hospital. Thence they are evacuated by ambulance train to the general hospitals at the base, or the sufferers over to "Blighty" to be disthe sufferers over to "Blighty" to be dis-
tributed among the many hospitals of
have proved of immense value in the peaceful transport of severe cases in hospital barges towed slowly along, giving ory over their wounds so vital in the early days of weakness and exhaustion. Enough dry detail has now been given to let the uninitiated understand somevice, which by its devotion to dut serproficiency of performance has won so large a mead of praise in this world war. One feels proud to be even a humble
member of the Canadian Army Medical member of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, which has, in common with the
whole First Canadian Division, rendered whole First Canadian Division, rendered the director-general of the Army Medical Service the very warmest encomiums. Satisfied we are to feel that we have in some measure lived up to the motto of our Corps:
"In arduis fidelis."
In the trench mode of warfare on the
Western front a field ambulance Western front a field ambulance does not
get the opportunity to develop its full get the opportunity to develop its full
usefulness, as operations may remain usefulness, as operations may remain
almost stationary on some sectors of the line and, as a rule, the casualties on such portions of the line are few and easily handled.
Our first experience of the realities of war and of our part in it came at Ypres,
where the unexpected happened, and our where the unexpected happened, and our
First Division was called upon in a crisis. as acute as any in the war. The casual, ties of that terrible battle tested to the limit our efficiency as a medical unit, and had there been a weak point in our arrangements that grave emergency
would assuredly have found it out. Our
hospital in the small town just a mile house in whose Ypres a small school wounded man was laid space many a was over thousands of bre the battle dians, Scottish, English and Indian, Cana well as many French Zouaves, were to wass through our hands. It was work alike a vengeance then, officers and men the dreadful of us it was our first insight For many human havoc of war, yet it was wonder ful how quickly our nerves became tended to the awful injuries of those we of our hearts sore on the sympathies give those hearts dictated, so attentions our
een told and retold, but of Ypres has been told and will live in the minds of all who were called upon at that time with a vividness beyond description.
Canada's sons laid down their lives peace the Maple in the aftermath of peace the Maple Leafs will grow in
honor over the graves of her beloved dead a lasting token to the willing sacrifice of drave men and true.
After Ypres the shattered Canadian Division moved back for a well-earned was hardly a unit in the Division but had suffered losses while the infantry battalions were dreadfully cut up. As soon as reinforcements came, the Division, with a new cavalry brigade, acting as infantry, made up of the Lord Strathcona Horse, Royal Canadian
Dragoons, and the King Edward Horse,

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ander command of Brig. General Seely, moved up into the firing line bnce more, and at Festubert againg line once more, themselves. While not so strenuous as at Ypres, Festubert was much more were under shell fire practically all the time. It was here that one of our squads was struck, two men dying of wounds and the other two being severely wounded. One of our officers, Captain Alwyn Smith, of Winnipeg, won the D.S.O., and a D.C.M. fell to one of our N.C.O., s. It is impossible to describe one's feelings under shell fire, either on a motor ambulance or while walking with a squad. The swiftness of its approach nd the complete uncertainty as to when its bursting fragments will scatter under the on-coming of a shell moment of extreme strain. At first one dangerous, but after shell was no way gauge their flight a ter a time you learn to only jumping you do is when necessary into the nearest ditch Then one has countless difficulties to ontend with when carrying wounded in Traversing fields sodden with rain over disused trenches, whose sides are often broken and unsafe, over ditches when the only stepping stones is the still only stepping stones is the still, lifeless body of a fallen friend or foe lying in awful stillness till the battle is over, and these poor victims of a Monarch's mad ness are gathered into heroes' graves Shrapnel wounds are terrible in their cruel power, and the dressing of such wounds sends a pang to one's heart as you imagine what The bravergoing. wounded are beyond endurance of our tude for any small kindness you may be able to show them so real that the whole sympathy of one's heart comes out unasked, adding a finer quality to one's thanks from rewarded by letters of may have passed through our hands. who It is a wonderful sight to see the deft fingers of our officers dressing the wounds and giving the wounded by their for their chances of recovery. There, in



these small operating rooms, under the heavy handicaps of war, operations have life, performed which have saved many life, and there you see the operator lay aside his military rank and become at
once the keen man of science, bending all his powers to assist the maimed and broken.
For us, after the battle is over there is no tale of glory to be sung, but only noticed and too often unrewarded, the worth of which is demonstrated by the wonderful percentage of wounded
Thank God all our time is not tak up with tending the wounded, and we get these periods of rest which enable us to keep in trim for our arduous work During such times we brighten the days the lengthening evenings are beguiled by the enjoyment of a good concert.
"Even now, as in the days of Saul, "music hath charms to soothe the sarage breast," and those in high places are only forms of relaxation for the troops in their periods of rest.
It is remarkable what talent can be found among groups of men, for in our ers whose professional of performbecoming so well known that their secrices, are much in request. Under the
guidance of our chaplain, Rev. Capt. guidance of our chaplain, Rev. Capt.
McGrier, the musical talent among our McGrier, the musical talent among our
boys is producing some. wonderful boys is producing some , wonderfu
results. The ambulance lately received into it
numbers Pte. "Gitz" Rice, of Montreal numbers Pte "Gitz" Rice, of Montreal, and who acts as chorus leader for the Ambulance Minstrels. Under his leadership the troupe render glees, madrigals
and sundry rich negro American folksongs in a manner which does credit to everyone concerned.
As you might expect, topical songs
and parodies are greatly in request and and parodies are greatly in request, and ambulance a "poet laureate" who lowe to prepare copy for his comrades to sing.
With blackened faces and costumes of gay colors, it is hard to pick out the dignified stalk-sergeants mix in.O.'s of duty hours as they mix in the merry boys a world of yood.
Staff-Sergt. Millburn, the well-known Winnipeg swimmer, is one of the keenest members of the concert party, singing a pleasant baritone and playing a good
tune on the banjo; his sedate confreres
f civil life would scarce recognize th stage artist now showing before de Pte. Hyam, of Vancouver, is the "funny man" of the outfit, and when at top notch he excels himself. Unpre meditated wit combined with a totally novel method of perambulation, rende Ptes. Barrows and St
with their feet and clog-dance with and these "Regina Twins," as they are known on the stage, always get a good Pte
Pte. Ben Allen, a singer of excellence adds to his charm of voice a stage manner of unique quality, and his turns popularity deserves
Pte. Goode is Hy , a good second. He delighted his aut, and a good second. He delighted his audience
one night when he put these words forth with perfect mimicry of our then pay master, a kind-hearted French-Canadian: "On pay day you salute me, other days you do not see me. Why is it?" There are others ainose personal
modesty desires no advertisement their gifts, but none the less do they contribute to the success of the Third Field Ambulance Concert Party.
With such a troupe it is obvious that to ensure their success there must be a Ball of Winnipeg, they have found an excellent one. With the limited conveniences at his disposal he creates a scenic effect highly creditable.
Recently a large concert was held under the patronage of Lieut.-General
Alderson, C.B., commanding Canadian Army Corps, and the Canadian prisoners in Germany benefited to the extent of several hundred dollars collected from the large audience of Canadian and Thus it will
Thus it will be seen that our Ambuwants of the troops but is also able to assist in this mental relaxation so vital to the maintenance of that wonderful British esprit de corps which stamps the orces of our King in all parts of the


The content of a unit depends upon its having over us have been fortunate in at all times, took a keen interest in heir men. Whether in military or rereative matters the members of our corps could always depend upon the sup port of their offcers. The mutual confid ence engendered by the participation of proved its value in the service the Third Canadian Field Ambulance has been able Around the field.
Around the war zone rumor is ever hears into the pages of a gather all one be a wondrous tale. Such is some poor description of what Whave come through in the months we wish the war here. We all heartily wish the war a speedy end, but not
before the power of Germany has forever been humbled, and till that day dawns our serrices are dedicated to ou King and Empire, to do our bit and share in the honest pride of those who ne "And when the strife is fierce, the warSteals on the
and hearts are brave again, and arms

Young People

## Miracles

"An egg a chicken! don't tell m For didn't I break an egg to see?
There was nothing inside but a yellow With a bit of mucilage round it allNoither beak nor bill,
Nor toe nor quill,
Not even a feather
Tot a sign of life could any one see An egg a chicken! You can't fool me!
"An egg a chicken! Didn’t I pick
Up the very shell that had held the
So they said-didn't I work half a day To pack him in where he couldn't stay Let me try as I please,
There is scarce room to mee His head and his feet. No room for any of the rest of him-so Mamma heard the logic of her little man Felt his trouble, and helped him amother's can.
Took an egg from the nest - it was smooth and roun
"Now, my boy, can you tell me what Faint and low, tap, tap Sharp and quick,
Lear it peep, inside there?" cried Tom Hear it peep,
with a shout, "How did it get in out?"
Tom was eager to help-he could brea the shell; ; ends well. Be patient awlile yet my boy. Click, And out popped the head of a dear little No room had it lacked, Though snug it was packed; There it was, all complete,
The softest of down, and the brightest of eyes,
And so big-why, the shell wasn't half its gize.

Tom gave a long whistle. "Mamma, now I see
That egg is a chicken-though the how An egg isn't a chicken, that I know and declare, Yet an egg is a
of it there.
of it there.
Nobody can tell
How it came in that shell;
Would I pack it again
I think 'tis a miracle, mamma mine?"
Mamma kissed her boy. "It may be that we try
Too much reasoning about things, sometimes, you and I. There are miracles wrought every day That we see without seeing or feeling And often we must
And often we must
What we cannot explain
Very well again.
From the flower to the seed, from the seed to the flower, "Youth's Companion.

Why the Morning Glories wear Pretty Dresses
By Phila Butler Bowman
little Mary had to pui up a stick for it to cling to. It climbed to the top of the stick and sent out little floating tendrils. Then fastened a long cord to help Mary. He window, and the cord to the top of the climbing until it stretched above the window, and was a beautiful green vine with hundreds of pretty leaves.
As it grew, it sent out tiny buds, and as the buds grew, they talked to each other about the warm sun and the good rain and the wind that rocked them in At night, when little Mary put on her white nightgown and cuddled down among the pillows, the vine told the buds It was rime stories.
It was really bedtime for the buds, coo, for their eyes were beginning to to tell of the rosy dawn, of the blue sky with its white clouds and of the great with its white clouds and of the gr
far, unchanging purple mountains.

How the buds did love the bedtime And each day, when they felt the warmth of the sun, they would say "Dear Mother-vine, shall we open our

And the mother-vine would answer, Oh, nó; not yet. You are only buds now, and you have no color. You will be beautiful when you blossom."
So they talked together in whispers or they were shy at the thought of eing beautiful
"Oh, if I could be pink and rosy, like the dawn! said one bud. The vine petal and like the pink of a baby's finger."
"Could anything be more lovely than that?"
"I should like to be blue," said an other bud. "Would not that be a glad color? Blue like the sky, with little
touches of the white of the clouds, for the clouds send us the rain; and the vine

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[^1]says she has seen a child with eyes like the blossoms, every one, with loving the blue of the sky. Oh, I hope I may fingers, then went away leaving thein be "Ilue." "I have thought for days," said a third growing, and there was a glad light on bud, trembling at his own boldness, bud, trembing at his own bolaness,
chow lovely it would be to have a color like the purple of the mountains. I know that the vine loves the mountains." One warm night a rain fell very softly
and crept to the roots of all the flowers, and crept to the roots of all the flowers,
and before dawn came the rain ceased, and when it was morning, the sunlight broke gloriously over a bright ${ }_{p}$ world glistening with raindrops still undried. Then the morning-glory vine stretched
toward the sky in gladness for every toward the sky in gladness, for every-
where about it hung floating blossoms where about it hung floating blossoms
more wonderful than anything it had dreamed of-blossoms of rose-pink like the dawn, blossoms as. lovely as the
skies and the eyes of little children skies'and the eyes of little children. Some
had little flecks of white upon the blue had little flecks of white upon the blue.
Some had borrowed the deep pink of the Some had borrowed the deep pink of the it itst scatter nieces of wet newspaper over


In Santa's Pack of Toys-A Bear, a Duck and a little White Cat
thought of the mountain-tops, was Billy Popgun under the Sea purple, and this blossom, which, as a bud,
had been almost too shy to speak, was he largest bloom of all. Each was like the thing of which it
had dreamed. And everyone who looked at the morning-glories saw, as though in a mirror, the thing which had lent to ach its color
"This morning-glory is like the sky at dawn, said a gentle nurse. I will take heart again."
"See, mother!" cried little Mary, "my morning-glory vine is all in blossom, and I have brought you some flowers that
look like bits of the blue sky" "My little girl always brings mother (bits of the blue sky." Mary's mother answered, looking down into her little daughter's eyes as she kissed her. And Mary, kissing back, did not know that mots was thinking eyes.
But an old man stood long, and looked at "the purple blossoms. "My eyes are dim," he said, "so that I no longer see my beloved mountains; but the spring has brought me these purple hills are still there." He stroked

But the purple blossoms, ungathered, wasped little seeds when the summer gain over, so that when spring came And if more purple blossoms grew. purple morning-glory, he may know it grew from a seed of the morning-glory that loved the purple mountain-tops and thought of them always. And where he sees the blue morning-glory blossoms he will know that they grew from the seeds that loved the blue skies and that the
pink blossoms grew from the seeds that pink blossoms grew from the seeds that
loved the rosy dawn.

When sweeping a dusty carpet or it and it will then sweep clean without
By Milo Winter

Billy was bewildered by his recent swift ourney down into the sea. and by the from his, the place. He did not move he was told to slide down to Back unti How light he was on his feet! He could almost float without touching anything. Just an occasional push on the soft moss in a most surprising manner What little uneasiness he may have had at first soon left him, and by seizing a weed now and then and by pulling hard, he rushed through the water like a fish. He went dodging in and out among the great
shells and coral-trees until he had quite lost sight of the Turtle.
For a while Billy floated on his back. the was in this position, looling up through that swam above, when a great shadow some sea-monster with a huge body and many long," waving, snaky arms. This creature was descending on him with all its arms outspread, as if he were bent on
entwining Billy with every one of them.

Escape seemed impossible, for the mon-
ster followed him when he tried to slip

Bill
Billy seized his popgun and, with a
frantic struggle, frantic struggle, managed to point it him. Instantly the great body movon rapidly upward and faded into the green water above. Then another form came charging through the weeds. It was Old
Moss Back. "W Back.
Well, you surely had a narrow escape miser, Octopus." Billy shuddered, but miser, Octopus." Billy shuddered, but thing much more beautiful to look at You have nearly forgotten that we came down here to see my treasure-rooms. I
have a very beautiful one hidden behind have a very beautiful one hidden behind
that sea-fan!"


At that moment a wild-eyed Catfish ran between Billy's legs, nearly upsetwith a Dogfish in full pursuit. A Sea Horse that was peacefully standing under a spreading coral-tree was so frightened by the chase that it reared up several times and dashed away out
of sight. This was all so natural that
it made Billy feel quite at it made Billy feel quite at home.
Now for the treasure-room. Billy
found himself peering into it with his eyes wide open. Such a collection of shell of. A heap of great pearls lay in an amed of. A heap of great pearls lay in an open
shell. Old Moss Back invited Eilly to take his choice of them to carry home,
as a reward for his services to the little as a reward for his services to the little
Moss People. After long consideration Moss People. After long consideration, rounder and more perfect than any one of the others.
"Oh! What a pretty marble this will
make! No," he thought, "I will not use it for a marble, but give it to my mother. Yes, that would be much more fun." ${ }^{H}$ "Ho! I thought you mig Billy wanted to take a few more for
his friends, but that would not be right so he comforted himself with be right; that his mother would let each of his friends take the pearl to play with. Then he remembered having seen a poor ragged When he thought of all this wealth so near at hand, his pity for the poor Urchin was so greatly aroused that he told the
kind-hearted Old Moss Back about him. "Do whatever you like, but let us must be going,", was the reply. So Billy gave the delighted little fellow a pearl.
Then placing his own carefully under Then placing his own carefully under
his arm, and holding his gun tightly in hism, hand, he climbed on Old Moss Back's shell.' Up they started, and then suddenly burst into th air. Oh, how the wind was blowing! A great wave towered over them, and came thundering
down with such force that Billy and
Old Moss Back were hurled anart and sent spinning through the air and spray.

Relief for the Depressed.-Physical and



## The Prescription of Prue

Ever since the Kennedy young people could remember, Grandmother Kennedy had been their dearest comrade. She was a tiny, sprightly, woman, with a variety of most desirable and infinite ments, from the making of delicious "cocked-hat" pies and marvellous gowns for tableaux to the singing of halfmournful but wholly fascinating Scottish
ballads. Sallads.
any of them that grandmother could ever change, and when one winter she nearly slipped from them, the family could not
do enough to show their do enough to show their devotion. They they hardly permitted her petting herfor herself; as she became lo lift as finge about the house, they followed her round with wraps, and shielded her from drafts, and pursued her with easy chairs
and footstools. Yet in spite of it all, although she was always grateful, grandmother was not
happy. Her old sparkle and sauciness were gone, and in unguarded moments they found her brooding, with a look that went to their hearts.
"What more can we do?" Constance isñ't a thing she can possibly want that we don't try to discover before she does, and fly to do it for her."
"It's just - that grandmother's old, dear," Mrs. Kennedy answered. "We never realized it before, but this illness be the same again."
There was one member of the family however, who refused to accept this con clusion, and that was eighteen-year-old Prue, who had been her grandmother'
particular chum. Under her tumbled red-brown hair, Prue was thinking hard. It was a long time before she had an practise, but to put her conclusions int practise, but at last the moment came out. Prue went into grandmother's woom and perched upon the arm of her chair "Grandma") she real old_fashioned, puffy molasses


Itle rest Prince, before we try the hill
Grandmother looked startled, then
half-frightened, then excited. "Prue," half-frightened, then excited. "P
she cried, "do you think I couldshe cried, do you think I could-"", ute," Prue commanded, "and you needn't wear a shoulder shawl, either!" It was a Grandmother made the cookies, and Prue ate three hot, and gave some to the grocer's boy. And just as they took ou
the last ones, Mrs. Kennedy returned.
"Why, "Why, mother!" she cried, in conster-
nation. nation.
"Thandmother looked up triumphantly "They're the best I ever made!" she de,
clared. "I'm not on the shelf yet, Clara!"

How to Clean a Fur-Lined Coat
Never press a fur-lined coat. It will
ruin the skins. Take a very wet sponge and go over the garment thoroughly, if it hang on a form in the open air.
look like a new coat when dry.

What is an Internal Bath?
By W. R. BEAL

Much has been said and volumes have been written describing at length the many kinds of baths civilized man has indulged in from time to time. Every possible resource of the human mind has been brought into play to fashion new methods of bathing, but, strange as it may seem, the most important, as well "Internal Bath," has of all baths, the thought. Tha, has been given little hought. The reason for this is prob ably due to the fact that few people seem to realize the tremendous part that internal bathing plays in the acquiring and maintaining of health.
If you were to ask a dozen people to define an internal bath, you would have as many different definitions, and the probability is that not one of them would be correct. To avoid any miscon ception as to what constitutes an in ternal bath, let it be said that a hot water enema is no more an internal bath than a bill of fare is a dinner
take it were possible and agreeable to to wite great mass of thinking people to witness an average post-mortem, the sights they would see and the things lasting benefit and impress them so profoundly that further argument in favor of internal bathing would be unnecessary to convince them. Unfortunately, however, it is not possible to do this, profitable as such an experience would doubtless prove to be. There is, then, only one other way to get this information into their hands, and that is by acquainting them with such knowledge as will enable them to appreciate the value of this long-sought-for healthproducing necessity.
Few people realize what a very little thing is necessary sometimes to improve their physical condition. Also, they have almost no conception of how little carelessness, indifference, or neglect can
be the fundamental cause of the most virulent disease. For instance, that universal disorder from which almost all humanity is suffering, known as "consti pation," "auto-intoxication," "auto-infecpation," "auto-intoxication," "auto-infec-
tion" and a multitude of other terms, is tion" and a multitude of other terms, is
not only curable, but preventable, not only curable, but preventable,
through the consistent practice of internal bathing.
How many people realize that normal functioning of the bowels and a clean intestinal tract make it impossible to become sick? "Man of to-day is only fifty per cent efficient." Reduced to simple English, this means that most men are trying to do a man's portion of work on half a man's power. This applies equally to women.
That it is impossible to continue to do his indefinitely must be apparent to all. Nature never intended the delicate human organism to be operated on a hundred per cent overload. A machine could not stand this and not break down, and the body certainly cannot do more than a machine. There is entirely too much unnecessary and avoidable sickness the world.

How many people can you name, including yourself, who are physically vigorous, healthy, and strong? The number is appallingly small.

It is not a complex matter to keep in condition, but it takes a little time, and in these strenuous days people have time to do everything else necessary for the attainment of happiness but the most essential thing of all, that of giving their bodies their proper care.
Would you believe that five to ten minutes of time devoted to systematic internal bathing' can make you healthy and maintain your physical efficiency indefinitely? Granting that such a simple procedure as this will do what is claimed for it, is it not worth while. to learn more about that which will accomplish this end? Internal bathing will do this, and it will do it for people of all ages and in all conditions of health and disease.
People don't seem to realize, strange to say, how important it is to keep the body free from accumulated body-waste (poisons). Their doing so would prevent the absorption into the blood of the poisonous excretions of the body, and health would be the inevitable result.
If you would keep your blood pure, your heart normal, your eyes clear, your complexion clean, your mind keen, your blood pressure normal, your nerves relaxed, and be able to enjoy the vigor of youth in your declining years, practise internal bathing, and begin to-day.
Now that your attention has been called to the importance of internal bathing, it may be that a number of questions will suggest themselves to your mind. You will probably want to know WHAT an internal bath is, WHY people should take them, and the WAY to take them. These and countless other questions are all answered in a booklet entitled "THE WHAT, THE WHY and the WAY, OF INTERNAL BATHING," written by Doctor Chas. A Tyrrell, the inventor of the "J. B. L. Cascade," whose lifelong study and re search along this line make him the preeminent authority on this subject. Not only has internal bathing saved and pro longed Dr. Tyrrell's own life, but the viduals have been equally hopeless indiprolonged. No book has ever been written containing such a vast amount of practical information to the business man, the worker, and the housewife. All that is necessary to secure this book is to write to Dr. Tyrrell at Room 255, 280 having read this article in The Western having read this article in The Western
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## Woman and the Home

How the Ex-Baby Feels
By Anne Guilbert Mahon "I suppose Edward will take on dreadfully when he sees the new baby," said child. "It was just so with the two older boys," she continued. "James was so jealous of Thomas when he came that we could not
leave him elone in the room with him. leave him alone in the room with
I expect Edward will be the same., Cepect Edward wis He He tuaifled all his mother's expectations for him, He fol-
lowed out the course of conduct suggested lowed out the course of conduct suggested
by her to the utmost extent.
When he by her to the utmost extent. When he
saw the new baby for the first time occupying his acoustomed place in mother's
and arms, ouddled against her cheeks-taking
his place-he efried and stormed and his place he eried and stormed and
showed in every way his disapproval.
 baby was brought near him, he woild
hide his face and refuse to took at him. Just old enough to grasp the meaning
of the remark made by by his older $^{\text {by }}$ of the remark made by hie his older
brothers and sisters that "Mother has a
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upon him to act as he did, that the baby


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was really an interloper, a supplanter. grown people often are of their feelingsIt was only natural that he should dislike how blind to their childish standpoints!
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There are even now grown people who the new arrival and even as his mother had There are even now grown people who
predicted, he could not be trusted to be tease and joke a child over the advent of a predicted, he could not be trusted to be tease and joke a.child over the advent of a eral occasions he tried to pinch and scratch of joint", and that "mother has a new baby
the little helpless mite, when he was called and doesn't care for you now." They do the little helpless mite, when he was called and doesn't care for you now." They do
"a bad boy" and "jealous," punished and not realize, of course, how cruel it is, what a bad boy" and jealous," punished and not realize, of course, how cruensits, little
scolded until finally, through many hard- effect it has on the child's sensitive ships and much bitterness, he became nature, what feelings of bitterness and used to the thought that he was sup- hatred toward the newcomer it sometimes planted and that "mother had a new arouses in him. A wise mother never baby." little Edward! His mother loves permits any such thoughtless remarks to in the child's presence, or, if they
Poor him devotedly. She is a good mother, but should be made inadvertently, she is she does not realize the feelings of the poor little supplanted "ex-baby." Only a few doors away from Edward
lives another "ex-baby," just his age, but lives another "ex-baby," just his age, but
what a difference there is between the two! Before Roger's baby brother came, his mother talked to him often-little as he
was-of how nice it would be for him was-of how nice it would be for him to
have a little brother or sister, how they have a little brother or sister, how they
would love the dear little berby to come would hove the to cherish and to take care of, how he would help mother care for it. Roger looked forward with the most eager expectancy to the arrival of the little
stranger, whom he was to love, and help stranger, whom he was to love, and help
care for, and who, in time, would be a companion for him.
His mother made it very plain how much she loved Roger, that no one could ever take his place with her, she would
always love him just as much, but she prepared his baby mind gradually, lovingly, tactfully so that when the tiny brother
did arrive he was greeted with joy and did arrive he was greeted with joy and affection.
Roger realized that the baby's place was
entirely distinct from his own. entircly distinct from his own. The baby longings, his own little clothes-all had with is less dear. He should be treated their place, and Roger and hes bellongings also, made to feel that he is a little "com-

It is a trying experience in the life of child，but it can be met and conquered， as can everything else，by the power of
love－＂the greatest thing in the world＂ love－the greatest thing in the world＂－
love of the mother for the child，and love
of the child for the new little baby．

Washing Dishes
Soda added to dish water imparts a housekeepers but so pleasing to dainty housekeepers，but it should not be used
in washing dishes decorated with gold．


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THE MARTYR
（Oct．12，1915．）
Clad in the garb of service， She who had soothed the pain Of friend and foe， Firm，with a step unfaltering With quiet beat of hear With quiet beat of hear
＂I do not fear to die！＂
Her words ring cle
Her words ring clear
In that dark hour before

To see her stand
Fearless while the Their Lord＇s command She sleeps as heroes sleep， In far Ixelies， While all the world must weep For her－Edith Cavell！ Hark！at the sound of that All patriots＇ardor leap Afresh to flame－

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## About the Farm

Hints on Hapness It is of some importance that horses
should be quite comfortable in their should be quite comfortable in their without the addition of artificial coloring should be preferred to black leather which is produced by the use of a dye into the composition of which iron en
ters largelv, and which has
a tendenc ters largely, and which has a tendency
to injure the surface of the leather. IIn some cases the surface of some leather peels right off, owing to the dye having gone too deep, or to neglect on the
part of the tanner. With good leather part of the tanner. With good leather and well-made harness, care and atten
tion will keep it in good order for a long while. The harness should not be hung up by the straps, or left out in the weather. There should be a proper place in the stable to keep it when not
in use. If it gets mud on, in use. If it gets mud on, scrape as
much as possible off with a very blunt knife or piece of hard wood cut into convenient shape, then use warm water. The water should not be hot, and is best applied with a sponge or soft
brush. Place the harness where it will brush. Place the harness where it will give it a coat of neatsfoot oil or other


Aberdeen Angus Cattle on a farm at Golden Stream, Man.
animal fat. This dries in and nour- turnips may receive similar treatment. ishes the leather. Mineral or vegetable In the case of large carrots that have oil is not good. The harness dressing, been raised from seed sown in the applied with sponge or clean cloth, im- spring these are best out of the ground,
proves the appearance of the leather. as they are so liable to split. Those proves the appearance of the leather. as they are so liable to split. Those made of nickel or German silver are if left in the ground and given a slight better to be cleaned with polishing covering of litter or bracken when paste. Kub the tongues of the 'buckles with an oiled rag. Buckle the collar,
and, where possible, shift the straps occasionally, so as to buckle into different holes.
In regard to fitting collars, most horse owners want a collar larger than collar is, perhaps, best, as it is in the shape of the horse's neck, whereas the round collar is not. A new collar is better to fit fairly tight, as it gets larger with use, whereas a collar that out chafing at some point. Some ask that the collar be lined soft, but the firmer the collar, providing it fits the horse, the better. In regard to repairs, the copper rivet, properly used, is a
very useful article. Often, however, very useful article. Often, however,
they are used too long, with the result that the shank bends, and will not bear up as it should do. For joining two pieces of medium leather a $3 / 8$-inch rivet will do, but for stout leather use $1 / 2$ -
inch rivets. A No. 4 saddler's punch inch rivets. A No. 4 saddler's punch,
a piece of lead or hard wood to punch a piece of lead or hard wood to punch
on, 'a rivet set, a cutting tool, and a hammer are all that are required for mending work. If hard wood is, used
for punching on, they require to punch for punching on, they require to punch
spoiled. There are various other kinds of rivets, or staples, for mending harness, but none, equal to the copper rivet
for strength and durability. In rivetting the reins the work requires to be well and neatly done, otherwise the rivets might catch and cause an acci-
dent.-The Farmer's Gazette.

Wintering Garden Roots
Where beets, not the hardiest of roots, are found to preserve their flaing the winter (and that is very often the case where the soil is fairly porous), it is a good plan to lift each other row and store the roots in dry sand or ashes in a cool shed, then caredrawing the leaves erect and covering up the crowns fully six inches deep with soil. So treated, we have found beets stand hard weather very well.
Parsnips, too, also keep best in the soil Parsnips, too, also keep best in the soil
if it be not too retentive or wet. if it be not too retentive or wet.
They may be earthed up in the They may be earthed up in the same
way as recommended for beets, while
with the grain, or the tool will be
severe weather threatens. In some gardens it is an excellent plan to lift all the roots from the open ground and lay them in thickly under overhanging from frost. A good coating of dry leaves over the roots keeps them safe. Too of ten roots are stored in cellars, where the atmosphere is dry and warm,
and this causes them to shrivel and robs themef all their flavor and freshness.

Value of Green Manure By H. A. Bereman
A friend who owns a farm in a north ern state remarked recently with con siderable pride that he had plowed
under a crop of green enrich a portion of his land last fall to I couldn't help thinking w farmer he is to understand the importance of maintaining the productive power of his soil, but that how much and in subsequent years had he made it clover or some other legume crop in stead of rye.
the same legume crop would create about
all he will get from his rye) and in necessity of this vegetable is a addition it would increase the nitrogen storage. A temperature of forty-five content of the soil enough to grow ten degrees is disastrous, Thirty-five to
to twenty bushels more corn to the forty degrees are allowable for the be acre. $\quad$ Nearly all soils, especially sandy and keeping of celery. A box may be light loam soils, need more nitrogen. ing, or wet blankets may be hung near itis the limitisg element in practically by, Celery thus treated begins to grow
ith normal soils throughout the United all normal soils throughout the United in two or three weeks' forming new States. Nitrogen is added to the soil stalks at the heart while the outside from stable manure and from fertilizers such as blood-meal and sodium nitrate. eannot afford to purchase commercial fertilizers, especially nitrogen at the prevailing price of fifteen cents a pound. Neither can he produce enough manure to keep up the supply of this essential
plant food. From all the stock he can plant food. From all the stock he can
crowd into his feedlot, he can never get enough manure to keep up the fer tility of his farm without resorting to
purchased feeds. It is absolutely to purchased feeds. It is absolutely un ehallenged that no land was ever made
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fed exclusively on the crops grown fed exclusi.
that land.
Therefore to increase crop yields with econerefore to increase crop yields with
econe the farmer of
to-morrow must resort to the use of these green mpnures which have the power to ap propriate from the atmosphere its free
nitrogen and convert it into soluble forms. This means legume crops turned of then.


In the cattle yard, ready to be shipped to the market
under root and branch-not merely First, catch all those mongrel and stubble. The seed of clover, alfalfa, long toe-nailed hens and give them-to and the rest of the family, are more don't lay any eggs. They are only expensive than that of rye, sorghum, loafers who eat up all the profits which etc., but the increased returns will more the good hens make for you. No than cover the difference in cost. business man would keep a stock o shoes that he couldn't sell at a profit
There is no more reason why you should There is no more reason why you should
keep hens around the place that don't pay. Then fix up the poultry house so that it is dry and clean. No business man would keep his goods in a leaky
store. How much more important it is that your poultry be kept clean and dry. . And last, but not least, make some money out of it. Get your father to give you everything you make abo
what were his last year's profits. You are a stockholder in the company, tel him, and you want your share of the profits. When he sees the fairness of the proposition, he can't very well re fuse. into business for yourself this winter-the poultry business. Give your hens comfortable quarters. Feed them right and care for them carefull. And if you don't make a success of think you are.

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The Yields of 1915
The season just closed has been one o the most peculiar-it has puzzled "the
old timer" in more ways than one. Opening fine, the crops as a Opening fine, the crops as a general thing water in drouth set in, the in grub created havoc, and so on it went the summer through. At times the farmer was led to shout for joy at the prospect; then his hands went up in horror at what was in view. It was a season of ups and downs, trying the patience of the most
faithful. On the whole it has turned out all right-more than all right in some districts, as there is in a number of instances more than a double return of the average yield.
As showing how great have been the returns, we below give the yields as
recorded from various districts. The recorded from various districts. The
returns are taken from the weekly newspapers published at, or near, the places quoted, and most of them are from the issues of Oct. 20, 21, and 22, so that it cannot be said that one paper has been
trying to beat another in boosting the respective districts. The figures quoted after the places are the bushels per acre -none less than 40 being given:-
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Cypress River,
Dauphin, Man
Durban, Man.
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Hillburn, Sask.
Isafold, Man.
Kenville, Man.
Lacombe, Alta.
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Pense, Sask.
Prospy, Alta.
Qu'Appelle, Sask
Raymond, Ata
Retlaw, Alta.
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Richard, Sask.
Roland, Man.
Rossburn, Man.
Russell, Man.
Shoal Lake, Ma
Sundial, Alta.
Swan River, Man.
Taber, Alta.
Winnifred, Alta
Woodrow, Sask.
While the figures are high, particularly when it is known that the average fo
the 1914 crop throughout Manitoba Saskatchewan and Alberta was 15.0 bushels (that for the Dominion being
15.67 bushels) and that for Minnesots North Dakota and South Dakota 10.0 bushels.
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stand. Incidentally, these successfutures are the best for the health of the family.
Too often the temperature of the living room reaches seventy-five or eighty
degrees during the winter months. Such dempees during are almost invariably ac temperatures are almost invariably acty in the atmosphere, and the soil in the pots dries rapidly in consequence, for not only are the plants transpiring much
water through their leaves, but water also evaporates from the surface of the soil and through the porous clay of the pots. Rapid fluctuations of soil moisture are extremely bad for the health of plants. The worst result of this condition is dry soil in
the bottom of the pot, for too frequently the bottom of the pot, for too requently pouring a little water on the surface of the
soil, not enough to reach down to the botsoil, not enough to reach down to the bot-
tom. Dryness of the soil is best determined by the gardeners' method. Hit the pot a sharp blow with the knuckles of the first
and second fingers. If the sound is hollow,

CROP RETURNS FOR FIVE YEARS
The following table gives the average yields of spring wheat to the acre in the Provinces and Dominion of Canada, and the wh
States and the U.S. as a whole for the past five year

| CANADA. | 1910. | 1911. | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prince Edward Island | .17.45 | 19.26 | 18.39 | 19.62 | 25.28 |
| Nova Scotia | . 18.29 | 21.05 | 20.19 | 20.50 | 21.87 |
| New Brunswick | 18.19 | 20.39 | 18.11 | 20.72 | 18.57 |
| Quebec | 14.85 | 17.73 | 16.17 | 18.17 | 18.00 |
| Ontario | 23.50 | 20.95 | 20.63 | 23.91 | 21.51 |
| Manitoba | 12.35 | 20.22 | 22.20 | 19.01 | 14.75 |
| Saskatchewan | 11.66 | 22.00 | 21.56 | 23.57 | 15.50 |
| Alberta | 11.35 | 25.28 | 21.83 | 21.00 | 21.30 |
| British Columbia | 21.40 | 26.73 | 30.33 | 26.67 | 27.77 |
| Canada ...... | 14.16 | 20.64 | 20.32 | 20.81 | 15.07 |
| UNITED STATES. | 1910. | 1911. | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. |
| Iowa | 20.9 | 13.8 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 13.5 |
| Kansas | 8.4 | 4.2 | 15.0 | 8.5 | 15.0 |
| Minnesota | 16.0 | 10.1 | - 15.5 | 16.2. | 10.5 |
| Nebraska | . 13.9 | 10.0 | 14.1 | 12.0 | 11.5 |
| North Dakota | 5.0 | 8.0 | 18.0 | 10.5 | 11.4 |
| South Dakota | 12.8 | 4.0 | 14.2 | ${ }^{9.0}$ | ${ }^{9.3}$ |
| United States | 11.0 | 9.4 | 17.2 | 13.0 | 12.1 |

the soil is dry; if dead, there is sufficient moisture. When the soil is thoroughly dry, the only sure way to water the plant is to place it for several minutes in a pail containing enough water to cover the pot Moisture can be supplied to the at-
mosphere by keeping a dish of water on or mosphere by keeping a dish of stove, where it will evaporate readily. Most furnaces have a place for water in the jacket which will need filling daily. Plants usually thrive in the kitchen because of the moisture the atmos
phere derives from the steam of the teaphere derives fors.
Gas is an enemy. of house plants-either
coal or illuminating gas-and it will retard growth and prevent the opening of small quantities that it cannot be smelled. Fresh air is essential. Ventilate the room by leaving a door or window open just a little, but never allow a draft to
cross the plants. Like gas, drafts cause cross the plants. Like gas, drafts cause
"blasting" of the buds as well as browning of the leaves. must be kept clean. The surface of each leaf is filled with minute pores through which respiration and transpiration take place. Sponging the leaves frequenty perhaps, a weekly syringing, which should be done with the plants in a sink orbath tub. Rubbing the leaves with any oily substance to make them shine is un
necessary, for a clean, healthy leaf will necessary, for a clean, healthy leat will
have abundant gloss. The grease clogs the pores, preventing the leaves from per-
forming their proper functions. forming their proper functions.
To obtain a well-balanced plant, turn it
half-way round each day, for plants in half-way round each day, for plants in a
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## The Woman at the Desk

 By Dr. Leonard Keene Hirshberg, A.B.; M.A., M.D., (Johns Hopkins University). "I'm so tired,"' said a young newspaperwoman to me one day. "I declare I don't woman to me one day. "I declare I don't
know what is the matter with me-I never know what is the matter with me-I never
used to feel this way. I ache from head to foot, and I haven't the energy to do a thing.'"
I looked at her in some surprise. Three months before, the last time I had seen her, she had been in excellent health-
ruddy cheeks, firm erect carriage and air of vitality and youth that was contagious. Now her color was gone; she looked anemic, pale, and her body was lax and in-
ert in a way that spoke more eloquently ert in a way that spoke more eloquently
than her words.
"You're discouraged," I hazarded.
You're discouraged," I hazarded.
"Yer eyes flashed an indignant denial.
"You've worked too hard, then?" "Nou ve worked too hard, then?"
"No-not as much in fact. I've been mostly at my desk late
I began to see light
"Just how do you sit?" I questioned. at all." Why, I don't know-any way at all."
There it was-the secret of her persistent weariness. "I sit any way at all."
Shoulders bent, knees crossed, head lowered and strained forward-the same position that is accountable for the major ity of the ills of the working woman.
Not only does the woman who is chron ically tired lose all of her good looks, youth and health, but she foregoes what is, perhaps, of much greater importance to her-her personal vigor, force, aggressiveness and will power. Associated with this
lack of will power, there soon appears
hesitation, indecision, a marked irritability hesitation, indecision, a marked irritability
and timidity. The tired woman is a and timidity. The tired woman is a
cross woman, and moreover she will soon become an inefficient one. No mind can
maintain its constant excellency of thought maintain its constant excellency of though
and activity unless it is given every possible aid and help of a perfect body. If the body be ill, so is the mind, and vice
versa. The business woman of to-day to versa. The business woman of to-day to
be "efficient" múst have, in addition to the ability, health, strength, and endurance. No man will employ a worker who is not always "on the job" and is bright, ready and at the topnotch of readiness and
vitality. Why? Because the work bears vitality. Why? Because the work bears
undeniable tell-tale marks of mental or undeng weariness.
bodily wh, health! h
"Oh, health! health! the blessing of the
rich! the riches of the poor! Who can buy thee at too dear a rate, since there can be said an old and wise writer, and we are rapidly learning to know it too, although, with most of us, we never appreciate the
mechanism of our bodies until we are mechanism of our bodies until we are
forced to do without a part of them. forced to do without a part of them. Then
and then only, we realize all that we have missed.
In the
In the matter of the health of a working woman, she is likely to spend eight hours position is of the utmost importance, as
well as other things. The chair should be of such a height that she may set her feet firmly and easily on the floor, the seat
being deep enough from before backward to accommodate about three quarters of
the length of the thighs, while the back of the chair should be so curved as to support the back in its natural curves, rests being
afforded at the waist and shoulders The chair and desk should be enour chair together to enable the wo corker to
read from books in an erect position, since read from books in an erect position, since
bending forward over the desk causes bending forward over the desk causes
round shoulders, flat chest, and shortsightedness. When properly arranged, two-thirds of the forearm can be rested
upon the desk without raising the shoulders. The book should be held about twelve inches from the eye, and always
brought toward the face, instead of the eyes peering forward to it.
If a woman has
If a woman has any large amount of by all means. This saves an immense amount of labor, allows the output of
more work in a more legible and neater manner. Moreover, the motion of the fingers is not nearly as confining and cramp-
ing as when a pen is used, and the body is
held It is a wise thing, when the muscles of
the body feel confined and tired, to walk
around the room several times, and to
take a few deep breaths before an open eye as well as relaxes the strain of the An incorrect posture for any length of time results in many evils-main among which are a poor chest development, a
deviation of the septum of the nose to one side (brought about by faulty breathing), marked curvature of the spine, and countless deformities of the chest. An erect position is absolutely essential for sym-
metrical development of the chest, and the proper ventilation of the lungs. Weak muscles and poor muscular development which are certain to come about-are flat chests. Women write curvatures and tat chests. Women write to me con-
stantly, asking, "What shall I do for a poorly developed bust?', And if they only knew it, there would be no need for this question, if they would only throw their take a normal amount of exercise up and Breathing exercises will wo a
toward correcting the ailments which arise from incorrect carriage. Taken beore an open window, they completely change the air in the lungs, maintain the the chest in every direction. A supply of change the air in the lungs, maintain the elasticity of the lung tissue, and expand oxygen is inhaled which stirs up disinfeets and cools the stagnant air.
To be most effective, these exercises should be taken before an open window, with loose and light clothing, supported rom the shoulders. Place the hands on and take a deep breath, breathing in from above downward. When the lungs have expanded to their utmost and have reached their greatest capacity, and the breath has been held as long as possible, empty the
lungs by an abrupt and forced expiration Repeat at first about ten times, and gradually increase, until the number has reached thirty. These should be practiced arly in the morning directly after arising, well as during the day. The lunch hour sho
absolute relaxation of be devoted to whether it be rest, exercise or merely change of occupation. It is best to vary during the working hours. Lunch should consist of a simple wholesome, nourishin meal-not cakes, pies, buns, pickles and ce cream. Altorether too many women break fast on nothing, lunch on a concocorgans, and then wonder that their heads ache all the afternoon. A glass of milk, sandwiches and something warm make a satisfying and needed repast. Eat slowly,
chew well. Following luncheon should come a brisk walk in the open air, which refreshes and revigorates the entire body. It is absolutely necessary that some ex-
ercise be indulqed in every day, whether it ercise be indulged in every day, whether it
be a walk to and from the office, a stroll at be a walk to and from the office, a stroll at
the lunch hour or in the evening. Exercise deepens and quickens respiration, oxygenates the lungs, strengthens the muscles, and stirs up a sluggish liver. Many a person has thrown off a heavy
cold, avoid nameless ills, and keep out the germs of tuberculosis, to which offce workers are constantly exposed. With likely of proper exercise, it is most unand a lack of outdoor exercise is certain to flabby muscles, bad color, poor cariage lack-lustre eyes, pale lips and a generally ill-nourished appearance.
"Ah! What avail the largest gifts of When drooping health and spirits go How tasteless then whatever can be given
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on the part of corresponderits to on the part of correspondentits to quote
liberally from letters which have peared in these columns in former is. sues. We particularly request our readers to refrain from doing this as we want our pages to contain original matter, and the simpler the language,
the better.
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tics and nationality and also attacks on tics and nationality, and also attacks on
private individuals and corporations, private individuals $\begin{aligned} & \text { and corporations, } \\ & \text { should be barred. } \\ & \text { Our subscribers, by }\end{aligned}, ~$ taking to heart this advice and acting accordingly, will help to make our cor-
respondence pages more interesting.respond
Editor.

Cumberlard, B.C.
Dear Editor: As an interested reader and admirer of The W. H. M., permit
me to pass some comment upon the me to pass some comment , upon the
subject in the Young Woman's page of the October number headed "'She readers' opinions on same and as I am
a young man I trust it will not bar


## Rounding up Manitoba Cattle for Market

my reflections. It is a big question and insult, in a letter, the country girls,
I would like to detail more on same but his manner towards them must be the I would like to detail more on same but his manner towards them must
as your space is of value I will under same. If so he deserves to be treated
 precise as I can. I think every fellow spect. But perhaps he has been in the
should read and take interest in the habit of associating with only the should read and take interest in the
shan's page and every girl Young Woman's page and every girl
likewise in the Young Man's page. likewise in the Young Man's page.
"She" states she was a nurse four years "She" states she was a nurse four years
and knows of the inner channels of
women's lives. Had spent 13 months wamen's lives. Had spent biterly crit-icizes the encouragement of girls to love home making and a high regard for
men, who "She" blames for all the men, who "She" blames for ala the
sins of humanity and that marriage is sins of humanity and that marriage is
a failure. I have a notion that her a failure of life is a little vague and that hhe is inclined to opessimism. It is true
shat that some folks fail with marriage but
marriage is no failure. To my mind marriage is no failure. marriage
other) are the most noble, worthy and sacred of all human obligations and the
sol source of all that is best in humanity.
It is true some men are vile, base and It is true some men are vile, base and
mean but (Oh, you "She" have a mear
heart), mankind is not all vile, base heart mean. Mankind is the masterpiece of creative art. Some girls prefer an occupation through which they can
slum the home and the domestic but shum the home and
this is not home's fault. There is no finer or better art under the sun for
virls than Domestic science or home making. My experience of Girls is
that the intelligent have inside their that the intelligent have inside their
heart of hearts an irresistible love of heart of hearts an irresistible love of
home life.
how in
distress. (Good I say), but woman is no failure. The sins of humanity is a
huge topic complex and manifold, so huge topic complex and manifold, so
much so Mr. Editor that it doesn't become any of us to lay the blame on anyone. The world and humanity are oli. There may be much about both for regret but there is ever so much
more about them to rejoice over. As more about them, to rejoice over. As
business fellow, ife to me seems a business fellow,
business concern
inte
with mother Neems a as a senior parther.
I find her precepts are on the square. A sober observation of her method and ssstem leads to sure sucess. An op
timistic view of life gets good returns because everything that's worth while in lifé is ours for the taking.
I would like to pass on a few more of my meditations. However, Mr. Editor,
I trust you will I trust you will accommodate these few
and permit me to remain, wishing The W. H. M. success, Yours for humanity.

Optimist.
A Match for "Mere Bachelor"
Manitoba, Oct. 8, 1915.
Dear Editor: I have just read, with Bachelor's" letter in the October numBachelor shetter in the october num-
ber, and think that when he would so
women and know the causes of their
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ever a man is living, for the sake of his own self respect, he should still retain ${ }_{\mathrm{I}}^{\mathrm{I}} \mathrm{mm}$ gentiemanly manners. I am sure that "Just Me," or any bachelor smoking by his own to any but I think it is sadly out of place for a man to smoke at a public gathering or where there are ladies who would have to put up with the smoke. Hot in the country girls talking of
nothing but dress, I think that he has noistaken them for the city girls, as it has become almost a proverb that the city girls are more guilty of this than are the country girls (of course I am not speaking of the girls of his partieuiar aequaintance as there are excep.
tions to all rules). "Mere Bachelor" also said, "It is going some when a girl gets such a swollen heed, that just because it may be imperative that her
father should wear overalls father should wear overalls, she is
ashamed for her girl friends: to see ashamed for her girl friends: to see to see my father when he dons his overalls for work, because all of my friends know that he is a gentleman.
In fact I am quite proud of him as he In fact I am quite proud of him as he best ploughman in the district.
I have lived on a farm all my life, but as far as manners are concerned I Weuld not take a back place with any
city girl, and $I$ certainly try to keep city girl, and I certainly try to keep preciate fine manners in a man just as mulch as the girl does, whose home is in the city.

Yours truly,

## $\overline{\text { Criticism }}$

Dear Editor and Readers: Oct. This 25. my first attempt at writing for vour interesting column. I read The W. W. M. and like it very much. I have just
finished reading "Mere Bachelor's" mes. finished reading "Mere Bachelor's" mes
sage in the October number. My but
he did get some steam up. I wonder i he did get some steam up. I wonder if other bachelor to speak thus of his own sister. If he still calls himself a gen-
tleman, I think he would not. Pertleman, I think he would not. Perhaps "Just Me" was a bit severe when
she included rowdyism in her list of faults. I remember the first Sunday that $I$ was "at home" to my friends on the Prairie. A friend of my brother (a bachelor) called. He wore Llue striped overalls, and a black striped them, even his hair didn't look very well brushed, and I think he had no tie at all. Now $I$ never in all my life had seen a young gentleman call on rigging, at a housented in at once, and said that he showed little or no respect for a woman, to come in this fashion. Later I learned that this was one side of Western life, and that he had no
other suit than this. He has called other suit than this. He has called anything about it. I should never care to couple up for life with such a man, its only can't keep a second tog when
in? $A$, come when he said that we would know what "love" really was when the object of our love had vanished, as a vapor
in the air. in the air.
West for six been in this glorious West or six months, and as yet I get
lonesome at times, so I shall be glad to hear from any of the readers, if this letter ever finds space in your splendid paper. Wishing you all every good

Hope Manitoba will Lead the Way
Dear Manitoba, Oct. 9, 1915. Dear Editor and Readers: This is my first attempt at writing to your
paper, although I have often thought of
doing so before.

I have just read the correspondence in the mood for writing
I feel rather amused after reading some of the letters. I certainly do not agree with "A Voice from the East"
that "love is a mild form of insanity" or was that really his opinion? • I be lieve love is the greatest gift God ever gave man.
What do
What do you readers think of women having the vote? I believe I read one letter a while ago against it. But
why shouldn't they vote? They are just as intelligent as men. We have been busy here in Manitoba with petition forms and are hoping Manitoba
will be the first province to grant wo will be the first province to grant wo-
men their rights. Does "Kid" think that having a "Ford" etc., might entice some young girls to write to "M. Beally think Mo is I really think "Mere Bachelor" is far
too hard on we Western girls. Some of too hard on we Western girls. Some of
us may be too reserved but not all. Then too he referred to girls being ashamed of their fathers in overalls. I was brought up on a farm and consider my father and brother just as good in
their overalls as when "dressed up" or just as good as the rest of men. I will sign myself,

## Suffragette.

Fond of Farm Life
Austin, Man., Oct. 13, 1915.
Dear Editor and Members: Dear Editor and Members: Seeing to write once again to your valuable paper. The weather out here has been very unfavorable for threshing as it has been raining nearly every day. The grain is turning out very well
though, we had three thousand six hunthough, we had three thousand six hun-
dred bushels of wheat and the oats and barley and buckwheat is not finished yet. My father has a threshing outfit
of his own and so we got all our wheat of his own and so we got all our wheat
threshed before the wet weather. My threshed before the wet weather. My
father is a cement block manufacturer,
ut owing to the war building is slack this year, but he shipped quite a lot of grave.
I am going away to high school now, but I am very glad to get home once in whink, as I like the farm very well. I think I would like it farther west one day when I was home. I out with "A voice from the East", that The W. H. M. is a good cure for the blues. I enjoy reading its valuable pages very nuch especially the Correspondence of the jolly members of our page as am fond of a lively life myself, I will close. Wishing the members and The W. H. M. my best wishes, I am, Brown-eyed Ravenshot.

## A Talk from Madagascar

Manasoa, Tulear, Madagascar Dear Sir: I have through the kin ess of an unknown little friend in an interested reader Oistad), become find very many articles of magazine. the paper and think the majority in stories delightfully wholesome. It would be difficult to say which page I appreciate the most, but would probably head the list with .Mrs. Hamilton's and The Philosopher's. The Correspondence column also interests me very
much, but at times $I$ am saddened by the apparent all-for-fun spirit which seems to run through some of the letters. Think to myself: Perbaps they have not yet tasted the seriousness and the responsibility of life, and above all
the blessed peace through faith in the One True God.
I sometimes think: Wouldn't their view of life take a different standard if they were able to pay a visit to our dark heathen country down here! In
fact I have often wished to take the fact I have often wished to take them

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 last baby, five years ago. I was niever the same after that. My strength went from me, and I fom the birth of my pain at $m y$ chest, and round my left side. So severe did this become that I could not bear the slightest pressure, and the pain in my side was so severe
that I could hardly bear it. I lost all appetite, and used to suffer from fright-
 that I could hardly bear it. I lost all appetite, and used to suffer from fright-
ful headaches and palpitation that was like an engine beating in my breast, I ful headaches and palpitation that was like an engine beating in my breast, I
went almost blind with dizziness, and oh! so sick. Then came retching. Everywent almost blind with dizziness, and oh! so sick. Then came retching. Every-
thing I took returned, even a glass of water or a cup of tea. I was also ex: thing I took returned, even a glass of water or a cup of tea. I was also ex-:
tremely constipated. I was in bed for weeks at a time, and when I struggled up
from very weariness I had soon to go back again. I got wealier and more from very weariness $I$ had soon to go back again. I got weaker and more
wasted until $I$ was like a living skeleton. Medicine and other things I tried did no good.' Nothing did any good till I got Dr. Cassell's Tablets. Then-oh! what a blessed relief-I got steadily better from the first, and now I am just full of health and strength."

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respondence column, but have hesitated, respondene know whether it would be apprecialed or not the letter by "Contented" in the May number was very, very goo. bessing to our young people to read such good, sound, kind advice (if I may
call it so) from our married friends. Altogether too many of our young people step into married me the
lessly and must. therefore pay the consequences. with Contented, but do not see the way clear from here, as I presume the envelope must be stamped, and our stamps will not pass from Winnipeg?
Just one thing more before I close Some of the stories in your paper I should like very much to translate into Norwegian for our papers at home in the states, consent 1 must obtain Would you kindly give me information on the subject.
I have no intention nor desire to make money on the translations, but wish to spread them abroad for the good in the stories,
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in the spring, and would very much appreciate an answer before my departure. ${ }_{\text {The }}$ writer is given full permission to use any story she may think fit in respondence she wishes, direct to The
W.H. and the Editor will see it stamped and forwarded to its destina ation,

Prefers the old Songs Dear Editor: Alberta, Oct. $\begin{gathered}\text { For some months }\end{gathered}$ Dear Editor: For some months
have been a reader of The W.H.M. and enjoy reading it very "much. Although
I do not agree with "Just Me" in her opinion of bachelors, still I think "Mere Bachelor" is rather hard on the teach-
ers. I am a teacher and have found pleasure in helping the farmer's wife.
To me it was a novelty to be on the To me it was a novelty to be on the
farm and would enjoy very much going ffarm and would enjoy very much going
-back there. We teachers try to instil Into the minds of the children the necessity of good manners but if they are home it has not such a lasting effect "In regard. to Tipperary, mentioned in "Student letter, although the music arous any patrionism. To me, nothing will ever replace "The Soldiers of the
King" or "The British Navy," although the latter is not so widely known in said "Tipperary" was being replaced by All honor to all our patriots both at home and abroad, and may the time boon come when war shall cease and
peace reign again. My address is with
the editor if any one wishes to write, the editor if any one wishes to Write
Curly.

Woman Suffrage in Oregon
Oregon, U.S.A., Aug: 29, 1915 .
Dear Editor: Would it be asking too much for you to accept $a$ few words
from a United States girl? $I$ have been reading the letters in the Correspond ence page for some time and became
very much interested in some of them, especially those on "Woman Suffrage" and the "liquor question." I think the
very fact that the state was voted dry Very fact that the state was voted dry
the first year Oregon had woman suf 'frage ought to convince anyone that
woonen should have the right to vote. Although I will not be old enough to opinions formed on that particular sub
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I am a junior in High School this
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and


Ihave heard much of the beautiful Canada and other seenic beauties of country for some time, although we have scenery here that could not be Well I must close wishing The
W.H.M. further sucess, W.H.M. further success. I would not seriously object to hearing more about
Canada through some of the readers of the Correspondence page. Yours sincerely,
Oregon Gir

## Not Accustomed with Manner

 Glen Ewen, Sask., Oct 18, 1915. Dear Editor: Being a silent reade of The W.H.M. for over five long years terest in it especially the Correspond ence column, I resolved to make brave effort to join the merry circle. I notice the main subject at presen is "Love" in which I think we girls get taken down pretty bad and in which 1 am going to try to say a little in myown defence. I notice in the last issue we have a letter from the "I"əre Bachelor." Now he does not need to try to say that the country girls do not appreciate fine manners. For my part I am nothing
but a farmer's daughter-nothing to be ashamed of at any time-but it is so seldom we girls living out in the West see good manners from a mere bachelo that when a gentleman does lift his hat or does anything like that we have think to return it he has flown like a whipped dog and then the next person he meets he tells them about how we don't appreciate it or he even writes
a big speel to The W.H.M. where he intends to get sympathy from all his fellow men. Of course I will acknowledge that there are a few girls of us that try to show we are a little above those bachelors but perhaps those poor girls will be glad to say the affirmative
to those humble wife seekers when they want some one to share their joys, sorrows and cares and then the bachelor will forget all he thought and said and will come to the decision that tue rather aged bachelor came to when He said he thought woman the most beautiful and useful creature that God ever created. Hurrah! yes, and he added that he had not the heart to ask had of them to share so long for he had so many bad habits he should not be able to give
${ }^{\text {up. }}$ "Mere Bachelor" might have been taught a lot from his mother an they taught him respect for the ladies. like nothing better than to see my father and brothers in working clothes. So there now "Mere Bachelor." Is not our country during this terrible war farmer can produce. I wish just to tell you something of which I am positive to as it truthful munity kept company with a young unity kept company with a young entleman and later an engageme the lady's father was next to a millionaire and she had her heart's desire while the young gentleman was very poor having just enough to barely keep himself de
cent. When the engagement was an nounced the father was angry telling his daughter he would give her no wedding and remove at his money which hands. Still the young lady loved he ew weeks she was married at a neighoring church to him and went sto his down from all her grandness, soceiety,
nd everything for love. Times went nd everything for love. Times went
n and they lost nearly everything n and they lost nearly everything by
fire. In vain her father pleaded with fire. In come back and leave all but she her to come back and leave a/ but she
was too sincere. So there now "Mere
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## Household Suggestions

Spiced Beef,-Pressed spiced beef may be prepared with fresh brisket, thick or
thin flank of beef, or the silver side of the round. From 10 lbs. upwards is the best size. If the thin flank is used the
skin and bone should be removed before pickling; the bones of the brisket should be removed after cooking, and the bone of the round before cooking, and its
spiace filled with fresh beef fat. In all space flled with fresh beef fat. In all
cases the meat must be bound firmiy before cooking to keep it in good shape, and is improved by being rolled up in the beef with cominon salt for one day, then have ready 1 lb . of common salt, saltpetre, $1 / 8$ oz. of ground black pepper, saltpetre, $1 / 8$ oz of ground black pepper,
$1 / 8$ oz. of ground allspice, a heaped teaspoonful each of ground mace, cininamon, cloves and nutmeg, six fresh bay leaves, crushed, and ai dessent-spoonful thyme, mix all these ingredients well every day for fourteen to well with it according to size; take it out; finse it With clear cold water under a tap, roll it into the form of a galantine, of bind it cord; wipe it dry. To cook it put into stew pan 2 oz . of beef dripping or fat bacon, two onions, two carrots, one turnip, four shallots, three blades of celery, all cut into slices; place the meat on the top, cover, and let all fry for half an hour; or, more convenient, add the vegetables, slightly fried; cover
with good stock, to which a bottle of with good stock, to which a bottle of
cooking claret will be an immense imcooking claret will be an immense improvement. Add one teaspoonful of seppercorns, two blades of mace, and a till quite tender, remove all bones and gristle, press it well under heavy weights. remove the tape and muslin and brush over With glaze, decorate with some aspic jelly chopped, and also som cut
into pretty designs; hard-boiled cut into slices and sliced boiled beetroo are also an appropriate garnish.
How to Choose a Goose.-When a goose is young the bill is yellow, which
turns red when the bird grows old When turns red when the bird grows old. When fresh killed the feet are supple, and when
stale they become stiff and dry. Geese stale they become stiff and dry. Geess end grey are to be preferred to those of 3 dark color. To carve a goose, cut down to the breast-bone, and help out as many slices as can be obtained, taking a littlo stuffing out of the apron each time.
Next remove the legs and wings, cutting the flesh and jerking the joint-back, and then separate the neck and side-bones,
and finally the back. After the breast, the fleshy part of the wing and thigh are the most favorite parts.
Rolled Steak.-Take 1 lb . or rather more of rump steak half-inch thick, make some veal stuffing, spread it over the
steak, roll up, bind with tape or skewer it, put into a baking-dish with a little stock, cover closely, and bake for about two hours; take out the meat, thicken the gravy with 1 oz. butter rolled in a tablespoonful of flour, season with pep-
per and salt, put the steak on a dish, per and salt, put the steak on a dish,
remove the tape or skewer, strain the gravy over, and serve.
Savory Pie.-Ingredients: $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. of stewing steak, $11 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. of potatoes, $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$. of onions, one teacupful of unpolished rice, some good dripping. Method: Slice
the onions and fry them and the steak until brown in hot dripping; then put them into a stew-jar with cold water to cover, and cook slowly for two hours. Wash the rice and boil it until tender boil and mash the potatoes, and cut the steak into small pieces. Grease a goo the rice, next a layer of the steak, and then repeat the process until these ingredients are all used. Pour over some of the gravy, season to taste, cover with the mashed potatoes, and then bake in

Stewed Rabbit with Brow
Stewed Rabbit with Brown Sauce.Prepare a rabbit in the usual way and
cut it into neat joints. Remove the rind from 3 oz . of sliced bacon and cut the slices into small pieces; cook these in a the joints of the rabbit with a mixture of flour, salt, and pepper, and fry these in the liquor left by the bacon until they are brown on all sides, adding a little
more fat if neeessary. Then add more fat if necessary. Then add two
onions cut into slices, and brown these also. Return the pieces of bacon to the stewpant, grate a little nutmeg over the contents, and pour in one pint of stock very gently until the rabbit is tender. Send to
tomatoes.
Potatoes Lyonnaise.-Slice cold boiled potatoes to make two cupfuls, Cook fiv minintes one tablespoonful and a half $o$ butter with one tablespoonful of finely chopped onion. Melt three tablespoon per, aid potatbes, and cook tuntil pota tablespoonful of finely-chopped parsley Fairy Pudaings.-Required: 2 oz of
milk. Thickly grease some small dariole Add this slowly and sumoothly to the flour. Then add the beaten yolks and grated lemon-rind. Beat the white stiffly and stir it in lightly. Half fill the cups oven about twenty minutes, or till firm and a pale brown. Turn out gently and Nut at once, or they sink down.
Nut Sandwiches.-Run shelled plate, and sprinkle on bread and butter Any kind of nut meats may be used, but should be very thin. Sprinkle all nut Egn wiches lightly with salt.
Egg Sandwiches.-Chop one egg for
ach child in the chopping bowl, and mix with an equal quantity of cold, boiled and chopped ham. Use in the usual manner, moistening with cream if too Escallor. raw potatoes thin. Butter a baking pan put in a layer of potatoes, butter, salt, pepper, sprinkle with flour, then another ayer of potatoes and so on until the pan silled. Just before putting into the
oven fill the dish with cream or milk Potato Soup.-Boil $\mathbf{s}^{\prime}$ ven por milk. until soft, season with salt, pepper and butter, pass through a colander, then add one and one-half pints ${ }^{\text {f }}$ milk, juice of large onion, three dashes of celery salt; minutes. Before serving add remainde of quart of milk and some finely-chopped parsley.
stewpan until the fat part is transparent Put the lid on the stewpain and cook
very gently until the rabbit is tender per, add potatoes, and cook until potaally shaking pan. Add butter and onions, and when well mixed, add half a
tablespoonful of flnely-chopped parsley. butter, two yolks of eggs, one
white, one lemon-rind, helf a pint of

## Hotsprings at Lake Lakelse. G.T.P. Railway

 sourss or cups. Melt the butter in a through the chopper using peanuts Add one-quarter cup vinegar and let it come to a boil. Beat one egg in the cup the sugar and vinegar and let come to a the sugar and vinegar and let come to aboil. Cool and use. This will keep in a cool place a week or two.
Sausages and Fried Apples.- Prick the deep frying well with a fork. Place in a water to cover the bottom; cover ang cook over a moderate fire. When the water evaporates, remove the cover and nicely browned. Turn on to a platter. Core a number of large tart apples, cut in rings an inch thick, and fry in the ausage fat.
The Keep Pies from Running Over.(or fruit pies of any kind) from boiling or fruit pies of any kind) from boiling pinch the top crust to the lower, but cut the top one slightly smaller, so it will just fit inside the lower one and lie bosbly over up around the edge of the juice crust, but it will not boil out, and the pies are delicious.

A Variation of Baked Apples.-Peel

jar; add one-half teaspoonful of ground cloves or cassia and one-half teaspoonful or soda (a little more if the apples are well distributed through the apples, then put in the oven and bake slowly six
hours. Turn out, and when cool it is pleasing to the eye and taste A bean pot does very well in place of the jar. Sandwich Bread.-When baking, half fill previously buttered pound coffee cans with bread dough, and set to rise Experience will teach you just how full to make the cans, but it is safe to start with the can half full. This makes nice
round slices, and these in turn can be round slices, and these in turn can be
cut into triangles to please the children Baking pawder cans may be used or the regular "store" sandwich bread pans, but the coffee cans are all right for the pur-
White Corn Cake.-One-fourth cup butter; one-half cup sugar; one and one-
third cups milk; whites of three egres one and one-fourth cups white corgs meal; one and one-fourth cups flour; our teaspoonfuls baking powder; one sugar gradually; add mill; atter; add sugar gradually; add milk; alternating
with dry ingredients, mixed and sifted. Beat thoroughly; add whites of eggs
beaten stiff. Bake in buttered cake pan 30 minutes.
Cream Potatoes.-Take cold boiled potatoes, cut in dice, put a large piece
of butter in the skillet; when ready brown put potatoes in, pepper and salt,
stir them around in butter for a fown
minutes, but don't let brown, then poin
vuick Salad Dressing Without Oil. One-quarter cupful of sugar with a dash of salt, pepper and musitard stirred in.
Add one-quarter cup vinegar and let it
on milk and cook slowly for three fourths of an hour. Before serving put in one cup of cream and let it come to boil. Or, line a buttered baking dish with a layer of cold boiled potatoes
sprinkle with bread crumbs sal sprinkle with bread crumbs, salt and pepper and then another layer till dish
is full. Cover with milk and bake in
Apple Johnnycake- One pint of white meal, two tablespoons of sugar, 'one-half teaspoon of salt, one half teaspoon of
soda, one teaspoon of cream of tartar milk enough to make soft batter, three apples pared and sliced. Mix in the order given and bake in a cake pan thirty minutes

Five Roses Flour Recipes Christmas Cake
4 cups sugar
3 cups melted butter
4 cups molasses
10 eggs
2 teaspoons soda
2 teaspoons each cinnamion, cloves, allspice
2 nutmegs
2 nutmegs
8 cups Five Roses Flour
2 pounds currants
1 pound mixed peel
1 pound chopped nuts
Bake in slow oven.

## cup butter

$1 / 2 \operatorname{cup}_{1}$ butter
1 egg (white)
2 cups icing sugar
Cream butter, beat white of egg
stiff, add almond flavoring and sugar. stiff, add almond flavoring and sugar.
Stir in gradually. If too tiff, add $a$ Stir in gradually. If too tiff, add a
little milk. Use $1 / 2$ pound almond burnt and rolled. Cover cake with icing and roll in nutmeats.

Christmas Pudding
2 eggs
$11 / 2$ cups currants
$11 / 2$ cups raisins
$11 / 2$ cups suet
$1 / 2$ cup sugar
$1 /$ cup molasses
$1 / 2$ cup milk
4 cups Five Roses Flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon mixed spice
1 teaspoon mixed spice
Boil or steam 3 hours. Sauce to taste.
Scotch Short Bread
$1 / 4$ pound fresh butter
2 ounces fine sugar
$1 / 2$ ounce
$1 / 2$ ounce cornstarch
6 ounces Five Roses Flour
Knead cornstarch and sugar into the butter, then gradually knead in flour.
Roll out into a round. Pinch the edges with fore-finger and thumb, prick over top with fork, cut in eight. Place on
baking dish and bake in moderate oven 20 minutes. Leave on tin to harden. Currant Bun
pound Five Roses Flour
1 pound raisins
pound currant
${ }_{2}^{4}$ ounces blanched almonds
2 ounces candied peel
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon (or spice)
teaspoon Jamaica pepper
teaspoon carraway seeds

teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teacup sweet milk (old ale may be With the hand mix well in a basin all above ingredients. Line a cake tin with a plain short crust rolled out ver pared tin, and roll out the scraps of paste to cover top. Wet well the
edges. Place top cover on and press edges. Place top cover on and press
well around the edges. Prick top with a fork, and brush over with swee
milk. Bake in moderate oven for a least 3 hours.
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