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Christmas Entertainment

The Annual S. S. Entertainment of the Winchester Springs Methodist Church will be held on the evening of Wednesday,

December 28th, '21

A Good Programme is being prepared. Admission 15c and 25c.

DAIRY MEETING

A meeting of Cheesemakers and manufacturers for Dundas County will be held at Town Hall, Winchester, on Saturday Dec. 17th at 1.30 p. m. A full attendance of interested parties including producers is requested.

Mr. G. G. Publow and others will be present.

J. A. Campbell

J. P. McIntosh

The Annual Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday School, Winchester Springs, will be held on Wednesday evening, 21st of December.

Get a box of Gangon's G. B. Chocolates. We have some specially handsome boxes for you to choose from.

L. Flora.

GANGON'S

The Sunday School of Harmony will hold a Christmas Entertainment in the Harmony Church on Thursday evening, 22nd Dec. A good programme promised. Admission 25 cts. children 15 cts.

Anuual Christmas Tree Entertainment

Toye's Hill Union Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas Tree Entertainment in the School House Toye's Hill, on Thursday Dec. 22nd 1921. A good programme of Choruses, Recitations, Dialogues and Drills are being prepared. Admission Adults 25 and children 15 cents.

Notes and Comments.

It keeps a hypocrite busy trying to convince himself that he is honest.

The old Tory party in Canada feels something like Carpentier did after he was knocked out by Dempsey.

In answer to anxious inquiries—Yes, the Press is being published as usual, but the editor feels somewhat limp.

Do your Christmas shopping early and get the best selections and thus avoid the rush and hurry of the last hours.

It is expected that Premier Meighen will hand in his resignation in a few days and that Hon. Mackenzie King will be called upon by the Governor-General to take control and form a cabinet.

The Provincial Mother's Allowances Commission is now paying out nearly $100,000 a Month. In all, there are 2,800 cases receiving aid. In these homes there are 8,500 dependent children. There still be some eligible cases, but the total is not likely to be very largely increased.

Let us bury all raceal and religious differences and work for unity and prosperity shout the Quebec daily newspapers; Yes, let us have it according to the views and desires of Quebec. Why didn't Quebes shout for unity before they got control of the Government of Canada?

The cities and towns of Ontario are Conservative. In the recent election in Ontario 15 cities gave Conservative majorities and 9 cities gave Liberal majorities. None gave a majority for the Progressive Candidates. In Toronto the vote was almost two to one in favor of Conservative Candidates.

Hon. Arthur Meighen has the satisfaction of knowing that he does not stand alone among Canadian Prime Ministers who have been defeated in their home riding in a general election. Sir John A. MacDonald, Hon. Alex MacKenzie, Sir Wilfred Laurier, Sir Robert Borden, were all defeated in a similar way.

The returning of 65 Liberals from Quebec—a solid bloc—will not make a good impression on the rest of Canada. The part of the country that did least during the war, and opposed effective finishing of our part of it, is now the controlling political factor. That does not represent the real Canada.— Mail and Empire.

Marshal Foch who visited Montreal and Ottawa on Sunday last, in Montreal said "If I succeeded on many occasions in holding back the enemy, these successes were in no small degree due to the bravery and the activity of the Canadian Corps whioh was always ready." No higher tribute to the bravery and efficiency of the Canadian boys could be paid.

Since the election the Press has received three anonymous letters. The last is from a woman. It is dated Winchester, and the envelope is stamped and dated Winchester. One can hardly believe that a woman could bring herself to use the language she does in this letter, and it is evidence of a very low and vulgar mental state. Ananonymous letter writer is a criminal, and morally unfit for decent society.

Do your Christmas mailing early. Remember that thousands of other people are mailing an unusual number of parcels and letters, too, at this season, and if they all pile up together the last few days, it is impossible to get everything handled and delivered on time, and somebody is bound to be disappointed. Mail early and see that your friends get your Christmas greeting before the day's festivities are over,

Mr. A. C. Casselman who was elected in Grenville by nearly two thousand majority is one of Prescott's most successful lawyers, and is the son of W. J. Casselman, of Morrisburg, Ont. He was born in the township of Williamsburg, in the county of Dundas in the year 1891. He is secretary of the Prescott Board of Trade and recently was appointed secretary of the School Board. He also has the honor of having served overseas for two years and a half with the 10th Canadian Battery He has been a resident of Prescott since 1915.

As an exchange aptly remarks:—Now the "I told you so" artist gets busy. He began soon after the first returns came in on Tuesday evening and became busier as constituency after constituency was heard from. Of course he didn't tell us so at all. He was as much in the dark as any of the rest of us. He did some forecasting and all of his forecasting were what he wished for rather than expected, but we were all able to do that. As somebody has said, if our foresight were as good as our hindsight, were better prophets by a long sight.

When an election is over it is well to forget all unpleasant incidents in connection with the campaign. In the election in Dundas, however, there is one incident that should not be passed over without some reference. It is the "Coffin" incident, of which considerable use was made. The perpetractor of that vile act should be exposed. The attempt made to place the authors of that act in Winchester met with considerable success, during the campaign. The Press believes the coffin was made not a mile distant from where it was found. We believe its author and builder lives not a mile from where it was found. We further believe that the immediate attempt to place blame on Winchester was to cover up tracks that were easily traceable. The contemptible act, that was at first only intended as an insult, was used to advantage by those who knew all about it, and the attempt to saddle the blame on Winchester, while a clever move, was as vile a piece of electioneering campaigning as the placing of the coffin was the work of a dastard.

Cass Bridge Christmas Entertainment will be held on Tuesday Dec. 20, 1921. Everybody welcome.

Local News.

Christmas buyers may be well guided by consulting the advertisement in the press.

Turkeys are reported scarce and those who have them for sale will get a good price.

If Winchester is to have a Hockey Team this winter it ought to be organized at once.

Don't fail to attend the Third of the series of Chautauqua Concerts next Tuesday night and hear a delightful novelty programme put on by four charming artists.

A farmer named Robt. J. Nesbitt, Merivale, committed suicide on Saturday last by hanging himself in his barn.

Thos, Faulkner & Son, General Agents and dealers in agricultural supplies and automobiles, Morewood have made an assignment.

Although nothing definite is yet announced, there are already at least three names mentioned in connection with the reeveship of Winchester for 1922.

A deputation consisting of Rev. Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Robt. Beggs, accompanied by Inspector Fetterly went to Toronto to-day to interview the Government relative to the Consolidate School for North Mountain.

During the past week the young people have enjoyed skating on a large piece of ice just east of the C. P. R. Depot. They are all waiting anxiously for the rink, but weather conditions have not been favourable to making the rink.

Go to B. F. Smith's for plan of Hall to get seats reserved for The Harp Singers' Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 8 30 p. m. Tickets are only 50 cents for any part of the Hall to hear vocal and instrumental music as well as readings.

At a meeting of Brockville Presbytery held in the First Presbyterian church vestry on Wednesday, at which Rev. R. M. Hamilton, moderator, presided, the members approved of the plan submitted by the committee for co-operation with the members of the Methodist churches throughout the district extending from the St. Lawrence river to the county of Lanark. Instructions were given that the plan be proceeded with and a report presented at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Finest Imported New Nuts

Almonds Walnuts

Filberts

Brazils Peanuts

The most tempting assortment will be found at 30 cts. per lb. at L. Floras.

Winchester Springs Methodist Sunday School will hold an entertainment on Wednesday December 28th 1921 in the Methodist Church there. A good programme of choruses, recitations, dialogues, monologues, and drills will be given Admission Children 15 and Adults 25 cents everybody welcome.

Nomination Day

Municipal nominations will take place on Monday 26th at 12.30 o'clock instead of the evening, this year. The speaking will take place at 1.30 o'clock.

Horse and Rig Smashed

A very unfortunate accident occured Wednesday morning in front of Shaver's grist mill, St. Lawrence St. when a car in which were Fred Thomas and Harold Wells, ran into a rig driven by Mr. Arthur Christie. The horse had a leg broken and had to be shot, and the wagon was badly smashed. Mr. Christie was in front of several other rigs, and went to turn into the grist mill, when he was struck by the car. He says that the car was going at a good speed, and that if the driver blew the horn he did not hear it, and although he looked back before turning he did not see the car coming. The car stopped for a short time and then proceeded on to Morrisburg. The horse was a valuable one, and had been left by a neighbour with Mr. Christie for keep during the winter.

Successful Bazaar

The Annual Bazaar and Church supper under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church held last Tuesday afternoon and evening was a decided success in every way and the splendid collection of all kinds of useful and beautiful goods and gifts met with ready sale at good prices. There was a large attendance at the supper in the evening, and the programme which followed was much enjoyed by all present. The total receipts amounted to $364,00.

They Can Sing

In the Methodist Church on Sunday evening they had a male choir, composed principally of old and middle aged men some whose hair has turned white, some with little hair at all. but each and everyone of them could sing, and sing they did. There were twenty-four of them, among them being Geo. Earl, Humphrey Hughes, Will Lannin, J. F. Ault, F. J. Barlow, Geo. Reveler. John Hutt, Geo Boyd, Chester Timmins, Karl Helmer, besides the regular male members of the choir. Mr. Orr of Kingston sang a solo, and the choir rendered a couple of gospel hymns. It was an innovation in Church Choir singing that seemed to please well, and the "old boys" showed that they had not forgotten how.

Redpath Sugar $8.00 per 100 lbs at T. O. Keyes.

While in town visit our Toy Department. A good assortment of books, games and novelties to choose from. All at reduced prices.

LOOK'EM-OFER

L. Flora.

Local News

A week from Monday is Nomination day. Pick out your candidates.

The thermometer registered below zero this morning, the coldest day this season.

Mr. McQuaig, main St., paid $65. for a load of hay one day recently. Some load and some price.

C. A. Coons is offering many special Christmas bargains. Read carefully his Advt. on the last page of this issue.

Select Oysters, get them at Flora's and be sure of the Quality.

Christmas Holly Box.

A beautirul red holly box filled with the finest Gangong Chocolates. It makes a most effective Christmas present. We have it in several sizes.

L. Flora.

At the end of October a total of 57,142 returned men have been settled on the land under the Soldier Settlement Board scheme. Applications have increased to 61,824 and the number qualified is 44,320. There are 653 men in training for qualification certificates. Loans amounting to $86.504,857 have been granted to 21,039 men who are settled on purchased and free lands, and in addition there are 6,103 who have gone on free Dominion lands and have not asked for financial assistance.

Forty years ago the first section of C. P. R. farm land in Western Canada was sold for $2.50 an acre, subject to a rebate of $1.25 per acre for the area brought under cultivation within three years. The sale was made by W. D. Scott, now assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Imigration and colonization, who at that time was employed in the C. P. R. land office at Winnipeg, to the late Charles Whitehead, father of the present owner of the Brandon Dailey Sun. This section was situated about five miles south of Brandon.

Press reports from towns where the Harp Singers have appeared, praise this company more highly than any other company appearing in Ontario. Do not miss this opportunity of enjoying great artists at so moderate a price.

Probably no other man has faced so many complicated problems as Lloyd George, says the New York Tribune. His life has been a constant turmoil. He has been so assailed that, as he himself has lightly remarked, "a change of trouble is in the nature of a rest." Energizing the British people to win the war, opposing an intrenched machine that resisted unity of command, fired at by the Asquithians from the front and by the Northcliffe press from the rear; at one hour fighting the great British labor host and the next clubbing its opponents into accepting settlements; wrangling with Wilson and then with Briand; distrusted by the dominant social elements of Great Britain, and all the while compelled, on an instant's notice, to repel an onslaughter in the House of Commons—here is, indeed, an exemplification of the strenuous life. To come through battered, is amazing.

The following simple questions were recently submitted to 160 students of a Hamilton, Ont. school by a clergyman, and not one of them answered them correctly;—

How many commandments are there?

What happened on Christmas Day many hundred years ago?

In what town was Jesus born?

Who was the mother of Jesus?

How many apostles did Jesus call?

Name one of them?

On what day was Jesus crucified?

On what day did he arise from the dead?

You would never have thought would you, that any child coming from a Christian home in this country would have any hesitation in answering such simple questions bearing on the fundamentals of our civilization. Yet we are told that not one of the 160 students to whom these questions were submitted was able to answer all correctly.

Had they been asked who was the best Moving Picture Actor, or who made the best score in the American Ball Leagur it is more than probable that every child would have known the correct answer. These are the days of too much "Liberty and Freedom," and just where it will lead the nation to time alone will tell.

"THE GREAT REDEEMER" PICTURE

Coming to Town Hall Winchester, Wednesday Dec. 21st. That wonderful picture, "The Great Redeemer." The story of a prisoner sentenced to be hung who is converted by seeing a fellow-prisoner painting a copy of the crucifixion. A picture with a lesson. One the elderly people will want to see. A throb, a thrill, and perhaps a tear, yet, one you will be sorry if you miss. Special Music. Admission 35 cts. children 20 cts.

Ormond

The Revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Torrie in the Ormond Baptist Church have been continued into the fourth week. So great has been the interest that it was deemed impossible to close them at the end of two weeks. Large audiences are in attendance from night to night and many have made a profession of faith in Christ. The fine chorus singing and the impressive solos by Mrs. Torrie have been a marked feature of the services. The meetings will continue until Sunday evening next and many more should avail themselves of the privilege of attending.

Social & Personal

Miss Pauline Hutt spent the week-end in Ottawa.

Don't forget to let the Press know about your Christmas visitors.

Mrs. C. A. Coons spent the week-end at her parental home in Chesterville.

Miss Pauline Docksteader was the guest of Miss Annie Hamilton on Sunday.

Misses Laura Melvin and Greta Earle were week-ens guests of Chesterville friends.

Mr. Johnston Morrow was a week-end guest of his uncles Messrs Edward and Edwin Baker.

Miss Dowell has returned to her home in Brockville after visiting her sister, Mrs. Isaac Hughes.

Mrs. Ira Annabie has returned home after spending a few days with friends at Rensselar Falls, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bogart of Elma were the guests ot Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Casselman a few bays last week.

Mr. Thos. Stobo is in Toronto this week attending the Convention of the U. F. O., as the representative from Cloverdale Farmers Club.

Fresh Fish,— Herring, Halibut, Pike, Salmon. At Flora's.

Tickets for the Chautauqua Concert, "The Harp Singers", will be only 50 cents and will be on sale at Mrs. Flora's and at Mr. B. F. Smith's.

Cood Things To Eat

On and after Saturday Dec. 17 we will have a large assortment of Choide Cakes made by Mr. Wheeler. Always Fresh. Try Them. L. Flora.

BIRTH

At Williamsburg on Wednesday, Dec. 14 1921 to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Carkner a daughter.

CARD OF THANKS

Miss Mary Dixon (nurse) and Mrs. Wylie wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their many thoughtful acts of kinkness during the period that Miss Dixon was confined to the house.

Organ For Sale

A second hand Bell organ, six octave, piano case, in first class condition. A big bargain for quick sale Apply

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A Tortoise Cook Stove with oven, four holes, in splendid condition. Apply

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Hay for Sale

About thirty tons good hay for sale. Apply A. S. Brown and son, Winchester.

Dressed Poultry for Sale

The undersigned will furnish young or old poultry, undressed or dressed ready for cooking as desired. Apply to,

A. F. Reveler,

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House & Lot For Sale.

A Good Frame House, Kitchen, Shed Good well and Hen House. Corner lot situated on Caleb St., south side, Winchester, Apply to Lindsay Bowman,

23 tf Kemptville, Ont.

Public Meeting!

A MEETING OF THE

Electors of the Village of Winchester

Will take place for the Nomination of Candidates for the Office of Reeve and Councillors for 1922 at the

TOWN HALL

In the Village on

Monday, Dec. 26th 1921 at 12.30 in the afternoon.

The nominations for the office of Public School Trustees will be held at the same time and place, and should a poll be demanded notice is hereby given that a poll will be held in the said village on

Monday, January 2nd, 1922

From the time of 9 o'clock in the morning till the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the Council Chambers to receive the votes of the electores.

All persons interested will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

J. C. Empey,

Village Clerk and Returning Officer.

Winchester, Dec. 16, 1921.

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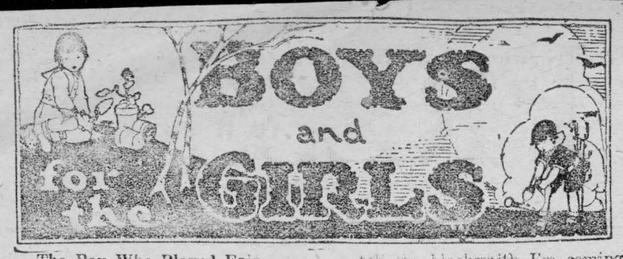


The Boy Who Played Fair.

Bob Smith looked at the smashed runner of his new sled. "That's another one of Dick Grant's tricks," he said angrily, and picking up the useless sled he started for home.

As he rounded a corner he saw his enemy just ahead of him with his sled. As Bob was wondering how he could get even with Dick, he saw him enter a store, carelessly leaving his sled on the road. Just then Bob heard hoofs thundering down the street. One glance told him that the team was running away. And Dick's shining racer was in the very path of the frightened horses!

"It serves him right," Bob said triumphantly. But immediately his mother's words came ringing in his ears: "Robert, always play fair." Quickly yielding to the better thought, he rushed up and pushed the sled off the road just as the team dashed by.

Dick saw the whole scene. He came quietly up, his face scarlet with shame. Say Bob, how can you ever forgive me for that low trick I played on you?"

"By forgetting it and being friends," replied Bob heartily. "Let's shake!" And the hands of the two boys met in a strong, friendly grasp.

Told by a School Boy.

Roscoe was the big boy in our school, but he didn't study much. One day the teacher said that each of us five boys in school might ride her pony a quarter of a mile to the blacksmith shop and get him a new shoe.

Roscoe said we would divide the distance into four parts instead of five and Slim, a small boy, could walk all the way there and back. We let Roscoe divide the distance as he had said; we couldn't help that. Roscoe rode first, Paul next, then John Warren. Harold's turn was to be last.

"All who have ridden already go on ten the blacksmith I'm coming," Harold suggested. "Slim may stay and hold the pony while I get on."

After the boys were out of sight, Harold put little Slim on the pony and he himself walked to the shop.

Roscoe said Harold was a tenderfoot and couldn't stand to see Slim cry.

"Well" Harold answered, "I have horses at home to ride and Slim has none. I'd rather hear Slim cluck and see him kick Dandy in the flanks than ride all the way to the shop and back."

The Girl Who Could Be Trusted.

Betty gazed out the window. "Yes," she told her brother, "I am trying for the apple prize. It doesn't seem fair, for Roland Hayes is sick, and he can't sort his apples. It's only a week before the fair."

She was unusually quiet at supper and her eyes wore a thoughtful expression.

"Eugene, I have it!" she cried suddenly.

Eugene dropped his fork and gazed at her in amazement. "What? Nothing contagious, I hope."

"I'm going to sort Roland's apples for him."

"You can't" Eugene told her. "He dislikes you and he wouldn't trust you."

"Well," she replied, "I can try. I'll show him that I can be trusted."

The next morning Betty went to the Hayes farm. Roland protested at first, but the thought of winning the prize compelled him to consent. He grumbled to his grandmother about what Betty might do. She might, for instance take his best apples. Meanwhile Betty toiled in the sun until Roland's apples were sorted. On reaching home she decided not to enter her apples because they might stand between the sick boy and his prize.

Roland's apples won. He praised Betty, and she felt amply repaid.

TO GIVE FARM CHILD A CITY EDUCATION

AIM OF ALBERTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Marvellous Advance of Past Decade or Two—Alberta Leads the Continent.

To give every child on every farm in the province a practical education equal to that of the city boy or girl, is the ambitious program of the Alberta Department of Education. Especially in a country so vast where settlement in the outlying parts is still very scattered, this is a real man-sized ambition. But Western Canada is a man-sized country, and every problem that has to be faced would appear overwhelming to one not acquainted with the wonderful development of the Canadian West. This particular problem, however, is already well on its way towards solution, and there are very few districts where the young Canadian is more than three miles from a school-house.

When the prairie country was first surveyed and formed into provinces, some far-seeing statesman laid the foundation stone of rural educational development by setting aside two sections in every township—or one-eighteenth of the whole country—as school lands. As required, these lands are sold at auction and the interest on the money thus secured is used in building and maintaining country schools. Wherever there is a settlement with four resident ratepayers within a 2½-mile radius, and eight children between the ages of five and sixteen, a school may be established and a school district formed. Every land owner in the school district then has to help to maintain the school, but he himself, in the greater number of cases, decides what levy shall be made, through his local municipal government. This year, upwards of $15,000,000 is being spent by the Alberta government on education alone.

A Tremendous Increase.

Fifteen years ago there were just over six hundred schools to be found; to-day, Alberta boasts of three thousand one hundred and fifty-four, containing four thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven class rooms. The number of pupils has kept pace with the schools until last year there were 135,000 on the rolls as against a total enrolment of twenty-four thousand in 1905. This means that one in every 4.63 of the population of the province was attending school.

Although much of the territory covered by the educational system has only recently been thrown open for settlement, schools have already penetrated to the most remote corners of the province. The most southerly school is at Coutts, on the International boundary, some four hundred miles south of Edmonton, the provincial capital, while a school house is to be found five hundred miles north of the same city at Lawrence Point on the Peace River.

The greater number of these schools are of one or two rooms, but are ample for the needs of the district they serve, in so far as an elementary education is concerned. Whenever the attendance warrants it, however, the school house is enlarged, more class rooms added and a higher education given to the more advanced pupils The consolidation of a number of small rural schools into a large central school is now under way in the more closely settled districts. The consequent greater attendance allows the formation of more grades, and in these consolidated schools a standard of education is possible very little different from the city public school. Vans and motors taking the pupils to and from school offset the longer journey for the children. There are now more than fifty consolidated schools in the province.

Free Education.

Apart from such elementary education, it was felt that some effort should be made to remove the handicap under which rural districts were suffering with regard to high school, or secondary education. The result has been that non-resident children are accepted in any High school in the province without fees, and a special grant is made to High schools for this purpose. Rural schools are also being encouraged to offer high school work, and an extra grant of from $100 to $700 is made by the Government where this is carried out. Similar encouragement is being given to secondary work in consolidated schools, while a new policy has just been laid down to make possible a consolidation of several districts for high school purposes only.

All these policies will, in time, bring an elementary and high school education within the reach of every child wishing to take advantage of the opportunity.

For those desiring a still larger and more specialized education, there are ample facilities. A University is situated at Edmonton, where courses are offered in Arts, Law, Medicine, Applied Science, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Household Economics and Engineering. Last year the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art was opened at Calgary, meeting with such an encouraging reception that a permanent building, costing a million dollars, is now under way. During the first year of this institute, 628 students were enrolled. Courses given here include railway, architectural and mechanical drafting, armature winding and electrical engineering, telegraphy, motor and tractor engineering, mining engineering, applied mathematics, machine shop practice and steam engineering. Preliminary classes in steam engineering and mining are also held in different parts of the province, more or less as a preparatory course to the similar faculties at the Institute of Technology.

Schools of Agriculture.

Agricultural instruction is also carried on under the provincial government, which has established schools of Agriculture at Claresholm, Olds, Vermilion, Youngstown, Gleichen and Raymond. Here young farmers and farmers' children are taught scientific farming and the methods of cultivation and stock raising found to be best suited to their particular locality. For those wishing to continue this study a faculty of Agriculture has been added to the curriculum of the University.

Five thousand teachers are required to provide instructional staff for these schools, and three institutions for the training of teachers—Normal Schools—are maintained in the province, each one accommodating from 150 to 200 students. These schools are located at Calgary, Camrose and Edmonton. Although more than four hundred teachers graduate from these normal schools each year, they are not sufficient to supply the demand and teachers are recruited from the other Canadian provinces, from Great Britain and from the United States. Before these latter, however, can practise their profession they must pass a qualifying test at one of the Alberta normal schools.

In its policy of educational assistance, the Alberta government helps students to complete their training as teachers by granting them loans, wherever necessary, to carry them through the course. To date, one hundred and ninety teachers have been assisted in this manner. It is recognized that in the rural districts, teachers need first class homes if the schools are to operate from year to year all the year round. Accordingly the government provides one-third of the cost of a good home, a site of not less than five acres, and the complete furnishings of the home, where such are necessary. In this important matter, Alberta leads all provinces and states on the continent.

A Teachers' Bureau.

The services of the Department of Education are always available to both teachers and school boards, to enable them to readily get in touch with each other, and for this purpose the department is maintaining a free teachers' bureau. Last year this bureau was directly responsible in placing 1,100 teachers and indirectly assisted the Normal schools in placing half as many more.

Reviewing the changes that have taken place in every phase of life on these Canadian prairies, it is hard to realize that they have all happened within the last decade or two. How typical of the whole country is the progress shown in the educational facilities afforded by the city of Calgary during the last twenty-five years, during which time the city itself has witnessed such a phenomenal growth.

In 1884 the first school was opened—a one-roomed log shack—but sufficient for the needs of the settlement's nine pupils. Today, within the city limits, there are some sixty-four schools employing more than three hundred teachers and costing upwards of five million dollars. Last year 14,239 students were in attendance. In the rural districts the growth has been just as steady and as rapid, and there seems no doubt but that the province of Alberta will solve the problem it has set itself—to give the farm child a city education.

Reducing Time.

It required eight hours to travel from Bergen to Stavanger, Norway, by boat, although they are only 100 miles apart, until an aerial passenger and mail service was established.

Shipbuilding in India.

India is reviving its ancient industry of building wooden ships, using timber from its vast forests.

An electric landing sign marking the aerodrome at Croydon, England, said to be the largest sign in existence, measures a quarter mile in diameter.

FINDING A WAY TO TOP OF THE WORLD

MOUNT EVEREST'S CONQUEST SEEMS ASSURED.

Base is Being Established 23,000 Feet Up for Final Dash of 6,000 Feet to Summit.

Man's conquest of the earth probably will be complete next year, when Mount Everest, the highest peak of the Himalayas and the greatest mountain in the world, is scaled. The preliminary expedition seemingly has found a feasible ascent. A base for the final dash is being established well about the 20,000 foot level. When the weather permits in 1922 the final effort will be made. Late advices from London say that Brigadier-General C. G. Bruce, noted soldier and explorer, has been invited to command the climbers.

The history of attempts to scale this top of the world is thick with failures in which human lives have been risked devotedly and many of these lives have been lost. But with each successive expedition progress has been made and men have drawn nearer and nearer to their goal. Each expedition gathered useful knowledge for a future trial and at last the lonely peak seems about to render up its secret. Certainly the scientists of the world appear to be hopeful that the next exploring party, already being formed, will attain its object. This confidence is based on the results of the expedition sent out last spring.

Accomplished the Task.

It was a very carefully organized expedition which started then, under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society and the Alpine Club of Great Britain and assisted by the government of India. May 18 and May 19, the dates when the two parties set out, which comprises the Mount Everest expedition, will be marked dates until their fame shall be dimmed by the date—no longer believed to be uncertain—when another party shall overlook the world from Everest's peak.

For this party of 1921 accomplished what it set out to do. All the approaches to Everest from northeast to west were reconnoitred and a possible route to the summit was discovered on the northeast ridge.

Surveyors under Major. H. T. Morshead of the Survey of India mapped under great difficulties an area of more than 13,000 square miles of a country previously unknown. Major E. O. Wheeler, second Government of India surveyor, who accompanied the main party to make a special photographic survey of the Everest group, succeeded in doing so to a scale of one inch to the mile.

Dr. A. M. Heron of the Indian Geological Survey, in charge of the geological work, investigated the geology of the whole district, finding many outcrops of limestone, with telltale fossils revealing the secret of the age of the Himalayas.

A. M. Wollaston, botanist and zoologist made a most complete collection of all the mammals and birds of the region; also a wonderful flora of seeds of flowers many of which are new.

The Unknown is Revealed.

Dr. Kellas made a valuable chemical and physical series of researches in questions of oxygen and blood pressures at great heights. Harold Raeburn, member of the Alpine Club, was in charge of the Alpine climbers. Col. Howard Bury had charge of the 'publicity" of the party, sending full accounts of its progress from time to time to Darjeeling, whence they were telegraphed all over the world. A general statement made by Col. Bury reads:

"A glorious country, with some of the most wonderful valleys in the world, about which nothing before was ever known, now has been thoroughly explored and systematically mapped. Some of the greatest beauties of nature hitherto unknown and hidden from man have been photographed."

Yes, a way up has been found. On October 10 the scientific world, and, indeed, the entire intelligent world, rejoiced on receipt of a telegram from the expedition announcing success at the last chance as a way had opened. The telegram was despatched by Col. Bury from Phari Dzong, and read:

Phari Dzong, Oct. 10.

The route to the summit of Mount Everest by the northeast arete has been found to be practicable.

On September 22 six members of the expedition, with twenty-six coolies, arrived at the col at the head of the Kharta valley, camping at 22,500 feet.

On the following day Mallory, Bullock and Wheeler encamped on the glacier below the north col.

On the 24th they ascended the north col, connecting Everest with the north peak, to 23,000 feet, finding the northeast arete quite possible, but they were driven back by a furious northwesterly gale, lasting four days, with intense cold, and making all climbing impossible.

All the party are in good health. The reconnaissance of Mount Everest is now completed.

The cost of the expedition is about £10,000 $50,000), which is said to be very little considering the results from the various scientific points of view. It represents two years' work.

How We See Things.

Last spring when a rural lassie went to the Big City, she surprised her friends by becoming enthusiastic over the discovery of cocoons on the street shade trees, while the bright down town shop windows were almost a bore to her. Her interest in cocoons led her to urge her decrepit old uncle to revive his ancestral qualities by climbing around monkey-like to gather them. This acrobatic performance naturally drew the attention of the passers-by who wondered at the cause of the commotion. They were much surprised when shown the cocoons on trees under which they had passed several times daily, intent upon their way to work or their daily window-gazing tours.

Is not this but an indication that although we all see things, what we see and how we see depends upon the man behind the eyes that look. Interest evidently intensifies and directs sight to the things we are interestd in. Seeing things is mental as well as optical.

For instance, near-sightedness is common in matters of thought. It seems to be a human failing to pass judgment before we get a true perspective of the matter under consideration. Near-sightedness has often been an obstacle to public progress. For years we simply could not see good roads and co-operation. But now we all realize their value.

It is fortunate that there are always some who are far-sighted and broad-visioned enough to see those things and to persist in them until public vision gets adjusted to see them as they really are.

Sometimes it is difficult to tell whether the vision of a leader is good or defective. But in most cases we can feel safe in picking the forward-looking man who prefers to build and improve what we already have, than to destroy it and start anew. Public affairs are not so bad that we need a complete reversal in the management of them.

Despite the fact that defective vision prevails and that we are all inclined to judge the world by what we see from our front windows, we are going forward. Front window critics are getting fewer as by greater contact with other people, through the press and through travel, we are getting broad-visioned, one of the great essentials for safer and more rapid progress. It really does not make a lot of difference how a fellow sees things.

A New Forest Industry.

In these days of lowered prices for farm products anything which gives a farmer another crop is of importance. At the request of the British Forestry Commission which bears the expense, the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior is collecting the seeds of Douglas fir, Sitka spruce, and some other trees of the Pacific coast to be shipped to Great Britain to be used in reforesting denuded areas there. The Forestry Branch has erected a seed-extracting plant in New Westminster, British Columbia, and the collection of the seed is done largely by farmers, in the newer settled districts near the city, who bring in the cones in sacks to New Westminster market. It seemed rather odd to some to see farmers coming to market with sacks of cones instead of apples and potatoes, but as the farmers receive $2 per sack for the cones, and as the Forestry Branch thus secures the seed required at a reasonable rate the innovation is considered most satisfactory to all concerned.

Trees for New Zealand.

More than 11,000,000 trees from the United States, Australia and Europe have been planted in New Zealand to replace native kinds that grow too slowly to be profitable.

Elephants' Tusks.

Among elephants, both sexes of the African species have ivory tusks, while in Asia these are generally restricted to the male.

A capitalist is a man who saves money and puts it to work. The thrifty man is always the independent man.

Worsted stuffs were first made at the village of Worstead, in Norfolk, about 1313.

Income Tax Revelations

Estimating Canada's population liberally at nine millions, on the basis of the latest returns roughly one person in forty in the Dominion pays income tax. Taking into account the greater number of children and dependent women in this estimation, the disclosure is not altogether disappointing. Income tax in Canada is paid on excess of $1,000 if unmarried, or a widow or widower without dependants, and on excess of $2,000 if married, or unmarried with dependents with an extra $200 exemption for each dependant child under the age of eighteen.

In the year 1920-21 a total of $46,381,806 was collected in income tax by the Federal authorities from 194,257 persons. Farmers numbering 16,652 paid $611,735; professionals numbering 19,366 paid $2,642,385; 111,621 employees working for salaries and wages paid $11,301,805; 24,483 merchants were assessed and paid among them $7,689,521; manufacturers numbered 3,277 with a contribution of $8,217,730; and the rest of the taxpayers throughout the Dominion numbering 18,858 paid $11,823,563.

On the face of these returns the amount of tax paid by farmers is disappointing in view of the importance of agriculture as the Dominion's first industry and gives an altogether false view of the situation of the agrarians of Canada. All authorities are agreed that the tax is practically inoperative as far as the farmers are concerned, due to the difficulties of collection, difficulties which arise from lack of accounting in agricultural operations, a lack of system which enables the agrarian to avoid the tax and thus render the balance between the rural and urban returns inequitable. Should the farmers' returns be based on the same accurate system of accounting as those of the professional and business man, there is no doubt but that this class would pay overwhelmingly the greater portion of the Dominion's income tax.

Divided by provinces 72,560 persons in Ontario paid $18,434,252 in income tax; 31,091 in Quebec paid $14,115,644; 28,106 in Manitoba paid $3,474,584: 18,322 in British Columbia paid $2,094,198; 15,555 in Alberta paid $1,359,643; 16,913 in Staskatchewan paid $1,098,240; 7,583 in Nova Scotia paid $1,060,591; 3,321 in New Brunswick paid $602,935; and 339 in Prince Edward Island paid $25,611. It is significant of the high value of farming in the rich territory of Western Canada that even in the unsatisfactory state of income tax returns from the agricultural sections that of those farmers paying income tax the overwhelming majority were located in the four Western provinces.

NORTH AMERICA IS LAND OF MOTOR CARS

UNITED STATES LEADS WORLD IN NUMBER.

But Canada is Not Far Behind With One Car to Every Eighteen Inhabitants.

On the American continent the ubiquitous automobile has come in a way to be regarded as the standard of wealth, of worldly position and material prosperity. Though often no doubt little justified by actual circumstances, car owners are placed in a category by themeselves as a trifle more prosperous than the man who walks. States and provinces illustrate their progress by their growing totals of automobile licenses, and measure their development in per capita ownership. However justifiably, the car has come to be a factor in establishing national wealth.

Pre-eminently the United States is a country of automobiles, featuring prominently both in manufacture and ownership. Huge manufacturing plants are to be found right across the continent turning out a variety of machines whose names have become familiar the world over. Ownership is extensive, and with one car to every fourteen persons the United States leads the world in this respect.

One Car to Eighteen Persons.

In the general misconception which exists outside the Dominion of Canada and Canadian conditions, relegating her to a place century-old, it is no doubt imagined by many that means of transportation are yet limited to the prairie schooner, the half tamed broncho, and the dog team. It will undoubtedly come in the nature of a surprise therefore, to a great many people, that the Dominion has approximately one automobile to every eighteen persons, falling not so very far behind the first country of the world in this regard.

There are in Quebec 40,450 automobiles; in Ontario, 155,861; in Nova Scotia, 11,150; in New Brunswick, 10,442; in Prince Edward Island, 1,358; in Manitoba, 34,814; in Saskatchewan, 58,825; in Alberta, 36,515; and in British Columbia, 26,500. There is approximately one car to every 37 persons in British Columbia; to every 17 in Alberta; to every 13½ in Saskatchewan; to every 18 in Manitoba; to every 20½ in Ontario; to every 66 in Quebec; to every 45 in Nw Brunswick; to every 53 in Nova Scotia; and every 66 in Prince Edward Island.

Most Cars in Farming Districts.

A survey of automobile figures of the different States of the Union indicates that, as a general rule, there are more cars owned in States where agriculture is a leading industry than in those where the industrial and the manufacturing predominate. Thus the State of Iowa, with six persons to a car, led the country in 1920, followed by California, Nebraska, and South Dakota, with seven to a car, nd Wyoming with nine.

Similarly in Canada it is in the Western Provinces, where there are vast agricultural tracts and countless farms with comparatively few cities and larger centres, that the highest per capita ownership of automobiles is found. Saskatchewan, which has been a province of the Dominion only since 1905, is surpassed in per capita ownership by about twenty States across the border, Alberta and Manitoba following close behind.

This will not be surprising to those in constant touch with affairs in Western Canada, but new arrivals are impressed with the numbers of automobiles which have flooded the country in recent years. They are to be encountered at no long intervals on country roads, bearing the farmers and their families on missions of business and profit. If the presence of automobiles is an indicaton of sound prosperity, the rows of cars which line the streets of towns which form centres of farming districts are eloquent testimony to the West's material progress.

Her Idea of Drudgery.

A little girl in a poor family has to wash a great many dishes. Someone began sympathizing with her one day, remarking what "drudgery" it must be.

"No," she replied. "It's great fun. I have given every dish a name, and they are all my children—my dolls. I talk to them while I am washing them and drying them. I pretend that I am dressing them. I like to have them all nice and clean. And I'm sure they like me for looking after them so well It's lots of fun."

Devastating.

Talking of school answers, a rather devastating one was given a member of a certain education committee, who thought it well to visit the schools occasionally and ask questions in the classes.

Once he spoke about Mr. Lloyd George, who, he said, was a statesman. "Now, can you tell me what a statesman is?" he finished up by asking.

Up shot one hand.

"Please, sir, a statesman is a man who makes speeches."

"Well, hardly that. I sometimes make speeches, but I am not a statesman."

The little hand went up again.

"I know, sir, a statesman is a man who makes good speeches."

Trust.

Over the door of their National Bank the Chinese have carved an adage which reads: "If you employ a man—trust him. If you cannot trust him, do not employ him."

That is a good philosophy to apply to friendship as well as to business.

Songs of Birds.

The duration of birds' songs greatly varies. It is two or three seconds for thrushes and chaf-finches, four to five seconds for blackcaps, but from two to five minutes for the lark.

Marble Near Pretoria.

A deposit of white marble, said to equal the best Italian in quality, has been discovered near Pretoria, Transvaal.

Modern "Mummies" Now?

That he has rediscovered the ancient Egyptian process far mummifying human bodies is the claim of a Paris physician.

Cabbages in Cuba grow to such a size that a head often weighs 20 lbs.

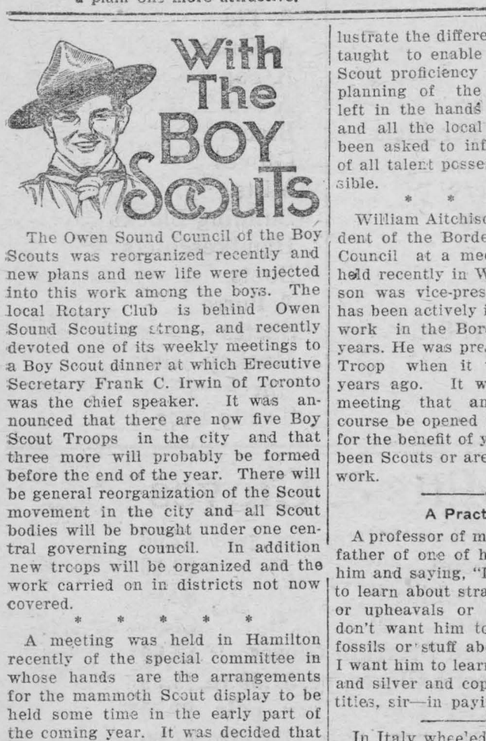
Opals, corals and amber are among the stones and gems which have been cleverly imitated in a substance made from dried milk.



Warding Off Ailments to Which Our Teeth Are Heir



Upper—By means of a hand mirror frequently examine the back of the teeth for tartar. Lower left—Use a tooth brush soft enough not to irritate the gums and be sure that the teeth are kept clean. Brush up and down, not only across. Lower right—A nice set of teeth does much to make a pretty woman beautiful and a plain one more attractive.



With The BOY SCOUTS

The Owen Sound Council of the Boy Scouts was reorganized recently and new plans and new life were injected into this work among the boys. The local Rotary Club is behind Owen Sound Scouting strong, and recently devoted one of its weekly meetings to a Boy Scout dinner at which Executive Secretary Frank C. Irwin of Toronto was the chief speaker. It was announced that there are now five Boy Scout Troops in the city and that three more will probably be formed before the end of the year. There will be general reorganization of the Scout movement in the city and all Scout bodies will be brought under one central governing council. In addition new troops will be organized and the work carried on in districts not now covered.

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A meeting was held in Hamilton recently of the special committee in whose hands are the arrangements for the mammoth Scout display to be held some time in the early part of the coming year. It was decided that in addition to the actual display, booths will be erected which will illustrate the different subjects boys are taught to enable them to pass the Scout proficiency badge tests. The planning of the entertainment was left in the hands of a sub-committee and all the local Scoutmasters have been asked to inform this committee of all talent possessed as soon as possible.

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William Aitchison was elected president of the Border Cities' Boy Scout Council at a meeting of the council held recently in Windsor. Mr. Aitchison was vice-president last year and has been actively identified with Scout work in the Border Cities for four years. He was president of the Fourth Troop when it was organized four years ago. It was arranged at the meeting that an officers' training course be opened in the Border Cities for the benefit of young men who have been Scouts or are interested in Scout work.

A Practical Man.

A professor of mineralogy tells of the father of one of his pupils coming to him and saying, "I don't want my boy to learn about strata or dips or faults or upheavals or denudations, and I don't want him to fill his mind with fossils or stuff about crystals. What I want him to learn is how to find gold and silver and copper in paying quantities, sir—in paying quantities."

In Italy wheeled traffic keeps to the left in the large towns, but to the right in the country.

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Some Fish Never Sleep.

Salmon, pike and goldfish are said to be the only fish that never sleep.

Still hope! It is foolish to be sorry you came until you reach the end of the road.

A grasshopper's ears are just below its knees.

Minard's Liniment Used by Veterinaries

The nettle, which has eighteen common varieties, is the most widely spread of any wild plant.

THE CAUSE OF BACKACHE

Only in Rare Cases Does Backache Mean Kidney Trouble.

Every muscle in the body needs constantly a supply of rich, red blood in proportion to the work it does. The muscles of the back are under a heavy strain and have but little rest. When the blood is thin they lack nourishment, and the result is a sensation of pain in those muscles. Some people think pain in the back means kidney trouble, but the best medical authorities agree that backache seldom or never has anything to do with the kidneys. Organic kidney disease may have progressed to a critical point without developing a pain in the back. This being the case, pain in the back should always lead the sufferer to look to the condition of his blood. It will be found in most cases that the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to build up the blood will stop the sensation of pain in the ill-nourished muscles of the back. How much better it is to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the blood than to give way to unreasonable alarm about your kidneys. If you suspect your kidneys, any doctor can make tests in ten minutes that will set your fears at rest, or tell you the worst. But in any event to be perfectly healthy you must keep the blood in good condition, and for this purpose no other medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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Origin of Steeplechase.

The etymology of steeplechase is too obvious to need set explanation. Founders of the sport merely fixed upon a distant steeple and rode straight to it, crossing gallantly hedge, ditch, paling, turf or timber, pasture, crops, moorland or ridge and furrow—whoso riding straightest, came in first and was winner.

But there are few, indeed, to whom a wild goose chase bears any implication of sport, yet the phrase derives from a sport hazardous, indeed. It is said to have begun in Ireland, where a chosen leader took mounted men cross country, but chose always the roughest, wildest going to be found. If mischance befell the leader some other took up the office—occasionally there was a change of leaders if the first proved timorous. For danger real and thrilling was the spice of the wild goose chase.

The winner was not he who came home first, but he who had flunked nothing in the route, even possibly have gone further around to negotiate an extra hazard.

Knowing this I have wondered a little if the Wild Geese—the Irish legions who, fighting for alien kings, have shown themselves prodigies of valor—did not take their name from the sport nearest the heart of their homeland.

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The leech is the only animal that possesses three separate jaws.

The actual weight of the human brain or the size of the head is no sign of special intelligence.

Minard's Liniment for Garget in Cows.

A Christmas Carol.

It is easy, O my masters, to find the best of ways
To pelase the Lord in using the holiest of days.

"No!" says the rich man, "I am filled with care,
Sables for my wife—diamonds fine and rare?
Pearls for my daughters, swift cars for my sons?—
I shall be mad from worrying before the great Eve runs!"

"Ah," says his brother, "I know the gift He gave;
I know that He redeemed me—I was once a slave.
I wish I had a chalice set with rubies red
As the blood of pigeons, or sapphires for His head."

But—oh—seek out the sad man to whom all inns are closed,
Who knocked in vain at every door where honest folk reposed
Oh, cheer the widowed woman and dry the children's tears,
And drive away for one whole year the wolf the orphan fears!

It is easy, O my masters, to find the best of ways,
To please the Lord in using the holiest of days!

—Maurice Francis Egan.

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One day a teacher was having a first-grade class in physiology. She asked them if they knew that there was a burning fire in the body all of the time. One little girl spoke up and said:

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Cock Crowing Belgian Sport.

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Predicts Armageddon Within the Decade.

An astrologer who signs himself "Septarial," writing in the British Journal of Astrology, says that the year 1926 is destined to shake the world to its foundations, both physically and politically.

After general trying misfortunes, he says, there will be a battle of Armageddon, with the entry six years later of "the Mighty One of Israel."

The great final conflict, he says, will be waged against Mohammedanism allied with the Bolsheviki, which will push in the direction of the Holy Land, where, north of Jerusalem, the fight will be carried to its predestined end. Four great Powers will be allied against the Anglo-Saxons, which will be gatherel again from all parts of the earth. There will be a British-Israel victory in the end and universal peace.

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"But Tanlac straightened me out and to-day I am feeling fine and in absolutely sound health. I have a corking good appetite and can eat anything set before me and digest it as good as I ever could. My nerves are strong as steel and the rheumatism has just about completely gone. I sleep like a top and get up mornings ready for a big day's work."

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"There's a Reason"

HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON
Provincial Board of Health, Ontario

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

There appears to be a doubt in the mind of many of my correspondents as to what Public Health actually means. At the head of the column in which I write articles on Public Health, questions on Public Health subjects are invited, and I shall be glad to answer such questions. But in many cases letters are receved from people asking me for suggestions regarding treatment for some ailment they have and which they would like to get rid of. Now I desire to make it plain that I cannot answer questions of this sort. It would be useless for me to do so if I wanted to, for I have not seen the patient and could not diagnose their trouble from statements in a letter. Besides, treatment of disease is the particular and special work of the family or local physician. He is the man on the spot and the right man to consult in cases where medical advice is desired.

For instance, one woman writes that she enjoys my articles on Public Health and wants to know if I could tell her what to do for a "floating kidney." In another case a mother writes to say that her baby had a heat rash and wishes to know what she should do for it, while just this morning I received a letter from an old gentleman to say that he had fits and wanted me to tell him what treatment he should adopt.

Now, there are many similar letters reaching me which I need not relate here, but in every case I have to refer such cases to the physician.

The work of a Public Health official deals largely with hygiene and preventive medicine, and by these terms I mean ways and means of preserving health and keeping the body and mind in full strength and vigor, and giving warnings of danger to health that will undoubtedly follow neglect of hygienic principles either in personal or community life. As regards the care and treatment of the sick, that is a phase of medical work by itself, and the local physician is the man to deal with sickness in any community.

The Public Health official is really a teacher and sanitarian. His work is preventive, rather than curative—in fact about the only instance where Public Health officials undertake treatment is in the prevention or control of communicable or infectious diseases when such diseases are a menace to the health of other people.

My advice to all those who write to me telling of their personal ailments is to see their doctor, because these ailments are not in the line of Public Health work. My purpose is especially to keep people well, and to this end I shall be glad to answer any questions that may help anyone to remain in good health and preserve their full vigor and activity, and I shall try to give full publicity to those principles of hygiene that tend to maintain health and happiness and raise the general standard of living.

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J. H. ROSS, Editor and Publisher.

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When Will Ontario Wake-Up.

The solid bloc of the east, and the solid bloc of the Prarie West does not promise well for the future of the Dominion of Canada. The two blocs are antagnostic. The one is influenced by class, the other by race and religious prejudices. In the west the dominent idea is commercial. In the east it is race and religion. The west rallied to the support of Crerar because the Progressive leader, promised Free Trade, and a Free Trade Policy appealed to the pockets rather than to patriotism.

Quebec has secured the position she has long waited for—the holding of the balance of power, the control of the government, and of the Dominion.

Hon. Arthur Meighen did not receive the support of Quebec because he would not bow the knee, and submit to the dictation of Sir Lomer Gouin and his followers. Had he done so—and the way was left open to him up until a few weeks before the election—he would have had a solid Quebec behind him, and remained Premier The Toronto Globe had knowledge of this fact when it nervously prophesied such a possibility, and asked Sir Lomer Gouin to come out and declare himself. But Hon. Arthur Meighen would not consent to become the tool of Sir Lomer Gouin and his co-religionists and thus the sudden jumping into the election campaign of that clever Frenchman and Politician' and the equally sudden flop of the Montreal Daily Star.

Hon. MacKenzie King has to either submit to the dictation of Quebec or resign as leader of the Liberal party. If he remains he will be only the figure-head, and Sir Lomer Gouin the controlling force in the government.

Thus, while we have a solid west, and a solid east, Ontario the banner province, the most populous and the wealthiest province, is so divided that she has neither place or influence in the new parliament. A solid Ontario could control the parliament of Canada. Quebec detached herself from the other provinces because she was asked to bear an equal share in the prosecution of the great war. She did less, and suffered less from the war than any other of the provinces. She used the war, and the Military Service Act to influence her electors against the Government. The rest of Canada, and principally Ontario, are to-day practically under the dictation of this solid Quebec. When will Ontario wake up.

One Lone Woman.

The Canadian House of Commons is to be graced with a woman member. Miss MacPhail, who was elected in the Progressive cause in South Grey, is apparently a very sensible young woman, who has ideal with reference to the welfare of her sex that she hopes to promote as a member of the Canadian parliament. Miss MacPhail is unmarried, and Hon. MacKenzie King is a bachelor. Perhaps in the course of politcal events the two Macks may unite forces, as there is already considerable talk of the Progressives going over to the Liberal side. Miss MacPhail is not an ordinary woman because she promiss to do considerable listening and little talking, moreover she thinks she can be taught something by the men. She is ambitious, for she says she wants to learn the French language, evidently with the view to being able to talk well and be understood by all when she does begin to talk. Miss MacPhail gives further evidence of her sound common sense when she says that she will sit in the house unadorned so far as her head is concerned, she will not wear a hat when in the House of Commons. This latter decision shows a wonderful strength of will, for there are few women who, under similar circumstances, would not glory in showing her latest in head adornment under such favourable circumstances. One lone woman among over two hundred men is a trying position, and if her desk mate in the House smokes or sometimes visits Hull, her position won't be an enveiable one. The political career of Miss MacPhail will be watched with more than usual interest.

Breakers Ahead

Ontario, the most populous and wealthiest of the provinces, and in all respects the most tolerant and open handed, finds herself today between a solid Quebec and a solid Prairie West, as a result of her tolerance and open handedness It is the boast in Quebec that Quebec stands solid for what she claims to be her rights. The prairie provinces stand solid for the benefit of their pockets. Ontario, divided, in standing for a United Canada, is only playing into the hands of a United Quebec.

The vision of the future is not hopeful. The example of Ireland should remind us of the dangers of the political stream down which we are floating, and the recent election should warn us that the breakers are not far distant.

Canada's New Premier

Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King the victorious liberal leader and Premier of Canada was born at Kitchener, Ont., (then Berlin,) on Dec. 17, 1874. He is the son of the late John King, K. C., of Toronto, and his mother was the daughter of William Lyon Mackenzie, M. P., the Ontario leader of the Rebellion of 1837, which brought about important constitutional reforms in Upper and Lower Canada The family on both sides is of pure Scottish extraction, the founder of the Canadian branch having come to Canada in the early thirties from his native town of Tyre, Aberdeenshire Scotland.

His first entry into the field of statecraft was in 1898, when he was appointed special commissioner for the Dominion Government to inquire into methods of carrying out Government contracts in Canada and in Europe. In 1900 he became Canada's first Deputy Minister of Labor, a post which he held for eight years.

In June, 1909, he was appointed minister of Labor for the Dominion, which post he held until the defeat of the Laurier Administration in Sept., 1911, sitting as member for North Waterloo.

Following his temporary retirement from public life with the defeat of the Laurier Government in 1911, and his own loss of his seat in North Waterloo, Hon. Mr. King joined the staff of the Rockefeller Foundation as director of the investigation of industrial relations carried out by that body in 1914. He was chosen leader of the Liberal Party at the Convention held in Ottawa in 1919, and found a seat in the riding of Prince, P. E. I. He had previously been defeated in North York in 1917.

Hon. Mr. King is by religious proffession a presbyterian. He is unmarried and now makes his home in Ottawa, having been bequethed the residence of Sir Wilfred Laurier by Lady Laurier's will.

According to the criminal statistical Report issued by the Dominion Government, the year of 1920 was in Canada a year of unusual lawlessness and crime. The total number of convictions for 1920 162, 709, an increase of 25 per cent over the previous year. There were for murder and attempted murder 93 charges, and for assaults over 2200, burglary, robbery etc. 2,709, for offences against property 12,505, malicious injury to horses and cattle 493. The number of persons fined for drunkenness in 1920 was 36,009, and the fines paid amounted to $315,099, unpaid fines totalled $65,294. The figures for 1919 were 21,975 persons fiined, $186, 176,fines paid and $39,763 unpaid. For breaches of prohibition and other liquor regulations the number of persons fined in 1920 was 9,674 who paid $1,442,754, in fines and refused to pay $244, 676. The figures for 1919 were 7, 079 persons fined $930,947, in paid fines and $247,995, in unpaid.

In juvenile crime there is a decrease of 2.3 per cent from the previous year.

The number of automobiles reported stolen was 3,682 valued at $4,762,043. Of these the police recovered 3,534 valued at $4,535,458. leaving 148 not recovered. The number of bicycles reported stolen was 4,814, and those recovered amounted to 2,624. In addition the police found 2,325 bicycles that were not reported stolen and found claimants for 2,151 of these. The value of other articles reported stolen was $2,325,755, and of this $1, 336,027 was recovered.

While his parents were out of the room little Francis Russel, aged 19 months, Toronto, reached up on the shelf and obtained a small bottle containing laxative pills, which contain along with the other ingredients, strychnine and bella-donna. The child swallowed several and died half an hour later.



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We expect a car of Apples this week.
Call and see them and get our prices.

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THE BIG STORE

GUIDE FOR SHOPPERS

Make out your Christmas List and bring it to the Big Store where it will receive careful attention. The following suggestions may be a help to you.

For the Lady of the House.

A Set of Pyrex
Oven Ware
Cake Plate
Pie Plate
Casserole
Bread Pan
Custard Cups
Ramekins
Round Baker
Spuare Baker
Aluminum
Cut Glass
Water Set
Butter Dish
Cheese Dish

For Father

Mitts
Gloves
Scarf
Tie
Shirt
Braces
Socks
Tie Pin
Bathrobe
Handkerchiefs
Armbands
Slippers
Safety Razor
Shaving Set
Razor Strap

For Big Sister

Leather Purse
Leather Bag
Dress Girdle
Box Handkerchiefs
Swede Gloves
Kid Gloves
Mocho Gloves
Dress Length
Fancy Collar
Flannel for Jumper
Silk Hose
Heather Hose
Sweater
Boudoir Cap
Camisole

Big Brother

Sweater
Silk Shirt
Cuff Links
Silk Socks
Auto Skates
Hockey Boots
Wool Scarf
Wool Gloves
Collar Pins
Tie
Belt
Tie Clip
Club Bag
Flash Light
Mocho Mitts

Little Girl

Wool Mitts
Wool Scarf
Wool Cap
Wool Sweater
Fancy Handkerchiefs
Doll
Box Stationery
Drinking Cup
Nail Brush
Chain Purse
Belt
Cap and Scarf Set
Teddy Bear
Dominoes
Silver Mug

Little Boy

A Tie
A Knife
A Top
A Scarf
Braces
Gloves
Mitts
Building Blocks
Handkerchiefs
Boots
A Purse
Skates
Hockey Stick
Checkers
Teddy Bear

For Baby

Bib
Baby Spoon
Drinkng Cup
Baby Plate
Knife, Fork & Spoon
Rattle
Whistle
Blocks
Wool Veil
Wool Jacket
Wool Hose
Wool Mitts
Fur Robe
Wool Cap
Wool Scarf

Mitts & Gloves

Men's	Comfort Mitts, per pair	$2.00
"	Mocho " "	$2.00
"	Horsehide " "	$2.00
"	Goat " "	$1.50
"	Lined Deerskin Gloves "	$3.00
"	Mocho Gloves, pr. $1.50 to	$3.00
Boys	Mocho Gloves, per pair	$1.75
"	Mitts, per pair 75c to	$1.00
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Silk Knitted Scarfs in fancy colors and stripes with fringe and large variety to choose from, prices $2.50, $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00.

MEN'S TIES, New Patterns in Men's Silk Ties in Fancy Boxes at $1.00 and $1.50

Men's Silk Shirts

Ponge Silk Natural Shade $5.00 Habutai Silk, White & Fancy Stripes in Silk $7.00

Boy's Sweaters

We are showing a large range of boy's sweaters for Xmas trade, High Neck Pullovers, V Neck Pullovers, Coat Sweaters and Jerseys with button shoulders, all sizes, prices from $2.00 to $3.50

Camisoles

Ladies Silk Camisoles with fine lace tops & straps in pink & white, $1.25 and $1.50

Boudoir Caps

A variety of Boudoir Caps in Mauve, Maise, Flesh and White with fine lace at $1.00

A. SWEET & CO., Winchester, Ont.

W. C. T. U. Parlor Social

The Annual Parlor Meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on December 9th at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston St. Lawrence St. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable and profitable afternoon was spent. Mrs. Sparling the President occupied the chair, the meeting was opened with singing, a scriptural reading and prayer. An appeal from the Armenians was read. The usual $50 was voted to the Public Library A report of the years work was given, which showed a satisfactory amount in the treasury. An interesting and very full report of the County Convention held at Cornwall was given by Mrs. J. J. Empey Honorary President of the County. The report of the Provincial Convention held at London, Ontario was taken up, each Superintendent reporting in her Dept. These reports proved an inspiration to all present, as they presented new ideas for service. During the meeting solos by Mrs. Percy Durant "Consolation," Miss Jean Beach "A Sheaf of Memory," a trio "Wear Your White Ribbon" by Mesdames Ritchie, Smith, McKendry were all well rendered and very much enjoyed. A donation of $15 to Willards Home, $10 to Travellers Aid, $10 to Armenian Fund was cheerfully given. A vote of appreciation was given Mrs. J. J. Empey for a bale of clothing donated by her and sent to U. R. Brown, Indian Agent at Port Arthur, Ont. value $100. To those who so kindly assisted with the programme, to the hostess, and all who prepared the splendid supper, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered. Meeting closed with "God Save the King," after which a social hour was enjoyed by all. Proceeds amounted to thirty-five dollars

Press Cor.

How The Wife Hit Back

—The publication of humiliating warnings by husbands whose wives have left them have long been amusing to the public which does not "sense" the tragedy behind them. As entertaining an instance of a woman's righteous indignation as we have seen recently appeared in the Binghamton Sun. The aggrieved husband advertised:

"To whom it may concern: My wife Margaret Nina Pickert, having left my bed and board, I will not pay any bills contracted by her. Charles M. Pickert."

To this public expression of resentment the wife, spurred by her spouse's fear for his purse, responds:

"My husband, Charles Pickert, never paid my debts, and never paid even his own, so why advertise me? Nina Pickert."

Whiskey Spotters visited Smith's Falls recently, made themselves "good fellows" and pretended they were engaged in selling automobile locks. The result of their goodfellowship came out later when one man paid $200 fine and $24.20 cost, another $200 and $25.20, another $300 and $21.85. In each case the accused pleaded guilty. There are several more cases to be tried before the magistrate. The same men operated in Perth and Brockville, and the result of their visits to those towns is yet to come out.

Vernon Items

On Friday evening December the ninth a chicken supper and programme was held in the Baptist Hall by that congregation. A good attendance was present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Quite a number from around here are attending the Revival meetings in Ormond Baptist Church this week,

On Friday evening December the sixteenth a bazaar and tea meeting will be held under the auspices of the Mission Band and Junior Endeavour of the Presbyterian Church in the Orange Hall here.

The annual Anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church were held on Sunday and Monday evening last. The services were largely attended and were conducted by Rev. N. D. Patterson of Russell. On Monday evening a splendid programme was given consisting of addresses by Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Kenmore, Rev. Mr. Cameron of Metcalfe, and Rev. Mr. Patterson. Mrs. Patterson favoured us with a number of excellent solos and Mrs. MacDonald of Ottawa, elocutionist, gave a number of selections which were well received.

Miss Beatrice Robertson of Russell spent a few days visiting friends here.

Mr. W. G. Porteous has recently returned from Ottawa where he was attending the Grand Jury for the past week.

Everyone is getting ready for Christmas aronnd this vicinity at present. The children have already begun to talk of Santa Clause.

MELVIN NEWS

Miss Hilda Fisher and Mr. Frank Beckstead of Morrisburg spent Sunday with the Misses Bessie and Winnie Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. M and Mr. and Mrs J. H. Edgerton and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Greer.

Mr and Mrs. Morley Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Annable spent Thursday at Ottawa.

Mrs. Isaac Hughes has returned home after spending some time with her daughter Mrs. Arthur Christie.

Misses Maude Wilson and Winnie Greer spent the week-end at their respective homes here.



What Can We Give the Kiddies?

Give them a Bank Account — the gift that grows, and teaches the first lesson of success in life — regular saving.

Call at one of our branches, or mail us $1.00 or more, and we will see that this useful gift — a Union Bank Savings Account — arrives in time for Christmas.

UNION BANK OF CANADA

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Toye,s Hill News

Mr. Austin Haggerty and Mr. Rumsey Peterson spent Wednesday at Kemptville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Houlehan spent Wednesday at Kemptville.

Messrs Howard Wylie and Arnold Peterson motored Thursday to Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Haggerty motored Thursday to Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Houlehan spent Friday at the latter's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKee spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas McKee.

Mr. Arnold and Miss Beatrice Peterson were present at the shower on Thursday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. Strader of Brinston.

Mr. Arnold and Miss Beatrice Peterson spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Strader of Brinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell spent Sunday at the latter's home here.

The Misses Anna Mae and Minnie McIntosh spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell.

Mr. Arthur Coons of Winchester spent Saturday visiting his brother Mr. Sterling Coons.

Rev. Claxton and Rev. Benn of Winchester called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Gallagher Saturday.

Miss Nora Fawcett of Girvin, Sask., is visiting her sister for a couple of weeks before returning to Regina, where she intends training for a nurse in Regina General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell our cheesemaker left Tuesday for their home in Morewood.

INKERMAN NEWS

Mrs. D. Hurley of South Mountain was the guest of her sons Mr. D. and J. Hurley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Biccum and daughter Helen were callers of Mr. and Mrs. C. Werley last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Allison and family spent last Thursday visiting friends and relatives at Beckstead.

Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Robinson spent Sunday afternoon the guest of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Timmins.

Mr. C. Fetterly of Toye's Hill called on his parents last Thursday here.

Miss Olive Allison of Winchester was a caller on friends here last week end.

Mr. Will Higginson spent Saturday at Chesterville.

The Inkerman Ladies Aid held a Bazaar here last Saturday with great success.

Mr. F. Barrigar was a caller on his son Mr. R. Barrigar of South Mountain last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Armstrong of South Mountain were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fawcett last Sunday.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Francis and baby, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs Robt. Murdock.

Mr. Lorne Armstrong and mother and Miss Annie Boyd, spent a day at Winchester recently.

BORN— To Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Mariner Tuesday, Dec. 6th, a son.

The members of the Presbyterian Church held a bazaar in Knight's block on Saturday afternoon and evening. A large crowd attended.

Mr. W. Burleigh and mother of Inkerman, were callers in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Boyd spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs, Angus Coons, Winchester.

Miss Helen Durant of Hexton, called on friends in town Saturday.

Mr. Angus Coons of Winchester and Mrs. Chas. Kirkwood and little son Bertan of Toye's Hill, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Boyd Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jackson and little son and Miss Eva Coons, of Winchester, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. L. Boyd.

Rev. Mr. Jameison and family are all on the sick list at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnhart spent the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Biccum, of Inkerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Robinson and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Robinson Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Barnhart, Parker Barnhart and Kenneth McCullum were Sunday guests of Mr. Dan Slater and mother.

Mr. Mahlon Beach of Iroquois was in town recently on business.

Mr. Blake Durant of Winchester was a business caller in town one day last week

Miss Annie Thorpe is on the sick list.

BORN— To Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Armstrong, Sunday, Dec. 11th, a son.

WINCHESTER SPRINGS

Mr. John Meddaugh of Winchester spent the week-end with the Meddaugh Brothers.

Miss Keitha Bailey and Miss Elleda Timmins spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Kain spent Sunday at Brinstons the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pitt.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Meddagh and son took tea at Mr. and Mrs. T. McQuat's, Winchester, Sunday evening.

Miss Mary MacIntosh visited friends at Williamsburg.

The Monthly Meeting of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church was heid at the home of Mrs. Wm. Davidson's Thursday afternoon. There was a good attendance. This meeting was the closing of the years work, the Treasurer's report showed an increase of double to last year.

Miss Nina Shorte from Dunbar is visiting her aunt Mrs. T. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Meddagh and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Meddagh and Burton and Mr. John Meddagh from Winchester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orren Casselman at a six o'clock dinner Saturday evening.

Mr. Joseph Davidson spent Sunday among friends at Brinstons.

Rev. Hall will hold service Sunday evening Dec. 18th in the Presbyterian Church here instead of in the afternoon as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. James Forsyth from Finch called at Miss Libbie Davidson's and took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davidson Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs. E. Meddagh and little daughter spent Monday at Mr. and Mrs. T. McQuat's

The head officers of the Salvation Army have decreed that no Salvation Army lass shall wear her skirt higher than six inches from the ground. The next thing we know the Army officers will be pronouncing against the Scotchman's Kilts.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

FOR HER

Ivory and Ebony Toilet Articles.
Toilet Pieces in silk lined boxes.
Trays from $3.65 up. Club Bags from $4.50 up.
Walrus grained, leather lined nickel trimmed Club Bag at $35.00
Electric Reading Lamps from $10.00 up.
Electric Toaster and Irons.
Pyrex, a good assortment.
Fancy China and Cut Glass.
Brush and Crumb Tray in Aluminum.
Fancy boxes of Notepaper $1.00 up.
Mahogany Pedestals.

FOR HIM

Watermans Ideal Fountain Pens $2.75 up.
Eversharp Pencils $1.50 up.
Military Ebony Brushes in leather cases $3.00 up.
Gentlemen's Set in silk lined box at $13.50
Shaving Mug set in silver at $1.75
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CHAPTER XXXVI.—(Cont'd.)

Admiral Conyers paid his usual morning visit to the Admiralty, lunched at his club and returned home that evening in a state of suppressed excitement. He found his wife and Geraldine alone and at once took up his favorite position on the hearthrug.

"Among the other surprises of the last twenty-four hours," he announced "I received one to-day which almost took my breath away. It had reference to a person whom you both know."

"Not poor Captain Granet?" Lady Conyers asked. "You read about him, of course?"

"Nothing to do with Granet, poor fellow," the Admiral continued. "Listen. I was walking, if you please, for a few yards with the man who is practically responsible to-day for the conduct of the war. At the corner of Pall Mall we came face to face with Thomson. I nodded and we were passing on, when to my astonishment my companion stopped and held out both his hands. 'Thomson, my dear fellow,' he said, 'I came round to your rooms to-day but you were engaged three or four deep. Not another word save this—thanks! When we write our history, the country will know what it owes you. At present, thanks!' "

"Major Thomson?" Lady Conyers gasped.

"Hugh?" Geraldine echoed.

The Admiral smiled.

"We passed on," he continued, "and I said to his lordship—'Wasn't that Thomson, the Inspector of Field Hospitals?' He simply laughed at me. 'My dear Conyers' he said, 'surely you knew that was only a blind? Thomson is head of the entire Military Intelligence Department. He has the rank of a Brigadier-General waiting for him when he likes to take it. He prefers to remain as far as possible unknown and unrecognized, because it helps him with his work.' Now, listen! You've read in all the papers, of course, that he had warning of what was coming last night, that the reason we were so successful was because every light in London had been extinguished and every gun-station was doubly manned? Well, the warning we received was due to Thomson and no one else!"

"And to think," Lady Conyers exclaimed, "that we were half afraid to tell your father that Hugh was coming to dinner!"

Geraldine had slipped from the room. The Admiral blew his nose.

"I hope Geraldine's going to be sensible," he said. "I've always maintained that Thomson was a fine fellow, only Geraldine seemed rather carried away by that young Granet. Poor fellow! One can't say anything about him now, but he was just the ordinary type of showy young soldier, not fit to hold a candle to a man like Thomson."

Lady Conyers was a little startled.

"You have such sound judgment, Seymour," she murmured.

Thomson was a few minutes late for dinner but even the Admiral forgave him.

"Just curselves. Thomson," he said, as they made their way into the dining-room. "What a shock the Chief gave me to-day! You've kept things pretty dark. Inspector of Hospitals, indeed!"

Thomson smiled.

"That was my excuse," he explained, "for running backwards and forwards between France and England at the beginning of the war. There's no particular secret about my position now. I've had a very hard fight to keep it, a very hard fight to make it a useful one. Until last night, at any rate, it hasn't seemed to me that English people realized that we were at war. Now, I hope at last that we are going to take the gloves off. Do you know," he went on, a little later "that in France they think we're mad. Honestly, in my position, if I had had the French laws at my back I believe that by to-day the war would have been over. As it is, when I started even my post was a farce. We had to tackle under, the whole of the time, to the civil authorities. They wanted to fine a spy ten shillings or to bind him over to keep the peace. I've never had to fight for anything so hard in my life as I've had to fight once or twice for my file of men at the Tower. At the beginning of the war we'd catch them absolutely red-handed. All they had to do was to surrender to the civil authorities, and we had a city magistrate looking up statutes to see how to deal with them."

"There are a good many things which will make strange reading after the war is over," the Admiral said grimly. "I fancy that my late department will provide a few sensations. Still, our very mistakes are our justification. We were about as ready for war as Lady Conyers there is to play Rugby football for Oxford."

"It has taken us the best part of a year to realize what war means," Thomson assented. "Even now there are people whom one meets every day who seem to be living in abstractions."

"Last night's raid ought to wake a few of them up," the Admiral grunted. "I should like to have shown those devils where to have dropped a few of their little toys. There are one or two men who were making a lot of laws not so long ago, who'd have had a hole in their roofs."

Geraldine laughed softly.

"I really think that dad feels more bloodthirsty when he talks about some of our politicians than he does about the Germans," she declared.

"Some of our worst enemies are at home, anyway," Sir Seymour insisted, "and we shall never get on with the war till we've weeded them out."

"Where did the nearest bomb to you drop?" Thomson inquired.

"The corner of St. James's Street," Sir Seymour replied. "There were two houses in Berkeley Street alight, and a hole in the roof of a house in Hay Hill. The bomb there didn't explode, though. Sad thing about young Granet wasn't it? He seems to be the only Service man who suffered at all."

Lady Conyers shivered sympathetically.

"It was perfectly ghastly," she murmured.

"A very promising young officer, I should think," the Admiral continued, "and a very sad death. Brings things home to you when you remember that it was only yesterday he was here, poor fellow!"

Geraldine and her mother rose from their places a few minutes later. The latter looked up at Thomson as he held open the door.

"You won't be long, will you?" she begged.

"You can take him with you, if you like," the Admiral declared, also rising to his feet. "He doesn't drink port and the cigarettes are in your room. I have to take the Chair at a recruiting meeting at Holborn in a quarter of an hour. The car's waiting now. You'll excuse me, won't you, Thomson?"

"Of course," the latter assented. "I must leave early myself. I have to go back to the War Office."

Geraldine took his arm and led him into the little morning-room.

"You see, I am carrying you off in the most bare-faced fashion," she began, motioning him to a seat by her side, "but really you are such an elusive person, and only this morning, in the midst of that awful thunder of bombs, when we stood on the roof and looked at London breaking out into flames, I couldn't help thinking—remembering, I mean—how short a time it is since you and I were face to face with the other horror and you saved my life. Do you know, I don't think that I have ever said 'thank you' —not properly."

"I think the words may go," he answered, smiling. "It was a horrible time while it lasted but it was soon over. The worst part of it was seeing those others, whom we could not help, drifting by."

"I should have been with them but for you," she said quietly. "Don't think that I don't know it. Don't think that I don't regret sometimes, Hugh, that I didn't trust you a little more completely. You are right about so many things. But, Hugh, will you tell me something?"

"Of course!"

"Why were you so obstinately silent when father spoke of poor Captain Granet's death?"

"Because I couldn't agree with what he said," Thomson replied. "I think that Granet's death in exactly that fashion was the best thing that could possibly have happened for him and for all of us."

She shivered as she looked at him.

"Aren't you a little cruel?" she murmured.

"I am not cruel at all," he assured her firmly. "Let me quote the words of a greater man—'I have no enemies but the enemies of my country, and for them I have no mercy.' "

"You still believe that Captain Granet—"

"There is no longer any doubt as to his complete guilt. As you know yourself, the cipher letter warning certain people in London of the coming raid, passed through his hands. He even came here to warn you. There were other charges against him which could have been proved up to the hilt. While we are on this subject, Geraldine, let me finish with it absolutely. Only a short time ago I confronted him with his guilt, I gave him ten days during which it was my hope that he would embrace the only honorable course left to him. I took a risk leaving him free, but during the latter part of the time he was watched day and night. If he had lived until this morning, there isn't any power on earth could have kept him from the Tower, or any judge, however merciful, who could have saved him from being shot."

"It is too awful," she faltered, "and yet it makes me so ashamed, Hugh, to think that I could not have trusted you more absolutely."

He opened his pocket-book and a little flush of color came suddenly into her cheeks. He drew out the ring silently.

"Will you trust yourself now and finally, Geraldine?" he asked.

She held out her finger.

"I shall be so proud and so happy to have it again," she whispered. "I do really feel as though I had behaved like a foolish child, and I don't like the feeling at all, because in these days one should be more than ordinarily serious, shouldn't one? Shall I be able to make it up to you, Hugh, do you think?"

He stooped to meet her lips.

"There is an atonement you might make, dear," he ventured. "Do you remember a suggestion of mine at one of those historic luncheons of Lady Anselman's?"

She laughed into his eyes for a moment and then looked away.

"I was wondering whether you had forgotten that," she confessed.

(The End.)



The Bones of the Airplane.

It has been truly said that tough flax fibres are the feathers of the airplane, and with equal truth it may be affirmed that the bars of Sitka spruce wood are its bones. Think what airplane designers and flying men demand of the bones of their planes! They must be light, strong, stiff, and tough, and above all every stick must be dependable. After trying many things, airplane designers settled on Sitka spruce (Picea sitchensis) as the ideal material. This wood is found chiefly in British Columbia, from which a large supply was drawn during the war. The war was, in fact, the cause of the introduction of Sitka spruce to the public, and since that time this wood has had an extended use in other lines of industry for which experience has shown it to be suited. The Forest Products Laboratories of Canada have prepared and the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior has issued a bulletin embodying the record of thousands of tests of this wood. It is entitled Bulletin No. 71, "Sitka Spruce; Its Mechanical and Physical Properties." Copies have been sent to those most directly interested and any person who desires a copy, but has not yet received one, will be supplied free upon application to the Director of Forestry, Ottawa.

Rainbows in a Flame.

The color of a heated object depends largely upon the temperature to which it is subjected. When, for example, a poker is placed in a fire, it will first turn a dull red, then a bright red, and finally a glaring white.

The same principle applies to a flame, the outside of which is far hotter than the inside, and, in consequence, gives off a brighter light. This difference in temperature is due to the fact that only the outer portion of the flame comes in contact with the oxygen of the air, while the inner part has to be content with the small amount of this inflammable gas which reaches it still unconsumed.

The heat is greatest where combustion is fastest and most complete, and it is for this reason that the outer part of a flame is a bright yellow while the interior is a dull blue.

Appetites Larger in Winter.

The reason we need more food in winter than in summer is because the greater amount of oxygen in the air sharpens appetite and aids digestion.

Gunpowder.

Gunpowder was known to the Chinese 2,000 B.C. Its European invention is credited to Roger Bacon about 1281.

Canada's birth rate for 1920 was 27.47, as against a death rate of 13.31 per 1,000. The marriage rate during the same period was 8.94 per 1,000.

Bee's Trouser-Pockets.

If you watch a bee at work amongst the flowers, you will see that he is engaged in collecting two quite different substances from the blossoms.

His long pointed tongue is really a tube, through which he sucks up the sweet juices just as we suck lemonade through a straw. Whilst he moves about inside a flower, the stiff hairs on his back collect the yellow pollen-dust, with which he is soon covered. Then he sits down on a leaf and proceeds to scrape it off by means of the little combs with which his legs are provided. By means of these he rolls it into balls, and stows it away in his trouser-pockets—little cups provided for the purpose at the joints of the legs.

The bee has also a set of waistcoat-pockets, which are used for a different purpose. These are little pouches with slit-like openings. When a bee is engaged in making the cells of the comb, tiny flakes of wax are secreted in these pockets, from which they are taken with the jaws as they are required.

How these waxen bricks are made in the bee's body is a mystery. In some wonderful way the bee is able to turn the juice of flowers into honey or wax in a very short time. The insect is really a shocking example of what all work and no play can do—he works himself to death in about a month!

We should really have spoken of the bee as "she," for the worker is a female, but it seemed rather queer to write about her trouser-pocket!

Prince of Wales Sees Weird Entertainment.

A weird entertainment was given at Bikaner, India, in honor of the Prince of Wales, following a State banquet at the palace. The entertainment began with a religious fire dance in the courtyard of the fort. The big bonfire which had been lit in the centre of the great quadrangle was then allowed to die down to a mass of glowing embers, through which bare-legged natives, singing wildly, danced, kicking up a cascade of sparks and snatching portions of the fiery mass, which they placed in their mouths, although the heat of the fire could be felt 10 yards away.

The weird phantasy lasted 10 minutes, presenting a perfectly demoniacal effect through the clouds of dull, red smoke. The dancers subsequently pirouetted in front of the Prince, clamoring for him to inspect their feet, which were found to be unscarred by the fire, and actually were moist and cool, as though the dancers had been paddling in the water.

Several members of the Prince's staff attempted to pick up pieces of the hot embers, but every attempt ended abruptly with a hurried snatching back of the fingers and sharp exclamations, amid the derisive laughter of the onlookers.

Thereafter a great company of Nautch girls, wearing heavily gold-brocaded robes, transparent head shawls and massive gold armlets to the elbows, danced and sang a wild refrain, welcoming the Prince to barbaric strains. A native juggler danced on sharp swords, spikes and saws.

The entertainment concluded with the Nautch chorus discordantly but enthusiastically singing "God Save the King" in the Marwar tongue.

How Trees Grow Knots.

Trees are formed of three parts—the roots, the parent stem or trunk, and the branches. When the trees are cut up into lumber, the first of these parts is useless, and generally is left in the ground to be salvaged later for other purposes.

The branches of the tree are also comparatively useless, but the trunk produces a number of valuable planks in proportion to its diameter.

In spite of the fact that the branches have been lopped off, they leave their mark upon the parent stem in the shape of hard round or oval spots, which we call "knots." Each of these knots shows where the limb of the tree was growing, because the limb had its beginning in the heart of the trunk, drawing its sustenance directly from the central source of supply.

The hardiness of knots is due to the fact that more strength is required at the base of the limb than farther out.

St. Paul's Cathedral was begun and finished within forty years, under one Bishop of London, one architect, and one master mason.

Woman's Interests

Seasonable Kitchen Kinks.

Syrup made of brown sugar is better than any you can buy: To one pound of sugar add a cupful of water and boil until thick enough. Maple sugar makes the best syrup.

Apples stuffed with sausage are appetizing. Core medium-sized, tart apples and insert fresh sausage in the opening. Put in a pan with water and bake until the apples are soft and the sausage is cooked.

Crackling cornbread is a southern dish, made at butchering time. Sift and mix two cupfuls of cornmeal with one cupful of wheat flour, a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder, and two teaspoonfuls of sugar. Add one and one-half cupfuls of sweet milk, and two tablespoonfuls of fine cracklings, preferably from leaf lard. Bake in a hot oven.

Make plain plum pudding thus: In a large baking dish place alternate layers of buttered bread and raisins. Beat six eggs add half a teaspoonful of salt, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, half a nutmeg grated and two quarts of milk. Pour over the bread, set in a cool place and let stand over night. The next day bake in a slow oven until the pudding is set and browned.

Fried oysters cooked in the oven are more digestible and palatable than when cooked in fat. Drain and dry the oysters, roll them in flour, dip in beaten egg, then roll in bread crumbs well seasoned with salt and a pinch of cayenne pepper, and dip in vegetable oil. Bake in a hot oven until light brown. Serve with tomato catsup, cabbage salad or cole-slaw and mashed potatoes.

Chocolate dainties are sure to please. The recipe calls for: One-half cupful of dates or raisins, one-half cupful of figs, one-half cupful of nut meats, one square unsweetened chocolate, one tablespoonful of orange juice and grated peel of one orange. Put the fruit and nuts through a meat chopper. Add orange juice, grated peel, and melted chocolate. The mixture may then be molded into balls and rolled in chopped nuts or granulated sugar, or it may be packed in an oiled tin, put under a weight, and then cut into squares.

Parisian sweets can easily be made by the children. They require: One-half pound of nut meats (locally grown), one-half pound of dates or raisins and one-half pound of figs. Put all ingredients through the meat chopper. Mix thoroughly, roll out on molding board to one-quarter-inch thickness, using powdered sugar to keep the confection from sticking to the board. Cut into squares or diamonds.

To make marshmallow fudge, cook together two cupfuls of granulated sugar, one and one-half squares of chocolate, one-half cupful of milk, one-fourth of a cupful of butter. Boil until the mixture will form a soft ball in water. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla. When slightly cool, add gradually a cupful of marshmallows cut in pieces, and beat thoroughly; when the marshmallows have partly melted, pour the mixture into buttered pans to cool, then cut into squares.

Make molasses candy for a candy-pull, by this recipe: Mix together over the fire three cupfuls of molasses and one cupful of brown sugar, add half a cupful of vinegar and cook slowly, stirring occasionally. After it has cooked for twenty minutes begin testing by dropping a little of the syrup in cold water. When it seems brittle, add a tablespoonful of butter and a teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in a little hot water. Do not cook the candy after the soda has been added, but pour immediately into buttered pans and pull as soon as it is sufficiently cooled.

Necessities.

Mary Ellen's wide eyes looked anxiously at her mother. "Mother, do you think we could afford to have a party? Ethel Macy's cousin is coming to see her, and almost everyone is going to give her a party."

Mary Ellen's mother kissed the small face. "How would it do for us to have her to lunch instead of to a party, dear? We can make little candy dolls dressed like roses—"

"Oh, yes!" Mary Ellen cried joyously. "Do let's, mother. I'm going right over to tell Ethel."

But when the small feet had danced away, Mary Ellen's mother buried her face in the pillows of the old lounge and cried. "I knew it was bound to come sometime," she sobbed. "I haven't broken down in all these four hard years, but to have Mary Ellen asking if we can afford things! And I had tried so hard not to let the children think about money."

The other person in the room was a classmate of Mary Ellen's mother and her dearest friend. She leaned down and kissed her. "I'm going to leave you to cry it out, Ellen," she said, "I'll be back in half an hour."

At the end of that time she returned with a cup of hot chocolate. Mary Ellen's mother looked at her apologetically. "I'm so ashamed," she said, "to spoil your visit this way."

"Spoil nothing, as your son and heir would say. I'm glad you let go. You'll feel like another person. And now, while you take this chocolate, I will take the lecture platform. In the first place, to keep money out of your children's thoughts may be an ideal, but like most other ideals it can only be approximated in this age. Moreover, I am not sure that it is the finest ideal. I think perhaps the wisest way is to acknowledge the necessity of dealing with money and teach the children directly, as you are constantly teaching them indirectly, that money is only valuable for what it can purchase, and that therefore the greatest wisdom is to learn how to use it for the greatest things. In the two weeks I've been here I've noticed several things. One is that the children have been taught to help carry on the household and to share its pleasures. I notice that their friends have as well recognized a place in it as your friends; that, although your meals are simple, hospitality is not a luxury with you, but one of the matter-of-course things of life. If you could know the families that I know in this age of apartments—"

Eilen's eyes were shining now, but not with tears. "Oh, you make me so ashamed!" she cried. "So ashamed and so glad and so rich!"

Ears and Specialists.

No one except the ear specialist can know much about the complicated and delicate mechanism of the human ear. Before the day of specialists it fell to the lot of the devoted general practitioner to deal with ills of the ear. That the results were no worse than they were proves his courage and especially his common sense.

In those days the doctor's first idea in most cases was to use the syringe. Sometimes it was a good idea; for careful syringing will remove impacted wax, and that is always a help. But syringing will not do much more than that in any case, and in many cases it will do serious harm. Anxious or officious relatives should never undertake it.

The first thing the specialist does is to find out by means of his apparatus for seeing inside the ear what part is affected—the external ear, the middle ear, or the internal ear. Has he got to deal with a boil—an exquisitely painful matter—or with an acute mastoiditis—a very dangerous matter? Only he can determine. If the trouble is in the internal ear, he may use the X-rays to help his diagnosis.

When suppuration is taking place inside the ear the farther in it is the greater the danger. The tendency of pus to "burrow back" if it cannot escape in any other way menaces reason and life itself. When the trouble is a boil of the external ear the treatment is to excise and get rid of the pus as soon as possible.

Children sometimes poke objects into one of their ears; when that happens a specialist should be called at once. Occasionally an insect finds its way inside the ear and generally causes great agony by its efforts to escape. The best course is to drown the intruder at once with a few drops of water or of alcohol and then get it out afterwards.

What Causes Dimples?

The peculiar mark which we call a dimples is really nothing more than a dent or depression in a part of the body where the flesh is quite soft.

When we speak of dimples, we think usually of those in the cheek, the indentations which appear when a person smiles. But it should be remembered that dimples are also to be found in other parts of the body. Babies, for example, have dimpled elbows and knees, while infants who are plump often have several on their backs and shoulders.

These are due to the fact that the fibres which lie beneath the outside skin, and help to hold it firmly in place, are of varying lengths and run in all directions. Occasionally these fibres are too short in one spot, and pull the skin, thus forming the dimple.

The fact that dimples occur frequently in the cheek is due to the comparative irregularity of the length of the skin-fibres of this part of the body.

Fog has been classified into eight varieties, ranging from "very dense" to "slight mist" by the Air Ministry.

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Some Evils Oil Brings.

Oil cast upon troubled and untroubled waters is making a lot of mischief. It has become a nuisance in many ways, so much of it being thus disposed of that a proposal has been made to skin it off some harbors and by treatment render it utilizable.

It is death to fishes. It suffocates them and poisons their blood. Oil that finds its way into rivers prevents many finny species from running up the streams to spawn. Along the seashore it drives away the migrating schools when they approach the coast, depriving the fisherman of his prey. It sickens or kills oysters, and destroys the floating eggs and swimming larvae of shell-fish.

A small quantity of oil will form a film over a wide surface. It prevents the normal aeration of the water, and fishes die for lack of oxygen. The mischief is particularly serious in harbors, where, because of gas plants, oil-burning ships and automobiles, the discharge of waste oil is greatest. These harbors are the gateways through which shad and other fishes must pass to reach their breeding grounds.

Vast oil patches are often seen at sea, suggesting an obvious danger to marine fish life. The eggs of the cod and other ocean fishes float on the waves until hatched. After hatching, the young "fry" float likewise. Fish eggs cannot hatch or the young develop in oil.

Sea birds have recently been found dead and dying by hundreds off the British coast, their feathers saturated with oil.

The worst offenders are gas plants and petroleum distilleries, which find it convenient to drain their waste into the nearest stream or other body of water.

Study is being directed to means of prevention—especially in relation to the dumping of oil from ships in harbors in the neighborhood of spawning grounds, or near fishing banks at sea. Also, it is hoped to encourage an increased use of wastes for by-products derivable from them.

Cheating by Wireless.

An Italian schoolboy who was caught cheating in school has won fame. Two small wireless installations were set up by him. One was controlled by the boy in the school; the other was presented to a well-known professor who was prepared to give suggestions during examinations.

Whenever any difficulty arose the professor's advice was sought. It was communicated in various ways to each scholar in the calss-room. The boys' general improvement was noticed by the teachers, and soon the secret was discovered.

Recently, Senator Marconi, the famous wireless inventor, called to see the boy, and discovered that the youth's device contained some great improvements on the present wireless system.

Spain Has Most Blind.

There are more blind people, it is estimated, among the Spaniards than any other European race.

The wealth of Norway lies almost entirely in her forests and fisheries.

The tallest trees in the world are found in the State forest of Victoria Australia.

Dust Explosions

If the contents of a six-pound sack of wheat flour be thoroughly distributed through the air of a good-sized room, the lighting of a match will blow up the house.

Twice that quantity of flour, mixed with 4,000 cubic feet of air in a closed place, will, if ignited, generate enough force to throw 2,500 tons to a height of 100 feet.

Thus, you see, the material out of which our bread is made is, under suitable circumstances, as dangerous an explosive as gunpowder. We have read a good deal lately about the dangers of coal dust, but recent tests have proved that flour or any kind of grain dust is more inflammable than coal dust and correspondingly more liable to explode.

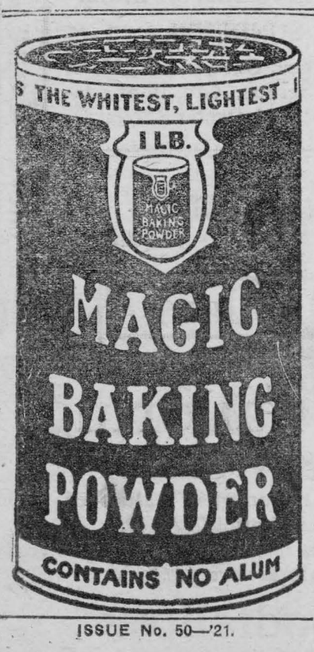
Another experiment proved that, when two ounces of grain dust were ignited in a box containing two cubic feet of air, a force was developed that lifted two men standing on the cover.

It is all a matter of rapid burning. Take, for instance the flour distributed through the air of a room. Every particle of it is in immediate contact with the oxygen of the air, and this makes its burning instantaneous in case of ignition. A great quantity of gas is suddenly generated, and, seeking to expand in a closed place, it exerts a force that rends the wall asunder.

A method now proposed for minimizing the effects of dust explosions in mills, factories and elevators is to make the walls very thin—mere curtains, in fact; dependence being had upon the skeletal structure of the building for its support. If the walls readily yield to gas expansion, offering little resistance, the explosion does relatively little harm. It is the confinement of the gas that makes the mischief. Large window area is another idea suggested, with the same object in view.

Metals, if finely powdered, will burn rapidly. In one recent explosion of aluminum dust six girls lost their lives and many more were injured. An explosion of hard-rubber dust, not long ago, resulted in the deaths of six workmen. Within the last few years there have been many such disasters in sugar mills, candy factories, spice mills, cork factories, drug works, paper mills, etc. Any kind of dust that is combustible will explode if distributed plentifully through the air of a closed place and ignited.

During the last two and a half years dust explosions in the United States and Canada have cost the lives of nearly 100 persons and have destroyed more than $10,000,000 worth of property. One such catastrophe in a starch factory killed forty-three persons and did $3,000,000 worth of damage.



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Dolly's Christmas Stocking

A Little Christmas Play for Children

Characters: Dolly, a little girl, dressed in dressing gown. Dicky, a little boy, dressed in dressing gown. Santa Claus, dressed in regulation Christmas clothes.

Scene: A living-room, with fireplace at centre of the "stage" and a couch at right of it. There are a table and some chairs, and a rug before the fireplace.

The curtain is drawn, disclosing Dolly with her stocking ready to hang up. It is a small stocking. Dicky holds a very long and very large stocking, fashioned from some bright red material.

Dicky (he holds up his stocking)—How's this? I made it all myself. Santa Claus ought to be able to put a good deal in that, don't you think so?

Dolly—Yes, it will hold a good deal, but I think you ought to hang up your own stocking. I think that one looks piggy, I do! It looks as if you wanted more than your share.

Dicky—Nonsense! Of course I do want a lot! Don't you?

Dolly—Well, I haven't asked for it, and I wouldn't hand up a stocking like that! I'd be ashamed. I'm going to fix something nice here for Santa Claus. He's sure to be hungry when he has been out driving about in his sleigh in the cold. I'm going to set the toy teaset he gave me last year right here on the table, and I've made some sandwiches and cake for him, too. Doesn't it look very nice? (She has been setting the table with cloth and dishes and plates, as if for a party.)

Dicky—Oh, let me have just one little cake!

Dolly—No! There are only enough just for him! I want him to have every single speck; I'd like one myself, but I'm not going to take any! Isn't he always doing nice things for us! I think we ought to do something nice for him, and so I made this surprise.

Dicky—Well, he wouldn't miss just one sandwich! I'm awfully hungry (He starts to take one.)

Dolly (catches hold of him and pushes him toward exit)—You musn't! Besides that, now that we've hung up our stockings, we must go to bed. It's late, and Santa Claus may be here any moment now. I thought I heard a noise! It sounded as if it were in the chimney. Hurry! He wouldn't like to find us here!

Dicky—No! I'm going to stay. I can hide under the table so he'll never see me! Look! (He crawls under table, upon which there is a cloth that falls far down over it.) You can't see me now!

Dolly—Yes, your slipper is sticking right out! You ought not to stay there, anyhow! It would displease Santa Claus! And he'll be sure to find you! You won't get any presents if you do!

Dicky—Well, then I'll go curl up on the couch and pretend I'm asleep. (He goes over to the couch and draws a shawl over him. Dolly tries to pull him away.)

Dolly—Dicky, it's not fair. You must come! Suppose he should come down the chimney and find you here!

(Bells jingle.)

Dicky—There, now! That's he! You'll have to hide here, quick! (He draws the shawl over both of them, so that it covers their heads.)

(Enter Santa Claus from the fireplace.)

Santa Claus—Why! Why! Look at that for a stocking! (He stands before the fireplace, laughing.) Ha! Ha! That's Dick's stocking. Yes! He must think I'm going to give him everything he asked for! Mercy, if I did, there'd be nothing left for anybody else at all! What about the little poor children and the little sick children—and the little orphans? (He lays his pack upon the couch and gives the shawl a poke.) Fe-fo-fo-fum! I'll bet Dick's hiding there! (He pulls the shawl off and the children jump out from under.)

Dolly—We heard you coming and we hid!

Dicky—Oh, oh! I say! Let's see what you've got in your pack! Did you bring all my presents?

Santa Claus—Why didn't you go to bed and go to sleep like good children? (Crossly)—I have a good mind to go right up the chimney again! (Pretends to be going.)

Dicky and Dolly—Oh, please! Please don't!

Santa Claus (turning about)—Well, you ought not to be here. You know it isn't right!

Dolly—It's really my fault, Santa Claus, because I fixed up the party for you. See! There it is on the table. I put it on my toy dishes. I wanted you to have something nice when you came in cold and hungry, and you must be sure to notice the dishes! Not a one is broken! I kept them all—every one—and the other toys aren't broken, either!

Santa Claus—Oh, I didn't see the party or the dishes. Thank you! Thank you! So that's why you came to be here so late! But really you ought not to have done it, you know!

Dolly (she holds a chair out and seats Santa Claus at the table, and passes him the plate. Dicky, on the other side, takes another plate and seats himself.)

Dicky—Did you bring the toys I asked for in my letter?

Santa Claus—Do you really want all of them?

Dolly—I think Dicky wants more than his share!

Dicky—Oh, no! No, I don't!

Santa Claus—Well, there are ever so many children to think of and some do get more than their share! Maybe Dicky doesn't know what he's asking for. Here, take a peep into my sack! (He opens the mouth of the Santa Claus pack-bag and Dicky peeps in.)

Dicky (jumping up and down.) Yes! That's the very drum I want! Say, can't I have those soldiers? I want the horn, and the skates, too—though I forgot to ask for those! I want that, and that, and that and that, and that, and—

Santa Claus—But I was going to take those to other children who need them more; you already have so many toys! Shall I really give them to you? What would the others do? They want them quite as much.

Dolly—He oughtn't to take them!

Dicky—The others can go without can't they? I want those things! I do! Yes, I do!

Santa Claus—Well (he takes down Dicky's stocking and hangs the Santa Claus pack in its place), might as well, you know! He wants all I've got here.

Dicky—Oh, say! Isn't that jolly! Dolly, see what I've got! You haven't got as much! That's what comes of the big stocking!

Dolly—I'm ashamed of you!

Santa Claus—Oh, never mind, Dolly! It's all right. It really is! See what he finds inside the bag!

Dicky—Well, I don't see why I shouldn't have what I want. I'm going to show you what I asked for. It's nothing to be ashamed of, I think! (He pulls the bag down and tugs it toward the front of the stage. He opens it and pulls out a huge parcel. The parcel is marked "Greediness.") Well, I did get it out at last, didn't I? (He sees the words.) Oh! (He hangs his head and looks down at the parcel.) I don't want that; that's horrid!

Santa Claus—It's what you asked for, you know! You wanted all that was there, and that's what the Christmas fairy does when children ask for too much. I can't help it; I'll have to call her. She is in the sleigh up on the roof. (Calls up the chimney). Christmas Fairy! Christmas Fairy! Come down! Come down! I want you to make magic with Dick's stocking!

(A fairy, dressed in red and green, comes from the chimney. She dances around the children and Santa Claus, and waves her wand over the package the Dicky drew from the bag. She turns it over, and there appears the word "Unselfishness," printed on the brown paper.)

Santa Claus—That's the magic! Now open it, Dicky!

Dicky—Well, I will. (He unties the string and opens the big box. It is filled with toys. He reads aloud the tags on them.) For the little poor children—for the little orphans—for the sick children in hospitals—for those who are shut-in—for the people who will not have many presnts. (He looks through them all hurriedly.) Oh, there's nothing at all here for me!

Santa Claus—Nothing at all?

Dolly—Sure?

Dicky—Oh, yes, there is! It's a letter. (Opens and reads aloud.)

"Dear Dicky,—I am giving you the biggest thing that Christmas can bring to anybody. It is the chance to think of other people and give to those whom you can make very happy. It is much better than having a great many toys and presents all for your own self. I invite you to go with me in my sleigh to help give them all away. SANTA CLAUS."

(Dicky waves the letter.) Oh, do you mean it? I'd love to go with you!

Dolly—May I go, too?

Santa Claus—We'll all go. We'll all have the fun together! It's such fun to give—far more fun to think of other people than to think of ourselves! You'll see how happy you can make all the others! Oh, I tell you, that's jolly!

Dicky—I am ashamed of that stocking. I'm going to hide it!

Santa Claus—No! Just hang up one that's the right size—that is all! That's the right share! I'll take you with me, and then we'll come back after we've given a bagful of toys away. And the Fairy will fill your stockings with lots of happiness!

Dick and Dolly—Why, we have that already, though the stockings look quite empty! Won't it be jolly to give everybody a Merry Christmas and play with Santa Claus! (They dance about him. He takes hands with them, and the fairy and they circle toward the fireplace, singing "Merry Xmas.")

(Curtain. After the curtain falls, Dicky comes out before the audience.)

Dick (holding up a stocking)—I hope, when you hang up your Christmas stocking, you will all find it filled full of Happiness. And remember that Dolly and I helped make it! Merry Christmas!

Guarding Your Health in Winter Days

By MARION DALLAS.

Once more the changing seasons have brought us Winter. The sun has crossed the equator in its journey south, leaving us with shorter days and longer nights, frosty mornings and cold evenings.

The question has been asked: Does this change affect our human system? Assuredly it does. Like passengers on a steamer going across the Pacific Ocean who must adjust themselves to the changes in climate they encounter, so we find it necessary to give some heed to the change of seasons.

It is commonly thought that all the change necessary is to put on a little more clothing, close down the windows, light the fire, and we are ready for winter. There are other things which require our attention, if we regard our health during the winter.

Change the Air.

The first thing is fresh air. The problem of procuring fresh air is a difficult one, because the cold weather necessarily closes windows and doors. During the summer, the majority of people live out doors and have become accustomed to plenty of fresh air. This supply of fresh air must be kept up. No matter about blizzards and low temperature, fresh air must be had at any cost. To obtain this first, every member of the household should get out doors once a day. If business requires out door exercises all right. But if not, take a good brisk walk and fill the lungs with fresh air. Those who work in factories or school houses should at least walk one way.

This is not all. The living-rooms should be well ventilated. There are ventilators contrived which allow the air to enter the room without a direct draft. But for the benefit of those homes which do not boast of these (and alas, there are many farm houses where ventilation is never studied), one can be made without much expense. A piece of board fitted to the lower sash, so that the length of the board is exactly the width of the window, will answer very well. The board should be about six inches wide. Raise the window and allow it to rest on the board so that no draft can come under the window. This will produce an opening between the two window frames so that the air will be constantly entering the room, but there will be no draft.

In the living-room, where families spend most of their time, two such windows should be arranged. In the bed-rooms, too, there should be such a window.

Another fact to be kept in mind is, that the fire, whether it be a stove or grate, is constantly creating a poisonous gas—carbonic acid gas. If the stove or grate, it makes no difference, is not allowed free draft, all the time this poisonous gas is continually escaping into the room. There must be free vent or the air will be poisoned. Don't forget this. Scientists tell us, and common sense proves it, that a house which is well aired is easier to heat than one filled with warm, dead air. Let in lots of sunshine.

Artificial light, either gas or coal-oil, creates a certain amount of poisonous air. It has been estimated that one gas light consumes as much air as seven people. Surely then it is important that our homes should be kept supplied with pure fresh air.

The temperature of the rooms should be carefully looked after. Thermometers should be hung in different parts of the house. The temperature of the sleeping room should be about forty or fifty degrees Fahrenheit. In the living rooms the temperature should be allowed to go as high as seventy, but never above eighty.

Drink Plenty of Cold Water.

The next important thing at this time of the year, is the internal use of water. During the summer we use a great deal of water. Perspiration has consumed large quantities of water and the system has demanded drink. But now perspiration is practically stopped, much less water escapes from the system through the skin. This materially decreases the amount of thirst, but it does not decrease the amount of poisonous material that must be eliminated from the system.

By means of perspiration most of the uric acid poisoning escapes through the skin, but now more of this poison must find exit through the kidneys. A sudden transferring of the function of the skin to the kidneys endangers these very important organs. In the cold weather we eat more solid food. This too, increases the amount of poison that the kidneys must eliminate. Together with the fact that the skin renders less than usual assistance, makes it a very critical time for the kidneys, especially the first few weeks of cold weather.

The kidneys ought to be assisted in this crisis. How can we assist them? Simply by drinking plenty of good pure water. Medicines that operate upon the kidneys only do harm. Diuretics in the long run will weaken the kidneys.

A glass of pure water just before each meal is the only medicine in the world that will assist the kidneys. Some people prefer to take cold water, either hot or cold water will assist. Dyspeptics will find hot water more agreeable. A glass at bedtime would not be out of place.

Cold water should also be used every morning. Gargle the throat. Rinse out the mouth. Those who do not take a cold bath every morning, should splash the neck and chest with cold water, and for those who already have nasal catarrh, snuffing sold water up the nose will be found useful. This fortifies the system against the action of cold air.

Don't imagine these precautions are overdrawn. They are just common prudence and are absolutely necessary to avoid the many ailments that are directly due to the winter season. It is always dangerous to catch cold. The liability to chronic and fatal diseases is greatly lessened if a cold can be avoided.

If people would allow themselves plenty of fresh air for the lungs, pure water for the kidneys, catching cold would almost be a thing of the past, and families who are forever going for the doctors would get through the winter with little or no illness.

Little Yuletide Cakes

Was there ever a little girl or boy who didn't coax mother to make "lots" of those spicy "gingerbread man" cookies, or plummy cakes stuffed full of fruit and spice and everything nice? Little folks always think that little cakes are their especial treat, so here are a number for the holiday time and other times, some old ones that have been favorites in homes for generations, and some newer ones.

However, any cookie dough may be cut in fancy shapes suggestive of the season, such as stockings, stars, trees or bells, and decorated with icings in a variety of tints and flavors.

Fruit Sandwiches.

One cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of shortening, one egg, one-half cupful of milk, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls cream of tartar, one teaspoonful vanilla and about two and one-half cups of flour. Roll thin, put the cookies in a pan then place a teaspoonful of the following filling on each and cover with another cookie.

Filling—One cupful chopped raisins, one-half cup sugar, one-half cup of water, one teaspoonful of flour and a little lemon or orange juice. Cook until it thickens.

Christmas Gingerbreads.

Beat two cupfuls of molasses and a cupful of softened butter in a bowl until they are well blended. Add a cupful of sour milk; stir in also a quarter of a cupful of hot water in which a level tablespoonful of soda has been dissolved. Add the grated rind of a lemon, cloves and ginger to flavor (some like a stronger spice flavor than do others), then stir in enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll the dough out thin on the board and cut into fancy shapes. Place the cakes on a well greased dripping pan and bake in a moderate oven. When almost cold, frost lightly with pink and white icing and tiny candies.

Maple Sugar Puffs.

One egg, one heaping cupful maple or brown sugar, one cup sour milk, one-third cup shortening, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful soda, one-fourth teaspoon salt, one cupful chopped nut meats, and flour enough to make a batter that will drop from the spoon—about two and one-third cupfuls. Melt shortening and sugar together, add egg and beat the mixture vigorously. Then add dry ingredients, sour milk and nut meats. Drop from a teaspoon on buttered pans and bake in a rather quick oven.

Almond Cookies.

Yolks of three eggs, three-quarters of a cup of sugar, one-third cup butter, one-half cup of almonds blanched and chopped, one teaspoon cinnamon, and one and a half cups of flour. Beat well, drop small spoonfuls on a well-greased pan and bake lightly.

Peanut Butter Cookies.

Cream together one tablespoonful of shortening, three tablespoonfuls of peanut butter and one and a half cupfuls sugar. Mix well with two unbeaten eggs, and then add three tablespoonfuls of sour milk in which one teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved. Beat in flour to make the dough stiff enough to roll. Bake about twenty minutes in a hot oven.

Star Cookies.

One and a half cupfuls sugar, one cupful butter, three eggs, a pinch of salt, juice and grated rind of one lemon, one-half cupful boiling water, one teaspoon of soda, and enough flour to mix (not too stiff). Roll out and bake in a hot oven. When cold, frost with white icing. Before the icing hardens, decorate with small pink candies placed so as to form a star.

Oatmeal Goodies.

One cupful of sugar, one-half cupful butter, seven tablespoonfuls of sour milk, one teaspoonful soda, one cupful oatmeal, one cupful shredded cocoanut, one cupful chopped raisins and two cupfuls of flour. Drop from a teaspoon in a buttered pan and bake in a moderate oven.

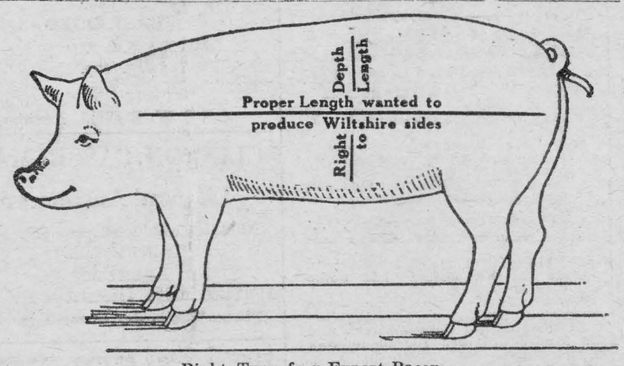
Butterfly Cakes.

Cut any soft cookie dough in butterfly shapes. Place a strip of candied peel down the centre for the body. Raisins or pieces of date may be pressed into the dough to imitate the spots on the wings.

British Cattle Embargo.

The report of the Royal Commission on the Importation of Store Cattle into Great Britain has now been made public, and a synopsis will be of interest to many of our readers. An outstanding fact is the declaration that this country's cattle are free from any form of contagious disease that would necessitate their exclusion. The question resolves itself then into one purely and simply of protection to the British interests involved. The conclusions reached, given at the end of the report are: That the admission of Canadian cattle for the purpose other than immediate slaughter would tend to increase the meat supply of the United Kingdom; that such admission would tend to cheapen the meat supply of the country; that the importation of Canadian stores would tend to satisfy in some measure the increasing demand for fresh home-fed meat; that there is no substantial reason for believing that such admission would introduce disease among British cattle; that such admission would promote the restoration in the number of live stock lost during the war; that the introduction of Canadian cattle would advantage the milk supply of Great Britain; that the cost of transportation furnishes a certain measure of protection to the breeding interests of Britain; that the crofters and small farmers in the Highlands might in some degree suffer from competition, and that the Irish farmers might experience some diminution in their market. Although the term live stock covers also sheep and swine, the Commission thought that the admission of cattle was practically the sole subject of inquiry. The question, however, did arise regarding the admission of sheep, of which Ireland, it was said, could supply 50,000 annually. It was also stated that the importation of sheep into Ireland was entirely prohibited. The estimate of the number of cattle that Canada could supply yearly was upwards of 200,000.

"The requirements of a good farmer are at least four: The ability to make a full and comfortable living from the land; to rear a family carefully and well; to be of good service to the community; to leave the farm more productive than it was when he took it."—Liberty Hyde Bailey.



Right Type fo r Export Bacon.

The illustration gives the type and conformation of the hog that alone will yield bacon to grade first in our export trade to Great Britain and is most wanted for our domestic trade also. The officially recognized standard for the type reads as follows: Jowl and shoulder light and smooth; back from neck to tail evenly fleshed; side long, medium depth, dropping straight from back, ham full, good general finish, no excess fat; weight 160-210 lbs. (These weights are on stockyards or at packing plants, farm weights will therefore rule 10 to 15 lbs. more.)

The Sunday School Lesson

DECEMBER 18

Paul's Last Words, 2 Tim. 4: 6-18. Golden Text—2 Tim. 4: 7 (Rev. Ver.)

Lesson Setting—Tradition says that Paul was acquitted at the first imprisonment of two years described in Acts 28, and visited Spain (see Rom. 15: 28). From Spain the apostle seems to have gone to the east, visiting Corinth and Melitus (2 Tim. 4: 20), Troas and Macedonia (1 Tim. 1: 3, etc.), Ephesus (2 Tim. 4: 13), and Crete (Titus 1: 5). After leaving Crete, he decided to spend the winter at Nicopolis (Titus 3: 12). Of the eight places bearing this name, Hastings' Bible Dictionary decides for the one on the west coast of Achaia as the place chosen by Paul as his residence for the winter, while Dr. David Smith thinks that the Nicopolis in question was in Syria-Cilicia. He was again arrested, and after a second imprisonment at Rome, suffered martyrdom A.D. 68. The First Epistle to Timothy and the Epistle to Titus were written during the interval between the first and second imprisonments, the former probably from Macedonia to Ephesus, where Timothy was laboring, the latter from some unknown place, when Paul had decided to winter at Nicopolis. The second Epistle to Timothy was written during the second imprisonment at Rome. The three Epistles are filled with advice concerning the way the young ministers, Timothy and Titus, should conduct the affairs of their congregations. Hence, along with Timothy, they are called the Pastoral Epistles.

I. Paul's Conflict, 6, 7.

V. 6. **Ready to be offered** (Rev. Ver. "already being offered"). I am being poured out as a drink offering. The reference is to the drink offering of wine which among the Jews frequently accompanied sacrifices (see Num. 15: 5; 28: 7). (Compare Phil. 2: 17). **Departure.** (See Phil. 1: 23.) The figure is taken from a ship going out to sea loosing the cables and weighing the anchor. So Paul looks across the narrow sea of death to the blissful port of heaven.

V. 7. **Fought a good fight.** Compare 1 Tim. 6: 12.. The image may be from the Greek games, and if so, it refers to the mimic contests of war between combatants. **Finished my course;** the foot race which was a leading feature in the games. **Kept the faith;** the faith in the Son of God by which he had been saved, and by which he had lived (see Gal. 2: 20). The teaching which had meant so much for himself, he had kept, as a sacred "deposit" (1 Tim. 6: 20, Rev. Ver. Margin) to be handed on to others.

II. Paul's Crown, 8.

V. 8. **The crown of righteousness** (Rev. Ver.); either the crown that consists in the possession of righteousness like the "crown of life" (James 1: 12; Rev .2: 10), or, more probably, the crown with which righteousness is rewarded, which marks its recipient as righteous in God's sight. **The righteous judge;** so different from the unrighteous Roman Emperor before whom Paul was so soon to stand. **That day;** the day of judgment. **All . . . that love his appearing;** all who look forward to the appearing of Christ. If we long for Christ's return, we shall receive the crown. Thus Paul, though standing on the verge of death, sees victory awaiting him, the object of his life is gained, and he rejoices to think of all those who, along with himself, and so many of them through his efforts, will receive the great reward.

III. Paul's Companions, 9-15.

Vs. 9-13. **Do thy diligence;** make an earnest effort. **To come shortly.** These pathetic words reflect the loneliness of Paul in his Roman dungeon. **Demas hath forsaken me.** Demas is mentioned in Col. 4: 13 and Philemon 24. He was apparently a native of Thessalonica. **Having loved this present world.** He chose earthly wealth or ease rather than the "crown of righteousness," v. 8. **Crescens. Titus.** No blame is laid on these for their absence. But the apostle was the lonelier for their going. **Luke;** the beloved physician and historian. He would feel that of all men, his place was with the apostle whose end was so near. **Take Mark;** to whom Paul was now fully reconciled and who had (Col. 4: 10), before this completely justified the risk run by Barnabas in giving him a chance to recover his character. **Tychicus;** the bearer of the Epistles to the Ephesians (see Eph. 6: 21, 22) and the Colossians. (see Col. 4: 7, 8). **The cloak . . . left at Troas;** when on his way to Macedonia (compare Tim. 1: 3). It was a heavy overcoat, which Paul would need in his damp, cold dungeon. **The books.** There would be the papyrus rolls in use for ordinary purposes. **Especially the parchments;** the more costly skins containing likely portions of the Scriptures in Hebrew. **Not even the near approach of death turned the apostle away from the studies which he loved.**

Vs. 14, 15. **Alexandria the coppersmith;** probably the Alexandria of 1 Tim. 1: 20 and possibly Acts 19: 33, 34. **Did me much evil;** injuring the apostle in deeds as well as words. **The Lord reward him.** It is the Lord's business to punish, not the apostle's. **Be thou ware also.** It may be inferred that Alexander was in Timothy's neighborhood. **Greatly withstood our words;** strangely appeared the doctrines taught by Paul and also by all Christians.

IV. Paul's Confidence, 16-18.

V. 16. At my first answer; the preliminary investigation before the Emperor or his representative, through which Paul had already passed. **No one took my part** (Rev. Ver.). There was no one to speak for Paul as his advocate. **All . . forsook me;** as the disciples forsook their Master, Mark 14: 50. **Not to be laid to their charge.** Compare Stephen's prayers for his enemies (Acts 7: 60), of whom Paul has been one.

V. 17. **The Lord (Christ) stood with me.** He did not fail when all others failed. **Strengthened;** according to the promise of 2 Cor. 12: 9. **Preaching . . . fully known.** All present at Paul's trial would hear the gospel, and what happened in Rome would become known throughout the world. **I was delivered.** At the "first answer" Paul was not condemned, but the decision was postponed. **The lion.** The meaning may be that he escaped being thrown to the lions of the Roman amphitheatre, the awful form of martyrdom which many early Christians suffered.

V. 18. **Unto his heavenly kingdom.** Paul is confident of God's help. Through death he will pass out of the power of his foes and enter the kingdom. The apostle was at last beheaded at Rome between A.D. 66 and A.D. 68.

Application.

In his last words St. Paul had something to say in reference to the present, past and future. As to the present he is face to face with death, and is able without a tremor to look into the dark countenance of that shadow feared of man. I am already being offered and the time of my embarkation is at hand.

As to the past he is in a measure satisfied.

As to the future he is hopeful. No "wistful perhaps" fills the eyes with tears. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." We note several things in St. Paul's vision of his certain future.

(a) "The day." "After that the dark." His eye pierced beyond the brief night to that eternal day. Do we as vividly anticipate the great tomorrow, or are our poor hopes soundned by a sleep?

(b). "The Lord," in the midst of that evolving glory even as he was seen amid the light at the Damascus Gate. The essence of heaven will not be gorgeous scenery, nor the gracious society of just men and women made perfect, but the fellowship of Jesus Christ.

(c). "The crown of righteousness." A crown woven out of righteousness for those who shall one day be made perfectly righteous in his sight. Let us not be like that man in the Pilgrim's Progress who could look no way but downwards and had a muckrake in his hand. Over him stood one with a celestial crown on his hand, which he proffered him for the muckrake; but the man did not look up nor regard but raked to himself the straws, the small sticks and dust of the floor of time.

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1 a	25	101
1 b	53	78
2 a	74	40
2 b	63	47
3 a	42	67
3 b	31	67
4	49	113
5 a	72	57
5 b	54	46
6	94	54
7	66	27
8	69	31
	692	728
Mountain Township		
1 a	78	90
1 b	87	78
2 a	93	30
2 b	91	62
3	126	66
4 a	80	54
4 b	75	33
5 a	73	79
5 b	91	61
6	26	37
	822	590
Winchester Village		
1 a	89	38
1 b	102	40
2 a	138	42
2 b	122	47
	451	167
Winchester Township		
1	62	132
2	67	92
3	74	64
4	102	36
5	44	105
6 a	94	120
6 b	78	83
7	95	14
8	77	36
	693	809
Williamsburg		
1	41	121
2	25	79
3	76	113
4 a	52	91
4 b	38	104
5	57	65
6	54	138
7	87	69
8	62	17
9	44	70
10	24	59
	560	926
Morrisburg Village		
1 a	63	47
1 b	53	64
2 a	71	60
2 b	66	66
3 a	56	58
3 b	60	62
	369	357
Chesterville		
1 a	97	60
1 b	86	70
2	131	78
	314	208
Iroquois		
1 a	74	57
1 b	76	56
2	113	60
	263	173
Finch Village	130	66
Finch Township		
1	51	92
2	19	104
3	48	54
4	86	134
5	55	112
6	117	94
7	10	123
8	33	66
	419	779
Osnabrook		
1 a	56	90
1 b	52	69
2	54	121
3 a	65	81
3 b	52	72
4 a	77	58
4 b	56	29
5	106	81
6	45	93
7 a	95	60
7 b	71	63
8	60	112
	786	929
Majorities		
Matilda	—	36
Mountain	232	—
Winchester Vil.	284	—
Winchester Tp.	—	116
Williamsburg	—	366
Morrisburg	12	—
Chesterville	106	—
Iroquois	90	—
Finch Vil.	64	—
Finch Tp.	—	360
Osnabruck	—	143
	788	1021

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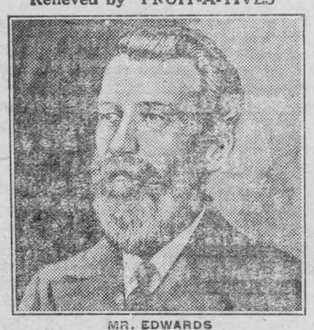

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