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### A Muskoka Bear Story

The Toronto Star of the 4th inst., says: The following story was brought to the city to-day from Windermere, Muskoka, by a Toronto man who is reliable:

A big black bear has been lurking around there for a fortnight. It was first seen by Mrs. Ingram, a Toronto lady summering there. As she was strolling over the rocks near her cottage on Eaton Bay she saw the dark fellow in the bushes. An alarm was given, but the settlers round about were unable to catch sight of him.

Yesterday the animal was killed under interesting circumstances. Miss Edna Hough, a girl of 13, together with her younger brother and Dick King, a strong millhand, were out rowing near Windermere. They were turning to go home when the girl insisted she saw an animal in the water ahead of them. They went ashore got stones, and threw at the dark object, but no movement followed. They got more missiles and a club, but this time the object moved and struck for the shore. The three in the boat arrived at land first, and as the bear scrambled up the rocks Dick deftly clubbed him on the head. The animal, half-stunned, again endeavored to climb ashore. The girl, whose father is reputed to be the strongest man in Muskoka, grasped the brute by the back of the neck and

doubled its head back while Dick cut its throat. Windermere people could hardly believe the story, but a photograph which was taken shortly after by Matthew Macdon, Dr. Elmore Harris, engineer, proved the story to be true.

### Millionaires for Canada

"Anything Canadian will receive an attentive and sympathetic hearing in England, France and Germany, and all other countries will in the near future send a large amount of additional capital into this country for investment."

This is the news brought home by Mr. Duncan M. Stewart, the vice-president and general manager of the Sovereign Bank of Canada, says the Toronto Star, who reached the city from Berlin, where he concluded the deal for the purchase of the Penman Manufacturing Co. Mr. Stewart stated that the large investment made in Canada by the Dresden Bank had resulted in British bankers and capitalists taking an even greater interest in Canada. German bankers, he stated, had always had a reputation for picking out the best fields for investment, and their action in placing such a large amount of money in Canada had made them keener to take a more active part in the development of the country. In Germany there was a

feeling that now that German interests had invested such a large amount of capital the political relations between Canada and Germany should be made more friendly.

He felt certain that more men would become millionaires in Canada in the next 25 years than in any other country in the world.

### October's Glorious Time

October is here. It is the month of the in-gathering. The glorious and best of Canadian days and delightful visions is here.

Springtime brings returning warmth with the springing blades of grass and tree. Everything is moist with the quickening life. The ground is damp with promise that summer hastens to fulfill. Yet neither in the springtime nor in the summer can the farmer truly enjoy the richness nor feel the glory that is lavished around him. The crops are in their initial stages. The harvest rivets his attention. But in autumn this feeling of uncertainty content with what he has. He sees nature fairly groaning under her fruitage, and he gathers for the winter. October under Canadian skies is a beautiful picture to the farm-loving man. Out on the pleasant farmsteads the quiet days and cool moonlight-flooded nights tell of visions of plenty during the coming winter. The earth is dry and comfort is complete, as the admirer of the season strolls by the hedge-rows or down the maple lanes. The days may be short as the retreating sun sinks to rest. But in yonder homestead the lights twinkle out visions of fried potatoes, rich cream and pumpkin pies. The farmer in October is king of men; and the heart of the jovial countryman grows warm and tender. He feels the rosinous fast gathering in the frost-bitten shrubbery around him. With the blackbirds that flock the turning fields, and the crows' long flights he feels a comradeship. All things are satisfied. It is the in-gathering lull. The shocks of plenty hold out inviting ears of gold and peace settles over the "night's benign demeanor." October's glory is sublime.—Toronto World.

### ORCHARD NOTES

Examine the peach and plum trees for peach borer larvae, and destroy all that are found. A little wood ashes around the fruit trees is a good thing. Spread it thinly; too much in a place may injure or kill the trees. If there is a tree in your orchard that yielded no fruit this year and looks like it will not live another year, dig it out of the way. It only serves as a brooding place for insects and fungi, and is very injurious in this way to the other trees. Fruit trees, when heavily loaded, are often broken and split by the weight and by the wind. This condition may be remedied, when not too severe, by the following method:

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A few tons of manure scattered on an acre of orchard soil in the dark of the moon will conjure large crops. A plow or a harrow standing on the lee side of a wire fence in rainy weather is a sign of hard times ahead for the owner. To sell 13 peaches for a dozen on the 13th of the month, or any other day, is a sign of generosity on your part and good luck for the other fellow. If you subscribe for The Watchman-Warder on Monday, or Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday, or Friday or Saturday, you will be happy as long as it continues to come. Little apples, wormy apples, deformed apples, and apples that are not apples, in a middle of a barrel, is a sign that the packer is a fakir—and the goblins'll get him if he don't watch out.—Canadian Horticulturist.

### A Cure for Fits

For a fit of passion.—Walk out in the open air. You may speak your mind to the winds without hurting anyone or proclaiming yourself a simpleton. For a fit of idleness.—Count the ticking of a clock do this for one hour and you will be glad to pull off your coat the next day and work like a beaver. For a fit of extravagance and folly.—Go to the workhouse or speak to the inmates of a jail, and you will be convinced that he "who makes his bed of briar and thorn, must be content to lie forlorn." For a fit of ambition.—Go to the churchyard and read the grave-stones; they will tell you the end of ambition. For a fit of despondency.—Look on the good things God has given you in this world, and to those who has promised to his followers in the next. He who goes into his garden to look for cobwebs and spiders no doubt will find them; while he who looks for a flower may rest in his house with one blooming in his bosom.

### FISHING FOR BIRDS.

Catching Gulls and Albatross with Red and Line. Curious though it may seem, it is a fact that birds are caught with red and line in many parts of the world. The pastime is declared to be almost as fascinating as fishing. Gulls in Newfoundland are caught in this way in large quantities. In New England fishing for gulls and petrels is an important industry. The method of bird fishing is practically the same as that of ordinary fishing. Two men go out in a dory and throw pieces of cod liver on the water. When large quantities of birds have been attracted to the spot more cod liver is thrown out on a hook. This the birds greedily swallow and thus fall easy victims. Albatross fishing is done in the same way off the Cape of Good Hope. A piece of pork is attached to a long line and thrown overboard. The bird will eye it for a long time, gradually and cautiously making toward it. Suddenly he will seize it and hold it in his beak. When he discovers that he is caught he will sit on the water and vigorously flap his wings. However, he will be drawn into the boat and made a captive.

Albatross fishing is good sport, since the bird requires careful handling. So long as he pulls against the line it is easy enough. The moment, however, he swims forward the hook will drop from his beak unless it is skillfully manipulated, and the bird will find himself free.

### A CURIOSITY IN BOOKS.

The Famous Chained Library of Wimburne, Ireland, is noted for many things, but its famous chained library is perhaps the most notable of its curiosities. The library possesses unique interest as being one of the earliest attempts to disseminate knowledge among the people. The collection was made accessible to the people in 1686 and numbers some 300 volumes. The scarcity of books and the value of the collection are both indicated in the care taken for their preservation, and especially against loss of such treasures by theft. By means of chains and rods the books were securely fastened to the shelves, and these chains, it is rather surprising to learn, were not removed until 1867, when the library fittings were repaired. Among the interesting works of the collection is a copy of the first edition of Sir Walter Raleigh's "History of the World," 1614. It has suffered from fire, and tradition says that Matthew Prior was responsible for its condition, the story being that he fell asleep when reading it once upon a time, and the pages were burned by his candle. It has been neatly repaired, and its mishap now adds to its interest. The oldest volume in the library is a fine old copy in vellum of "Regnum Alaniarum." It is in manuscript and bears the date 1343.

First Glimmer of a Star. A little girl, the French critic Sarcey related, once presented herself at the Paris Conservatoire in order to pass the examination for admission. All she knew was the fable of "The Two Pigeons," but she had no sooner recited the opening lines when Amber stopped her, with a gesture. "Enough," he said. "Come here, my child." The little girl, who was pale and thin, but whose eyes gleamed with intelligence, approached him with an air of assurance. "Your name is Sarah?" he said. "Yes, sir," she replied. "You are a Jewess?" "Yes, sir, by birth, but I have been baptized." "She has been baptized," said Amber, turning to his colleagues. "She has

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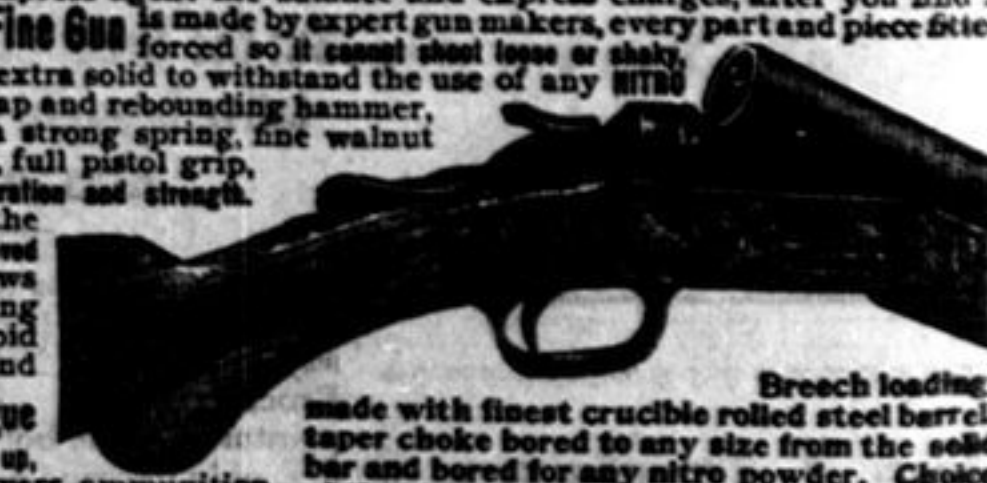
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Send her Table of "The Two Pigeons" very well. She must be admitted." Thus Sarah Bernardt, for it was she, entered the Conservatoire.

A Kitten and a Needle. A short time ago a woman living in England was getting her kitten, when she suddenly felt something scratch her hand. On examining the spot whence the scratch proceeded, she felt the point of a needle sticking out of poor pussy's neck fur. The needle was pulled out by her husband, and another surprise was experienced when it was found that a length of thread was attached to the needle, both having passed down the kitten's throat, and out again from the fur.

An Eye Opener. "How does your father seem to regard my coming here?" anxiously asked Adolphina of little Robby, while

Miss Maud was upstairs getting ready to present herself. "He don't care nothin' about it," replied Bobby carelessly. "So he has no objections, eh? But what did he say, my little man?" "He said if Maud had a mind to make a fool of herself, why let her."

A Felicitous War. A little boy, with an interest in the meaning of unfamiliar words, said to his mother, "What is the meaning of 'civil'?" "Kind and polite," answered his mother. A puzzled look brooded for a second on the boy's face. Then he said, "Was it a kind and polite war?"

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