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Remarkable Birth Record.

What is believed to be a record in childbirth was established recently by a Mahratta woman in Bhor state, East India. This woman, at the age of thirty-three, gave birth to quintuplets, two males and three females. All were born alive, but it was not expected they would live, "owing to the want of nursing." The same mother gave birth to three children last year, but all died within three months. A record of bearing eight children in a year is believed to be unequaled in medical annals.

Her View of It.

"My dear," said Hawkins the other evening, looking up from his paper, "here's an article from the pen of an eminent physician to the effect that sleeping in the daytime is very injurious." "Well, that's just like a man," rejoined his wife. "They are always trying to trump up some excuse for staying away from church on Sundays."

Is a Scotch Heaven.

Early in the last century an old Forfarshire aristocrat installed in the bedroom corridor of her castle an automatic organ. It was her delight of a morning to wake her guests with its strains. But it was not the delight of one of them, Miss Sophia Johnstone of Hilton, to be so awakened, and she said so. "Ye dinna like the music? Ye shouldna say that, Sophy," said her hostess. "Ye'll no' win to heaven an ye dinna take pleasure in music; it's to be all music there, ye know." "Deed," said the incorrigible one, "an heaven's a place wi' auld wives playin' on hand organs at six o'clock in the mornin' it's no' the place I tak' it for; nor yet the place I want to be in."

Wrong Term.

"The doctor told me there was a great deal of humor in this sore hand of mine." "Well, what of it?" "I told him I didn't think it was funny."

As Every Automobilist Knows.

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FROM ONE FARMER WHO PAID FOR HIS LAND IN WESTERN CANADA

Remarkable as are the reports of the yields of wheat in Western Canada, the marketing of which is now under way, they are none the more interesting than are those that are received for us to the value of this great crop to the farmers of that country.

Some months ago the Department of the Interior, at Ottawa, Canada, wrote to those in the United States who were owners of land in Western Canada that was not producing, advising that it be put under crop. The high prices of grain and their probable continuance for some years should be taken advantage of. Cattle and all the produce of the farm commanded good figures, and the opportunity to feed the world was great, while the profits were simply alarming. The Department suggested that money could be made out of the idle lands that could produce anywhere from 25 to 65 bushels of wheat per acre. A number took advantage of the suggestion. One of these was an Illinois farmer. He owned a large quantity of land near Culross, Manitoba. He decided to put one thousand acres of it under wheat. His own story, written to Mr. C. J. Broughton, Canadian Government Agent at Chicago, is interesting.

"I had 1,000 acres in wheat near Culross, Manitoba. I threshed 24,000 bushels, being an average of 24 bushels to the acre. Last Spring I sold my foreman, Mr. F. L. Hill, 240 acres of land for $9,000, or $37.50 per acre. He had saved up about $1,000, which he could buy seed with, and have the land harrowed, drilled and harvested, and put in stock or shock.

"As a first payment I was to take all the crops raised. When he threshed he had 8,300 bushels of wheat, which is worth in all $1.00 per bushel, thereby paying for all the land that was in wheat and more, too, there being only 200 acres in crop. If the 240 acres had all been in wheat he could have paid for it all and had money left."

That is a story that will need no corroboration in this year, when no matter which way you turn, you hear of farmers who had even higher yields than these.

G. E. Davidson of Manitou, Manitoba, had 36 acres of breaking and 80 acres of older land. He got 3,186 bushels of wheat, over 43 bushels per acre.

Walter Tukner of Darlingford, Manitoba, had 3,514 bushels off a 60 acre field, or over 58½ bushels per acre. Forty acres was breaking and 20 acres summer fallow.

Wm. Sharp, formerly Member of Parliament for Lisgar, Manitoba, had 80 acres of wheat on his farm near Manitou, Manitoba, that went 53 bushels per acre.

One of the most remarkable yields in this old settled portion of Manitoba was that of P. Scharf of Manitou, who threshed from 15 acres the phenomenal yield of 73 bushels per acre.

These reports are but from one district, and when it is known that in almost any district in a great area of 20,000 square miles, yields are not as large generally as these, but in many cases as good, is it a wonder that Canada is holding her head high in the air in its commercial career as the high wheat yielding area of the continent? When it is pointed out that there are millions of acres of the same quality of land that have produced these yields, yet unbroken, that may be had for filing upon them as homestead, or in some cases can be purchased at from $12 to $30 per acre from railway companies or from land companies, it is felt that the opportunity to take part in this enormous production should be taken advantage of by those living in districts where land is much higher in price, but not infinitely less.—Advertisement.

The Fitting

"Mary!"

Father's voice rolled down the stairs and into the dim and silent parlor.

"Yes, papa, dear."

"Ask that young man if he knows the time."

A moment of silence.

"Yes, George has his watch with him."

"Then ask him what is the time."

"He says it is 11:45, papa."

"Then ask him if he doesn't think it about bedtime."

Another moment of silence.

"He says, papa," the silvery voice announced impersonally, "he says that he rarely goes to bed before one, but it seems to him that it is a matter of personal preference merely, and that if he were in your place he would go now if he felt sleepy."—Harper's Bazar.

Holland Fish Kitchens.

Fish kitchens are the latest [illegible] of the Dutch government, which, to promote the consumption of fish and encourage the native fishing industries, is maintaining public kitchens where fried fish is sold at very low prices. Public demonstrators have been appointed to teach the women how to cook fish properly. During June and July the government sold 1,000,000 pounds of cooked fish.

La Politesse.

The Fair One—Oh, I wish I had lived a hundred years ago!

The Other One—But then you would be a long time dead, and wouldn't be sitting here happily by me.

The Fair One—True! But then I couldn't forgive me.