

A Yuletide Reunion

By CECEILLE LANGDON

MADGE ALLISON was seated in the front part of the vacant store on Broad street, where for two weeks she had been the active director of a public event for preparing a suitable and joyous holiday for the young children of the poor district of Carleton.

Sufficient had been donated to give comfort and pleasure to the little ones and now the grand work was getting on to make up wreaths and other trimmings for the workingmen's hall, where Santa Claus was to distribute his gifts.

It pleased her sympathetic heart to see how anxious her little persons were to make up the evergreen wreaths as she directed them. The willing and excited helpers chatted and laughed and sang and compressed a noisy brood. Then there was a sudden hush.

"Someone is peeping in at us," announced one of the girls. "Why, Miss Allison," volunteered the eldest of her assistants, "it is Vance Dacre."

Miss Allison turned her face away. It had grown very white, almost frightened, and her lips trembled and her eyes had grown startled. Vance Dacre had come back! Two years had passed since she had seen him or had even heard of him. She was greatly shaken, gathered up the decorations and said as steadily as she could:

"Children, we have two more days to work, and there are things I must attend to this afternoon, so we will defer further work until tomorrow."

As her willing helpers trooped away, she sat alone in the room thinking, wondering, and of Vance Dacre all the while. The door opened and Vance Dacre entered the room.

"I had to come. I hope you will forgive the intrusion," and then he pushed for she had hurried to her feet and advanced with smiling face and extended hands. "Surely everyone of your good friends will be glad to welcome you back home," she said.

"Perhaps I had better tell you," he began, "that after two years of hard grubbing at a mine prospect I saved enough money to come back here and do some good with it. I have heard of your noble charity. Won't you help me enjoy my homecoming by placing in your charge this?" and he tendered a roll of bank notes. "Use them to make the little ones happy, and I will be more than satisfied."

For three days, Vance Dacre was a most enthusiastic worker, and the heart of Madge warmed towards this strong rugged helper whose tenderness for her little charges evidenced the soul of a true man.

What bright happy hours for those



Vance Dacre Entered the Room.

two, drifting together after that long parting. Then came Christmas eve and the event lived in the memories of the needy ones who had waited a year to come.

Christmas day, serious and business-like, Vance came to the house of Miss Allison whether he had been invited. "I am going back to work, my dear row," he told Madge. "You see, I have had my share and am content to take up again the old burden of hard work and barren hope for the future."

"Could you not do quite as well here at Edgerton?" inquired Madge.

"I fear not. There are occasional streaks of luck at gold mining, so I shall have to keep at it."

But later that day he came hurrying to the Allison home and sought out Madge, fairly bristling with excitement.

"Oh, the luck of it," he cried. "My partner sent me a telegram. They have discovered a rich vein back in the mountain and he can sell it for more money than I ever dreamed of possessing."

"What good news," fluttered the delighted Madge, "and now?"

"I shall stay, because I think you would have it so. Madge, am I guessing right?"

"It is no guess," replied Madge in a low intense tone. "Oh, Vance, you deserve the happy fortune that has come to you this blessed Christmas day."

And there was no thought of another parting for those two earnest, loving souls.

IN AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL

A pep session was held last Friday in celebration of our victory over Elmhurst Thursday. All of the students marched down to the gym where yells were given. Mr. Geeting, who is leaving us soon, gave a talk and the session closed with the Loyalty Song.

Downers Grove lost to Dundee last Saturday by a score of 26 to 0. The first half was scoreless but Dundee made up for it in the second. Our team put up a good fight but was unable to score.

The football fellows say they had a swell meal over at Elgin. But why did Buddy Smith eat the salt off the crackers?

Grumpy (at Elgin restaurant): "Aha! I hear the dashing waves in the distance! No! Its only gargling soup."

Note the diminished size of this column this week. Help! HELP!

Out of the Mouths of Babies: Fresh: "What color is that black cat?" Innocent: "What time does the 11:40 leave?" Complex: "How many sneezes to a nooze?"

If any of our gentle readers can answer above questions we wish that they would do so that we might publish the answers in this column for the benefit of our studious crowd. OFFAGAIN.

BROOKFIELD FIVE BOWLS HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

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of the clubs are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Club Name, Score 1, Score 2. Includes Happy Go Lucky vs. Big Five, Jolly Five vs. Ringleaders, and League Standing.

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, Wins (W), Losses (L). Includes Happy Go Lucky Five, Ring Leaders, Big Five, Jolly Five.

In the Business Men's League the race is close and gradually getting closer. Three teams, Bakers Buns, Buschmanns Movers and Clarke's Cleaners are fighting for first place with the Buns having a temporary advantage.

Following are the team standings: Team W L Bakers Buns 19 11 Buschmanns Movers 18 12 Clarke's Cleaners 17 13 Barnes Fernolls 15 12 D. G. Reporters 15 15 Kidwell Florists 14 19 Steam Fitters 12 18 Mochels Butchers 10 17

Owing to Thanksgiving all games in the two big leagues have been cancelled for the week. Those who need the practice have been improving their time by shooting some real games.

Following is the standing of teams in the Downers Grove League: Team W L Klein Richelieus 21 6 McAllisters Boosters 14 13 East Ends 16 14 Johns Clippers 16 14 White Sox 16 14 Dike Climbers 14 16 Cubs 13 17 Swearingen Pace Makers 7 23

Cancer of the Toe-Nail. One of the rarest diseases known in cancer of the nail, only four cases being on record. The most recent one is described by Dr. Carlos Chagas of the medical college of Bello Bello Horizonte, Brazil. It is that of a laborer, aged sixty, who had it on the nail of his right great toe. The toe was amputated and the man, apparently cured, disappeared. The toe was examined microscopically and confirmed the diagnosis.

Caterpillars Watch for Enemies. The caterpillar knows that there is safety in numbers, and whole companies may be found feeding side by side while keeping a sharp lookout for their bird enemies; but when a caterpillar is by himself he scarcely dares to move for fear of attracting attention.

OBSERVATIONS ON TRIP THROUGH NEW ENGLAND

By Jonas W. Tucker.

As I through the New England states a tree blight has killed about all the chestnut trees. I did not see a single healthy chestnut tree in Massachusetts. A blight is also getting on the white pine trees but so far it is not very bad. The state of Massachusetts has sprayed these trees in a number of places near Boston. It looks now as though the good old chestnuts we used to gather every fall when we were children cannot be handed down to the younger generation.

I visited an apple and pear orchard at North Grafton Massachusetts, this orchard comprises of some 40 acres and in a good fruit year will produce about 1000 barrels of apples and 200 bushels of pears. This year owing to late frosts only about 350 barrels of apples and 100 bushels of pears will be gathered.

Great care is given these trees and they are sprayed three or four times each season. I did not see a wormy apple in this orchard, the trees that were bearing hung very full, they were of the Baldwin variety mostly. They have a machine for separating the different grades as to size, the larger ones are put in square boxes that hold a bushel (and they do hold a bushel) no selling three pecks for a bushel in Massachusetts without getting into trouble. This year owing to the severity they will get about \$3.50 per box for the No. 1 quality. The pears sold for \$5.00 per bushel box. This orchard was brought to perfection by a Mr. Knowlton and this is the party who gave us the automobile ride where we saw the following places: Grafton, Shrewsbury, Boglton, Upton, Millbury, Worcester and Clinton Massachusetts, this is the place where the wire cloth is made such as we screen our porches and windows with.

We passed over the new cement bridge over Lake Quinsigamond east of Worcester, this is a very fine piece of work and is nearly a half a mile long and costs half a million of money and was built by the city of Worcester. This lake is a great summer resort for the people of the city and its shores are lined with cottages and places of amusement.

At Clinton is also located the great cement and granite stone dam that holds back the waters of the great reservoir that supplies the city of Boston with water, this covers several thousand acres in extent, this water comes mostly from the mountains to the north and is conveyed in pipes to Boston some 35 or 40 miles.

This dam is some 200 feet high and a quarter of a mile long and has a smooth promenade walk of some forty feet in width on its top.

This property is in the name of the the state of Massachusetts and no person is allowed to boat, fish bath, or throw anything into its waters under penalty. Several villages were bought up and moved away to make room for this great body of water. I only saw one building standing on the east shore and that was a Baptist church and that is of no use now without water.

JONAS W. TUCKER.

Quantity of Foods. Hard foods are a necessary part of a hygienic diet. The body needs exercise, it must be remembered. Therefore, one way of keeping teeth in good condition is to eat hard foods, such as breadstuffs, meat, hard fruits, nuts and fibrous vegetables. Hard food causes the saliva and gastric juice to flow. If in addition to being hard the food is dry, the greater the flow of the saliva and gastric juice.

Gates in a Roman Camp. The "trapezoidal gate" was the name of the front gate in a Roman camp. It was always the gate that faced the enemy. Every Roman camp had four gates. The "side main gate" was opposite to the trapezoidal gate, and was the farther one of the camp. The sides of the camp were either perpendicular to the main gate or the sides of the porta praetoria, and the porta praetoria was the main gate.

AUCTION SALES

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Charles Lacey will sell at Public Auction at his farm, two miles south of Lisle on the Joliet road on Tuesday, November 29th, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., 14 head of cattle including 2 registered Holstein bulls; 4 good work horses; 12 shoats; 5 pigs; farm machinery, hay, grain, feed, etc. The list of farm machinery is especially large and complete. The usual terms of sale.

Henry Schramm will sell at Public Auction on the Jacob Veith farm, two miles south of Downers Grove, on the East Grove road, commencing at 10 o'clock on Friday, December 2d, 5 head of horses; 27 head of cattle; a complete list of farm machinery including Fordson Tractor; Oliver Tractor gang plows; woven wire, fence posts, barbed wire and some household furniture. Usual terms of sale.

Queer Word Explained. The real derivation of the word "esquire" is, as everyone will remember, from "escuyer," old French for "shieldbearer," and so came to be applied to the chief retainers of knights. When the feudal days passed the word remained.

Dates Served in Forty Ways. The date is the staple article of food in Persia, and a good cook there can prepare more than 40 dishes in each of which dates figure in an entirely different way.

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Thanksgiving's Gone Don't you think it's time to consider the Coal Question? With Thanksgiving in the background and Christmas almost here, COAL should be in the minds of all who have to do with the heating of homes. Cold weather is sure to come—we have had a little touch of it already. When it does come—the wise man will have prepared for it by having his winter supply in the basement, and not in the coal yard. A TIP TO THOSE WHO USE HARD COAL! Although hard coal is high in price, compared to other years, yet those who use it would do well to put in their supply for the entire winter NOW! A strike has been called in the eastern fields and in a few months hard coal may be a scarce article. This reminds us that "PITSTON" Hard Coal is supreme. There is none better mined.

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