HOME

By One of The Old Boys

The Home

Two treasure haunts for the two of us, brother and I, were found in the house; utterly unattractive and uninteresting on a fine day, but irresisably inviting on a rainy one.

The attic upstairs was more convenional, but darker, and therefore more mysterious and forbidding. The roof of the house sloped down there close to the floor at the far side from the small door—and from one tiny opening in the eaves a ray of light and a chittering of sparrows came up.

It was festooned, in spite of mother's seasonable and altogether worthy housekeeping, with shivery cobwebs to get down your neck as you crept among the boxes and trunks and bags of discarded clothing—clothing that must have earned its solitary superannuation, for nothing wearable was discarded before it gave a good account of itself on the various members of the family.

Here we could come when mother's back was turned, with a small lamp and indulge in our visions of robbers' caves and bloodthirsty pirates to our hearts' content; while as we grew a little older the old chest in the corner revealed unsuspected evidences of the sentimentality on the part of our progenitors before the cares of such a family submerged it to a greater or lesser extent.

But back in the woodshed was the more appealing haunt, after all, for the two of us. Up above the kitchen was an open-rafted space that could only be reached by a perilous clmb up the side rafters of the woodshed, assisted by convnient cleats on the wall.

It was a trying climb, but fruitful in its rewards—rewards in the shape of slivers in your fingers and pants as you climbed. Up there was a discarded lounge, a (for the moment) vacant cradle, a large box of hoarded Youth's Companions, and several other interesting articles.

The proper mode of approach to this sanctuary was to exit carelessly by the front door, having first seen to it that all possible spectators were conveniently engaged elsewhere, scout out around the front of the house, under the young cedar, down between the brick wall of the house and the board fence, around the henhouse, in the woodshed from the rear, and then climb quietly up the upright rafters and settle down unobserved upon the couch to full enjoyment of the occasion.

Presently the unfailing maternal instinct would assrt itself, and mother would go on the hunt for her missing boys, but unavailingly. There is nothing more exciting and pleasing for the young mind than the voice of a parent calling sternly upon him to report to headquarters, when there is no earthly necessity for reply because the said parent knows not of his whereabouts.

Carfully guarded, such a secret is good for a long time, and in the safety of the upper retreat the cradle wasted away, so far as its loose ends of wicker were concerned, while the litter of carefully extinguished matches beside the couch grew. Wicker makes a fairly good, though medicated substitute for cigarettes we learned by experience. It comes, perhaps, a fairly close second to the more readily available cedar bark, and ahead of the less easily smoked elm root—unless the latter be well dried and weathered, when it is perhaps ideal.

But there were other attractions about the house. One which appealed more readi[illegible] brother than to me, [illegible] adventurous spirit, [illegible] imbing up on the kite [illegible] then up over the gable [illegible] front portion of the house and down to the fairly level top of the dormer window, where he could play an hilarious tatoo upon the zinc roof of it, until discovered by father, to whom such antics appeared as quite improper.

Then, too, it was exciting to put a long plank up against the side of the house to an eave that was within reach, and pull out from there the matted network of straws and strings that went to form the nesting place of the cursing English sparrow, the only bird that was within reach hat was legitimate prey. And if some birdlings lost their innocent young lives in the process, it was only at the risk of our own, and therefore the affair was a sporting one to which even the young sparrows could not rightly take exception.

ANNUAL MEETING U.F.O.

The adjourned meeting of Osprey and Eugenia U. F. O. will be held in the Orange Hall, Feversham, on Dec. 20th. at 2o'clock p. m. All those interested in shipping live stock are requested to attend.
—HERB POOLE, Sec.

Dept. of Agriculture

HOW TO GET THE HOG PREMIUM

The following appears in a news letter sent out by the Indusrial and Development Council of Canadian Meat Packers, 186 King Street W., Toronto. These letters are free to any farmer desiring them.

"Though hog grading has been operative for over a year numbers of Canadian farmers do not seem to know how to get the benefits of the system especially the 10% premium price paid for "selects" which are suitable for first class export bacon over the next grade, the thick smooth. The following exracts from the official Hog Grading Regulations made clear the system and the first steps to be taken by all who want the premium price:

"When the grading of hogs is requested by one or more farmers at any country point, such hogs, provided the buyer agrees, shall be graded by the buyer in accordance with the official grades designated. When hogs are so garded a statement of grading shall be made out in duplicate and signed by the buyer and seller of if there be more than one seller, by their agent or representative, and a copy of such statement shall be furnished by the buyer and seller or seller's agent. The seller or seller's agent may, if he so desires, forward to the office of the Dominion Live Stock branch at the nearest stock yards his duplicate copy of the grading statement, when a copy of the official grading statement for the carload of hogs will be furnished him.

"A car or part of a car of hogs containing hogs consigned or offered for sale at stockyards and containing hogs from more than one owner shall be graded as provided and, in addition, the grading inspector shall list on the grading certificate the mark, weight and grade of each individual hog comprising such shipment and shall furnish a copy of such certificate to the owners of their agent."

HOG GRADING RESULTS

In the weekly report of the results of grading for the week of Nov. 29th to Dec. 5th, the following is given. There was a total of 1853 hogs shipped from Grey County. This does not include those sent from Wiarton, Chesley, Tara or Hanover. Of the 1853 hogs shipped there were 660 select; 854 thick; 56 heavy; 178 shop hogs and 60 light and feeders. The most important thing is this, however, "How many of the farmers who produce the select hogs received the extra payment of premium which amounted to about 80c. per hundred over the quotations of the past week?" This is $1.60 on each 200 pound hog. It is the farmers' fault if they do not receive this premium.

The regulations are free for the asking from the Live Sock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, or the Grey County branch of the Department of Agriculture.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. That Ontario has 14,000,000 head of poultry.

2. That in the United States 8% or one egg in every dozen nearly is lost through carelessnss and wrong handling.

3 That Co-operative Marketing will eliminate this needless loss.

4. That co-operative Marketing in Denmark resulted in an increase of 100%more hens.

5. That the production increased 400% which clearly proves that increased interest is stimulated in the higher profits due to scientific methods of handling.

6. That crate fattening of chickens for 10 to 14 days would increase the value from 10 to 40%.

7. In Denmark there are 51 bacon factories or abbatoirs of which 45 are owned by the farmers themselves.

8. Eighty five per cent. of all bacon exported is sold co-operatively.

9, The farmer receives his pay for the hogs after they are slaughtered. They are graded "on the rail."

10. Quotations are sent out weekly so that farmers know exactly what the prices are.

11. The grades in Denmark are similar to those in Canada—namely Leanest, Lean and Prime. The highest quality being the first named.

12. That only one hog in 8 or 12% of hogs sold in Canada last year were "select." Ontario led with 19.5%; Quebec 17.4%; Manitoba 6.4% and Alberta 2.1 per cent.

13. That if Canadians want a larger share of the British imports of $270,000,000.00 worth of pork they must produce more than 1 in 8 "select."

14. That Canadian farmers are therefore losing the 10% premium on 7 out of 10 hogs they market.

15. Briain imported 643 million pounds of pork and pork products in the first 9 months of this year.

11. This pork came from the following countries—Denmark 289 million pounds; United States 249 million pounds; Canada 66 million and other countries 39 million pounds.

17. That Canadians are not taking advantage of their opportunities of expansion in British markets in eggs, fruit, bacon and dairy products. It remains in the farmers' hands to develop the trade.

RESULTS OF GUELPH JUDGING COMPETITION

Grey County boys did not win as high a place in the Judging competition at Guelph as at Toronto on November 18th. Their standing was 14th in a competition embracing 25 counties. The representatives were Brock Shore, Leonard Rutherford and Wm. Armstrong, all of Collngwood Township. Next week nine boys will be taken to the Swine Marketing Course at Toronto.

Were Cured In December

The report of the Ontario Board of License Commissioners contains some surprising information. The province sold liquor to the value of $4,000,000 in 1922; 623,000 prescriptoins were issued compared with 520,000 in 1921. In December 77,665 prescriptions were issued by doctors, but the number issued in January dropped to 42,726, a fact which will in some quarters be regarded as evidence that the medicine so freely prescribed in December had the desired effect. Many of the patients were cured, hence the decrease in January. We also are informed by the report that out of the fines imposed the $530,000 went to the province and $360,000 to the municipalities.

JAMES WALKER DIES SUDDENLY

Mr. James Walker, a respected resident of Eugenia, passed suddenly away at his home there on Tuesday, at the age of 63years . Mr.Walker had been ailing for some months. On Tuesday ate a hearty dinner, but shortly afterward took a weak spell and passed away in a short time.

The funeral will take place to Markdale cemetery on Thursday at 11 o'clock a.m.

See The Sunday School Concert Christmas Night

The 48th annual Sabbath school entertainment of the Chalmer's Presbyterian Sunday school, Flesherton, will be held on Tuesday, December 25th, 1923. A choice program of solos, duets, recitations, drills, dialogues and choruses by the school. An additional attraction will be Mr. Herbert W. Piercy, interpreter of literary, humorous and dramatic, story rciter, one of Canada's favorites. Rev. Jos. Harrower will preach the anniversary sermon on December 23rd.

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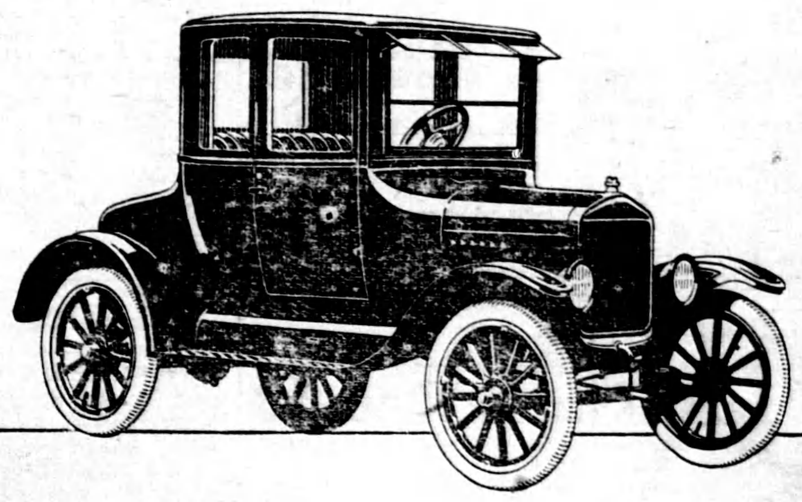

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