Home Chats

By

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Then give to the [illegible] best you have, and the best [illegible] back to you.—M. S. Bridges

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Isnt' it amazing [illegible] of work we have to [illegible] how pleasant it may b[illegible] it is taken really seri[illegible] come times when it [illegible] the work seems [illegible]

To the [illegible] it is difficult [illegible] ony. The days to m[illegible] filled with the performance of getting meals, eating them, setting clean dishes on the table, washing them afterwards, then putting on baby's clothes and sending him out to play, sweet and clean, only to bring him in again to wash the grimy little face and hands. Then for a change there are more dishes, cleaning, baking, ironing and the little face is dirty again and there are more dishes.

So monotony stalks along while doing the home duties; it also accompanies all business efforts and is close by while one is acquiring an education The routine must be done and the wise man or woman is the one who keeps steadfastly in view the finished achievement. If we can only visualize the flower while the ground is being prepared the digging does not seem so irksome or the aching back so painful. It is true that after climbing one hill another looms up unexpectedly casting its shadows of doubt, while after those are dispelled another hill is there to climb with its new species of drudgery, but nevertheless as you look back down the flight of past years you see many important bridges have been crossed in the humdrum of life.

Have you ever noticed in studying art that so many people think of art accomplishments as only a pastime. We call it "playing," or the "art of singing," and give them a very superficial study, often thinking they are only the "frills." The study is haphazard and anything is considered good enough. This is why most of us never get past the primary stage. We are afraid of the monotony and drudgery of real work. Naturally the children acquire the same idea and do not see the importance of down right hard work. Art is not play and yet it is wonderful, soul-inspiring play after sufficient time has been spent in study with sometimes its hours of monotony and so-called drudgery. We can't get away from it altogether.

After all is it worth while? True, it is from the daily household task has come the more beautiful well-ordered home and those grimy little hands have grown big with promise. The business grows bigger and better, taking an ever more important place in the community. The accomplished artist, mastering his art, can thrill others as well as his own being with the out-pouring of his soul and the world is a little better place to live in. Yes, it is worth while.

"Why, hello Tommy!" said one old cat to another in one of the alleys where he lived. "How is it you are so fat and happy? I have been away with my mistress and when I left you were starved and miserable, and now you are fat and happy. What has happened?"

"Oh," said Tommy, "it is the Star boys and girls. They come around and feed us with milk and fish, then they put out water to drink and bits of meat, and in cold weather they fix us beds in boxes and don't we love to see them coming around? They take good care of us. Well, here comes one now. Good-bye."

The common cat as well as the persian is the best rodent destroyer we have, but they need systematic feeding to do their best work.

A humane society in your town teaches the children to be kind to animals.

A Good Cherry Cake for the Holidays

1½ cups butter, 1 cup white sugar, ½ cup milk, 10c citron peel, 1 cup of brown sugar, 5 eggs, 2 cups raisins, ½ lb. candied cherries, 1 teasp. vanilla, 4½ cups flour, 1 teasp. baking powder.

Twilight Hour Story—The Chickies

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After a while Mamma Hen thought she better get up too and show her new babies what the world really looked like. She felt pretty stiff after staying on that nest for such a long time but she stretched her wings, then her body this way and that way, and soon felt alright again. When she got up and looked at the nest where she had been sitting she noticed the other four eggs lying there. Perhaps you will remember she laid eight eggs, didn't she? She stood and looked at them and didn't know what to do about them for they took up a lot of room, but just then Miranda Sparrow flew in. Say, didn't she think those little chickens were cute? Well, I should say she did, but when she saw the other four eggs there she knew right away what Mamma Hen should do, so she whispered in her ear again and then out she flew and away off into the blue sky outside. As soon as she was gone Mamma Hen did what Miranda Sparrow told her. She took one of the egg and rolled and pushed it out of the nest and she did it very carefully, too. I wonder why? Do you know why? I'll whisper it to you just as Miranda Sparrow did to Mamma Hen. "Those eggs didn't have any little chickens in them so they were bad—Oh! Oh! And if one would break—Oh, dear me, the smell would be awful, and then—well, Mamma Hen would have to put a clothes pin on all the little chickies' noses so they couldn't smell it, but then she couldn't put on a clothes pin, could she? Because her nose is very different from our noses, isn't it? I wonder if you have ever noticed what the chicken's nose looks like. Look next time you get a chance, won't you? So that was why Mamma Hen rolled it out of the nest just as carefully as she could. Then she came back for another one until they were all out and put them off in the corner where no one would touch them. She was glad when she got rid of them. After a while they dried up inside the shell and wouldn't smell any more even if you did break them.

Then Mamma Hen started out to take a walk with her babies. They thought it was fine and scratched around in the straw in the big barn and looked so little and cute while they were having a good time. Just then the door opened and the farmer man's little boy, Billy, came in, and when he opened the door a big cold wind came in too, and that old wind felt awfully cold to these little chicks. Besides that they never saw a little boy before and he looked terribly big to them, so they ran back to Mamma Hen before Billy saw them. And do you know what she did? Well, she just sat down on top of them like she did in the nest and there they were all safe and as warm again as could be, and they didn't care how cold it was outside for they just all cuddled close together and went to sleep like you do when you have your afternoon nap.

Next Week—"What Did Mamma Hen Do About the Cold Wind?"

"I'd like to know if George has any bad habits."

"In that case, you'd better ask him to tell you the things he is going to swear off in the New Year."

World's Fastest Warship Tested By Gt. Britain

Makes 40-Knots Easily With No Pressure on Engines . .

London—What is believed to be the fastest warship in the world, has just completed her trials for the British Navy, reaching a speed of forty knots at times without pressing her machinery in any way.

This is the new destroyer flotilla leader, Codrington, 1,520 tons, completed last June at the Swan & Hunter Shipyard in Glasgow.

To the Admirality officials her speed came as a revelation, for she obtained an average of 38 knots during a four-hour test, and reached a speed two knots higher at times. In conformity to the Admiralty's regulations, her engines never were let out to full power, though if they had been there is no doubt in the minds of British naval men that the Codrington would have smashed existing records easily.

The most remarkable feature of the Codrington's achievement, in the opinion of the Admiralty, is that she reached the forty knots without exceeding the designed horsepower of 39,000, although she had been designed to reach a speed of only thirty-five knots. Nothing in the other navies has been produced to outdistance this British whippet, which with a full load could streak across the Atlantic in three and a half days if top speed could be maintained.

Centenarian Dies At Home In Ontario

Smith Falls, Ont.—Robert Smith, 100 years old, died here on Dec. 15th. Two weeks ago the most serious illness of the few which came to him in his long life, forced him to cease doing light chores about his home. The centenarian had always been proud of his record of seldom missing a day's work. To hard work he attributed his longevity.

He died shortly after expressing regret that he was unable to be "up and about".

"Hey, Pop. Kin I stay up and see the old year out?"

"I should say not."

"Hey, Pop."

"Well."

"Kin I stay up and see the new year in?"

Famous Gate Hangs In Buffalo Alley

Buffalo, N.Y.—One of the massive gates from historic Newgate Prison in England hangs almost unnoticed in a Buffalo alley awaiting transfer by its owner to the building of the Buffalo Historical Society in Delaware Park.

The gate was purchased in 1903 by George E. More, of Buffalo, who happened in at an auction in England when the relics of Old Bailey prison were put up for sale. Bidding a small price for the gate, which weighs 1,800 pounds and requires a two-pound key to unlock it, Mr. More's offer was accepted. It cost him $150 to ship it to the United States.

LESSENS NOISE

If you are bothered by the rattle of dish washing, you can get a rubber mat for the bottom of your dish pan, or better still, a fiber pan and a composition drain mat.

A famous golfer has been presented with a completely furnished home. But what does a golfer want with a home?

What New York Is Wearing

BY ANNABELLE WORTHINGTON

Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Furnished With Every Pattern

2847

It has the Russian spirit that is everywhere fashionables gather.

It's slim, gay and so easy to wear. It takes just a minute to slip into it. The belt is adjustable. The neckline shows a smart becomingness in its softly rolled scarf collar. The side buttoned closing is decidedly slimming feature. The under skirt is attached to a slip that is cut with armholes to prevent its slipping off the shoulders.

It's a dress that will give excellent service. It's dark green wool crepe. The contrast is strikingly smart in green crepe with gold pin dots. The green buttons have gold rims.

Style No. 2847 may be had in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust.

Canton crepe, supple tweed, marocain crepe and velvet also suitable for this model.

Size 36 requires 3⅞ yards 39-inch with ¾ yard 39-inch contrasting and 1⅞ yards of 35-inch lining.

Provincial Air Force Ends 1930 Season

Toronto, Ont.—Flying operations of the Provincial Air Forces have now been suspended for the season. The last plane of the fleet has reported at the base at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., for the reconditioning program that is undertaken every winter.

This year the service broke all previous records: 14,160 flying hours were devoted by fire-suppression patrols, which is an increase of 2,500 hours over what was thought to be the unbeatable mark of 1929.

New Air Service May Be Operated

Toronto—An air service between Canada and the West Indies linking the Federated Islands to the Dominion is the hope of Col. T. R. St. Johnston, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Leeward Islands, who is here to promote commercial relations between the two countries.

An air-liner landed at Croydon recently, with a cargo of watches. Yet another proof that time flies.

One of the best plants for the amateur is the Amaryllis, or Hippeastrum, for use in the window garden. It is easy to grow and needs little care. The pleasure is watching the progress of the giant flowers on long stems. They may be had in various shades and markings.

Run Modern Factory Near North Pole

A canning factory, equipped with modern machinery and operated by electric power, has been established within a few hundred miles of the North Pole. It is operated entirely by Eskimos, mostly women.

The factory, financed by the Danish government, draws its power from the nearby rivers and is equipped with up-to-date dynamos and oil engines to cope with emergencies. It is located in Holsenberg, Greenland, which has a population of about 250. A fleet of modern motorboats keeps the factory supplied with halibut, the principal catch of the vicinity.

Empire Service League Invited to Toronto

Toronto—The British Empire Service League, embracing ex-service men's organizations throughout the Empire, has been invited to hold its biennial conference in Canada next year during the Canadian National Exhibition.

The Ontario Government, the municipality of Toronto, and the Canadian National Exhibition authorities joined in the invitaton of the Canadian Legion to hold the conference here. The Empire delegates would take part in a Warrior's Day parade at the National Exhibition.

Russian Inventor Designs New Electric Train

Moscow.—Russia may give the world a new electric railroad train which operates on ball bearings instead of wheels.

After the first test of the invention of N. G. Yarmolchuk, an expert commission studying its possibilities has recommended that the government undertake practical experiments.

Yarmolchuk has worked almost a lifetime in an attempt to perfect such a train. He believes his work will prove revolutionary and his contentions appear somewhat sound in view of the expert committee's report.

3000-Year-Old Barley Presented to Ontario

Toronto. — An interesting exhibit has been placed in the museum of the Ontario Agricultural College. It is a sample of barley taken from the grain pits of the time of Solomon, the tenth century B.C., at Tall-Fara, Egypt.

The grain is blackened with age, but has retained its natural form through 30 centuries. It was presented by the director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology.

Trade Treaty Signed By Japan and Panama

Panama City, R.P.—Japan and Panama have ratified a trade treaty giving full rights of travel and commerce to nationals of both countries. Article 10 of the treaty provides that the provisions of the agreement do not apply to the Canal Zone where a most favored nation clause is dependent upon "stipulations agreed to or in the future agreed to between Panama and the United States.' The treaty covers three years and becomes effective immediately.

Egmont Portraits Bring Some $40,000

London—The sale of the art collection inherited by the former Canadian rancher who is now known as the Earl of Egmont has come to an end and the coffers of Charles John Perceval, ninth wearer of the coronet, are richer by 8,640 guinaes, or about $40,000. A little known canvas by Reynolds briught 2,800 guineas. A family group by Hugh Barron realized 460 guineas.

Berlin Palace Purchased By the United States

Washington.—The Bleucher Palace in Berlin, bought for an American Embassy, cost the Government $1,800,000.

The State Department recently announced the building would be used as a residence for the Ambassador as well as an office.

A Pessimistic Farewell

Old 1930, as you depart,
One thinks of many ills endured;
You were a bad boy at the start
And grew much worse as you matured.

Historic Flight Gifts Total 1943

Relics of Lindbergh's Flight to be Handed Down to Posterity

St. Louis, Mo.—An inventory of the decorations and gifts presented to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh following his flight from New York to Paris in May, 1927, has recently been completed by Mrs. Nettie H. Beauregard, archivist and curator of the Missouri Historial Society. The number of trophies in the Lindbergh collection, which are housed in the Jefferson Memorial here, totals 1943.

Pictures, poems and music lead the list in number, there being 523 articles under that classification. Miscellaneous items are second and books and games a close third with 298 and 287, respectively.

The list of articles compiled by Mrs. Beauregard contains all of the gifts which have been placed in the Lindbergh collection, none of which have ever been removed.

The complete list follows: Medals, 118; silver cups, trays and so forth, 37; statuary, plaques, 55; watches, clocks, 13; keys to cities, 18; stick pins, 6; rings, 9; pens and pencils, 15; miscellaneous jewelry, 39; coins, 9; badges and lodge emblems, 38; purses and pocketbooks, 21; religious articles 26; lamps, 3; membership passes, 44; testimonials, 195; maps, 40; model planes, 48; hardware, wrenches, 17; laces and linen, 57; toilet articles, 54; clothing, 82; hats, 11; sporting goods, 24; ornaments, 8; dolls, 26, and tables, 2.

Among other articles in the collection is the map of Colonel Lindbergh used during his flight, the aviation suit he wore and the water canteen carried in the plane.

$71,003,828 Decrease In Trade Is Recorded

Ottawa—Canadian trade declined during the month of November by $71,003,828 in comparison with the corresponding month last year, according to figures published in the current issue of the National Revenue Review. In November, 1929, trade for the month was valued at $221,979,663; last month this had dropped to $150,975,835.

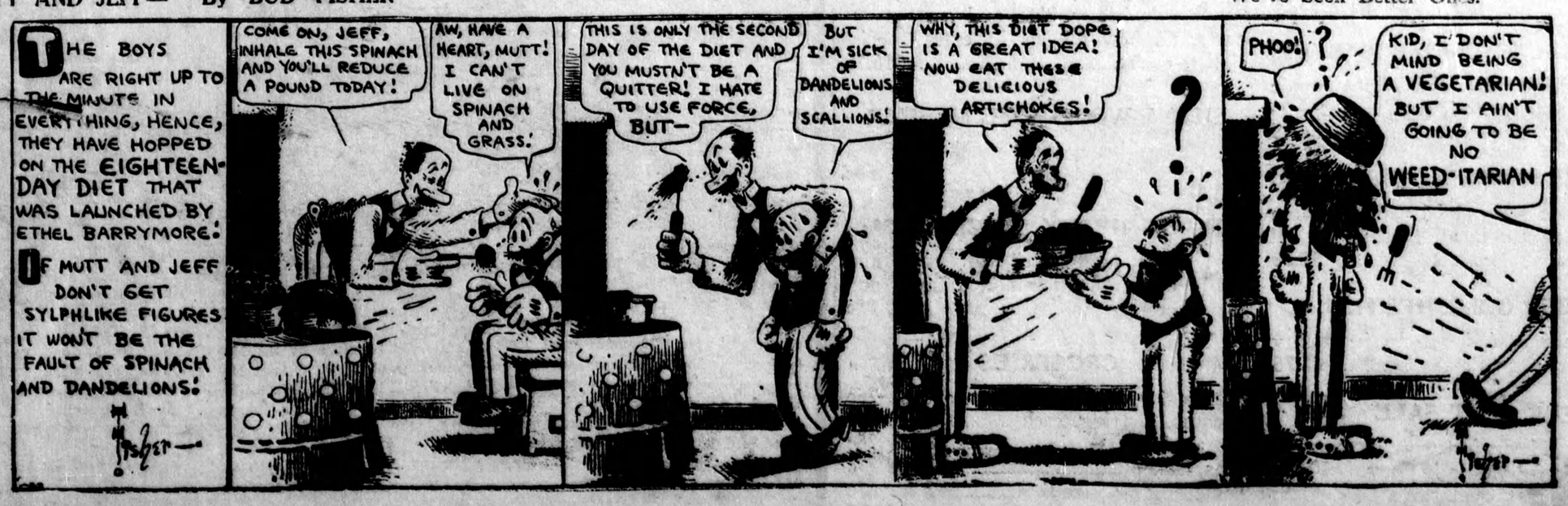
Export from Canada declined in value from $111,068,871 (exclusive of $2,177,634 foreign re-exports) to $73,060,871 (exclusive of $1,551,162 foreign re-exports). At the same time imports into this country dropped from $108,733,697 to $76,363,802.

Illustrating the effect of the lowered price of wheat, the figures show that while $28,550,931 was received for the export of 22,444,000 bushels of wheat in November last year, only $21,676,080 was received for the export of 31,217,294 in November just passed.

Gabby Gertie

"The Happy New Year sometimes fills one's conscience with foreboding chills, one's tummy with digestive ills, one's mailbox with big Christmas bills."

Ladies' shoes are to be more pointed. Husbands will probably continue to make tactless remarks at dinner parties, but their shins will find them out.

MUTT AND JEFF— By BUD FISHER

We've Seen Better Ones.