Plans for the re-modelling of the Chesterville, Ont., fire hall, under direction of a special committee of the Village Council, include a meeting place for the local band and the Boy Scouts.

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A St. John Ambulance Association first-aid brigade of six divisions is being organized at Saint John, N.B., around a nucleus of Rover Scouts and other older Scouts. It is planned to develop and maintain four complete stretcher teams for any emergency service.

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Polish Boy Scouts of Montreal celebrated the anniversary of the founding of their Group in an enthusiastic and largely attended gathering at Polish White Eagle Association Hall. The young Polish Canadians re-dedicated themselves to the principles of the organization as Canadian Scouts.

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Rescue and relief work by Scout leaders and Boy Scouts following the recent landslide catastrophe on the island of St. Lucia, B.W.I., was officially acknowledged by His Excellency the Governor. Wrote the Governor, who is also Chief Scout for the Windward Islands: "It is with considerable satisfaction that I learnt of, and saw for myself, the excellent work performed by the Boy Scouts of St. Lucia following the disaster." In addition to numbers of rescues made at serious risk, and recovery of the dead, the Scouts collected clothing and bedding, and gave valuable service at the hospitals and refugee camps.

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A troop of Boy Scouts has been organized among the Basque (Spanish) boys at the Laleham Refugee Centre, Margate, England, and registered at Imperial Scout Headquarters as the 36th Margate (Laleham Basque) Troop. "These refugee children were so undisciplined that I was certain Margate would not put up with them much longer," it was explained by Rover Leader Angell. "But Scouting has brought them together in the most marvellous way imaginable, and everyone is astounded at the result. The Centre, which only a few weeks ago was a flying mass of undiscipline, is now run on the lines of the English school prefect system, and everyone is better for it." The Troop is running so successfully that every one of the Spanish boys has passed his English Tenderfoot tests, including the Scout Law. It is said that the whole atmosphere of the Centre, at which there are 80 children, has been transformed by the introduction of Scouting ideals and ideas.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

1. When a young man becomes interested in a girl he has recently met, should he wait for an invitation from her to call?

2. Is ten cents a sufficient tip for one person, when checking one's wraps?

3. Should the women be served first at the dining table where men and women are seated alternately?

4. When a bride has no family, near relatives, nor guardian, who should pay her part of the wedding expenses?

5. Is it ever permissible to bring a guest when invited to an affair?

6. How should unfrosted cake be eaten?

Answers

1. No. "Faint heart never won fair lady." The period of waiting might be indefinite. He should ask permission to call. 2. Yes. Of course some will give more, but ten cents is sufficient. 3. No; the guests should be served in regular sequence whether man or woman. 4. In this case the bride should meet these expenses herself. 5. Only when the permission of the hostess has been asked in advance. 6. It should be broken and eaten with the fingers, the same as bread.

What Science Is Doing

WEIGHT REDUCER

A pituitary extract produced in McGill University research laboratories has been shown to be successful in practical tests as a weight reducer. The extract does its work by speeding up metabolism and thus burns up fat deposited in excess in body tissues.

WHEAT ELECTRICALLY-SHOCKED

The yield of wheat can be increased by electrical treatment of the seed, according to Professor Benedetto Riccioni. The professor's experiments at his laboratory at Terni, Italy, are stated to have been verified by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and the Confederation of Italian Farmers. He claims that the method is simple and inexpensive, applying ohm, the electrical unit, to increase the energy contained in the seed itself.

FEVER BOX

Medicine has a new trick, heating the human body to make the medicine permeate better. The University of Pittsburgh, after a year's study of artificially-induced fever has developed a new kind of "fever box" to heat up human bodies.

"This form of treatment," the inventor states, "produces greater absorption of the drugs and more rapid results than the former conventional methods, thus shortening the course of the disease and preventing later complications."

ELECTRONS DO RHUMBA

By causing electrons to do the rhumba, three young California scientists have produced a new type of radio which may give aviation a formidable "life saver," and perhaps revolutionize the whole field of ultra-short wave transmission.

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How Can I?

BY ANNE ASHLEY

Q. How can I mend broken china?

A. Stir plaster of Paris into the beaten white of an egg, to the consistency of paste. Apply this to the broken edges and allow to harden thoroughly.

Q. How can I remedy soup that is too salty?

A. Add two or three pinches of brown sugar to the soup. This will remove the salty taste, but will not sweeten the soup.

Q. How can I avoid getting rough hands on washday?

A. Add a few drops of vinegar to the rinsing water on washday, and it will help prevent the hands from becoming rough.

Q. How can I make a good button receptacle?

A. A large-mouthed bottle is a great improvement over the customary button box. By turning the bottle around, the desired button can often be found at a glance without emptying the entire contents.

Q. How can I remove water stains from furniture?

A. Use a tablespoon of powdered pumice, mixed with enough linseed oil to make a thin paste. Rub on the spots until they disappear. Then wipe off with a cloth dampened in polish.

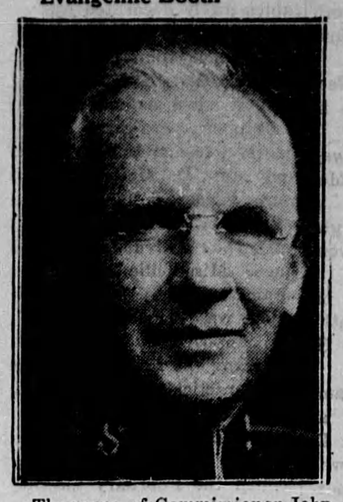
Q. How can I prevent the hot fat in a frying pan from spattering?

A. Sprinkle a little flour, or salt, in the pan before using the fat for frying.

Britain is spending $750,000 on playgrounds for schools.

Salvation Army Head's Successor

May Be Commissioner John McMillan, Well-Known in Canada — To Succeed Gen. Evangeline Booth



The name of Commissioner John McMillan, chief of staff of the International Salvation Army, has been mentioned several times lately as the possible successor to General Evangeline Booth as general of the Salvation Army.

Commissioner McMillan is well known throughout Canada. He started his career in the Salvation Army in Toronto some 50 years ago. He was on the Canadian Territorial headquarters staff for some time and 1896 went to Australia as private secretary to the commissioner.

Known To Canadians

During the Great War he was in Canada again as chief secretary. Later he was transferred to the United States where he was in charge of the Chicago territory. Another transfer took him to New York, the biggest Salvation Army area on this continent.

Then he was made a commissioner for the Canadian territory, which includes Bermuda, Alaska, and Newfoundland.

Sheepskin Rugs

Sheepskin rugs can be washed at home. Soak for an hour or two in a large vessel of warm water, with a small quantity of washing fluid, ammonia, etc. Press the rug into the water and stir about. When most of the dirt is extracted put into another warm-water bath with more ammonia, and press with a vacuum washer or a dolly stick.

Rinse the rug in three or four clear warm waters, and pass through the wringer with a very loose tension. Then shake vigorously before hanging up to dry in a good breeze. Shake continually during the drying process. The lining must be washed separately.

HAVE YOU HEARD

Teacher turned away from the blackboard, where she had been writing.

"Read out that sentence, Willie," she said.

"'He was bent on seeing his old school,'" read Willie.

"Now children," continued teacher, "I want you all to paraphrase that sentence."

Chewing his pen, Willie regarded the blackboard. Then his face lit up. Busily he wrote: "The sight of the old school doubled him up."

Clothes in the tropics are being made of bananas. They should be easy to slip on.

New Minister — "And what did you think of my sermon on Sunday, Mrs. Jones?"

Mrs. Jones: "Beautiful sir, and so instructive. We didn't know what sin was until you came here."

Some sort of a prize goes to the man who convinced his wife that a woman looks stout in a fur coat.

O'Reilly and Murphy were looking in a cake-shop window.

What's that bowl of water there for?" asked O'Reilly.

"That's for the flies to wash their feet in before they walk on the buns," replied Murphy.

"Hens always strike me as anxious-looking creatures," a writer says. No wonder, when they can hardly ever find their things where they lay them.

"Are your neighbours honest?" the old negro was asked.

"Yasir, dey is."

"But you keep that loaded shotgun near your hen coop."

"Yas, dat's to keep 'em honest."

was deposited in Winchester Cathedral; though by other authorities it is connected with doom in the sense of judgment. The survey covered all England, except Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham and parts of Lancashire and Westmoreland.

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Fungus Causes Lumber Losses

Seasoning Yards Must Be Kept Clear Of Old Decayed Wood And Other Sources Of Infection.

When an unsightly blue stain in sawn lumber causes losses of thousands of dollars to Canadian lumbermen through lost sales, the forest products laboratories of the Dominion Mines and Resources Department tracked the nuisance down to a minute fungus.

Wind-borne spores, investigators found, germinated in the summer months on the moist surface of the freshly-sawn lumber in the seasoning yards. The thready growths all worked deep into the lumber as it dried and produce the dark, tell-tale stain.

Spores Borne On Wind

The remedy proved fairly simple. The scientists found that seasoning yards must be kept clear of old, decayed wood, mill sweepings, weeds and other sources of infection by the spores. As an additional precaution, dousing fresh sawn wood in an inexpensive chemical solution has been recommended to prevent growth of the fungi until the wood has been thoroughly dried out.

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