Young Canadian Musicians Try for Scholarship

Application for entries in the annual musical scholarship competition open to all Canadian young people have been received from all provinces but P. E. I., a province which figured largely in previous contests. So far this year, 41 girls and 41 boys have applied. Phyllis Gunner, winner of last year's scholarship, is shown with H. T. Jamieson, president of the Performing Right Society which sponsors the $750 contest and Sir Ernest MacMillan, at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. They are trying out an interesting score offered by one of last year's entrants.

C.N.R. Revenue Gains Sharply

$24,152,993 Increase Shown In 1940 Over Previous Year

After payment of operating expense the net revenue of the Canadian National Railways system in 1940 amounted to $45,007,412, an increase of $24,152,993 over the net revenue of 1939. This was made known last week with the publication of the December 1940 results which showed a net revenue for the month of $6,273,550, an increase of $2,499,937 as compared with December, 1939.

UP FOR YEAR

Operating revenues for the year 1940 were $247,527,225, against $203,820,187 in 1939. Operating expenses in 1940 were $202,519,813 and in 1939 $182,965,768. For the month of December operating revenues were $23,736,807, operating expenses $17,463,257.

Acting Under-Secretary Of External Affairs

Norman Robertson has been appointed acting under-secretary of state for external affairs at Ottawa. He is temporary successor to the late Dr. O. D. Skelton.

Bible Language

There are scores of everyday Biblical phrases, such "the patience of Job," and "a whited sepulchre." We are always using Biblical phrases, such as "Dust and ashes," "the Good Shepherd," "A still, small voice," "prodigal son," "Lot's wife," and "A cloud no bigger than a man's hand." When we refer to a "proverb," a "psalm," or an "exodus," we still lean on the Bible. It is again so when we call a man a "Jeremiah," or a "Job," or write an "epistle" in which is made a startling "revelation."

Parked Body

In Denver, Colo., though police twice chalked a car for overparking, they paid no attention to it "because we had a bigger job on hand — the solving of (Dewitt) Chandler's murder." Four days later, after repeated calls from neighboring businessmen, they investigated, found it was Chandler's car. Inside, undisturbed for four days, was Chandler's body.

Control THE SPASMS OF Whooping Cough with BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

1. How much space should be left as the left-hand margin of a letter, and how far from the top edge of the paper should the letter begin?

2. What is considered the best form of engraving the wedding ring?

3. What is the difference between a lunch and a luncheon?

4. When giving a formal dinner, should dishes be left on the servingtable, in case they are wanted for a second helping?

5. If a woman is seated in a street car or bus, and another woman carrying a baby, or a crippled person, is standing, should she offer her seat?

6. Should one ever present one's mother to another woman?

Answers

1. Leave about three-quarters of an inch margin at the left, and begin the letter about two inches from the top. 2. The ring should be engraved with the date and the initials of the bride and the bridegroom. 3. None. Lunch is the informal abbreviation of luncheon. 4. Dishes are never passed twice at a formal dinner. After being passed once they should be taken back to the pantry. 5. Yes, even if several men remain seated. 6. No; we always present everyone to our mother, regardless of age, rank, or sex.

Study of Public Affairs Is Urged

Responsibility of Women to Society Pointed Out by Montreal Speaker

It is the duty of all women to study in order to understand questions pertaining to the national life, Miss Idola Saint Jean told members of the Frances Willard W.C.T.U., Montreal, in an address in that city last week. Among such questions the causes of war should be analyzed, she said, stressing the need for a country to base its code on respect for human life and personality.

MAKE SOCIETY "MORE HUMAN"

Ignorance and selfishness, she held, is the cause of much of the suffering in economic life, which needed to be reconstructed so that solidarity and collaboration would take the place of exploitation and rivalry. Men are not alone responsible for the condition of the world today, the women were reminded. Had not mothers been remiss in the training of their children by not instilling into their minds altruism and the real spirit of brotherhood?

Miss Saint Jean, whose topic was "Women in Society," summed up the task of women "to render society more human."

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How Can I?

BY ANNE ASHLEY

Q. How can I prevent black stockings from acquiring a greenish tinge?

A. Add a tablespoonful of strong vinegar to the last rinse water.

Q. How can I make a good nickel cleanser?

A. Take equal parts of liquid ammonia and alcohol and stir in whiting to the consistency of a paste. Apply with a cloth, leaving the tarnished parts covered with the cream until it dries. When dry, polish wih a soft cloth.

Q. How can I set colors in garments?

A. Blue, pink, green, red, lavender, and purple should be soaked in alum water two ounces to the tub. Black gray, and dark blue should be soaked in strong salt water.

Q. How can I treat sore lips?

A. Mix and apply this solution: One ounce of glycerine, 1 dram of borax, and 1 pint of water.

S. How can I restore black ribbons that are beginning to look wilted and shabby?

A. Stretch the ribbons out flat and sponge thoroughly with vinegar. Roll for a short time, and then iron on the wrong side. They will be stiff, and fresh.

Q. How can I make a good cleanser for marble?

A. Mix two parts of soda, one part of pumice, and one part of salt. Then powder and mix to a paste with water, and scour.

HEALTH TOPICS

Bad Posture Often Due to Malnutrition

It doesn't do one bit of good to tell a child to stand up straight. He will do it for a minute or so perhaps, but the instant his mind is on something else, down he slumps again.

He will only hold his chin up and his shoulders back as long as he remembers. True, if he can be made conscious of them altogether without letting anything else interfere, the miraculous might happen. Habit is made up of oft-repeated actions.

But I have never known a child who grew straight merely because he was talked into it, writes Olive Roberts Barton. Children, fortunately, often do adopt better posures as they grow older, but other things are to be thanked for the change usually.

CORRECT DIET FROM BABYHOOD

A malnourished child is usually round shouldered, dull-eyed and anything but soldier-like in his bearing. Such children are not invariably poor. The malnourished child can be found anywhere, at the well-covered tables of the rich as well as in the unemployed home. A child on three none-too-plentiful meals a day may be getting all the proteins, starches, sugars, fats and vitamins he needs because the food is simple, well-assorted; and what is better still, he may have a good digestive tract that makes the most of it.

The causes of inability to take proper care of food are not always easy to identify. The child who has grown well from birth, who has had a correct diet from babyhood, including cod liver oil and calcium-containing foods, and who has never had an undermining sickness is usually straight. His head is set well on his shoulders, his hips are flat and held in his stomach flat too —not protruding. No sign of rickets. No sign of undue weariness or dullness or slumping.

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What Science Is Doing

ELECTRIFIED SEED

Italy claims to have evolved a method of boosting wheat yields by giving seed a preplanting electric shock.

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BOREALIS IN "LAB."

Science can produce in the laboratory an Aurora Borealis just as satisfying and as good for all practical purposes as those produced by nature in the Arctic regions the University of California has announced.

It is done by filling quartz tubes with oxygen and nitrogen gas (the chief components of the upper atmosphere) and then running an electrical discharge through them. The afterglow constitutes a miniature Aurora Borealis and is measured by a spectroscope which produces the necessary characteristic lines on a photographic plate.

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DYES FIGHT CANCER

Two commercial dyes made especially for cancer were announced last week in Science the official organ of United States scientists.

The dyes themselves have no effect on cancer but they increase by nearly 50 per cent the effectiveness of the new neutron rays with which physicians have been experimenting on cancer treatment for several years.

Canadian National Railways Revenues

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"Why the . . . did you play that . . . card?"

"Thank Heaven — they're Christians!" he exclaimed joyfully.

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Husband — "You must think automobiles grow on trees."

Wife — "Silly! Everybody knows they come from plants."

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A Mexican prisoner was being questioned by the police.

"Can you read and write?" asked the officer.

"Can write but can't read," replied the prisoner.

"Write your name on this," the officer commanded, handing over a pencil and paper.

The prisoner scrawled several huge hieroglphics across the sheet and handed it back.

"What is that you wrote" inquired the puzzled officer.

"No sabe," said the Mexican. "Don' I tol' you me no can read?"

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"You look sweet enough to eat". * * *

"I do eat. Where'll we go?"

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A man who had been having his laundry done by a neighborhood washwoman had let his account with her run for months. Last week he found the following note in his laundry:

"Dear Sir: You have owed me six dollars now for four months. If you do not pay the whole by next week, I will put too much starch in your collars. Cordially, Mrs. Smith."

Hatpins Smaller

Hatpins have gone into the diminutive class in so far as length is concerned, but they are really important as a practical and decorative detail. The latter angle is played down, for hatpins are made of the hat medium and as such blend smoothly into the background. Usually they are ball shape, but spike or lozenge shapes are liked too; they are thrust into deep backs to hold them on, or through crowns both as a "steadier" and a decoration.

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