OLD SEA DOG

Meet Mr. Chips, the sea-going spaniel that became a veteran of the Attu and Kiska campaigns as a mascot on a Navy transport.

SCOUTING . . .

One of the first things former Boy Scouts in the British Army did on the completion of the occupation of Sicily was to form a Scout group, which they named the "Lawrence of Arabia Rover Crew."

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When a new military hospital was opened in Chatham, Ont., a few years ago, Boy Scouts of the city decided to keep the hospital supplied with medicine bottles, for which they made regular collections. Since that time they have kept the hospital completely supplied and recently gave an added 3,000 bottles.

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Wing Commander Guy P. Gibson, V.C., D.S.O. and bar, D.F.C. and bar, who commanded the squadron which raided and destroyed the German dams a few months ago, is a former Boy Scout who accompanied Prime Minister Churchill on his recent trip to Canada. The Wing Commander, who stayed in Canada to lecture the R.C.A.F. personnel, always wears his Scout Badge on a leather strap on his wrist.

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Two Toronto Boy Scouts, 15-year-old Bill Fawcett, and 16-year-old Jack Davies, on a six-week bicycle trip this past summer covered 2,800 miles. They left Toronto on August 9th and visited Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York, Boston, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Carrying a full camping outfit, they cooked their own meals and slept each night in their pup tent. The entire trip cost them about $50 each.

Slogan: "Meeting Without Eating"

The vexed question of the serving of rationed foods at church teas and suppers, and of the sales of homemade cakes, jams and jellies, has been settled by the new Board Order consolidating all previous orders relating to the usage of rationed foods. The section dealing with "shared meals" makes it lawful for one or more members of a group to bring foods bought against their ration books for general consumption at a group function.

As regards the sales of homemade foodstuffs, it is ruled that sugar and butter lose their identity when incorporated into a cake, so there is no legal restriction on the sale of the finished product.

The Consumer Branch still adheres to its original opinion that, where it institutes a fourth meal, the consumption of rationed foods at social gatherings should be drastically curtailed in the interest of the whole country.

"Meeting Without Eating" might be taken as a wartime slogan.—Consumers News.

What Distance Can High Flyers See?

Experts in London have figured out just how far the human eye can see when it is up in an airplane. They were spurred to activity by a school teacher who asserted that when she was 20,000 feet above Brazil she could see clear across the South Atlantic to the coast of Africa, 1,822 air miles away. This is the scientific decision: Given good visibility, a pilot at 25,000 feet can see into Germany before he is out of sight of the Channel coast. The actual curvature of the earth for the first mile is about nine inches. At 1,000 feet, one can see 39 miles; 2,000 feet, 55 miles; 5,000 feet, 62 miles; 10,000 feet, 123 miles; 20,000 feet, 173 miles; 25,000 feet, 194 miles.

A FARM WIFE CHATS TO WOMEN

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

This has been one of those weeks—you know what I mean—just one thing after another until you hardly know whether you are coming or going.

This state of affairs started last Tuesday morning. I was washing the breakfast dishes, with no thought in mind that this week would be different from any other week when Partner came in and said, as if it were nothing at all—you know the way an Englishman has—"I think the boy is walking up the lane."

"The boy"—our soldier son—who, until that minute, we thought to be on the Alberta prairie.

But it was he all right—coming home with a whistle and a grin.

I don't need to tell you any more about that day, do I? Your imagination will tell you the rest.

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Next day the threshing machine was in the district and from then on it was one grand scramble until the end of the week. If Partner went threshing then son Bob was ploughing with the tractor. Friday noon the threshing machine moved in here and of course I had the men for supper. I didn't have any help. One of my neighbours offered but I thought surely I could get one meal on the table without bothering anyone. And I did get along fairly well, except that I dropped a pumpkin pie on the kitchen floor: Rusty had a wonderful supper that night.

Saturday morning Partner said he could hardly tell yet whether they would be here for dinner or not. I had a feeling that they wouldn't be. Anyway I thought there was no sense in sitting around waiting for them, especially as there was plenty of stuff for dinner if they should come in. So I put in time by starting in to wash. It was almost a case of had to as I had hardly a clean towel or teacloth in the house.

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About ten o'clock Partner came in—at least I think it was Partner—I could not really be sure for the dust and dirt of him. At any rate it was Partner's voice that said—"What the dickens are you doing now?"

"Just washing: Are you nearly through at the barn?" I asked.

"No, we are not. You will likely have the men for dinner—and we may be a bit early."

Now wasn't that something? My first thought was to drop everything and start getting dinner. But I took myself in hand. "Look here." I said to me, "you've got plenty of everything for dinner so you might just as well finish your job. Another fifteen minutes and your washing will be ready for the line."

So I finished my washing—but did I fly around afterwards! From what Partner had said I thought the men might be in about 11.30. But it was 11.15 when the engine stopped! Oh boy! ! The men had to wait about five minutes. Then as if threshing wasn't enough we had an order for chickens for Saturday so they had to be killed picked, drawn and delivered. It was after eight o'clock before I got to town with them. After that I tried to do a little shopping—but you might as well try to shop on Sunday as Saturday night for there is nothing left to buy anywhere. Oh yes, and I should say that our son left for Quebec Friday night to see his girl friend and before he went it was "Mom, where's this" and Mom, where's that?" You know how it goes don't you, mothers?

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But now it's all over, All the hurry and excitement of the last few days belong to the past. Now we are already to start another week a little tired maybe but otherwise none the worse for wear.

P.S. We also had a visitor over the weekend. Partner found a pair of shoes Saturday morning. That meant John had come up from Burlington—gone to a dance first, then home and up to bed without so much as waking us.

STARVING—IN INDIA

The starving old man pictured above was photographed in the streets of Calcutta, India, where the worst famine in years has stricken Bengal Province, killing almost 200 people a day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

November 14

THE SANCTITY OF THE HOME

Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-30
Mark 10:2-12

GOLDEN TEXT.—Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8.

Memory Verse. O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good. Psalm 136:1.

Time. — The Ten Commandments were delivered in 1445 B.C.; the Sermon on the Mount was given in the summer of A.D. 28; the passage taken from Mark is a part of a discourse delivered in February, A.D. 30.

Place. — The Ten Commandments were given on Mount Sinai; the Sermon on the Mount was preached near Capernaum; the discourse on divorce was spoken in Peraea.

Personal Impurity Forbidden

"Thou shalt not commit adultery. Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt not commit adultery; but I say unto you, that everyone that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

This commandment was given to preserve the sanctity of the home. When this is assailed every thoughtful man knows in his heart that all our interests are at stake in its defence, and the nation would not be able to survive its overthrow. It is the heart that should be kept with 'all diligence.' Only as we keep looking to the pure and holy Jesus for grace and inspiration, can we cease to look after and desire that which is sinful in God's sight.

Deliverance From Impurity

"And if thy right eye causes thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body go into hell."

And if thy right hand causeth thee to stumble, cut it off and it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body go nito hell."

Of course, our Lord here is speaking figuratively. He does not actually want us to take out our eyes or cut off our hands, but is simply laying down the principle that it would be much better to be deprived of these members if, in so doing, we would be delivered from the sins of impurity, than to have all our faculties, our complete body, and be a slave to impurity.

Better to sacrifice the most precious thing we possess than to live in sin and suffer eternal judgment. With the help of Christ, who came through the fight without the stain of sin, and with our hearts and minds purified, impure desires and thoughts are no longer encouraged and nourished. There is a growing distaste for all that is unholy when we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Question of Divorce

"And there came unto him Pharisees, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? trying him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement and to put her away. But Jesus said unto them, For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of the creation, Male and female made he them. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh: so that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder. And in the house the disciples asked him again of this matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her, and if she herself shall put away her husband, and marry another, she committeth adultery."

In marriage a higher relationship supervenes, a new domestic centre is set up. Man is bound more strongly to his wife than he was to his father and mother. God at the beginning made but one man and one woman, and he would have man know, in succeeding generations, that a man should have but one wife. Christ thus shows that from the beginning God had designed that the marriage tie should be the closest and most indissoluble of all natural ties.

Where there is a true union of souls in marriage, they become one in purpose, in feeling, in interest, in affection. Husband and wife, though in a sense two, are yet, if they fulfill the Divine ideal, no longer two. They are but two halves of a whole 'one flesh.' The argument of Jesus here is, that since they are so intimately united as to be one, and since in the beginning God made but one woman for one man, it follows that they cannot be separated without the authority of God.

In our Saviour's judgment, wives and husbands have equal rights in reference to divorce. The inference from Mat. 19:9 is that it is equally wrong for a woman to dissolve the marriage, except on the grounds of her husband's infidelity.

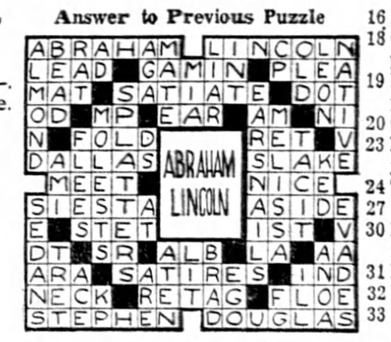
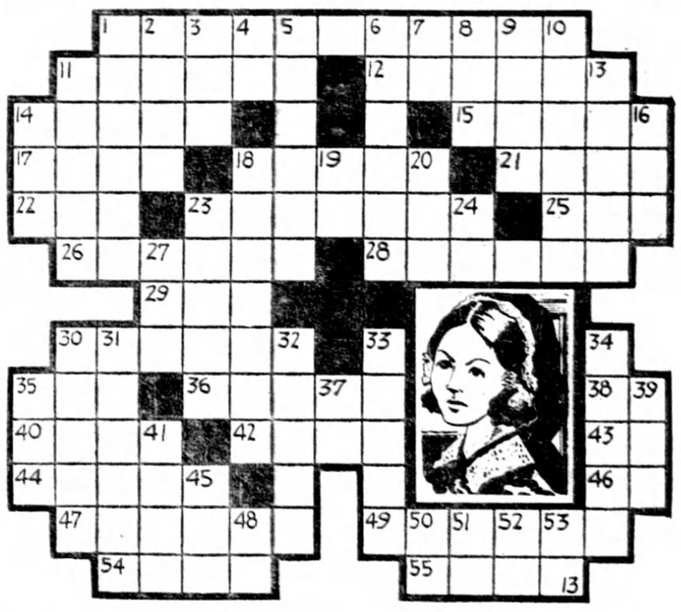
Japan proper, with 73,000,000 inhabitants, has a larger population than the German Reich.

RED CROSS NURSE

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured nurse, Florence ——.
11 Courtesy title.
12 Idle.
14 Badger-like animal.
15 Equal.
17 Periods of time.
18 French soldier.
21 Glen.
22 Lair.
23 Snake.
25 Sailor.
26 Bullocks.
28 Scent bag.
29 Varnish ingredient.
30 She helped the wounded in the War of the ——.
35 Driving command.
36 Weapon.
38 Within.
40 Singing voice.
42 Set of three.
43 Negative reply
44 Faint lights.
46 Court (abbr.).
47 Bird.
49 Overshoe.
54 Engrave.
55 Manufacture.

VERTICAL

1 Floating on water (bot.).
2 Day of Roman month.
3 Gallon (abbr.)
4 Hectometer (abbr.).
5 Male singers.
6 Peers.
7 Great (abbr.).
8 Endeavor.
9 Burden.
10 Property.
11 Female horses.
13 Glory.
14 Crimson.
16 Pronoun.
18 Object of perception.
19 Installment paid (abbr.).
20 Girl's name.
23 Lines of junction.
24 Tierce (abbr.)
27 Yale.
30 Musical instrument.
31 Retreat.
32 Bird's nest.
33 Pointed instrument.
34 Tight grip.
35 Joke.
37 Sloth.
39 In no way.
41 Neglect.
45 A seeking.
48 Left hand (abbr.).
50 Exist.
51 Music note.
52 All right (abbr.).
53 Compass point.

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