SOME DAY SHE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS VISIT

Queen Elizabeth showed keen interest in a brand-new Briton during her visit to the Danbury Park War Emergency hospital at Chelmsford, London. The mother, Mrs. Mary French, was impressed by the royal visit, but not so was young Caroline, the new baby.

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

As I write it is the week before Christmas - and what weather! The wind is so cold it seems utterly impossible to keep the house warm - for the first time since we had the furnace installed. That is because the wind is in the southwest and all our storm windows are on the north and north-west of the house. But at any rate it isn't storming so we have much to be thankful for, especially with coal in the cellar and a recently cut woodpile in the yard. I wish I could be sure that everyone else was equally fortunate. I feel the cold so much myself that it just makes me wonder how people can suffer lack of heat, clothes, food and bedding and still survive.

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Well, I have just turned on the radio and judging from the storm news from Buffalo we, by comparison, certainly have little to complain about on this side of the border - at least, not at present. And then, as if to convey the impression that Old Man Winter is not always in a harsh mood I saw from the kitchen window, the most glorious sunrise I have seen in weeks - flame tipped purple clouds against a background of the palest green. A typical Turneresque sky - except that Turner's pictures are mostly of sunsets, are they not? When I said something to son Bob about the beautiful sunrise he told me I should have seen the moon! He said that when he went to the barn it was like walking out on to a great beam of light. So now I suppose I should get up to see the moon - and I thought I was doing pretty well about the sun.

Excuse me a minute...I think it is light enough now for the hens to feed - so I had better go and feed 'em.

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Br-r-r . . . It's good to be back in the warm again! I wish I were as anxious to get down to business first thing in the morning as our busy biddies. Barely light enough for them to see and yet they are up and doing and had laid exactly one dozen eggs just to start the day right I suppose. In fact one of them couldn't wait for the dawn so she dropped her egg in the night.

And now, having listened to Geoffrey Ford pinch-hitting for Jim Hunter, it is time to get breakfast pfor Partner. You see we have breakfast in relays here. Bob is generally up and out to the barn before Partner gets up. That way we can be sure of Partner getting a little extra rest. But then Bob is naturally through first - hence the two breakfasts.

Partner, like nearly all men, is just about as stubborn as he can be. I want him to sell some of his cows and he insists on keeping them. Oh yes, he does say this one and that will be shipped out "when they are dry", but I'm beginning to think he means "dry" after the next time they have come in fresh. I "threatened" this morning to go down and help with the milking later on if he still kept so many milch cows. "Well", said Partner, "if it ever becomes necessary to help with the milking that will be the time to call the truck in and ship them all out!" You see, Partner has the idea that milking is no job for a woman - which will strike many farm people as a queer notion.

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Taking it all in all this milk business is quite a job. I often think that when a farmer starts shipping milk it's like a man taking to drink. The more he has the more he wants. A farmer who separates his milk and sells the cream doesn't worry particularly when his milk supply falls off. He has his pigs and his poultry to utilise the skim milk and, generally speaking, he has something coming in most of the time from his by-products. But a farmer selling milk . . . well, he probably starts by shipping two cans. Then maybe he has half a can over and he thinks if only he had a little more milk he could ship three cans. So he scouts around and buys another cows. By now he has reached the early stages of milk-drunkenness. Later he imbibes still further. He thinks if twelve cows bring in so-and-so he might as well get a milking machine and milk twenty-four. That is just fine for an up and coming young dairy farmer - that is the way it should be. But there are too many older men also trying the same stunt - overtaxing their strength for the sake of selling milk and still more milk, and more than likely the women, who, in all probability have reached the age when they should be taking things easy, must still go to the barn to help milk the cows that keep the milk cheques rolling in.

But maybe I had better quit before I say too much.

Tanning Process

The Hebrews, thousands of years ago, discovered the tanning process still used in making shoe leather, relates the Peterborough Examiner. They also discovered that other useful tanning process referred to in Proverbs xiii, 24: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

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ANIMAL LORE

The following advice comes from a Wall Street expert: "Be bullish in a bull market; be bearish in a bear market." And, we would add if you can't be either, don't be a goat, or you're an ass. — Toronto Saturday Night.

MARK OF GOOD MAN

In this wave of crime, what the country needs is more plowing matches. Who ever heard of a good plowman who didn't go straight?

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ODDS ON THE WINNER

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"Oh, Johnny," she exclaimed, "I didn't think it was in you!"

"It ain't all," replied Johnny, "part of it's in Elsie."

Fifth-Avenue Shopper: "What a frightful price you ask for that hat!"

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"And now," said the history teacher brightly, "can anyone tell me who Joan of Arc was?"

The class was silent, and then one small boy ventured tentatively, "Maybe she was Noah's wife?"

He: "Honestly, now, do you women like egotistical men as well as the other kind?"

She: "What other kind?"

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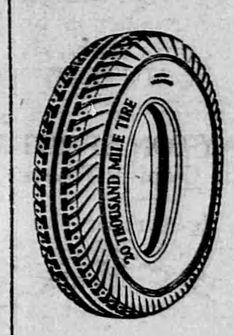

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