CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Well friends, how did you weather the big windstorm last week? No doubt every person living in the country has some story to tell—of trees blown down, shutters ripped from the wall, or barn doors blown off. It was quite a wind, wasn't it?

We started the day with the discovery that the power was off, so from five-thirty until daylight we groped our way around by candle and lantern light. Partner said, even with the lantern alight, it was like working in the dark at the barn, so accustomed has he become to good lights everywhere. He wonders now how he ever got along without the hydro.

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The first damage from the gale that I noticed was to our storm door. It had blown open—as I thought. But when I went to shut it the door just wasn't there—at least not on its hinges. But it was on the ground—with broken glass and part of the frame work pulled out from the door jamb. And then Partner got to the barn just in time to stop the barn door from blowing in. The brace on the inside of the door had snapped in two and the big hook which fastened it had completely disappeared.

It was ten o'clock before the power came on again—long enough for us to realize how dependent we had already become on electricity. No lights, no radio, no toast, no easy way to boil a kettle. But it did not affect the milking. Our menfolk still milk the hard way.

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Right now, of course, we can blame all our troubles on the sun-spots. If it becomes terribly cold—well, that's the sun-spots. Sudden thaw and wind—well, that's the sun-spots too. And if you are feeling blue or reckless, lazy, energetic or irritable—especially if you are feeling irritable—well, that isn't your fault, of course. It is just the sun-spots taking it out on you.

If sun-spots were all we had to worry about! It seems to me there must be a few earth spots around somewhere too. Or something like that. The latest is this spy ring scandal—and it doesn't give one a very comfortable feeling, does it?

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Partner and I often have quite an argument over present day world conditions, especially as they affect industry, agriculture and our own everyday life. Partner is always looking ahead—planning this and planning that, I contend that it is useless to think too much about the future; that the best any of us can do is to live one day at a time.

By that I don't mean we should just sit back and give no thought to the future at all. But I do mean that, if, in living one day at a time, we make the best possible use of each day as it comes along, then we are to a certain extent, laying a good foundation for the future. If we are not behind with our regular work then we should be able to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

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So many things that effect our daily living are beyond our control. A farmer wishing to increase his milk output thinks he will supplement his feed supply by the purchase of bran, shorts and oil cake. He is soon told that bran and shorts are needed for milling and that oilcake is practically unobtainable. His wife plans to raise more chickens only to find that the brooder coal she ordered last fall will not be available. That is what I mean when I say we cannot look ahead. But we can help the situation in some cases by thinking of the immediate future. For instance we cannot help a power break but if we are caught without candles or coal oil that is nothing but carelessness.

It is a grand thing never to put off doing anything. I wonder how it feels. Like a lot of other people I mean well . . . I always mean well. But you know how it goes. Or do you?

How Can I?

By ANNE ASHLEY

Q. How can I prevent a fresh bump on the flesh from discoloring?

A. One method is to rub immediately with wet starch.

Q. How can I wash corduroys?

A. Wash the corduroys carefully, then rinse until the water is clear. Do not squeeze out the water at the last rinsing, but throw the garment over the line in a shady place while dripping wet.

Q. How can I clean tinware thoroughly?

A. Dampen a cloth and dip it into common soda; then rub the tinware thoroughly. Follow this by washing and wiping dry. This treatment will remove all stains.

Q. How can I varnish paper on a kitchen or bathroom wall, so that it can be wiped with a damp cloth?

A. Mix one ounce of gum arabic, three ounces of glue, and a bar of soap, dissolving all in a quart of water, and apply with a paint brush.

Q. How can I make a good nickel and steel polish?

A. Mix one tablespoonful of turpentine, one tablespoonful of sweet oil, and enough emery powder to the consistency of cream. Apply with a soft rag, then wipe off, and polish with a dry flannel.

Q. How can I easily remove grass stains from clothing?

A. These stains can often be removed by sponging with ammonia and water.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

1. Is there a fixed rule for the sequence of pages in a letter?

2. Is it necessary that the china used throughout a dinner should exactly match?

3. Is it proper for a girl to powder her nose, file her nails, or comb her hair in a public place?

4. When a person arrives at a home for a call, and finds the one he has come to see just leaving, but is invited to come in, what should he do?

5. Who should pay for the conveyance in which a bride leaves her father's home for the church?

6. Who should enter the hotel dining room first, the man or the woman?

ANSWERS

1. No; but when writing a letter of four pages, use pages one, two, three, and four in sequence. 2. It is customary that the china match, but if preferred, one may use different sets for different courses. 3. No; she should do this before leaving home, or in some dressing room. 4. Go in and sit down for about five minutes, then leave. But do not fidget during those five minutes. Be poised and natural. 5. The bridegroom. 6. The woman.

Sunday School Lesson

March 3rd.,

Entering and Possessing a New Land

Joshua 1: 1-4; 23: 1-11.

Golden Text. — Thou shalt bless the Lord Thy God for the good land which He hath given thee. — Deuteronomy 8:10.

Joshua Succeeds Moses

The children of Israel were on the plains of Moab east of the Jordan where they received the summons to invade Canaan. The order came from Jehovah to Joshua, the assistant and successor of Moses who had just passed away.

The urgent task before the new leader was the invasion and conquest of Canaan. He must lead across the foaming, surging Jordan, all the people with all their belongings. Henceforth Israel should traverse no territory they could not call their own. before them lay their land divinely promised to them.

No Turning Aside

First they must be "very courageous to keep and do all that is written in the book". It takes courage to keep all God's commands in His Word. Here is where most fail. We do "keep and do" some things that are written in the book, but not all. God says all. There was to be absolutely no turning aside, "to the right land or to the left". All intercourse with heathen nations was forbidden.

Joshua exhorted the people to "cleave unto the Lord", to hold fast to Him, to His commandments.

The Source of Strength

Joshua again reminds Israel that Jehovah is the source of their strength, and that to Him they owe their recent victories. God had promised Joshua that none should stand against him for He would be with him as He had been with Moses. If God is with us, then it matters not who is against us; we shall prevail.

There were occasions when this was literally fulfilled. When the Lord puts fear into the heart of a crowd, then one man full of the spirit of the Lord can do miracles. Young David killed the mighty Goliath and his great act so terrified the Philistines that they fled and were slaughtered. One man who has God on his side can face a crowd of evil men and put them to shame and confusion.

Obedience To God

The wonderful love of God experienced by the Israelites in the past and assured to them for the future demanded a like return of love on their part. This love was to be shown in doing His will from the heart. The only way true love can be shown to God is by a life of obedience.

TNT SHAKES UP KING'S PALACE

Everyone in Buckingham Palace, London, was warned to keep away from the part of the building facing St. James' park as a bomb disposal squad prepared to get rid of a German bomb that had been buried in the park since war days. The bomb's own explosive was first neutralized, then the missile was blown up, as pictured above, with a heavy charge of TNT. The explosion rattled the palace windows, but caused no damage.

DARK LIGHTNING

By HELEN TOPPING MILLER

CHAPTER XX.

"I've got all the information," Grice said. "I know how much he's sunk in that well. It was a fool proposition from the start and we tried to sell him that idea—indirectly, of course. But we didn't get anywhere with it. We thought Kimball could handle the business, but he bungled it every time he turned around. He told us he could get us the lease on Mason's land. This stuff down here isn't big enough—we've got to expand. If we had Mason's stuff we could go somewhere. But Kimball fell down on it, and so I was thinking, now that Mason's quitting definitely—maybe you. . ."

"You want me to talk Mason into leasing to you, is that it?" said Gary, in a cold, level tone. "So you can go out and sell stock in an oil field to little school teacheds and widows with a little insurance—and bring 'em out here to see derricks going up and drills going down—and everything but oil!"

"Look here—I'm ready to make you a legitimate proposition. The well up there is no good to Mason. He'll pull his derrick down, and having an abandoned well only a quarter of a mile fdom us isn't going to be good for our business. You're in a better position to handle Mason right now than anybody—and we'll take care of you, of course. . ."

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"The way you took care of old man Harper when he went out and cut Mason's water line, And Slide Ellis, when he trumped up a fake lawsuit to harass Mason and delay work on his well?"

"Listen, buddy, when a business man won't listen to a business argument . . ."

"You heard what he said, Bill." Gary was grim. "Keep it in mind, I may need you. As for you, Mr. Grice—I'm young and out of a job and because I was in a tight spot I worked for you for two days. But I don't want the money. You can tear up the check. I've never worked for a crook—and I don't expect to begin. Good day, sir."

He turned away but Grice sprang in front of him, squaring his thick body.

"Look hear, you young pup—you can't talk that way to me! I'll run you out of the country—I'll—"

"All right," Gary set his jaw, drew back his arm. "I'll give it to you in a way you will understand, then!"

He swung once at the pulpy, crimson face. Grice went down with a wheeze and a grunt.

Red-hot pain shot along Gary's tortured shoulders, but he was too enraged to notice it. He scrubbed his knuckles on his shirt and strode off. Bill Grant trotted along beside him.

"Boy, what a sock." he panted. "Well, now I guess we're both out of a job. Yippee!"

Gary had promised Harvey Mason to stay on the job till he returned, and a promise was a promise. He'd help Hickey clean up the area around the well, and in the meantime something might turn up—a good job somewhere.

Bill came to say good-by. He was off to the Pecos River country.

"I'll be waiting for you, big fellow," he said blandly, as he departed. "I'll nail down a bed for you—one with no corncobs in the mattress if possible—and I'll look the gals over; they're sheep ranchers out there—goats and stuff—all kinds of money. Might even find you a rich widow. Widows always have a weakness for curly hair."

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Adelaide had stood by, listening, her face cool and aloof. "Be sure, Bill, that she enjoys starving in wierd places," she said nastily.

Gary felt a hot. savage surge of anger, but he kept his control, with difficulty. "I don't want any widow," he said curtly. "I don't want—any woman."

Her eyes blazed at him, her lip curled. "Did you ever see such a—mule?" she asked Bill, scornfully.

"All right," Gary flared at her. "I'm a mule. A mule has sense. He knows when he's licked. He doesn't knock himself to pieces trying to do the impossible—he just quits. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'll go out and clean up that slush pit." He stalked away and he did not look back.

He worked till he ached with weariness and then, very late, he went upstairs and threw himself across his bed. But he could not sleep. He jerked erect, later, when someone tapped on his door and Mona Lee called anxiously "Gary?"

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He opened the door. She was standing there, and her eyes had an odd, excited look in them.

"Gary, Mr. Hickey's downstairs. He wants to talk about the well—and I don't know what to say. You come Gary."

Hickey sat in the living room, looking strange and stiff in his Sunday clothes. He was turning his hat round and round in his hands.

"Here's Gary, Mr. Hickey. Now you tell him what you've just told me."

Hickey scratched his head. "I was telling Mis' Mason here—looks like a plumb waste to pull the casing on that well. Looks to me like we're mighty near down—did you take a look at that stuff we was drilling yesterday?"

"Yes, I looked at it. Sulphur in it."

"Yeh, and where you got sulphur, a lot of times you got oil. I figured maybe we could shoot that well."

"But, look here, Hickey—I haven't any money. . ."

'Yeah, I figured on that. But I figured if you was to help me—kind of take the responsibility and fix things up with Mason—I'd buy the stuff. As the well stands to be a total loss the way it is now, I figured maybe Mason would be willing to cut us in, for say an eighth, if we went ahead and fetched him in a paying well."

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"But you've got anhydrite down there—and shale—"

(To Be Continued)

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WEEKLY RATION FASHION for a twosome

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
Roast Veal	Cold Roast Veal	Omelet	Curry of Veal	Broiled Liver	Fish	Individual Meat Loaves
Group B	left-over	unrationed	left-over	unrationed	unrationed	Group C
3 lbs. 2 coupons						½ lb. 2 tokens

If your ration budget indicates a credit of a couple of tokens saved from past eating, you may wish to exchange two full coupons for a Sunday roast. A three pound rolled shoulder of veal should provide for three dinners, any one of which might include a guest or two. A tasty dressing, good brown gravy and baked orange halves are excellent co-partners for its first appearance. And because roasts are not every week occurrences, you'll doubtless appreciate it sliced cold for Monday's dinner. On Wednesday, a curried dish with noodles pinch-hitting for the scarcer rice, will revive the remnants. Eggs, now so market-plentiful and reasonably-priced, suggest themselves for Tuesday. Whipped into an elegant omelet, served with a colorful vegetable or two, they will satisfy the most discriminating taste. A boon to your ration status as well as your nutritional level, would be liver on Thursday. Friday is yours for a fish selection. And on Saturday two tokens will procure half a pound of hamburger for a meat loaf mixture. To give this old standby a new appearance, bake it in custard cups or muffin tins. Then unmould and serve individually with your favored sauce or relish.

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