Early in 1948 pure aluminum foil, made in Canada, will be for sale in 10-inch widths in Canadian stores. Its uses are many and varied. Paint brushes can be cleaned and wrapped in the airtight foil to keep them soft anl flexible; for lunches or picnics it keeps sandwiches fresh and soft drinks cool. Packaging is easy, as no string or fasteners are needed.

TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

We have never been told that we are greedy—just that we like a lot. Well, I'm awfully sorry if I'm greedy. Especially when I run into something like this: A small boy we know, of about 8 years, found a brand new pair of skates under his Christmas tree. He was so happy he almost bawled. He wanted those skates in the worst way, but he didn't believe there was a chance in the world of getting them. His family were very, very poor—that was the reason he didn't hope to have a new pair of skates. The day after Christmas he went down to the local pond with a gang of kids. One of the group was struggling along with an old broken hockey stick. He had no skates. When questioned about it, he admitted that his folks had no money for such things for him. Well, the first poor boy put on the new skates; he flew around the ice three or four times, then went and took them off. He handed them to the second poor boy whose eyes nearly bulged out of his head. "What's the idea?", he asked. The first boy turned his back, and biting his lip to hold back the tears and trying to swallow the lump in his throat, he replied, "Aw, I hate skatin'". And off home he went.

And a fathead like me has the gall to complain because the oranges in my stockng were not as large as last year's.

Now Ain't That Ducky?

It was with a great deal of astonishment that we read recently that the Liquor Control Board was arranging to have their numerous outlets remain open evenings for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

So again we say, now ain't that just too ducky for words? I wonder how many of those holiday deaths could be traced to drunken drivers? We'll probably never know. But this very minute many people are suffering the tortures of having loved ones suddenly taken from them, and many of them in the cruelest manner. If only we could say what we felt like saying, there wouldn't be a politician in Canada that wouldn't be suffering from scorched ears.

The New Year

Last year I decided not to make any new resolutions and, as a result, I didn't break any. It's to be the same thing this year. However we have plans that we hope to carry out. For example: Some time ago we told you of a surprise we had for you. We still have, and hope to see the little plan go through very shortly.

We would also like to extend a personal invitation (by this medium) to each and everyone of you, who read this column, to write a newsy letter to Teen-Town Topics. Now the idea is simply this: We feel that there are a lot of interesting things happening to you and around you that would make interesting reading. If you happen to have a correspondent for this column in your town, you could pass along a few leads to him or her; but there are many towns where this column appears that have no T.T.T. reporters. We are anxious to hear from you and hope that you will favour us with a letter about some newsy event in your locality.

Our sincere and most grateful thanks to the many kind friends who sent cards at Christmas. They were swell. Oh yes, and a great big thanks to the friend who gave us two dozen peppermint candy canes. Some we ate, some we used to decorate the tree and some we broke—when we pulled the tree over trying to plug in the lights. Quiet please! We know what you are thinking. Once again—thanks a million, everyone.

Keep Poinsettias For Next Christmas

Christmas poinsettias may be saved after the "flowers" have died and, with a little care, will bloom the following Winter. The withered "flowers" are cut off and the amount of water reduced. From the first of February until May the plants are not watered.

In May, when the weather is settled and all danger of frost is past, the poinsettias are pruned back hard and repotted in a mixture of loamy soil, sand and a very little bonemeal, and placed in a shady place for the summer. They are pruned again before the first of August, if too much growth is made.

The cuttings, too, may be planted, as they often root easily if kept moist and will make blooming-size plants in a short time.

Add a little salt to the first water in which spinach is washed. It will not have to be washed nearly so many times.

Blooms Indoors the Year Round

There is a way, I have found, to have beauty in my kitchen and living rooms the whole year through, writes G.A.S. in the Christian Science Monitor.

Autumn leaves and late fall flowers, carry me well through October. By November the small rootlings of myrtle and late petunias from the garden have grown and are blooming.

December is taken care of with outdoor greenage of cedar and evergreens. Also the pepper plants I started last spring are really thriving and add a touch of gaiety as the holidays draw near. At Christmas an additional bit of glamour is given by the annual poinsettia from the green-house.

New slips from my old fuschia and geraniums should be blooming in January and February and these are backed up by the colorful begonias.

In March I start forcing beauty for my rooms. Branches from the trimming of the cherry and apple trees are brought in, placed in water in large, open-mouthed jars and given a good strong light each day. We watch the wonderful transformation and soon the branches are a bower of fragrant bloom. Spring has been brought indoors a few weeks ahead of time.

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When the honeysuckle vines are trimmed in the early spring, I carefully save each branch and force them in a sunny window for early beauty indoors. We have been thrilled to have our rooms filled with the scent of honeysuckle weeks before the bushes were more than turning green outside. The dark green foliage of the honeysuckle keeps well for weeks indoors and is a delightful floral piece when combined with roses or columbine.

From here on the summer garden flowers and roses supply all our floral needs and they are gorgeous and beautiful throughout the warm summer months.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

It may have been coincidence or it may be that the Federal Government has a perverted sense of humour, anyway a few weeks before Christmas there was a great amount of registered mail awaiting farmers at the various post offices throughout this county.

It would be interesting to know how many farmers—or their wives—made a special trip down town to pick up this unexpected registered mail—and after they had signed for it, and after it had been handed through the wicket, what did they find? Income Tax papers, no less! Oh, brother! Think of the headaches they would bring!

All in the middle of Christmas preparations; slap-bang at turkey and goose picking time, and when everyone was olmost too tired to think straight—along comes that reminder from the Government that when the poultry is ready for market they want a share of the picking.

But that isn't the worst headache. The real trouble lies in the fact that so few farmers keep any books at all—more's the pity. And just to look at those income tax forms gets most of us bewildered. And to have to deal with them when we are tired . . .

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Of course we have ourselves to blame—but why? Because for so many years farmers couldn't even make ends meet so that income tax, they felt, was one thing that did not concern them at all. The government knew this and left them to sink or swim according to their ability. But during the war, and for some time after it, farmers were doing better; they were able to catch up on their debts and to enjoy some of the privileges customary to their city cousins. During the war the government let well alone—it was more concerned in keeping the farms producing than in collecting income tax. But now it's a different story. The Department of National Revenue knows there are some farmers who should be paying income tax and it is out to get them. So they throw out a dragnet, as it were, but when they haul it in the little fish have no trouble at all in slipping through. But the big fish—they are really caught! Only sometimes it turns out that the fish that look so big have really very little meat on them after all. Just a big frame and that's about all.

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Well, if the farmer wants to prove he is not a big fish the only way he can do it is by his own showing of income and expenditure. Of course it is too late now to catch up on 1946 records and be really accurate, but there is another year coming and in a few months returns should be made for 1947. Why not see to it at the proper time? For 1947 that, too, may be largely guesswork unless there are records to go by, but this is the beginning of another year and it is not too late to make a real effort towards keeping accounts for 1948. That is one new year's resolution we should make—and keep.

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The Department of Agriculture, most of the banks, and the Hydro Electric Commission all have little booklets published, free for the asking, and, if followed, give a clear and concise picture of farm finances. They are not intended for day by day bookkeeping but rather for monthly summaries and deal only with expenditure that is allowable on income tax returns. Of course to be able to make these summaries, daily or weekly accounts are also necessary—and for that purpose the little black notebook that so many farmers carry around in their insde pocket does very well! Fifty cents worth of black wire or a bottle of medicine for a sick cow doesn't amount to much at the time but such items added up over a twelve-month period can make all the difference on the expense side of a farm account book. And yet how often they are forgotten.

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One person should be responsible for summarising accounts but everyone who does any shopping should know what he or she spent insofar as farm expenditure is concerned, otherwise how can any record be preperly kept?

But remember, sisters, this doesn't apply to what we womenfolk spend on the house, the table or on clothing! The government isn't the least concerned with our personal expenses. But remember this also — all such expenditure must come from net income — that is what is left from farm income after expenditure is deducted. And since a married man is allowed only $1200 untaxable income it doesn't leave much margin in which to play around.

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As You Wish

Fastidious Customer: "But I always like to see my bacon lean."

Assistant: "Certainly, madam. Backwards or forwards?"

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TABLE TALKS

Two New Breads

Orange Honey Bread

2 tablespoons shortening
1 cup honey*
1 egg
2 cups sifted enriched flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
¾ cup sour milk or buttermilk
1 cup rolled oats
(quick or regular, uncooked)
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
⅓ cup chopped nutmeats
⅔ cup seedless raisins

Cream shortening; gradually add honey, creaming thoroughly. Add egg and beat until light and fluffy. Sift together flour, salt and soda and add to creamed mixtured alternately with the milk. Add rolled oats, grated orange rind, chopped nutmeats and seedless raisins, stirring only enough to combine. Bake in a greased paper lined bread pan (4½ x 8½ inches) in a moderate oven. Cool thoroughly before slicing.

*Corn syrup may be substituted for the honey.

Chicken Corn Bread

2 tablespoons chicken fat or other fat
1 to 2 cups diced cooked chicken or turkey*
¾ cup corn meal
1¼ cups sifted enriched flour
¼ cup sugar (optional)
½ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 beaten egg
¾ cup milk
1 tablespoon minced parsley
¼ cup melted fat

Melt the two tablespoons fat in a 7 x 11 inch baking pan. Spread chicken evenly over the bottom of this pan. Sift ingredients into bowl. Add egg, milk parsley, stirring lightly; fold in the ¼ cup melted fat. Pour batter over chicken, spreading evenly. Bake in a hot oven (425 dg. F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Invert on platter. Garnish with parsley and pimiento. Serve immediately with chicken or giblet gravy.

*Tuna fish, salmon or canned luncheon meat may be used. Serve with seasoned cream sauce.

Rubber Gloves

After you have worn rubber gloves doing various household chores your hands may swell or perspire from the exercise. The gloves are then often hard to roll off.

A quick, simple way to loosen one without damaging the rubber in any way is to hold the hand under the cold water faucet and let the water run under the glove cuff into the palm of the hand. This immediately shrinks the hands and loosens the glove.

It is then easy to turn back over the hand and slip off. Once removed, hold the glove up to drain the water out. But it is better to wait until it is dry to turn the glove back to its normal shape.

MOST MOTHERS DO THIS

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AT BEDTIME rub throat, chest, back with VapoRub. Relief-bringing action starts right away...

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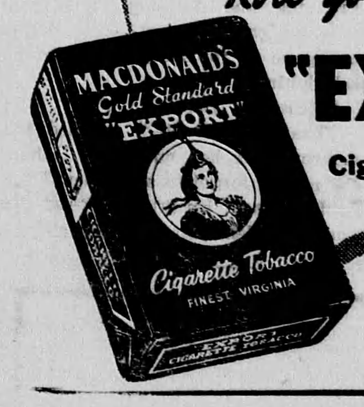

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Governor

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11 Worries
12 Oleum (ab.)
13 Disrobed
15 Competent
16 Drag
18 Dread
19 Pastry
20 Swamp
22 Theatrical sign (ab.)
23 Whirlwind
24 Father
25 Upward
27 Epistle (ab.)
28 Czars
30 Erects
32 Seine
33 Obtained
34 Pursuit
36 Foe
39 Sun god
40 Senior (ab.)
41 Bone
42 Id est (ab.)
43 Employ
45 Abrupt
50 Feminine undergarment
51 Ado
53 English street car
54 Rip
55 Wading bird
57 Part of "be"
58 Pulls
59 He is governor of — —

VERTICAL

1 Hydrophobia
2 Shield bearing
3 Honey maker
4 Electrical term
5 Trip
6 Palm leaf
7 Pound (ab.)
8 Dolt
9 Native metals
10 More precious
11 Winning of all tricks at cards
14 Lets fall
16 Italian river
17 Left side (ab.)
20 Conquers
21 He is also a —
24 Iron
26 Spanish-American laborers
29 Collection of sayings
31 Consumed
34 Squeeze
35 Hurry
37 Optical phenomenon
38 12 months (pl.)
44 Ireland
46 Note in Guido's scale
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58 Deadhead (ab.)

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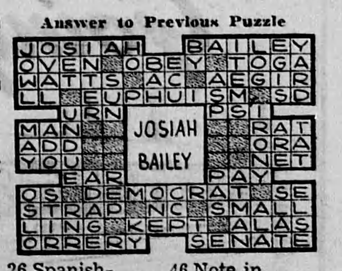

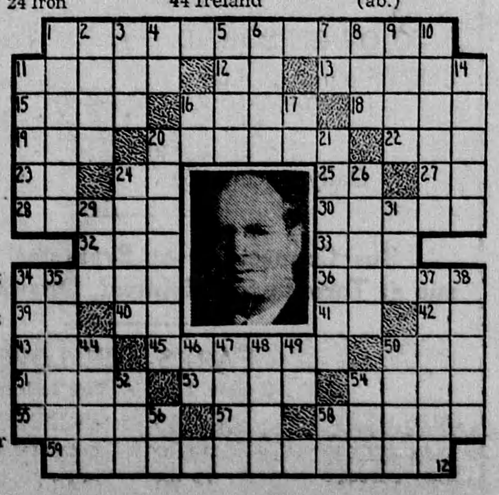

LITTLE REGGIE

By Margarita