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HALLOWEEN

When she threw her apple-pieing just made out "Aight slick." Which is my name, with a bit of a bairn's in her quick. An' she turned all red an' smilin', an' she sort of caught her breath, an' I didn't help it to stop till I thought she'd gone to death. All the games was played an' over, an' the folks began to dance. When they got all done up, an' them, I had to get my scissors out. An' I did not stop for manners—I just held her mighty tight. An' I say, with a preen: "I shall see you again to night." Then I had to step outdoors a spell, "Frae an' room to stand." For she may be no other person than to fit of spirit in her looks. Then the way it set me feelin':—why, I knew as clear as light; that w' whole earth was created just for this particular night.

There was a big black barrel, up-a-ton of Heartbreak Hill. An' a little wind a whistlin' in it like kind of still. An' the leaves on the' ornamentals were flyin' about, an' were keep shillin' an' rustlin' by the folks we can't see past'. For the air is full of sighs, joy, or sorrow, all kinds. An' the notion's they a-brown' make the tinglin' spic smells. But th' whole world's mother could never see such a chance. As will be workin' order when I take her on my arm. An' we start off, hand together; it's like a shadow in my mind. An' th' thing I'm goin' to ask her, when we've left the crowd behind. An' it's Hallowe'en that's spooked me up so much.

Things has cleared up most amazin' since that parin' made an A."

—Linz G. Thompson

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

There seems to be a large amount of ignorance as to what the law regarding cruelty to horses and other animals is, and this letter is sent out in the hope that a better understanding of that law may result and court proceedings prevented. We believe that every man who handles horses using them for his own purpose, knows when he is treating them properly, or in any wrong manner, no matter whether he has seen, or not, the law. The Criminal Code, section 512: "Every one is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, or to three months' imprisonment with or without hard labor, or both, who (a) wantonly, cruelly or unmercifully beats, binds, ill-treats, abuses, overdrives or overuses any cattle, poultry, dog, domestic animal or bird, or wild animal or bird in a state of captivity; or (b) while driving any cattle or other animal, is by negligence or carelessness in the driving, or in the use of any whip, stick, staff, damage or injury is done by any such cattle or other animal; or (c) in any manner encourages, aids or assists at the fighting or baiting of any bull, bear, badger, dog, cock, or other kind of animal, whether of domestic or wild nature." R. S. O., chapter 172, s. 2.

It is passing strange that many a man, good in many ways, is often exceedingly cruel when the care of his animal is concerned. Not long ago I visited a man who was reported to be very cruel to his horses, working them to the bone, beating them on their shoulders. He said to me, "What am I to do when the rush comes on?" If that man had such scars on his shoulders, or on any portion of his body, what would he do? Lay off, of course. Such a man must know, and if he does not know he must be taught that, when he works an animal in such condition, he is breaking the law of the land and the higher moral obligations which govern even man's relation to the dumb part of creation.

It must be understood that, while the Ontario Humane Society is doing a large amount of educational work, there is not enough work, first of all, for the welfare of dumb animals within the city of Toronto, no report of any cruelty received from any portion of the province will be allowed to lie uninvestigated, if it is at all possible to make that investigation. We desire to be friends with all men, but the man who is cruel, who cannot be reached by advice or warning, will find that there is the power of the law for the protection of these animals.