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A GIRL'S JOY

I'm glad I am a little girl.
And have the afternoon for play;
I spend it always at work all day.
And if I were an elephant
Afraid to keep awake all night;
And if I were an elephant,
How could I learn to be polite?
And if I were a Jersey calf
I might forget my name and age;
And if I were a hen,
I couldn't road the children's page.
Myakeak. When I begin to sound
It makes my head go all swirl;
There are so many reasons why
I'm glad I am a little girl.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 17, 1903

Pleasant for some, for sleeping.

Mrs. Clara E. Humberstone, of Newmarket, gave an interesting address on "Wireless Telegraphy in Comparison with Previous Systems of the Human Body," at the Ipswich League on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Howes, who has been a most successful member of the teaching staff of the Methodist Sunday School for several years, has resigned.

At the annual meeting of the Methodist Sunday School last Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, E. F. Moore; Associate Superintendent, J. S. Coleman and A. E. Nicoll; Secretary, W. H. Speight; Assistant Secretary, J. C. Alexander; Treasurer, Lloyd A. Smith; Librarian, James Coleman; E. F. Gamble and L. Williams; Home Department Superintendent, Miss M. E. Long; Associate Superintendent, Mrs. Anna Lewis and Miss Perryman; Ushers, L. Williams and Geo. Locker, Miss Mason and Mrs. Rice; Organist, Miss Jessie Stevenson; Leader of Orchestra, J. C. Hill.

DIED

MOORE—At Toronto, on Wednesday, December 9, 1903, Dorothy Anna Lewis, wife of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. H. and Nelle Moore, aged 1 year, 5 months and 11 days.

ARTHUR—In Enniskillen, on Wednesday, December 16, 1903, Margery Mann, widow of the late Joseph Arthur, aged 62 years.

CONCERNING FIELD ROOT VARIETIES

Now that the season is past for the harvesting of our field root crops a consideration of what the harvest has brought in should be profitable. At the Central Experimental Farm we have for the past few years been considering not only the total yield of green weight obtained but the quality of the crop and the gateness of the variety as well. The consideration of gateness is what we wish to consider briefly at the present time.

In our attempts to classify field root varieties we have met with some very peculiar mixtures that were sold under special, some with fancy, variety names. These mixtures were usually a package of seed supposed to be of a Yellow Intermediate variety, but which produced at least one half small round roots. This was the case with a variety which grew up in a tangled mass of Chard. In both of these cases the mixtures were obviously due to the method of marketing of varieties in some warehouses due to carelessness on the part of those handling the seed. Whatever the cause of the mixing the fact remains that a farmer buying such seed would get a considerable loss and it would seem only fair that there should be some means by which growers who receive such seed, could get compensation for the loss sustained because of receiving the wrong seed.

A much more general condition than the one previously mentioned is the occurrence of off types in some, or perhaps all, of the seed. Such a mixture is from the standpoint of yield of the resulting crop is dependent on the character of the type individuals making up the mixture. If one type, or color only, does not mean a reduction in yield, but plants of shape very frequently do. A single example will serve to illustrate this point. In the field root crop grown at the Central Experimental Farm this summer there occurred about thirty per cent. of off shapes and sizes. There had, surely, types and the off types were well represented. The decrease in yield due to the off types figured on an acre basis, amounted to a little over five tons. This is a rather startling figure, especially to soil and climatic conditions, as for example the Globe or Taggart types of mangels for shallow soils, the Half Round or Long types for deep, loose open soils, etc. The presence of types not suited to the soil type in which they are grown, in a variety suited to the soil in question will almost always result in appreciable loss due to decreased yield.

We may have, however, a lot of facts true to variety name and type, and yet very varied because of the seed from which they grew. In common with animals a poor start very often means an ultimate development much below normal. It was, therefore, sentential therefore to have vigor of germination as well as purity of the resulting crop, if we are to obtain maximum yield.

What we wish to emphasize is that some root seed sold to the farmers of Canada at the present time is a disgrace to the grain trade and a serious loss to the growing interests due to the fact that it is weak and fails to buy it. We wish at the same time to call attention to the fact that there is reasonably good root seed available in both seed and root form. Some way of regulating our root seed trade so that all of our seedmen would sell only good seed would seem to be in order. G. F. Morris, Dominion Agronomist.

A LITTLE TOO MUCH OF "THAT"

There is one word in the English language which can appear six times consecutively in a sentence and make complete sense, but which, when put on the blackboard, "The man that does wrong." The teacher objected to the word "that," so the word "who" was substituted. And yet it failed to meet the test. The teacher then said that that "that" that that teacher objected to was right after all.

LET THEM CUT LABELS

The next rainy day, when the children are staying at home, it is time to do the task of cutting the labels of peaches, pears, apples and other fruits or vegetables from catalogues. Save these pictures to paste on your fruit trees. They may be identified in a dark closet, more readily than the ordinary printed labels.

Always Ready and Reliable—Practically all pains arising from inflammation can be removed with Dr. Thomas' Electroic Oil. Simply rub it on the sore spot and it is quickly absorbed by the skin. Its healing properties are due to the fact that tissue which is quickly soothed. This fine old remedy is also a specific for all manner of cuts, scratches, bruises and sprains. Keep a bottle handy at hand.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

WORLD-WIDE MISSION—Acts 1: 4 to 28; 21; Rom. 16: 18-21; Eph. 2: 2-9.

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