The Acton Free Press

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THE FEW

The easy roads are crowded,
And the level roads are jammed;
And the pleasant rivers
With the drifting folks are crammed,
But off yonder where it's rocky,
Where you get a better view,
You will find the ranks are thinning
And the travellers are few.

Where the going's smooth and pleasant,
You will always find the throng,
For the many, more's the pity,
Seem to like to drift along.
But the steps that call for courage,
And the task that's hard to do!
In the end results in glory
For the ever-wavering few.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 17, 1904.

March winds do blow boisterously these days.

Several cars of hard coal have come in the past week.

Most of the employees of Acton Tanning Co. have gone on full time again.

As ye sow, so shall ye reap—sow your spring advertisements in THE FREE PRESS.

King Edward Rink has closed for the season, after a very lively ten weeks' business.

A small room in the rear has been added to the bar at the Clark House, and a reading room is being opened in front.

The sidings at the G. T. R. depot are all cleared and in working order again; the first time for a number of weeks.

The W. C. T. U. are sending a letter, signed by all the members, to Mr. D. Henderson, M. P., requesting him to support the bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

Miss Maggie Smith has received from the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville a beautiful graduation diploma, and a certificate of the completion of her practical course.

The boiler and pumping outfit of the G. T. R., at the foot of Bower Avenue, have been re-arranged. Several feet of the old building adjacent to the track have been cut off to permit of the north switch being extended toward the stone culvert.

The past winter has been a serious one in the matter of getting in bark and hides at the tanneries. At this date Beardmore & Co. usually have 5,000 or 6,000 cords of hemlock bark. This year not more than 500 cords have come in yet.

At the meeting of the Young People's Guild of Knox Church on Monday evening there was a very interesting debate. The subject: "Resolved that McKay, of Formosa, was a greater missionary than Paton, of New Hebrides." Miss Minnie R. Holmes and Mr. J. R. Kennedy had charge of the affirmative, and Miss Susie Sinclair, owing to the absence of her colleague, Miss Tina McQueen, was responsible for the entire support of Dr. Paton. The judges, Miss Jessie McKinnon, Messrs. F. J. Mutrie and Andrew Arthurs, decided in favor of the affirmative. Miss Maggie Smith, late of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, rendered in the graceful sign language, "Nearer My God to Thee."

A party of half a hundred drove down to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stalker, of the third line, Esquesing, on Friday evening, and spent a most enjoyable time at this hospitable home.

BORN

MacDONALD—In Acton, on Tuesday, March 8, 1904, to Dr. and Mrs. MacDonald, a son.

DIED

HARDING—In Acton, on Tuesday, March 11, 1904, Minnie, eldest daughter of Thomas H. Harding, aged 21 years.

TRIFLES

For a moment Ada Lamberton's flying fingers paused, and she turned a laughing face over her shoulder.

"Grim, how do you spell 'receipt,' ie or ei?" she asked.

There was no answering laughter in Hetty Grimshaw's eyes; instead there was an expression of worry and anxiety.

"Please look it up yourself, Ada. You'll never remember if I tell you. You've asked me half a dozen times already."

"But why look it up when you are here to ask? It would take me several minutes, and then I shouldn't remember any better than before. I'm afraid you don't know the very first principles of efficiency, Grim dear."

"I know that one of them is thoroughness," Hetty replied quickly. "Suppose I weren't here some day?"

"Then I suppose I'd have to go to the dictionary," Ada laughed. "But I can't see what the difference is except time, and that's in favor of my method. Ie, did you say?"

"Ei," Hetty replied. "Oh, can't you remember, please?"

"Don't take it to heart so," said Ada lightly. "I don't see but what I get along as well as the average, even if I'm not a dictionary."

"But sometime something will happen," said Hetty.

"You watch me!" Ada returned, with gay confidence.

Two weeks later the "something" happened. Mr. Tompkins called Ada into the office and told her that the firm had decided to dispense with her services. Ada stared at him incredulously. Up to that time, as it had happened, she had always been the one to make the change, not her employers. She did not say exactly that, but she implied it.

Mr. Tompkins eyed her keenly.

"I'm not surprised. You make a good appearance—bright and pleasant and businesslike. The trouble is, you don't measure up to your show window. For example, eleven times in the past week I've happened to hear you ask Miss Grimshaw something that you ought to have known yourself—how to spell some word, or what state some city was in, or the meaning of some term that you should have learned by your third day here. Each time that you did that you delay Miss Grimshaw's work, and her work is valuable.

"Then you don't take care of your typewriter. We had to call a man up for your machine in ten days, although it was in perfect order when you came. He said that the trouble was carelessness. More expense for us. Three times you've blundered in filing, and once it took Mr. Case an hour to hunt up the contract you had misplaced. Mr. Case's time is valuable. Those things probably seem trifles to you, but it is just such trifles that count for profit or loss in the end. That is all, Miss Lamberton—except that I wish you better success because of better work in your next place."

And the interview was over.

HE ALWAYS HAD

The "sporting" son of wealthy parents was offered a job by an old friend of his father.

"How much will you pay me?" he asked.

"All you are worth," said the friend.

To which he replied with businesslike brevity:

"No, thank you. I can do better than that."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1924

WHAT ISRAEL ACHIEVED UNDER DAVID—2 Sam. 5: 1-12.

Golden Text—I delight to do Thy will O my God—Psa. 40: 8.

The Text Explained

Verse 1—Then came all the tribes—Probably no long interval elapsed between the death Ish-bosheth and the election of David. Saul and Jonathan, Abner and Ish-bosheth were dead. No one remained of the house of. Saul capable of taking the lead; and David was already the ruler over a large portion of Israel. The Philistine and perhaps the remnants of the Canaanites were restless and threatening. Safety demanded that the nation should unite under the sovereignty of the valiant son of Jesse.

Verse 2—The anointed David King—The book of Chronicles contains further interesting details about this assembly at Hebron (1 Chron. 12: 23-40.) The numbers of fighting men sent by each tribe are preserved, amounting to a total of nearly 350,000. Stress is laid on the unanimity of feeling, and the general rejoicing, with which David's anointing was celebrated in a three days' festival."—Kirkpatrick.

Verse 6.—Jerusalem—"Political, civil and military considerations pointed to Jerusalem as the most suitable capital for the united kingdom. (a) Its position within the territory of Benjamin yet close upon the leaders of Judah (or, as some think, partly in one tribe, partly in the other) was excellently adapted for blending together the two royal tribes, and conciliating the good will of Benjamin without alienating Judah. (b) Its situation was virtually central, not only with regard to these two great tribes, but for the whole land. It was on the ridge of the backbone of hills, which extend through the whole country from the desert to the plain of Eddraelon. Every traveller who has trod the central route of Palestine from north to south, must have passed through the table-land of Jerusalem.' (c) As a military post it was unrivalled. It stood on a rocky plateau surrounded on three sides by deep ravines, forming a natural fortress of almost impregnable strength."—Cambridge Bible.

Verse 11—Hiram King of Tyre—"Hiram I, the friend and contemporary of Solomon, whose reign is given by ancient and modern authorities as 968-935 B. C. . . The ambassadors of Hiram were no doubt those usually sent with friendly greetings at the beginning of a new reign. By them, we may suppose, David sent a request for materials for his palace and for the necessary craftsmen."—Kennedy.

Lesson Themes

For some reason it is difficult to realize that David was a man of action rather than of reflection. This no doubt arises from the impression made by his life as a shepherd and minstrel. But he was also an athlete and man of physical valor, as Goliath realized to his sorrow. He was a warrior and statesman and as a military and national leader he made his great achievements. The chief of these may be noted as follows:

The Subjugation of Canaan—The occupation of the Land of Promise was stoutly disputed by its inhabitants at every point. The rural regions were settled first, the subjugation of the walled cities and fortresses came later. The most formidable and because of its position the most important was Jebus. It was in a very strategic position in the heart of the land. This great stronghold was taken by David and was thereafter known as Jerusalem, the city of David.

The Unification of the Nation—The next step was to unify the nation which still had to contend with its tribal differences and jealousies. This was accomplished in part by the selection of Jerusalem as the new capital city. Gibeah, where Saul reigned, and Hebron, the first capital of David, were tribal cities. Jeru[illegible] was on neutral ground and [illegible] geographically to be the [illegible] whole nation. The capit[illegible] ment of Jerusalem [illegible] centre affected favorab[illegible] surrounding nations, as show[illegible] the friendship of Hiram, King of Tyre.

The Development of Resources—This unification of the nation made possible a better development of its resources. It made possible a better organization of the national life, which, as already mentioned, was weakened by tribal jealousies. It is declared (2 Sam. 8: 15) that "David reigned over all Israel." Blaikie, commenting on this verse, observes: "The first thing pointed out to us here is the catholicity of his kingly government, embracing all of Israel, all people. He did not bestow his attention on one favored section of the people, to the neglect or careless oversight of the rest. He did not, for example, seek the prosperity of his own tribe, Judah, to the neglect of the other eleven. In a word, there was no favoritism in his reign."

The Preparations for the Temple—In keeping with his policy of the political unification by change of capital David sought the religious solidarity of the nation by preparing for the building of the temple, thus making Jerusalem the religious centre of the nation. These preparations were on a magnificent scale and embraced the gathering of a great fund of money and the assembling of rare and costly building material. Thus, the nation became one in its religious hopes and aspirations.

The Use of the Psalter—There are 173 psalms which are inscribed "to David." It is uncertain whether all of these are from his hand. Some psalms are unquestionably those of David, but his chief service to the Jewish psalter was the emphasis placed upon its use in the service of the great temple for whose construction he had labored with such ease. In the temple worship the psalms expressed the profound aspirations and prayers of the Jewish people and thus strengthened the religious bond which made a unit of the Hebrew people. Fully recognizing the diverse authorship of the Psalms, still David is justly regarded as "the father of Jewish psalmody." The prominence given to these religious lyrics in the life of the people was David's most important contribution to the cause of religion.

For Study and Discussion

What effect did the establishment of the capital at Jerusalem have on the political life of the nation? How did David's preparation for the temple affect the religious life of Israel? What important contribution did he make to the temple worship? How many psalms are inscribed "of David?" Sum up the four great achievements of David's reign.

Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday, March 17—2 Chron. 1: 7-12.
Tuesday, March 18—1 Kings 11: 6-11.
Wednesday, March 19—1 Kings 3: 4-15.
Thursday, March 20—1 Kings 8: 54-66.
Friday, March 21—Prov. 4: 11-9.
Saturday, March 22—Eccl. 12: 1-10.
Sunday, March 23—Psalm 46: 1-7.

CLOSE QUARTERS

The following extract from a letter of thanks is cherished by its recipient:

"The beautiful clock you sent us came in perfect condition, and is now in the parlor, on top of the bookshelves, where we hope to see you soon, and your husband, also, if he can make it convenient.

THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE

Mr. Bascomb had been "down below" for more than a fortnight, and on his return he evinced a disposition to regard his old friends in Bushby with a certain condescension which was hard to bear. Nevertheless, when he invited Mr. Lapham, Sam and Pete Hobbs, and Captain Simonds and his son to spend an evening before his fire and "have some talk," the men all accepted his invitation promptly.

"I tell you," Mr. Bascomb said, when the group had assembled and assumed comfortable attributes, "I thought of you five fellows up here when that snow came last week, and—"

"I reckon you did," said Mr. Lapham, heartily. "Here we had it while and pure, same as always, an' so it stayed. We thought of you considerable down there, where they say the soot an' cinders get in their work, while the flakes are still in the air. We knew, brought up in the country as you've been, how you'd feel to see such work."

"Down there, soon as it's stopped snowing, out comes the street force," said Mr. Lapham, in a louder tone; "a gang o' men with shovels an'—"

"Pore critters!" broke in Pete Hobbs. "All furrin, an' dirty as they can be! I've heard tell of 'em some, and deep'rate characters they are, too; still maybe a good deal of it's only talk. I know jest how you felt, though. Mad's you wish t' you could be right up here in your old home an' take hold of the work yourself, same as always before since you were well-growed—I know."

"The very night after it stopped snowing we walked down much as half a mile to hear a concert," said Mr. Bascomb, with a gleam of exasperation in his eyes, "walked right on the bricks—"

"I know—I know," said Captain Simonds, in a tone of commiseration. "An' whilst you were treading those damp an' slushy crossings you thought of us in our good old pungs jingling down to the post office, and then back again up street to Lyceum Hall to hear the Ringers. They were prime, now I tell ye. Played 'Home, Sweet Home' so it choked us right up; wa'n't a dry handkerchief in the hall when 'twas over. An' when it came to 'Annie Laurie' there were some that snivled right out. We knew how you felt to be missing that."

"One day," said Mr. Bascomb, with a determined glare at his fellow townsmen, "we went down to the State House, and—"

"I bet you that was hard," chuckled Sam Hobbs. "You take it where you are some account in your native place, an' know that whilst you're gone the matter of who's going to be on the school board will be all throshed out, which you'd have a good deal to say about if you was there, an' you meanwhile having to listen to a lot of city talk that's jest like Bushy-Prunkhan to you—that it a time like that an' it goes against the grain, someway."

"If you fellows had been with me the day we went to the Zoo," said Mr. Bascomb, with the air of one who makes a final charge, "and had seen those animals—"

"We sent you the paper telling all about that queer lop-eared beast that Fred Simonds got sight of," interrupted Pete Hobbs, briskly. "I mistrust you never got the paper; they way mails get all mixed up so down below. We know if you'd really took it in, you would have hiked it right home to hear Fred tell his yarn. Supposing you start in now, Fred? May never be a better time."

"I tell you we had to use prompt measures," said Captain Simonds, as the five men closed into a group when they had gone a safe distance from the Bascomb house late that evening. "If we'd 'a' given Si half an inch, he'd 'a' took a mile, an' 'twould 've been all up with us. As 'tis I reckon we've got him tied down pretty well, an' by another week we can unhitch his tether an' he'll run in Bushby traces well as ever. Don't ye agree with me, boys?"

And the "boys" did agree with him at once and fully.

A MOVABLE DRAINBOARD

In kitchens without running water it is sometimes a problem to dispose of dishwater after every meal, without having to carry several heavy dishpanfuls out to some outdoor drain. A woman who was anxious to make her kitchen more convenient, solved the question by getting her husband to make her a movable drainboard with a hinged support at the lower end. This drainboard had a band about three inches high running around three sides to prevent water from being spilled about the kitchen. It hung by a large hook on the kitchen wall when not in use. When it was time to do the dishes this housekeeper set up the drainboard with one end on the table, the other end resting on the hinged leg, the whole sloping toward a small tin coffee drum which received the water. When the dishwashing was over, the water was removed in one trip out of the kitchen, instead of the numerous journeys formerly required, and the drainboard was hung on the wall again.

Asthma No Longer Dreaded—The dread of renewed attacks from asthma has no hold upon those who have learned to rely upon Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. So safe do they feel that complete reliance is placed on this true specific with the certainty that it will always do all that its makers claim. If you have not yet learned how safe you are with this preparation at hand, get it to-day and know for yourself.

THE UNLUCKY NUMBER

The judge, who is also a philanthropist in a small but practical way, was visiting the cells in a prison, talking sympathetically with the prisoners, some of whom he had sentenced. His efforts were generally well received, but one man was quite unmoved by his friendliness. He returned curt replies and resolutely refused to expand.

"I'm no criminal," he said, at last. "I'm only a victim."

"A victim of what?" the judge inquired, with friendly interest.

"A victim of the number thirteen—that's what I am."

"A victim of the number thirteen!"

"Yes—a judge and twelve jurymen."

FOR FATHER

The four-year-old customer came up to the notion counter with brazen confidence. "Please ma'am," he asked, "can I have a pipe for father?" But the storekeeper, says a writer in Punch, was experienced in such doublings.

"What does father want it for?" she asked.

"Blowing soap-bubbles," said the customer, promptly.

DR. THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL

A SURE, SAFE AND SIMPLE REMEDY FOR ALL THE COMMON AILMENTS OF MAN AND BEAST. SHOULD ALWAYS BE KEPT ON HAND AS A CONFIDENCE INSPIRER AND FOR USE WHEN DELAY CANNOT BE FOUND OF A HOTELL TO-DAY AND GAVE IT READY FOR THE TIME WHEN YOU WILL NEED IT.

CLAIM TO A TITLE

The slang phrase, "a good mixer," has a peculiar meaning when applied to a man. It seems never to have been used as a descriptive of women. But why not? Some women might wear the title with distinction, although in a little different sense. For generations women have been engaged in "mixing" reluctant elements. Flour and butter in their hands have combined into flaky biscuits; and uncongenial cousins have made up an agreeable family party.

A woman at the head of a large household has need to be a good mixer. She may have three generations under her roof and dependent upon her care. With the children she must be as a child; with the grandmother she must see the wisdom of age, even beneath its feebleness; for the wilful son she must mingle ready sympathy and firm control.

Woman's service in village or church is often that of welding together obstinate and diverse elements. For her there must be no Liberals or Conservatives, no Methodists or Catholics, when she has in hand some measure for the common good.

The shade-trees in a certain village are a growing memorial to a woman who got the Baptists and the Congregationalists together and set them in pairs to digging the same holes, instead of working on opposite sides of the street. She was a good mixer herself, and like all of that brotherhood, she was the cause that good mixing should be in others.

In this world of strifes and misunderstandings and petty frictions, the rarest and dearest of her sex is the woman who goes on her way—a smile on her lips and a gently persuasive spoon in hand—measuring and mingling contrary tastes and dispositions and ambitions, and adding to the combination that subtle one-knows-not-what of personality which is the crowning grace of a good mixer.

BIG SUMS FOR ROADS

The Legislature of Alberta has approved borrowing $3,500,000 for the development and improvement of highways and roads in the Province.

Hon. Alex. Ross, Minister of Public Works, for Alberta, during the course of the discussion, explained that this amount, which is to be borrowed on fifteen-year debentures to be retired by a diversion of the automobile license revenue, will be spent over the next five years on approximately 2,500 miles of main highways, of which 1,975 miles are already built.

Hon. Mr. Ross said it was the intention of the Government to apply to the Dominion for an extension of the Federal Highways Grant and that the plan of the Department in the new programme was to earn the entire $1,500,000 for qualified main highways, within the five-year period.

Worms sap the strength and undermine the vitality of children. Strengthen them by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator to drive out the parasites.

HOW I SOLD HYACINTHS

Hyacinth bulbs that I bought in the fall I sold in blossom at Easter time at 100 per cent. profit. The local florist readily paid me 50 cents each for the potted plants.

Grocers, bakers, confectioners, and other merchants are usually glad to handle these plants at Easter time, often without any commission if the owner agrees to take back unsold plants. The flowers make good trade attractors.

The right kind of an advertisement in the local paper will bring customers even when the flowers cannot be displayed where the crowd passes. The supply of moderate-priced blossoms at Easter time is seldom equal to the demand, especially in the smaller towns.

I purchased the bulbs from a large seed house in the city, choosing the choice, imported, "exhibition size" retailing at 20 cents each. I planted them in five-inch pots, one bulb in each, in rich, dark soil, with which a small amount of sand and leaf mold had been carefully mixed. The pots cost five cents each.

As I wanted the hyacinths to bloom at Easter time, I had to keep them back, so I buried them, pot and all, deep in sand in a corner of the cellar. About six weeks before Easter I took them from the sand. When the buds began to swell I led them to open at the time I desired by giving them plenty of sunshine to urge them forward if slow, or placing them in a subdued light when they came on too fast. As near a uniform temperature as possible was maintained. The flowering bunches were extra large in size, and some of the bulbs produced four clusters.

MY TOWN AND I

My town is where my home is founded, where my business is situated, where my vote is cast, where my children are educated, where my neighbors are and where my life is chiefly lived.

It is the home spot for me.

My town has a right to my civic loyalty. It supports me, and I must support it.

My town wants my citizenship—not partisanship; friendly, not offishness—not criticism; my intelligent support—not indifference.

My town supplies me with law and creation, and the rights of a free-born citizen. I should believe in my town and work for it.

And I will.

To the man who is disposed to criticise Acton this is of special importance.

For one to be governed by the above is to be a good citizen.

A Prime Dressing for Wounds—In some factories and workshops carbolic acid is kept for use in cauterizing wounds and cuts sustained by the workmen. Far better to keep on hand a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. It is just as quick in action and does not scar the skin or burn the flesh.

UNCLE MOSE'S CONGRATULATIONS

A young planter in Mississippi had an old servant called Uncle Mose, who had cared for him as a child and whose devotion had never waned. The young man became engaged to a girl of the neighborhood who had a reputation for unusual beauty and also for a very violent temper. Nothing that Uncle Mose never mentioned his approaching marriage, the planter said:

"Mose, you know I am going to marry Miss Currier?"

"Yussuh, I knows it."

"I haven't heard you say anything about it," persisted the planter.

"No, suh," said Mose. "'Tain't fo' me to say nothin' 'bout it. I'm got nothin' to say."

"But you must have some opinion about so important a step on my part."

"Well, suh," said the old negro with some hesitation, "yo' knows one thing—the most pleasant snakes has got the most prettiest skins."

DOUGLAS EGYPTIAN LINIMENT

STOPS BLEEDING AT ONCE. PREVENTS BLOOD POISONING. REMOVES ALL INFLAMMATION

THE HONOR SOCIETY

In the early part of their sophomore year at the provincial university a hint was given to Paul Burton and his cousin Richard that if their standings were sufficiently high they were likely to be elected to membership in the Tau Beta Pi fraternity at the beginning of the next semester. Both boys were delighted at the thought of becoming brothers in this society, the honorary fraternity of engineerings students.

Paul's widowed mother, who had left her home in another part of the province to keep house for the boys, suddenly became ill during the hardest part of the term work. As often happens in small university towns, it was impossible to secure the services of a maid in so modest a private family, and a trained nurse seemed a financial impossibility to Mrs. Burton, whose slender income was being stretched to the utmost to cover her son's college expenses.

"She isn't in a serious condition," the doctor said. "She is just tired, and a good rest will soon make her well."

"If that's all she needs she shall have it," answered Paul. "Dick and I can run the house for a while, can't we?"

"Of course we can," was his cousin's hearty response. And it was with real enthusiasm that he helped Paul prepare the first few meals after Mrs. Burton was obliged to resign from the household duties. Soon Richard began to lose interest in domestic affairs, and Paul found himself chief cook, head nurse and college student all in one.

"Paul," said his mother one morning, when he ran home between recitations to see if she needed any attention, "I never saw such a boy—you do everything. I don't understand, dear, how you can keep up with your classes." There was a note of anxiety in her voice.

"Oh, I find plenty of time to grind," he answered, so brightly that she did not suspect that he found his time in the small hours of the night, when frequently he was so tired that the page before him was but a blurred puzzle.

The first afternoon that Mrs. Burton was able to be dressed Dick burst into the house with a joyous shout.

"Mighty glad to see you up, aunty," he said, and then, giving Paul a knowing nod, added, "It's quite a red-letter day in more ways than one."

"What did he mean?" asked Mrs. Burton, as Richard left the room.

"He meant he was glad of your recover." Paul turned away from his mother's searching gaze.

"Yes, but he meant something more. Has he been made a member of the Tau Beta Pi?"

"Yes," replied Paul, in a choking voice.

"And you fell behind in your work and didn't make the fraternity," continued his mother, with unerring instinct. "O my boy, has my sickness cost you such a sacrifice?"

"It wasn't a sacrifice, mother," he said, bravely; but two big tears dropped on the hand his mother had laid in his.

"Yes, it was a sacrifice, Paul." She put her arms around his neck and drew his face down to hers. He kissed her wet cheek and said, in a merry but tender way, "Why, mother, one mater is worth any number of fraters to me!"

"You and I, Paul," she looked at him proudly, "will form another chapter of that ancient honor society, Mater et Fillus."

Muscular Rheumatism Subdued—When one is a sufferer from muscular rheumatism he cannot do better than to have the region rubbed with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Let the rubbing be brisk and continue until ease is secured. There is more virtue in a bottle of it than can be fully estimated.

DAIRYING MOST PROSPEROUS

D'Arcy Scott, General Counsel of the National Dairy Council, returned recently from Western Canada where he attended several dairy conventions. In an interview Mr. Scott said that the dairy industry is the most prosperous branch of agriculture on the Canadian prairies at present. "I never before experienced such a strong movement in favor of mixed farming and dairying as exists at the present time in the Prairie Provinces. Dairying is making very substantial developments. The annual increase in butter production was about 20 per cent. last year. The demand for more and yet more dairy cows is quite strong. The dairy cow will be the salvation of Western Canada," said Mr. Scott.

There is nothing repulsive in Miller's Worm Powders, and they are as pleasant to take as sugar, so that few children will refuse them. In some cases they cause vomiting through their action in an unsound stomach, but this is only a manifestation of their cleansing power, no indication that they are hurtful. They can be thoroughly depended upon to clear worms from the system.

DOES A GARDEN PAY?

I am not sure whether our garden pays its way or not. It takes a lot of hard work to plow it and get out the stuff; and then it's plant and hoe, plant and hoe! Gosh, but my back gets tired at it. Sometimes I think we could get along without a garden by buying a little green stuff off the market occasionally.

I have been keeping tab on this gardening business. Last spring I put in two whole days with team hauling manure, plowin, harrowing, and listing. That was ten dollars! I put in two more days helping wife plant things. That was six dollars! Seeds cost eight dollars, and counting the time I helped hoe and work it through the summer would amount to twenty dollars!

Of course, we had all the fresh vegetables we wanted on the table, and sold about forty dollars' worth. We put up 450 quarts of corn, beans, peas, tomatoes, and all kind of junk. We made 30 gallons of kraut, had 150 pounds of soup beans. Had plenty of kale, cabbage, and turnips to feed our chickens through the winter, but it cost pretty heavy. Our garden may pay—I dunno, I dunno!—M. W.

Hard and soft corns both yield to Holloway's Corn Remover, which is entirely safe to use, and certain and satisfactory in its action.

TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES

A small amount of grated orange rind is a pleasant addition when scattered over the top of a white iced cake.

A good floor stain that goes right into the wood and is very durable is made of linseed oil, colored with ground burnt umber. Rub thoroughly into the board with a flannel pad and next day polish with beeswax and turpentine.

Candle ends, when too small for further lighting purposes, should be placed in a jar and melted down, then mixed with sufficient turpentine to make a soft cream and used for polishing linoleum and stained floors.

The rattling of coal being shovelled into a furnace is always a source of annoyance to a person who is seriously ill. To prevent this, get a number of large paper bags, fill them with coal, using a small shovel and pile them on the cellar floor. When the furnace needs replenishing, lay one of more bags on the fire, and as the bag burns, the coal will fall gently into place without noise.

What Does This Trade Mark Mean?

You will see this shield-shape trade mark in hardware stores everywhere. You won't see it on cheap, inferior goods. It goes only on household utensils of the highest quality, yet selling at moderate prices, because of the tremendous quantities sold each year.

Choose cooking and baking utensils that carry this trade mark. Choose SMP Enameled Ware, with its very hard, smooth surface. Heats faster, cleans easier, imparts no metallic flavor, causes no dangerous acid re-actions. Ask for

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Three finishes: Pearl Ware, two coats of pearly-grey enamel inside and out. Diamond Ware, three coats, light blue and white outside, white lining. Crystal Ware, three coats, pure white inside and out, with Royal Blue edging.

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No. 33	2.29 p.m.
No. 35	5.09 p.m.
No. 39	8.39 p.m.
No. 25 Sunday	10.20 a.m.

Going East

No. 26	7.08 a.m.
No. 30	11.18 a.m.
No. 34	3.35 p.m.
No. 36	6.17 p.m.
No. 38	8.13 p.m.
No. 24 Sunday	7.08 p.m.

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Westbound

No. 53	8.40 a.m.
No. 55	11.40 a.m.
No. 57	2.40 p.m.
No. 61	5.40 p.m.
No. 65	8.00 p.m.
No. 69	11.40 p.m.

Eastbound

No. 54	7.42 a.m.
No. 56	10.42 a.m.
No. 58	1.42 p.m.
No. 62	4.42 p.m.
No. 66	7.42 p.m.
No. 70	10.42 p.m.

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No. 55	11.40 a.m.
No. 59	3.40 p.m.
No. 63	6.40 p.m.
No. 67	9.40 p.m.

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