The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1926

A QUEER LITTLE CRADLE

There's a queer little cradle on each little flower,
Where the wee baby seeds are sleeping;
Though so small, they are growing hour by hour,
And the nurse-flower watch is keeping.

All around and about are the stamen trees,
Where the gold pollen cakes are growing,
And the birds and the butterflies shake these trees,
And the seed babies think that it is snowing.

But the snow in Flower Land is yellow snow,
And the wee seed baby loves it;
And it eats and eats, and this makes it grow,
While the nurse-flower smiles above it.

—Silver Cross.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 22, 1906

Henderson & Co's millinery opening next week.

About eight inches of snow fell on Monday and Tuesday.

There has been passable sleighing the last two days. Scores of loads of wood, logs and timber have come in on sleighs.

Mr. Peter McDonald, who recently sold his farm to his brother, Alexander, of Nassagaweya, has purchased the vacant lot on Park Ave., belonging to Mr. James Logie. He intends erecting a fine residence the coming summer.

R. J. Mosher has discontinued the operation of the chopping mill on Mill Street, and will remove shortly to the Northwest.

Messrs. William and Murray Somerville will leave next week for their new home near Saskatoon, Sask.

Misses Hazel and Lottie Mason took part in a concert at Alton on Friday evening with much acceptance.

DIED

PERKINS—In Gloversville, N.Y., on Friday, March 16, 1906, John Perkins, formerly of Acton, in his 79th year.

ORAM—Suddenly, in Toronto, on Saturday, March 17, 1906, James F. Oram, aged 53 years.

ESSENTIALS TO SUCCESSFUL GROWING ALFALFA

In many sections of Canada, alfalfa is rapidly becoming an important farm crop, but unfortunately this is not the case in the Maritime Provinces. The farmers in these provinces are quite aware of the merits of this crop, but with rare exceptions, any attempts to grow it have met with complete or partial failure. However, experimental work with alfalfa, at the Fredericton Experimental Station, has demonstrated that it can be grown successfully if conditions are made favorable to its development.

While alfalfa prefers a rich, clay, loam soil, it will do well on most deep soils, provided they are well drained, reasonably free of weeds and in a good state of fertility. Sour soils must be avoided, but this condition can be corrected by a liberal application of lime. When selecting seed, care should be taken to secure a very hardy variety. Grimms and Ontario Variegated are the two best varieties for the Maritime conditions. Where alfalfa is being grown in a field for the first time, the seed should be inoculated—any farmer wishing to give seed inoculation a trial may secure, free of charge, from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, enough nitro culture to treat one bushel of seed. The rate of seed sown per acre may vary from fifteen to twenty pounds per acre, but the latter rate should be always used by beginners as it will insure thicker stand of plants. Nurse crops may be used, such as barley or wheat, if sown lightly, but we find it much better to sow alfalfa about the middle of June, without a nurse crop. If the latter method be followed, the plants grow much stronger and develop a root system more capable of resisting heaving the following spring.

Pasturing newly seeded alfalfa is almost sure to prove disastrous. It should go into the winter with at least ten inches of growth to hold the snow and protect the plants. If it makes too much growth, it should be clipped high with a mower and the clippings allowed to remain on the ground. The following spring, it is well to roll the field if there is any evidence of heaving, in order that the roots may become firmly established in the soil, and not be killed by drying winds.

Alfalfa should be cut when one-tenth in bloom. Two crops may be cut at this stage during the summer. Only in rare cases can a third crop be harvested under the Maritime conditions, as the growing season is not sufficiently long to permit of sufficient growth to go into the winter, and winter-killing is almost sure to follow. After each crop of hay is taken off, the field should be well harrowed with a spike tooth harrow—this will tend to keep weeds from becoming established and will develop an open surface allowing free aeration and will increase the water-holding capacity of the soil.
—C. F. Bailey, Superintendent, Experimental Station, Fredericton, N.B.

NOT TO BE FOOLED

Uncle Cyrus had come up from the country to visit his nephew, Charles, in town. Charles had shown the old gentleman the sights until he was at his wit's end for further entertainment. One morning, however, he noticed in the paper that "The Imperial Italian Band" was still giving its celebrated open-air concerts. Uncle Cyrus said he should like to hear them play.

As the concert progressed Uncle Cyrus waxed enthusiastic. Toward the end of the programme a solo was announced on the trombone. It was really a fine performance, and the audience demanded an encore with a storm of applause. Charles noted that his uncle was somewhat puzzled by the smile which played round the corners of the old man's mouth, for the selection had been mournful rather than gay. At the conclusion of the encore, when the applause had finally died away, Charles turned to his old uncle.

"That was fine, wasn't it," he demanded.

"Mighty fine, mighty fine," was the reply. "But you city folks are easy fooled. He didn't fool me a bit. I knew all the time he was playing that he wasn't really swallering that there thing!"

One of the most effective vermifuges on the market is Miller's Worm Powders. They will not only clear the stomach and bowels of worms, but will prove a very serviceable medicine for children in regulating the infantile system and maintaining it in a healthy condition. There is nothing in their composition that will injure the most delicate stomach when directions are followed, and they can be given to children in the assurance that they will utterly destroy all worms.

Even though she refuses him, a woman always admires the man who proposes to her.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 21

THE MEANING OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

General Lesson Title.—Jesus Risen From the Dead.

Scripture Lesson.—John 18: 1 to 20. 23.

Golden Text.—Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again.—John 10: 17.

Devotional Reading.—Matthew 4: 18 to 22; 16: 24.

The Text Explained

The assigned lesson includes the complete story of the arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The special consideration of young people and adults is directed to the closing scene at the cross (19: 23-30), and to the appearance of the risen Christ in the midst of the discouraged and the doubting disciples at their secret meeting. (20: 19, 20).

23. The Coat—Better, "the tunic," the undergarment; worn next to the skin, and extending from the neck to the ankles.

24. The Scripture—Psa. 22: 18.

Verse 25—There has been some question as to whether three or four women are mentioned; the latter, however, is commonly supposed to be the case. His mother's sister is to be identified with Salome (Mark 15: 40), the mother of John.

26. Whom He loved—Without doubt referring to John. The fact that the mother of Jesus was committed to the care of John causes many to believe that Jesus was Mary's only son, and that the brethren of the Lord were older than Jesus, and sons of Joseph by a former marriage. Since Joseph is nowhere mentioned after Jesus had grown to maturity, we may suppose that he had died and that Mary was now a widow.

29. There was set there a vessel—John alone mentions this; perhaps it had come to his personal notice. Vinegar—Apparently drugged liquor was offered to Jesus at the moment of crucifixion in order to reduce pain by stupefaction. He refused this in order to experience all pain (see Matt. 27: 34; Mark 15: 23). The vinegar or sour wine here mentioned was not the same. It was intended for quenching thirst of the soldiers. Jesus accepted it (see Matt. 27: 48; Mark 15: 36; John 19: 28-30). Hyssop—The knowledge of details in this Gospel indicates an eyewitness.

30. It is finished—Words more pregnant with meaning than their most thoughtful contemplation can disclose. All that the incarnation meant for human redemption, all of Christ's work as Teacher and as Saviour were now fulfilled. His life on earth, with its limitations, its humiliation, and its labor, was at an end. There is a note of triumph as well as resignation in the words.

20. 19. For the fear of the Jews—Having put Jesus to death, the Jewish leaders might be expected to seek out and scatter His responsible helpers who were well-known.

Stood in the midst—They were all suddenly conscious of His presence, even before He spoke the reassuring words, Peace be unto you.

Lesson Themes

Doors Shut—for Fear. Long ago the Psalmist, calling up the memory of his spiritual experiences during a time of great danger, said, "What time I am afraid I will put my trust in thee." It was not only in the face of danger that he trusted the Lord, but when enemies were near and the future uncertain, such trust brought a strong sense of security that he remembered because of this contrast with the physical experience of the same time.

This was true of the disciples when Jesus appeared. On other occasions His presence had dispelled their fears; His coming at the time of their greatest fear and distress brought an equally great measure of joy and assurance. It was like Jesus to come when they needed him most.

A Sincere Doubter. Thomas thought he could not believe without physical evidence. He was both sincere and humble in his doubting attitude. He did not boast of his doubts. He was willing to be convinced, but he could not be satisfied by the report of another. He was not satisfied without personal experience. Jesus honored his sincerity and understood and respected his doubt. He did not reprove, but gave Thomas the opportunity to make the test that he wished to make. When Thomas saw Jesus, that test was quite unnecessary. He was glad to be convinced and his open-mindedness made the renewal of his faith easy. There are sincere doubters in every age and, probably, in every community. Those whose faith is stronger and whose personal experience is deeper, can be most helpful to such honest doubters by showing them respect and consideration. They must first feel comfortable and at home in the sympathetic environment of the Christian fellowship before Christ can reveal himself in such a way as to banish doubt and enlist complete devotion of timid and questioning hearts.

Proof of the Resurrection. No one witnessed the resurrection. When the disciples reached the tomb, the stone had been rolled away and the grave was empty. To the disciples the proof of the resurrection lay in the fact that Jesus was alive. It is so to-day. The life-kindling power which comes from Him is the strongest proof of the resurrection. Disciples in many lands bear testimony through lives of unselfish service to the inspiration and strength He gives. In lands where a dead Christ is worshipped, Christianity grows stagnant. It flourishes in lands where the Christians continually look up to a living Christ. It is the Christ who is with us, ever present here and now, in whose name and in whose power we shall overcome the world. It is by the extension of His present rule in the hearts and lives of men that His Kingdom must be established.

For Study and Discussion

Is the faith of Christians to-day as strong as that of the first disciples? Was it easier for the first disciples to believe in Christ than it is for us? What was the immediate effect of the crucifixion and death of Jesus upon His disciples? Was the fact that Thomas doubted a sign of weakness or of strength of character? How should sincere questioners and doubters be treated by those whose faith and experience are deeper? Can doubts and an open mind go together? Did Thomas have an open mind? What is the best and most convincing proof of Christ's resurrection?

Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday—John 1: 1-18.
Tuesday—John 3: 1-17.
Wednesday—John 4: 13-26.
Thursday—John 11: 32-44.
Friday—John 19: 31-30.
Saturday—John 20: 26-31.
Sunday—John 17: 1-8.

ANOTHER SIDE

A city girl had spent her whole summer in trying to elevate the simple country people with whom she had been boarding, says the Detroit Tribune. Now she was bidding them adieu.

"Good-by, Mr. Stiles," she said, "I hope my visit here hasn't been entirely without good results."

"Sartin not," said Farmer Stiles, "sartin not. You've learnt a heap since you first come; but, by cracky! you was about the greenest one we ever had on our hands."

WINTER SPORTS IN CANADA

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Canadian winter sport enthusiasts feared that the lack of snow would prohibit the usual activities this year in the realm of ski-ing, skijoring, tobogganing and hockey. But "Our Lady of the Snows" lived up to the name bestowed upon her by a brilliant writer, and long before the winter was half through, a deep, luxurious, soft, white blanket had fallen, clothing the trees, rivers and mountains in a popular shade of white.

To the Laurentian mountains in the province of Quebec flew thousands of city dwellers for joyous holidays at every opportunity. Such swarms of sport lovers were there that the Canadian Pacific Railway provided special coaches for skiers where accommodations were made for skis. At Mount Rolland, Piedmont, St. Marguerite and Shawbridge, resorts were overcrowded.

Once among the picturesque hills and vales of the Laurentians, numerous parties made excursions into the vastnesses of the ghostly forests. Some climbed to the top of the mountains to see more clearly the marvels of nature's beautiful colors in the skies. Others, driving along the roads in crammed sleighs, watched the sun, like some golden orb in the distance, roll over slowly on one side as it decended at the end of a gorgeous day to give the world rest in darkness.

At Revelstoke, British Columbia, mountain glissading gained its popularity overnight. A long thin line of hardy enthusiasts would stand at the top of the hill. Then the line would break as they went plunging downward, scattering in all directions, through trees and shrubs, to the road, thousands of feet below.

At Banff the Winter Carnival provided thrills for the large number of visitors there. Queen Gabrielle officially opened the Ice Palace, a number of young ladies organized hockey teams, while others donned the garb of the Indian guide, and learned to drive teams of huskies.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

More and more we come to see that courage is a positive thing. It is not simply the absence of fear. To be brave is not merely not to be afraid. Courage is that compactness and clear coherence of all a man's faculties and powers which makes his manhood a single operative unit in the world.—P. Brooks.

A neglected Bible means a starved spirit, a comfortless heart, a barren life. If those who are running about to meetings for help and comfort would stay at home and search their Bibles, there would be more happiness in the Church, and more blessing in the world.—F. B. Meyer.

The only final comfort is God; and He relieves the soul always in its suffering, not from its suffering—nay, He relieves the soul by its suffering, by the new knowledge and possession of Himself which could only come through that atmosphere of pain.—P. Brooks.

Every noble act of devotion to truth, every pure life unstained with evil, every word of pity, every instance of forgiving goodness, helps us to a better faith in that divine and eternal goodness which has no variableness or shadow of turning.—James Freeman Clarke.

The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited graves.—George Eliot.

It is always easier to destroy than to create. More damage can be done in an hour by a tearer-down than can be repaired in a year by one who would build up.—Robert MacDonald, D. D.

Jesus never sends a man ahead alone. He blazes a clear way through every thicket and woods, and then He softly calls: "Follow Me. Let's go on together, you and I."—S. D. Gordon.

No man can be wholly uneducated who knows the Bible, nor can anyone be considered a truly educated man who is ignorant of it.—President Schurman.

A Power of its Own.—Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil has a subtle power of its own. All who have used it know this and keep it by them as the most valuable liniment available. Its uses are innumerable and for many years it has been prized as the leading liniment for man and beast.

IN DANGER

It is a prevailing impression that a majority of Englishmen drop their h's, but though no such sweeping statement can be made, the accusation does very well as an occasional missile in time of need. "Why," said a blunt Englishman to an American lady, "I didn't think you were an American. You don't talk through your nose." "And you," she responded, sweetly, "are not in the least like an Englishman. You don't drop your h's!"

When the Dean of Armagh was summoned to Whitehall, to preach in the Chapel Royal, Doctor Knox rallied him on the precarious position involved. "Mr. Dean," said he, "you must be very careful when you get to Whitehall. Remember it was there that King Charles lost his head."

The dean went to Whitehall, preached his sermon, and returned, and then capped his brother prelate's little joke. "My lord," said he, "I well-nigh suffered a worse fate than the king's. The verger in the Chapel Royal undertook to instruct me in the proper method of making my appearance. 'First,' said he, 'I take the choir up to their places, and then, after they are seated, I return for you, sir, and conducts you to the altar!'"

DROPPED IT

An old lady on the quay was anxiously watching a ship.

"They've just dropped their anchor," a sailor remarked.

"Dear me, dear me," replied the old lady; "I was afraid they would. I've seen it dangling outside for a long time."

A DAY IS NOT LOST

A day is not lost if:

You have learned to do one thing better.

You have made one person happier.

You have gained a little more self-control.

You have been a little happier than you were yesterday.

You understand your neighbor a little better.

You see truth a little more clearly.

THE NEW STENOGRAPHER

At the meeting of Renfrew Board of Education on Friday evening, something was said re the spelling and the writing of stenographers just finishing their training. In this connection the following is taken from the Kingston Whig:

I've got a new stenographer,
She came to work to-day;
Two hundred words a minute
Just seemed to her like play.

I gave her some dictation,
A letter to a man;
And this, as I remember,
Is how the letter ran.

Dear Sir:
I have your favor and in reply would state that I accept the offer of yours of recent date. I wish to say, however, that under no condition can I afford to think of a free lance proposition. I shall begin to-morrow to turn the matter out. The copy will be ready about August 10. Material of this nature should not be rushed unduly.
Thanking you for your favor, I am,
Yours very truly,

She took it down in shorthand
With perfect ease and grace,
Said I, "At last I have a girl,
Worth keeping round the place."

The old machine she tackled,
Now and then she hit a key;
And after thirty minutes
This is what she handed to me:

Dear Sir:
I have the feever and in a pile I sit. And I expect the offer as you have resumed it. I wish to way, however, that under any condition can I for to think of a free lunch preposition. I shall be in to-morrow, too, turn the moather out. The cap will be red and cost about $10. Material of this nation would not rust N. Dooley. Thinking you have the feever, I am your very truly.—Renfrew Mercury.

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SEVEN MISTAKES OF LIFE

"There are seven mistakes of life that many of us make," said a famous writer, and then he gave the following list:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
4. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind by not acquiring the habit of reading.
6. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.
7. The failure to establish the habit of saving money.

WHAT IS IT?

"Tis in the saucer, but not in the plate;
"Tis in the fencing, but not in the gate;
"Tis in the cashbox, but not in the till;
"Tis in the placard, but not in the bill;
"Tis in the packet, but not in the purse;
"Tis in the chapter, but not in the verse;
"Tis in the cupboard, but not in the store;
"Tis in the entrance, but not in the door.

Answer: The letter "C."

POPULARITY

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SOILTEX: A TEST FOR SOIL REACTION

Following the revived interest of the last few years in the use of lime on soils several methods of approximately estimating the "lime requirements" of soils have been employed, and among these is "Soiltex." A Soiltex outfit consists of a mailing case about 2¼ in. x4½ in., containing a collapsible tube of indicator, a booklet of waxed papers, a color chart and a sheet of directions. It can therefore be carried in the pocket. The method of using is as follows:

"Tear off a piece of the waxed paper and fold lengthwise to form a trough. With a clean knife-blade, place as much soil as may be held on a ten cent piece in the paper trough. Drop the solution from the tube onto the soil until it is saturated and one or two drops remain in the trough. After about a minute tip the paper slowly (so that the liquid may run from the soil) and carefully draw some of the clear liquid away from the lower end of the soil with the knife blade. Compare the color of this clear extract with the color chart supplied and read therefrom the soil reaction and the amount of lime recommended."

Soiltex has been in use in the laboratories of the Division of Chemistry and compared with litmus the following advantages and disadvantages have been found:

Advantages.—Soiltex is very much quicker in its reaction and it is possible to make a complete test in two minutes. Soiltex has a much wider variation of color than litmus, these variations or tints corresponding more or less closely with different degrees of acidity or lime requirement. It can be used on soils in either moist or dry conditions—a considerable advantage in the field.

Disadvantages—The extreme sensitiveness of Soiltex is perhaps its only disadvantage, since, in the hands of a careless user, unreliable information might be obtained. It is sufficiently sensitive to show the acidity of the breath and must therefore be used with every precaution as to cleanliness and avoidance of undesirable factors.—H. S. Hammond, Assistant Chemist.

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"Yes, sir."

"And the fire alarm?"

"N-no, sir."

"Ha! Then what would you sound if the camp caught fire?"

"Er—lights out, I suppose, sir."

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RIDDLES

Why are a door-knocker and an overcoat alike?

Because they are both outside wraps.

What has four legs and two arms, and yet cannot walk?

An armchair.

Why is a retired carpenter like a schoolmaster?

Because he is an explainer.

What is the difference between a ship and a sailor on top of a mast?

The ship sails over the sea, and the sailor sees over the sail.

Why is petrol like the goods put in a ship?

Because it makes the cargo.

What is that which you cannot hold for ten minutes and yet is as light as a feather?

Your breath.

Which bird is most like a joke?

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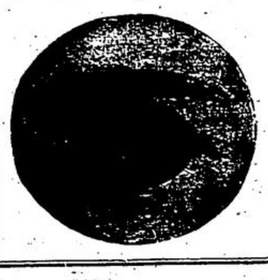

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