Your coal purveyor keeps. You know it by the stalwart sneeze That echoes through the half. And by the shiverings which select-Mankind, both great and small, The robin in desput resigns -, His vain attempts to sing-By these and various other signs, . You know that it is spring.

THE VOTES HE INPLUENCED

of the head of the family, they did not a new supply of goods, which consisted at first intend to exercise.

It was he who finally urged them to coffee, do so, pocketing his prejudices at the crisis of a close election, when five pos-

and tell us all about principles, and platforms, and candidates, and all the rest of it," his wife stipulated, with a sigh. "When we could simply say we took no interest in politics, that was enough; but if we're actually to be in politica, about them."

"Of course! of course!" John assented, easily. He proceeded to explain, and found his audience so flatteringly atand emotions at home with fervor and gins, the dog. "Yes, he's my pard,"

was startled to encounter four pairs of daughter dancing a victorious pas scul had all voted the other way! "If you'd only given -me an inkling

you had doubts. I'm sure I could have and began figuring. convinced you," protested the dated poli-

if yours couldn't!" she cried, indignant- cent., an' that would give us fer the day he took the dog in his arms, set him "But, at least, why didn't you tell me What do you think of that, Muggins?" to the back of the spring seat. "I'm

right," she concluded, sweetly, "we'll outvote you next time quite frankly, five to

gracefully, and he did it. "The next time we are on opposite sides of the question, Margaret," he said. "you and I won't vote at all. We'll pair and sit coxity at home by the fireside I with my newspaper and you with your sewing; and the girls will have to go out and do all the voting for the family."

GENUINE JIOSPITALITY

maturely aged by constant illness and child-bearing. But she had the friendliest spirit imaginable, and such a welcoming attitude that to visit their house was a rare pleasure. My father used to zay that he would rather go there than anywhere else, comfortable and pretentious though other places might be. He claimed it was all in her friendly welcome; that she dispensed a brand of hospitality indisputably genuine.

She had ten children, too, mostly boys, and locking it, Ezra went to the back suspected Muggins of stealing. country children, so that, no matter how

often her pantry shelves was filled, they could never be made to stay that way. I can see those boys yet, with great slahs of home-made bread and butter. heaped high with brown sugar, "piccing" But no matter if the supply of food could not be depended upon, you were very welcome anyway, and made to feel

it, too. I have heard father say that he stayed to dinner at her invitation, when the meal consisted of dried-applesauce, bread without butter, and tea. He was ready for it, however, and in the sunny warmth of her wholehearted hospitality the simple food became a feast. She offered the best she had without excuse or apology; if you were a real lady or gentleman you accepted it as such, with a thankful heart.

Too often our proffered hospitality consists of something in the form of a vain show, given to gratify our own inward sense of pride. Haven't you heard housewives say: "Yes, it was dinner-time, all right, but I didn't ask those people to stay because I hadn't things nice enough." Not nice enough!-there it is. Enough to satisfy hunger or thirst; plenty for real refreshment, but not enough to satisfy the personal pride of the one who offers it!

Too often we are bound hand and foot by fear-fear of what the other person may feel, or think, or say. But it is truly amazing how quickly all really worthwhile people respond to a friendly special meal you served the day they dropped in so unexpectedly, and how

and the thirsty, the solace of a genuine

IN THE PRELIMS

barrassed young man, "I was elimin-

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BAGDON & CO.

BY GERTRUDE LISENBEE

-Washington Blar. He is of a decidedly conservative tem- He stroked the head of a large dog that perament, and before long found him- lay by the door. "I guess we hain't He turned to the house and called Mug- coming season." self engaged actively in politics, especially made very much to-day, have we, Mug- gins. "Bo you got the meat, did ye?" he While a single row of trees will give as when the sleves are overloaded no in opposition to woman suffrage; which, gins?" he added, addressing the dog. however, much to his disgust, his new Erra Bagdon was a man of middle state adopted. His wife and daughters, oge. He kept a little wayside store near who had always accepted his views, also the bld Military trail on the Arkansas lamented their new privilege, which, in River, going with his team and wagon

through the winter. There was much the rest, paper and all.

travellers saw BAGDON & CO. GROCERIES & PROVISIONS. an' I didn't feel like goin' inter anyfellow with splashes of white and black he answered, presently on his soft, silken coat, and with the!

his wife, "and we hadn't any doubts cess of casting up the accounts for the many a step on a farm." make us want to vote for Mr. Blank starvin'. I aims ter meck twenty per ing the tope to Muggins' collar. Then a profit uv a dollar an' ninety-two cents, in the wagon, and fastened the rope

> proval. It was evident that he had gone ed Ezra. through the same experience before.

which his master took from under the | dog if ye want one." any difference. Not a bit. I ain't so understandin' that if I-I want him back lucky as you. My stomach can't stand I can have him.

and prepared his supper. It was near uv dogs die fer the want uv water." The was never too tired nor too busy tried to enter. There was no sound he stooped to take up a box of crackers, as delicious as the large fruit. Purther-

two stood by the latter's wagon after gave him away!"

is more trustworthy than most men." back longingly, haunted him. git him. Guess I'll not git off from him away again." out I pass your way as I go back."

fresh meat-a big beef pot roast, which who night enter the store.

It was quite dark when Ezra reached it hed upon him that the dog was gone. a big piece of machinery like that? The

goods he had bought into the house, swipt over him. where he piled them behind the counter "I wish I had him back so I could

As he ran the matter over in his mind that he had not loltered after escaping he climbed up in the wagon again and from his bondage.

looked among some loose hay in the "Good old Muggins!" murmured Exra Kellogg's Asthma Remedy proved the bed, suspecting that the most might have happily. "I'll never treat ye that way only relief for one grateful user, and this A Prime Dressing for Wounds.-- In dropped into it. As he glanced about, again, old Boy, never!" some factories and workshops carbolic his eyes fell on some telltale_marks that It was a happy reunion, and that wonder that it has now become the acid is kept for use in cauterizing wounds gave him a shock of surprise. On the night Muggins slept on a soft mat right one recognized remedy on the market. and cuts sustained by the workmen. 'Par spring seat were the prints of a dog's by his master's bed, and early on the It has carned its fame by its never better to keep on hand a bottle of Dr. feet muddy footprints now almost dry. following morning hizra put a new sign fulling effectiveness. It is earning it to-Thomas' Eclectric Oil. It is just as quick A swift thought came to Egra-a most over the door which read: in action and does not scar the skin or unwelcome suspicion, that the footprints HAGDON & MUGGINS. had been made by Mugging. Burely he

and let his gaz; wanter plant not the dor to steal a morsel of most. We know that it plant to us. the grain being cleaned up the main and let his gaz: wander along not the dog to steal a morsel of meat. . We know that it is the high cold winds difficulty and where such separations are the winding trail that led toward. He climbed down and called Muggirs. hat make our winter climate so dis- to be made special machines are necesthe dim horizen, over the cim The dbg came up wagging his tall. Ezra agrecable, and that this can be overcome, sary and in special cases, as separating of which lay the city of Badgerville, took up a piece of shingle and placed boot our homes at least, by sheller wild outs from outs, the only thorough There was no sign of any traveller along the dog's feet upon it. The imprints but we know also that good shelter method of cleaning is by hand picking. the alkali trail as far as the eye could were very plain. He carried these to " :: asve fuel, would materially add The cleaning out, of mert matter and reach, and noting this, Ezra took a seat the wagon and compared them with the o car own comfort and to the comfort word seeds of widely different size from An Eastern man, who a few years on a rude bench just outside the door, ones on the spring seat. They were and welfare of our live stock, and that grain need not be discussed extensively ago moved his business and family to "I reckon that ain't goin' to be any Educated but he would not it and a good shelter belt in in this article as nearly any make of the West, recently told an amusing story more trade this evenin," he murmured, be fully convinced till he had measured a paying proposition. But in apring and general purpose cleaner properly operat-"seein' as that's no travellers in sight." them and subjected them to other tests, summer we forget. Therefore let us plan i d will do good work in such cases. Care

the day before. Mayfield stopped his or October, but the work may be done quantity of the cleaned seed on a table

frequency. Where election day arrived. Bagdon would say. "I reckon' thar's bin Muggins approached. "I guess it would- appearance of the shelter belt, and form enough in the spring so that the work the women were ready for it, and he a lot worse pardners than Muggins. He's n't be any use fer me ter trade ye out a good background for the buildings; does not have to be hurried.—Experi-Exra hesitated. He felt reluctant to live stock. tell what Muggins had done. It was The present head of the household Muggins was part shepherd and part almost like accusing a member of one's may feel that no benefit will be derived "jist dog," a Bagdon would say-a big family. "I ain't shore you'd want him,"

behind his back, and surreptitiously wav- of night below to descend upon the plain, it up," said Exra, a trine weakly. "I ling aloft her napkin like a banner. In- Ragdon rose, and calling Muggins to never knowed him for act like that be-"lamp. "He next drew forth a book does. If ain't treatin' me right-me "Oh, he'll suit me all right," said Mayan' sixty cents," he said to Muggins, field, eagerly. "I need him to help me "You did convince us, dear," explained who stood near by watching the pro- with my stock. A good dog saves a feller Only you convinced us against your man." day. "That ain't very much, but as While Mayfield was talking, he was "I could have brought you literature." we don't have any rent ter pay ner busy getting a rope from his wagon, and "As if anyone else's arguments could taxes. I reckon it will keep us from in a moment he was out and was fasten-

Bagdon opened a box, took out some "I ain't the man ter be mean ter a dog. crackers, and then cut a chunk of He'll have plenty uv good grub. I'll see cheese from a hoop on the counter. He ter that. I thank ye a thousand times placed a liberal slice from the chee.c fer him. He'll be a lot of company out with the crackers. "You won't mind on my ranch." He climbed up to his just faintly, very remotely, possible you if the cheese is a trifle old, will you, seat in the wagon and took up the lines. might be right. And of course we didn't Muggins?" Bagdon asked, holding the He reached into his pocket and drew

This time Muggins barked his acquies- dollar bill and held it out to Exra. cence, and for this he received the don't want the dog fer nothin'," he said. tempting food in a wide, shallow flan "Take this; it will help you git another Exra drew back. "No. no." he pro-Bagdon watched him with satisfaction. lested, "I-I wouldn't sell Muggins. "We have got to econymize, hain't we, couldn't do it. I wouldn't part with him Muggins?" he said. " You have got a at all if I didn't think it was my dooty good stomach, Muggins, an' if that ter punish him fer doin' what he did; cheese is a little moul'y it won't make besides. I let you have him with the

anything an' I has to sort of pick my was quite dark; then he went into a a seat by the door, turning his gaze room back of the store which served as frequently toward the solliary wagon that kitchen, living room, and bedroom. Mug- was moving southward along the white gins did not follow him, but lay down by trail. Already he had begun to feel a the open door so as to keep watch that vague sense of loneliness. It had been no one should enter unobserved during a long, time since he was without a his master's absence from the store. dog. "I wonder if he'll keep a pan will sell at a high price, and the small Exra kindled a fire in a small stove uv water fer him?" he mused. "Lots orange is likely to sell at far less than nine o'clock when he had finished cat- It was an hour before he entered the ing and returned to the store. He found store. He had almost forgotten the goods Muggins lying asleep at the door-but he had brought from town, and he now not so soundly asleep that he would not went to work to open the packages and comes from trees that did not have a

with a warmth of affection that sent through the grass, and an occasional brown paper. He picked it up. It was likely to get a smaller amount of fruit and invite you to stay to dinner. save the soft soughing of the night wind his gaze fell on a package done up in more, these seekers after size are very Exra unwrapped it and stood looking The next day Exra drove to Badger- at it for some time in a dazed sort of ville to replenish his stock of goods, way. "No, I didn't bring it in," he said

While Exra was bartering for his stock had forgot it, I rockon, an' he brought of goods and having them put into his it in an' laid it with the other goods!" wagon, he ran onto a man by the name He sat down on the stool by the counter of Sam Mayfield who also was buying and fell to looking vacantly about the provisions. He had taken a claim south room. "I reckon I'm gettin' old an' of Exra's, and intended to raise stock. | childish," he said. "I ort ter knowed "I'd like powerful well to have that Muggins wouldn't do it. He never had deg of yourn," he said to Ezra, as the done a thing like that. An' I went an' a fine cathedral clock in a great Eurothe load was complete. "He's shore a Exra could not get Muggins out of his

mind. He must go after him to bring "Sell him?" said Exra; "why, he's my him home. Suddenly it occurred to him said it was a warning of impelling illpardner, and you wouldn't expect me that he might not be able to recover fortune. Some thought it the work of the dog. Who was this stranger to whom chemies. Mayfield laughed. "No, I can't say he had given him? Might not he have. The caretaker of the cathedral climbed that I would," he replied. "But I reckon deceived him as to what he wanted into the tower and carefully examined some feller has done wass than that with Muggins? He might sell the dog the great works- of the clock. They ter their pardners. You can allers trust | to some one else! These thoughts wor- scemed just as usual. The wheels and ried Exra, and the picture of Muggins springs had not been tampered with "That's right," nodded Ezra. "Muggins tied in the stranger's wagon and looking Yet the clock which had given out its

good. If you and he ever dissolve pard- to-morrer," East said over and over in nerable, an' you want ter sell him, jist an effort to console himself, "an' when let me know an' I'll com a-runin' ter I git him back I'll not let anyone tak; town before termorrer or the next day, | Several movers passed during the day, sons for such stoppage. But he could and fore had quite a good trade. When find nothing wrong for a while. Pinally, night came, he lighted the lamps in in one of the most delicate springs of

butcher shop and bought a hunk of titlen door afar so to observe any one he found the crushed body of a little ne taid on the seut beside him." "I When at last his supper was cooked reckon thar'll be enough ter give Mug- and on the table, he sat down; but as ped by this insignificant trifle. He regins a good taste," he mused. "We he did so, out of custom, he was about moved it, and at once the music chimed Jun't git a taste uv fresh beef any too to reach for a portion of meat to place forth again. in Muggins' dish, when the recollection

intending to put them up the shelves give him some uv this meat," he said, that the "cup of cold water" given in .-When he kindled a fire in his kitchen sharp bark at the door, a well-known stove, the next morning, he discovered bark, and with a thrill at his heart. In the same way, they things can stop that he had left the pot roast of beef Ezra hurried to open the door. There great things from being done in life. The on the seat in the wagon. What was was Muggins, trembling all over with girl who has a fault which she does his surprise, however, to discover that eagerness to get in. The moment the not remove will find it puts an end to the meat had disappeared during the door was opened he aprang into the room all the music that her life might make. night. What could have become of it? to find his master's arms clasped about It may herdly be noticeable, but it ob-It was not probable that any sneak thief him. The end of the rope that dangled structs just as surely. A secret sin can had passed that way. He remembered from the dog's collar showed where his paralyze the springs of what might be wildered old gentleman, at a very clearly of having left the meat in teeth had effected his liberation, and a splendid career. Hidden, unseen, it the spring seat, and that he had not the hot breath and palpitating tongue does its futal work. No evil is too small that careased his master's face were proof to be deadly.- Cirl's World.

THE FARM HOME SHELTER BELT

be made for planting a shelter belt about one of the most important operations our farm homes, for at that time the on the farm, and the farmer who rebenefits of sheller appeal to us most tains clean land and produces clean strongly. When the warm days of spring grain year after year must follow the and summer come and the work of plant- practice of thoroughly cleaning all grain ing trees for shelter should be done, we before seeding, forget the howling anowatorms, the days. The machinery necessary for cleaning when the wind blew a gale from the and the way of doing this work must neith-west and the thermometer drop- be governed by the weed seeds and other pail below zero. We forget, too, the days impurities to be removed. Impurities when we dashed through the drifts to such as broken straw, chaif, and weak get to the stables, and during those seeds which differ markedly in size and days the stock received insufficient water shape from the grain being cleaned can an they could not be induced to stay at b: readily cleaned out by most familing the water trough long enough to drink; mills properly operated. This weed seeds in winter the many discomforts due to which are of much the same size as

said, looking hard at the dog. Muggins considerable shelter, the ideal shelter mechine can do good work.

added Ezra. "I can't be aller's watchin' one hundred feet wide, should be situ- special cleaners are required to do a deference to the feelings and convictions once a month to Bunset City to lay in He made a careful survey of the premis- buildings, and should protect them on trai cleaning plant is available the farmes, but could find no trace of the miss- the west, north and east. In making er is advised to have his grain cleaned mostly of bacon, flour, rice, sugar, and ing meat. He did not think that Mug- the first planting, it is advisable to use at such a plant unless he raises sufficient gins would have eaten it all, but even native spruce set in two rows about eight seed to warrant installing a plant of his He had taken a claim there two years in that case there must have been some feet apart, placing the trees six feet own. A fairly satisfactorily small cleanbefore, and as the drought had deprived part of the wrapping paper lef . If apart in the row arranging them so ing plant can be fixed up by a farmer sible votes for his candidate seemed too him of a crop, he hit upon the idea there were, however, he failed to find that each tree in the back row is in by combining a familing mill and an invaluable to loce. Again his womenfolk of turning his shanty into a store that it, and could only conclude that the line with the space between each two dent or disk machine in line. The fanhe might carn something to carry him dog had eaten what he wanted and buried trees of the front row. Small trees about ning mill will blow off or separate the land open to settlement farther west. Exra returned to the kitchen, cooked casily-transplanted, and should be dug seeds and the special machine for the and a constant movement of home seek- and ate his breakfast, after which he up with a square of sed attached. If purpose will make the finer separations. ers along the trail furnished him with went into the garden back of the house two furrows are opened with the plough Some farmers use a combination of three and dug some potatoes. As he was re- where the lines are to be set out, the machines, the last two being suited for When he had his little establishment turning with a basket of potatoes, he trees may be placed in the furrows and special purposes. we musn't seem stupid when people talk ready for business, he painted a rude saw a wagon and recognized Samuel planted with little trouble. Spruce stand To determine whether the machine is sign and hung it over the door. When Mayfield, the settler he had met in town transplanting best-in August; September doing the work you wish, spread out

wagon in front of the store and greeted in early spring or in late fall. After where weed seeds can be more readily the first planting has been made, its seen. A sample may also be sent to to look after my stock. Well, here comes tive diardwood trees set out with later All plantings should be protected from mental Parm Note,

"I guess he stole my fresh meat out be too, the fruits of his efforts may

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"I can well believe that. He looks' "Well, I'll go an' bring him home gathered below; but he could not give there ony reason for the stoppage of

the store, and went into the back room the old timepiece, he spied a tiny bit Before leaving town Exru stopped at to prepare his supper, leaving the par- of something, and, examining-it-minutely.

home, and he made haste to carry the A swift feeling of loneliness and remorse unswer is that it did. No matter how

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There was no doubt left in his n.ind. now to start planting a windbreak this must be taken to operate at the right

only wagged his tall and looked innocent- belt, judging from experience at the The cleaning of grain where the imly into his muster's eyes. "I don't want Dominion Experimental Station at purities are similar in shape presents a dog around me that I can't trust," Charlottetown, P. E. I., should be at least greater difficulty and in many cases six inches or one foot in height are most inert matter and widely different sixed

tastes and liking should be considered. Turkey under its new republican gov- of course, but do not confuse your enemment has just completed the first joyment of the rewards of success with census ever taken in that country. This your liking of the work itself. Many marks a big step forward in the adop- a girl thinks she wants to be a writer tion of western customs by this once who will not even take the trouble to



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