# Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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funct-deader than last year's lokes and Judy, that is Judy of Ginger Parm, this particular name for several years ulster at once and still had money enough known by this same name. Judy the Ist felt that nothing could be done about it, at any rate being of peace loving disposition she considered discretion, in this case, to be the better part of valor and took this opportunity of fading away lest the day might dawn which should see her usefulness outlived. Let none Ginger Parm still go on, continued by she, who was to Judy, as a twin soul namely Gwendoline P. Clarke.

In case any reader take the fore-going remarks as serious let me hasten ! personal reasons preferred to be known by the fictitious name of Judy O'Grady However since two contemporary writers and found it necessary to hold his head was unburt. James were and cherishby the same name would only lead to con- bent a little to one side, so that the oblivion. After all 'what's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, and so I don't expect our troubles to be any less or our joys any greater because of this slight change in the brink for fifty feet, and then n't sound nearly so Irish and I love all things which hall from the Isle of

the Bhamrock? Sure, isn't it meself that was born of Irish parents, at least one of them was and the only thing I regretted leaving behind me when I married was me good old Irish name-Pits-Gerald. Memory goes back years and years and I recall visiting my grandfather-a fine old man of ninety-four He would take me into the room where he hung a reproduction of the picture which was meant to illustrate the family legend. According to my grandfather's certain Earl of Leinster, who was head of the Pitz-Gerald family or clan, had as a pet an ape. Soon after acquiring hat. A gust pried under the brim of developed an intense hatred of the apa but she could not persuade her husband to get rid of it. In due course of time a son and heir arrived and while he was yet a baby a terrible fire broke out in the old family castle. The baby was trapped in the burning buildtng beyond all hope of rescue and the mother and father were almost frantic with grief, when to the joy and amazement of everyone the ape suddenly appeared, from where no one seemed to know, and slid down the rain-pipe with the baby clutched safely in his arms Needless to say the picture shows the burning castle and the are clinging the rain-pipe with the baby in his other arm which he had so bravely rescued but I was a very little girl when I la ! heard it so it may not be correct in d.

nothing to do with Ginger Parm? Indeed but it has for it was just that about which I was thinking as I darned the family socks this afternoon and those same socks, let me tell you, had every appearance of belonging most surely to the inmates of Ginger Parm. Bo much so that to avoid the discouragement which accompanies an almost hop :less task I let my mind wander adown the avenues of pleasant thought However I was not allowed to enjoy my reminiscenses undisturbed very long for. like the ogre at a feast, along came the tax-collector and left his bill. Why oh, why must taxes coincide so nearly with Christmas? And why, oh why, must they go up ten dollars every year? cliff crevice had caught under his coat. Last year I remember the tax man came had thrust itself up between his overout and this year he came on the very day we had shipped some fat stock. It just seemed as though he timed his arrival so we should not forget our timancial obligations or take any satisfaction in our grain bins or the cheque from the stock yards. From now until the sky and earth instead of lying mangi- a twelve months old helfer at fifty dol- bought, though only to be tossed over you can be pretty sure that the one topic under discussion is taxes. They the face of the cliff, and then clamber line birth to one year of age. fues and then when the time comes head as well as the pressure against forty dollars per ton until from three they each one hand over their hard it would permit, he saw from the tail to four weeks of age when this was pose these things have to be and quite was as smooth as marble except for the as four dollars a ton. A fat substitute posse these things have to be and quite was as smooth as marble except for the a. four domains a ton or the appropriate the possibly in a good year one would hear the crevice from which the tree had valued at seventy dollars a ton was adthey certainly do seem to take the gilt for yards in any direction. There could until the calves were three months of the Weather? (Washington). They U off the gingerbread. He that as it may, be no possible escape that way; and it age It was composed of one part flax since there is no way out of it we would be of no advantage to him to seed and four parts of crushed oats with less that on the lubrication by the and think of taxes as a necessary evil tire until he was forced to let go. What got outer one part of crushed outs were Ugh, have we got winter at last? I was more, he noticed that the sudden replaced by the meal. Each calf was hear a minature blizzard raging out wrench of his checked fall had torn fed from one quarter to one pound of I keep piling wood on the fire but the room still feels like a most efficient toe-house. Methinks a nice little city

### A BARGAIN-HUNTING COLLIE

is congrated!

night like this. There are times, once

in a while, when farm life seems to lose

its charm-it takes a lot to fire one's enthusiasm when the blood in one's velus

and shrowdness that have long been along the cliff. . Boottish characteristics. A certain old Boolchman, says the Argonaut, was to and spreading branches of a tree that been produced at a cost of \$46.04 for the habit of giving one of the intelligent grew from the declivity at the foot of food.-Experimental Farm Note. brasts a penny with which to buy him- the cliff. He wondered if he could posself a bun. One evening the dog aston- albly grasp it successfully if he were to

Thinking he might have lest his pen- and his seeming escape had turned to ny, the kindly Scot gave him another, it really no escape at all. Unless he "I penny each; four for 3 pence."

### OUT AT LAST

"Why do they call these dentists' of-"Why, parlor is the old-fashioned name tree below as he shot down. for drawing-room."

## The Free Press' Short Storn

#### HAT OVERBOARD!

BY LEONARD HATCH

overcoat and a radio seem to had been buttoned when he went over o'n friends and comfades and take up it very little but you will know what have few points of similarity, the chiff and had held. That was on with new ones, Any one of those mea- I write. I wish to tell about a friend Yet, for all that, James Downs reason why his coat had not been rip sures may offer novelty and produce ex- Mistress Virginia Whitehead and to saion that bleak, November day on which eye on a large limb that he could so an expense. There is novelty to be had I know. She is allways kind and cheerhe was trudging to the village. In his below, James managed to unfasten (w) most without risk or cost and sure to ful also. I know her for three years pocket was money enough for one of the for the buttons. Instantly the st. the 3 ld a profit. The excitement that it but I never see her too occupied to hear two, but not for both. And he want- burst off the third. But instead of fall to the last limited and story of a poor Indian nor to ed the radio. He had been pendering ing, he only sugged lower in his coat it may lead to undreamed-of opportunity builde a friend when they come I have much on the beauties of that machine while the tug under his arms increased. It is novelty that requires for her rise up at six of the morning and and had paid little attention to the argu- ed. As long as his arms were at his I' encovering some force of character, look at the dining-rough and see the ments of his family that, with the com- sides he could not get loose. In order Sc. : mental initiative and ambition breakfast get ready for many boys and ing of winter, an overcoat would be more to get into a position so that his w ght H w many people that complain of the girls boarding in the school. Then the

her intentions. The circumstances which n. ath. It was not merely an ordinary the limb as he shot past it. Still the mobiling or bridge? Yet there is in the the school to twelve by the clock then autumn blow, but a wind in great puffs thing hat, he done. Somehow he must pursuit of learning, whether the field she serves the dinner for the boarders -she had a rival—come other person so abrupt and powerful that at times manage to get his hands down quickly. Is history or natural history, science of they would force the young man over He raised both arms gradually. Now languages, a novelty with attendant possible force the gradual of the server and by one and languages, a novelty with attendant possible force the gradual of the boarders and by one and languages, a novelty with attendant possible force the gradual of the boarders and by one and languages.

left to buy a felt hat that he had been

and wearing the new hat and coat, he left the store, well satisfied with his

after a gust, with a swoop and a roar. a momentary full, and another swoop. The new coat, though it kept James warm, made walking difficult for it offered a broad target for the gale to beat and tug against. Several times the top of the cliff, carrying a stout he was almost thrown off his balance cord with his largest fishhook on the by sudden gusts. Moreover, his that end. Below, on its queer hanger, dangibothered him. It seemed larger now than ed the coat that had saved his life. It had in the store. Indeed, twice it After several tries he succeeded in fishwind could not get under the hat brim. So disagrecable was the day for a long walk that James decided to take the short cut by the river. The path led gradually merged from a plumb-line precipice into a steep declivity. The uprdon from a Southern city, and being in per part was a wall of stone, broken only at occasional intervals by some gnarled and sturdy tree growth that of his errands. Handing the man a had found a roothold in some crevice two-shilling piece, he directed him to of the rocks. Parther down, where the

slope began, were more trees of normal James walked on, whistling a little tune, each note of which the wind snatched and whirled off over the cliff. Far below, in midstream, a motor boat was ploughing its way upriver. James thought he knew every craft in that part of the country. But he could not identify this one, though he stopped, turned, and gazed upon it.

it and whipped it from his head. It struck the ground and rolled over and over toward the cliff. James forgot motor boat, precipice. wind, everything but the fact that he was on the point of losing his brandnew purchase. He sprang forward after his hat. Twice he nearly had it, twice the wind twitched it away. Just at the brink the hat fell over on its side and wavered as if undeclided whether to wait or my collar. The cut of my overfor its owner or to spring out over the edge. James gave one last desperate leap for it, and a sudden gust whisked fare for the distance I have asked you

"And that was not all. This same if you will tell me what there is in my terrific gust struck him squarely as he was stooping forward, and threw him off his balance. For an agonizing instant he tottered, contorting himself as desparately as a novice tight-rope walker to regain hts equilibrium. And he might have done it, had not a second blast struck him and swept him clear over the

With the lower part of his coat bellying out like a parachute he fell-feet foremost -toward the deadly rocks be-Then there came a sudden blow at the Lack of his neck so violent that deprived him of his senses. When he came to himself he had a curious feeling of b. ing nowhere. His feet rested on nothing at all; and he might have had the sense of floating in mid-air, had it not be sense of floating in mid-air, had it not be sense of floating in mid-air, had it not be sense of floating in mid-air, had it not be sense of floating in mid-air, had it not be sense of floating in mid-air, had it not be sense of floating in mid-air. been for an intense pressure on his The downward rush of his fall had sent his coat ballooning out. One of the stubby little trees projecting from a

coat and his neck, and had given him the blow as it checked his descent. He high price to pay for a yearling helfer, it imploringly. was not a heavy boy and the tree had but if she has been reared this far in held. So had the fabric of the new a manner to give her proper develop- writer?" cried he "Twenty-cents a botcoat. He and the garment were caught mont this price is little enough. Indeed, the Best thing on earth for writer's at if by some great coat-hanger That when the costs are all taken into con- cramp!"

James thought that he should be able food consumed by six heffers of Ayrt, clutch the tree, drag himself in to shire. Hoistein and Shorthorn breeding, cling to the tree with arms that would the hu .. satisfied out. When the calves resulting from the inbrication of the the tree's roots half out. Any abrupt this fat substitute per day, the amount movement on his part would finish the depending on the age and condition of work. Obviously to do nothing but keep the call. The coarser foods consisting of hay and roots were fed from the

apartment wouldn't feel too bad on a The sudden thought struck him that the the calves were able to use them. perhaps the people on the boat which Atter the milk and milk substitute were power says the Bureau is proportional he had seen might help him. But he discontinued in the liquid form the calves to the humidity, and may amount to could not distinguish the boat anywhere were fed a dry mixture consisting of ten per cent. 'Altho,' we are told, 'by on the river below. At last, far up- three parts bran, two parts crushed oats, proper adjustment of the curburyter stream, he discerned a dwindling speck one part offcake, and one part brewers' equally efficient operation can be obon the water. He had been insensible grains. The aim in feeding was to keep tained irrespective of the humidity, in the boat and its owner the calves growing steadily. had passed far beyond his hall. Never-In the account of this experiment theless, he shouted at the top of his which appears in the report of the Eup-As everyone knows, collies are intel- voice on the chance that some one above crintendent. Predericton Exprimental ligent dogs, but only on their native might hear. Even as he did so, he real- Station, for last year, published by the heath are they in their element. There ized how vain the hope was. Hardly Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. they are said to exemplify that thrift anyone but himself over took the path it is shown that reared in this way the culves weighed an average of 633 pounds

About ten feet down he saw the top per head and that the year's growth had taked his master by returning without drop. The feat seemed impossible. His position was apparently without remedy. A POOR EXCUSE BUT A WITTY ONE

> finding it difficult to distinguish objects father reprovingly. he must do symething.

The three upper buttons of his coat "I was lost in your new wood!"

the dog jumped joyfully against a sign. As he raged against a predicament source of considerable amusement to him that prevented him from trying to get and his son Austen. One day, says the free, a new terror struck him. It was Totler, Chamberlain gave a large party. growing dark! The shadows had been and his son arrived late. circulty on and on; already he was "You are most unpunctual," said the at any distance. James realized that "Yes, I'm sorry," replied the culprit, fices dental parlors?" asked 6mith of He must drop and take the alim chance excuse. Then his face brightened, and

but again the dog returned without the could be seen from some craft on the of a plantation of young trees that the bun; so the owner sailted out to in- fiver, he might better have fallen to the British statesman Joseph Chamberlain had set out with much labor were the ways in the house. Take it after expasare to wind, rain, chill and crowded. of being able to cling to a limb of the a twinkle came into his eye. "Couldn't possibly get here before, father," he said.

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

One of the needs of tife for everyone does not even need change of occupa- Whitehead. Here it is.

ing was undecided which to buy, ped 'from his back. Now, fixing his eltement, but it may be at too great lite alle for the most occupied woman would help to free him instead of to staleness and the monotony of their lives prepare the postre and the plates for Their logic he had disregarded, but hold him, he must raise both arms above ever undertake to learn any new thing? dinner allways put flowers on the table. Their logic he had disregarded, but most min, he must take both arms above to day came an appeal to his common his head and a little back of him. Then Indeed, how many people, whether they for she cay, "There is must sad in the sense that he could not ignore. It this his weight would tend to pull him clear complain of monotony or not, ever vol- world and she want happy when she do se. In a fit of pique, jealousy or the north wind; it come swooping across out of his cont. This would mean that untarily take up and pursue a new study eat." barren wastes and bit through his warmi as he fell his arms would be above his outside fields that are admittedly those "At the eight and a half she run and none witnessed ber going or guessed cuter cicthing to the flesh and bone be- head instead of in a position to catch of recreation—as golf, dancing, auto- school to not come tardy. She assist

and has twice appeared in print ex- lean sideways to withstand the shrick- high, now a little above his head. Then, come to those who freely indulge them- Then I saw her run very fast to see as he strained them upward as far and selves in sport or in travel. By the time he had reached the town as straight as he could, he suddenly slip- If you are bored or discontented with goods foods and dresses. I have her very he had decided that the radio could ped smoothly out of his coat and shot your daily lot, cease trying to amuse tired but when some necessitad person yourself in your unoccupled moments, come she is ready to help Sh. The up-rising branch struck the crook Killing time kills the soul. Study some have four orphans girls that she puts of his knee. His leg held long enough subject; supplement your study, if the dress early and gives them feed at five needing. As it turned out, it would to whirl him over, head downwards, and subject makes it practicable to do so, to sleep at six. Then she sew for them then began to allp off. But just as he by observation or experiment. Special- by night When the boys and girls are started to fall again, the fingers of one lize in something that is outside your sicks she treat them as nurse. She hand touched the bough, gripped it, routine of work. Make by degrees for leve the girls very much and want them and held. The other hand caught. And yourself a library on that subject. Per- to be allways good minutes later, bruised and bleeding, he ledge of it. Knowledge is power, in the

A, QUEER PRESCRIPTION FOR LONG

clivity in the dusk, and, at the edge of being can know,

the river at last, stumbled off towards

The next day James went back along

ed that coat for years, in fact long after

haste to continue his journey to Paris,

hired a cabman to take him on one

"What is the matter?" asked the in

The American smiled grimly, and re-

"I'll drive you to New Bond Street."

he remarked promptly, " If you will get

"Walt a moment," said the American.

"I want you to look me over carefully

Now tell me," he continued, "what it

general make-up that I could be fool

The cabmun by this time looked sheep-

"I took you for an American, sir," ne

sald, "and thought I could work another

shilling out of you. Here is one of the

shillings you gave me, and I am ready

The American had made two mistak-

es. He ought not to have paid double

fare and he ought not to have paid in

advance. By violating the ordinary rules

observed by people who hire London

cabs, he encouraged the cabman to

swindle him. The most judicious course

paying cabmen and tipping servants too

THE COST OF REARING DAIRY

· HEIFERS

enough to allow you to cheat me."

it drive you to New Bond Street."

ish and uncomfortable.

dignant traveller.

he had got his coveted radio.

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shrouds in their lifetime and have them to the sun's ray, during the daylight cut cut and sewn by an unmarried girl hours, patients may take sun baths the of a very young woman, for they believe year around. It is steam heated, so rethat, since such a person is likely to live gardless of outside temperatures which a great many years to come, a part of at Saranac drop to 30 or 40 below zero her capacity to live long must surely in winter, there will be no discomfort. pass into the clothes she works on and The 1,200 fused quartz window panes thus postpone for many years the time transmit the ultra violet rays of the when they shall be put to their proper sun better than any other known sub-

Among these graveclothes there is one enger walted for several minutes, expecting the horse to start. At last he the priceless quality of long life. It is the box inspecting the coin, which was celar, with the word "longevity" embroidered all over it in thread of gold. To preent an aged parent with one of these "This seems to be a very small comcostly and splendld mantles, known as long vity garments," is esteemed by the for so long a distance," was the surly marked that the cabman could drive him China common sense bids a man lay at once to Scotland yard. As this is the headquarters of the police, the driver birthday, to be expended in the form perceived that the American was not of health and vigor during the rest of the year.

MORE THAN READY

was in my appearance that led you to persuade you to buy what you don't under those circumstances, but even they could scarcely help being amused by ting on the farm-house steps, when a vendor of patent medicine appeared, and began to advertise his warea.

"Never had a twinge in my life," said the victim. "Subject to headache?" "Teeth trouble ye?"

for a traveller in a foreign country is es, and still nothing was sold. After go, a neighbor approached, bringing the morning's mail, and called out, triumphantly "I've got two magazines, and there a story by you in each!"

The agent threw open his bag with a lightning-like gesture. He selzed a Pitty dollars may be regarded as a bottle from its contents, and proffered

. 15 Records were kept of the cost of the orchard wall. DAMP WEATHER AND THE

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weather than in dry, according to many springs by water. This is, however, the efficient performance will normally be obtained under conditions of high humid-

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herself the pensonant with Q'Grady to the side of the road. He had to they were breast-high, now, shoulder- sibilities of excitement that may not and stays there to four and a half in a moment James was stretched on hops sometime you will yourself be able "I would desire you to print this in the limb, panting but exultant. Eight to contribute something of the know- your newspaper for I would like she

> "Your attentive servant, "Maria vda de Blanca».

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up an instalment collector and two "Ab!" cried the burrater, triumphant policemen." 'And what was R?" "A locomotive" South Coast Times, weakness, your Honor,"

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feetly right " Midland Daily Tribune, by The Parking Show (London). intough the hour glass of our life, the

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