

Births, Marriages and Deaths are shown... Births, Marriages, Deaths, Memorial Cards, etc. per line extra for poems.

BORN

COLEMAN—On Friday, December 5, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coleman, Jr., of Chatham Street, Acton, (nee Florence Purdy), a daughter—Florence Bertha Wilhelmina.

MARRIED

CORMAN-PATTERSON—At the United Church Parsonage, Acton, on Saturday, December 6, 1930, by Rev. C. L. Poole, E. D., Mary Marguerite Bernice Patterson, of Hamilton, to Herbert Garfield Corman, of Grimsby.

DIED

ROBERTS—At Toronto, on Thursday, December 4, 1930, Martha Storey, beloved wife of S. Roberts, aged 43 years.

BULL—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Ontario, on Sunday, December 7, 1930, Herbert C. Bull, in his 35th year.

SMYTH—At his home at Brampton, on Sunday, December 7, 1930, William T. Smyth, formerly of Acton, aged 77 years.

WILSON—At her home, Rockwood, Ontario, on Sunday, December 7, 1930, Ellen McGee, widow of the late John Wilson, in her 77th year.

IN MEMORIAM

PRICE—In loving memory of our dear mother, Emma Price, who left us December 5, 1929.

Mother dear, we are so lonely, Since the day you were away— And our memories linger often On the grave, not far away.

One year has passed, but loving memories Never from our hearts will fade, Of the dearest, kindest mother Ever God to children gave.

Sincerely missed by HUSBAND and FAMILY, BROTHERS and SISTERS.

This and that

—Let's see—it's just fourteen days now until—
—The shortest days of the year are with us now.
—Autumn Kerr is selling at the Guelph Winter Fair to-day.

—Whistle a song as you go along, these dull December mornings.

—The Christmas concerts are keeping the young folks busy these days.

—Santa Claus is the most-talked-of person among the kiddies these days.

—The skating on the pond has not been entirely spoiled by the mild weather.

—The mild weather seems to be causing the most anxiety among the hockey fans.

—The store windows and shops throughout are taking on a Christmas appearance.

—Isn't it fine these days to decide upon some nice Christmas gift for someone else?

—The donation boxes are in the business places for your share toward the Community Tree.

—Another spell of icy roads and walks during the week. Hard on the motors and folks' bones.

—The mild weather interrupted operations at the Arena and delayed skating there for a week or so.

—The Community Christmas Tree, on Christmas eve in Acton. It will be a real treat for all the kiddies.

—The rains of the past week helped some, but there is still a scarcity of water for many farmers in the district.

—The housewives may have a little more use of that good broom. The ice on the curling rink isn't ready yet.

—Ploving in the middle of December is not usual, but is quite possible this year for those who have it yet to do.

—It's winter, yet there is no sound along the air of winds along their battleground; but gently there the snow is lying all around.

—You'll find the method of economical Christmas shopping in the advertisements. The merchants have messages for you that are interesting and profitable.

—Give me the house where the toys are strewn, where the dolls are asleep on the chairs, where the building blocks and toy balloon and tin soldiers guard the stairs.

Women's Institute Meeting
The monthly meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on Thursday at the home of Miss Hawthorne, with the President, Mrs. Lantz, presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of the Institute Ode, followed by prayer. The roll call was responded to with "Our Previous meeting were read and approved. Several items of business came up for discussion and it was decided to give \$5 to the True Blue Lodge to help with the Community Christmas Tree, and also to help a family in need. The following was the programme given: Miss Hawthorne, who was a delegate to the convention, gave a very interesting report. Recitation, "The Snowflake," by Miss Francis Jennings. The County President, Mrs. Cartwright, of Milton, gave a very interesting and helpful address. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, after which refreshments were served and a very enjoyable social time spent.

FUSNY'S CONCERT

"The cat was making an awful noise last night."
"Yes, ever since she ate the canary she can sing."

THE MEANING OF WATER

Two women who had the hardihood to undertake a camping trip in Death Valley, California, felt more than once the thrill of a new experience. In "The White Heart of Mojave," Mrs. Edna Braub Perkins writes entertainingly of their adventure and enriches it with not a little pleasant philosophy. "That was our first genuine dry camp," she writes, though it was the third time we had depended on the water carried from Furnace Creek. Water is the commonest of all commodities, so common that we fail to realize its value until we are without it. All the camps thus far had been resting places, homes. We had come to feel that any spot where we built our fire could be home, for the essentials of home are simple: a little water, something to eat, a bit of fire and good friends. When we had made camp in the forbidding inhospitably of Salt Creek we had had them all and had been at home; but that night when the Worrier began to unload the wagon in the stark middle of the solitary waste we were not at home. Nor could we make it home, however bright or drawn a bucket from a well or dipped water out of a stream. Now there was no water. The miles were not only hot, they were dry. The diminishing supply of warm, unattractive water in the dented gasoline cans was our most precious possession. We would have parted with everything we had rather than lose it.

In the hot miles between Furnace Creek Branch and the mountain spring we learned the meaning for our little lives of the commonest of commodities. We had never been so thirsty; no amount of water could satisfy us, and the supply was limited. We had enough for all our needs; yet we never could forget that there was an end to it. When the jolting of the wagon stopped some out round one of the corks we could have wept. Using any for cooking or washing dishes seemed terrible. Until then we had thoughtlessly turned on a faucet or drawn a bucket from a well or dipped water out of a stream. Now there was no water. The miles were not only hot, they were dry. The diminishing supply of warm, unattractive water in the dented gasoline cans was our most precious possession. We would have parted with everything we had rather than lose it.

LEAVING CHANCE TO DECIDE

The lazy way to live is to leave everything to chance. Some of you young people are starting out to let chance decide questions which should be settled only after you have used your best judgment and done your hardest thinking. Many a boy who left school last June took the first job that he was offered without having his fitness for the work of his promise for the future, ever fifteen minutes of consideration; not nearly as much as he would give to the selection of a new suit of clothes or even to picking out of a necktie.

THE CANDID CHILD

It was the small girl's birthday, and as a present her aunt in the country sent her a pin cushion.
"Now, darling," said her mother, "you must write and thank auntie."
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A HOME TO SHARE

Cicely Colyer, bride of four months, answered the postman's ring and returned with a single letter. "It's for you, Rob," she announced, "and the queerest writing! It surely must be from an aged client."
Her husband took the letter, frowning. "I ought to know that writing," he said as he cut it open. "Why, of course! It's from Cousin Abbie Berry, bless her! I haven't heard from her for years. She's the one I've told you about who used to give us youngsters such glorious times out on the farm. Why, Cicely, she wants to come and make us a visit! I shouldn't have supposed a four-horse team could drag her to town. Well, one thing's certain, we'll give her the time of her life!"
"But, Rob, how can we?" Cicely cried. "You know when we took this apartment we agreed that we'd have to give up having guests."
"Guests, yes, but Cousin Abbie—why, Cicely, Cousin Abbie is one of the family! When I think how she used to turn her house upside down for us—and why we can find a place for her to sleep! I know you'll work it out, Cis; I've got to run now. We'll write to Cousin Abbie tonight. Good-by."

At the corner he turned and lifted his hat with a gay little flourish; he had not noticed the storm signals in Cicely's eyes.
Walking through the little apartment, the young wife was in a turmoil of rebellion. Manifestly they couldn't put Cousin Abbie into the dining room or the kitchen. There remained only their own room and the library. "We just can't!" she cried. "I thought Rob understood when we took it. He's got to see, that's all!"
Cicely dropped down on the arm of Rob's big chair. It was so provoking that he did not understand. Cousin Abbie of course had a big house and plenty of room. People in the country always have room!
Cicely sat up straight as a multitude of memories came crowding into her mind—sweet, warm, generous memories of her childhood back in the friendly town where there was a welcome for every guest, rich or poor. Were she and Rob in danger of losing the beautiful spirit of home sharing, the very heart of life? She drew a long breath.
"To think of building selfishness into our home like that!" she said to herself. "How could I? As if one could have a real home and not share it!"

A CONSCIENTIOUS JURY

Judge (after charging jury)—Is there any question that any one would like to ask before considering the evidence?
Juror—A couple of us would like to know if the defendant boiled the malt one or two hours and how does he keep the yeast, out?

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GIRL GUIDE NEWS

On account of the various Sunday School concerts, the "At Home," and Christmas day itself, the next meeting will not be held until December 31.
Mothers please note—A Guide meeting lasts only one hour, and Guides will be dismissed at eight thirty until further notice.

A new Company of Guides is to be organized in the very near future. The Captain will be glad to assist Santa Claus should he see fit to provide uniforms for recruits as Christmas gifts.
Former Brownies of Guide age—over eleven years—will be given preference in the new Company. Former Brownies of Brownie age, eight to eleven, will be given preference in the new Company. From this column, for a limited number only can be accepted.
Captain Mrs. Carter, of Georgetown, visited with Mrs. Harrison on Tuesday.

SHAKESPEARE

Those who love reading are more and more impressed and oppressed by the enormous multiplicity of new books. Though many of the books are worthless, many are well worth while. But life is not long enough to establish a really loving acquaintance with any of them. Many of us in desperation settle back quietly upon the classics, the traditional good authors, not because they are in themselves any better than what is contemporary, but because they have made the world we live in, and because they form a common spiritual ground for all lovers of books and thought to meet upon.

And those who read the English tongue are fortunate in having Shakespeare supreme among the classics that they turn to. It should be emphasized at once that Shakespeare is not a good literary model for the young. He is sometimes read and recommended for that service, but it is a mistake. He had the greatest literary excellencies that we know, but he also had signal literary defects, and in such matters the defects are easily imitated and the excellencies are not.

Nevertheless for the richness, the joy, the consolation of the spirit Shakespeare is inexhaustible, and no one can too much urge the restless, the weary, the jaded and the discontented to turn to him for rest and refreshment. There is first the pure beauty of Shakespeare, the splendor of imagination that transfigures the whole world with its glowing radiance, as to take just one touch, in the flaming glory of these verses from the "Tempest":
The cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces,
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yes, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
Leave not a rack behind.

But even more than Shakespeare's imagination is his humanity, the crowding together in one sweet, rich tumult of all the vast and varied aspects of human life, and all with sympathy, with comprehension, with catholic tolerance. No one can justly say that Shakespeare condones vice or wickedness, but also no one better illustrates his own phrase: "There is some soul of goodness in things evil."
Would men observantly distill it out. He maketh his sun to shine alike upon the evil and upon the good. If you want to fill your life with sunshine,—and how many of our lives need it!—read Shakespeare.

CURING PORK

Temperature is an important factor in the home curing of pork, observe experts of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The meat cures best in salt when the temperature falls below 36 degrees Fahrenheit. Therefore, dry curing to be successful must be done in a room in which the temperature does not long remain below this point. In brine curing care must be taken to avoid fermentation which occurs when the temperature rises about 45 degrees Fahrenheit, and also to see that the temperature of the room does not drop below 35 degrees Fahrenheit. It is also well to freshen brine frequently as this tends to prevent fermentation. Detailed instructions in the home curing of pork and other meats is available free of charge on application to the Department at Ottawa.

BENEATH THE SURFACE

It is a pity to allow your judgment to be too much influenced by unessential things. All of us like to see people well dressed, but if we are unable to see anything in the girl in a four-year-old jacket, or the youth in a cheap ready-made suit, some of these days we shall be badly fooled.

Since there are those whose judgment is little more affected by superficial things, sensible young people should be careful of their appearance. It is not worth while to be underestimated for lack of a little care about polishing one's shoes, or caring for one's finger nails. In our estimate of others, however, let us remember that great ability may be concealed by awkwardness and shyness, and that shabby clothes sometimes disguise a nobleman. Learn to look beneath the surface. Have your judgment of others on something that goes deep.

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