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#### SNOWED-IN

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through the windows and enter again. Anne's heart. The young school teacher could hear the stove lids rattle downstairs do my arithmetic? I left my book home!" and she knew there was a blasing fire in the kitchen, but the little stovepipe that went through her room looked cold and cheerless.

"Oh, I can't ever teach another day! I can'ti" whispered Anne Winters as the pulled the povers up tighter under her chin. When the smell of pancakes came up to her, she crept out into the chil and into her clothes. She put on the pretty red dress that she had thought would be just right for school and scowllook like a silly little schoolgirl herself Oh, if she could only go home!

She went downstairs slowly, the thought of another of the Sloan's heavy breakfasts sickening her. The rest were sitting clearly. down, all but Ned. Her pretty face hardened as Anne glanced at Ned. If it had not been for the boy, maybe she could have managed Number Six! twenty and just finishing his grade work! She spoke to the rest, ignoring Ned.

"Going to be a dreadful day!" said Mr Sloan. "Starting to blow!"

"I wish it would blow Number Six her short skirts, her floppy silk tie. right off the face of the earth!' thought was an Anne who held her head up

started out. Just a few rods behind her- and cane, an Anne bearing a book with came Ned, his old red mackinaw showing "Dickens" plainly upon it. Behind then brightly through the snow. It was this was the little brick schoolhouse, and from way every morning, she trudging shead Anne's mouth came these words: "Yes, through the drifts with the boy just be- isn't it quaint!" hind Angry tears stung frostily on Anne's cheeks. Of course, she had told him she the letter out from beneath the blotter did, not want his company, but he did and finished it. "Please accept my resnot need to make her feel silly this way, ignation. For three-months now she had

storm cut her face unmercifully. She was out any longer; but, mingled with the getting used to storms, but she thought, she would never get used to Number Six, of utter defeat. with those big boys, the noise, and the silly girls, always writing notes! "Oh, can't teach another day-not one-more day!" she said again, aloud. "These children wear the very heart out of you!" She trudged on and presently the little red brick schoolhouse, with its "1873" above the door, appeared through the snow. Her hands-were so cold she could hardly get the key out and she knew Ned, just behind her, could see her fumbling, It made her nervous.

First came the fire. That was part of her job, for right in the contract it had said it "-and janitor service." Ned had done it at first, but she had put a stop to that.

"Yeah! I certainly do commend the boardi' she could hear his drawling voice. Durkee Hallow!"

Of course, after that she had had to day,

might have done, and that "teacher"- I'm afraid. I saw Ellsworth going to dented, badly stained, etc., are he knew how that word irritated her! town this morning. I'll listen for his passed by irrespective of the quality of

She had a good many scores against get an example in compound interest and boarding place, but the drifts had fright- years ago honey was packed in almost had looked up to see his gray eyes mock- ened her. She sat down and began to anything that would hold it, but to-day ing her with their laughter; the day the look over papers. president of the board had come and Ned

heavy bass voice up into a silly child's ed the boy. treble, and Molly Durkee giggled and rolled her eyes at him. Otto smiled his slow, my resignation."

her heart grow sick. Oh, she had tried, began to plan her work for next-week, only they would be friendly, this could ears were strained with listening for have been such a cosy, pleasant day, with sleigh bells. She was hungry. She went so few there and all! She saw Ned writ- out to the hallway and took down her ing a note to Greta Sonnesson, probably, box of lunch from the shelf. She looked Anne rose to her feet. "I do wish," she out of the door before she came again for a change! We'll have a spelling bee two feet ahead of her. this afternoon, if you like and you may

good! Her lips trembled a little. She saw flip the note across to Greta. She sat down quickly, anger and helplessness ed him from the other side of the stove, sweeping her in a great tide.

She pulled a paper out from under the on it already: "Mr. Bamuel Durkee, President Durkee Hollow School Board. Dear just laughed at me!" Mr. Durkee-" Yes, she would resign now. She could not bear it, not another day! bish way of trying, seems to me! Show- down and paid the fires himself.

T was a cold, gray morning and There was Greta beside her, and Anne the drabness seemed to creep in shoved the letter beneath the blotter

> "Miss Winters, may I sit with Molly Anne knew what that meant. Giggling and whispering and precious little erithmetic. She somehow had not the strength to resist. "Yes, she said shortly would see the tears in them\_

ed at herself in the glass. It made her Ned was behind Rolly and suddenly Anne spolled. The barn burned. It's been of the more serious offenses are found heard Rolly give a great snort as he bent tough sledding, but now things are easier in many large cities.

e it. He shuffled up to the desk and know it without being told." dicpped the paper before Anne, turned and shuffled back. On the paper was on of Ned's drawings. There was no doub as to whom he meant to picture. It we Anne herself, with her bovish haircu a snobbish way, who clung to the arm After breakfast she took her books and a thin-legged gentleman with a tall he

The snow-was-growing heavier and the held out. Now she simply could not hold wave of relief that swept her, was a sense

Toward noon there was a shouting outside and Anne went to the door, which now had a great drift against it. Sh saw Christian Sonnesson coming through the storm, his muffler making a backward sweeping line of color in the universal whiteness. She could not see his horses but knew they must be out there some-"Hello, Miss Winters! Is my Greta and Otto there? Mis' Sonnesson. she tank mabbe the drifts get too bad by night. I guess I take them home!"

"Yes, 'tis bad! I hadn't realized what the drifts were! Maybe you'd better take the rest, too, if you will, Mr. Sonnesson "There's just Molly and the Salvin boys Have you room for them?"

The girls and boys began to bundle-into their wraps, glad of the unexpected holi-

"Better hurry, mabbe," said Mr. Sonnesson. "The horse, he'll be stuck!" When they were gone, there was Anne. alone with Ned and the roaring heater "You may go, too, any time," she said coolly. "I won't keep school this after-

Anne flushed. There was always that goes by," said Ned, quite seriously, for may find a much readier market than .

Ned-the day she had been unable to walk out and up the road toward her in the marketing of their product. A few

She forgot about her lunch as she sat had incited the other boys to unendurable there. Anyway, if she ate lunch, she producers and even some provinces have mischief; oh, there were a dozen of them! might have to talk to Ned and she could adopted special containers for their own The Slavin boys came in and Molly not talk to him now. She would not exclusive use, and it was really the suc-Durkee and then Otto Sonnesson and his talk to him if they were snowed in for- cess of the few who first thought of imsister, Greta. They were covered with ever a long time she looked at proving the package by making it snow .- There was a great time stamping her watch and it was after two. Why attractive that led to the recent improveand laughing and teasing. Anne waited did not Ellsworth come? She looked up ment along this particular line. In so until nine-thirty, but no more came. and saw Ned hunched over his story far as honey containers are concerned The day began with reading. Anne book. She suddenly wanted to make him however, it is an unfortunate fact that had been having the publis read Dickens' smart for what he had done. "Well," the names commonly used for certain Christmas Carol; the older ones. Rolly she said clearly, "you've done it at last!" sizes of them are misleading in that the

but she could not get close to them! It forgetting she was not to be there. Her said, "that we could have a quiet day, into the schoolroom. She could not see

She sat down by the heater to open choose what you'd like to read for the her lunch box, ignoring Ned. He rose presently and stood looking straight at her with a boy's defiance in his fine gray She was trying to bribe them to be eyes. "So you're quitting?" he said slow-

> trembling fingers. She stood up and fac-"Yes, I'm quitting! And why shouldn't 1? You've made life miserable for me ever since I came here! I've tried so hard to make friends with you all, and you've of Dallas, Texas, when he fined his

ing off your fine clothes, ramming Dick- AMERICAN CRIME WAVE RECEDING ers down our throats

"Snobbish! Oh I haven't! I haven't! have wanted to be friends! Pine clothred dress scornfully. "I-I thought it was receding. so sensible and protty! And Dickens-I love Dickens!"

"Brought-up on it?" up in the playroom! Oh, I haven't meant tentiary, President of the American Instito be snobbish! I can't help it because tute of Criminal Law, Director of the my father has so much money, and I National Society of Penal Information have been used to having so many things! and in addition holds many other post-I can't help that, can I? But I was try- tions connected with penal reform and ing to make my own way! I wanted to criminology. show dad I could be somebody by myself. Basing his remarks on the official but it seems I can't. I guess I am soft, figures of the United States' census. Dr. but I could have stuck it out if I'd had Kirchwey says: "The official record covone friend here, just one!"

embarrassed. "Guess I had you sized up rate in the United States and this notwrong. Thought you were just showing withstanding the immense number of new off, pretending all your fine manners, crimes resulting from liquor, drug and She did not lift her eyes for fear Greta Sorry but I guess you haven't understood traffic laws enacted since 1910. us either. Did you think I was going to ... That the offenses for assault, fraud, gather under its light for studying. There help out on the farm. One year the powas more noise than ever. How could tatoes rotted in the ground couldn't six persons make so much commotion? hire em drawn away. One year the oats

over a sheet of paper. Anne lifted her and, when you came, I thought, She'll head, sick with the wrath that filled her. understand and she won't make me feel per 100,000 population for five years end-"Rolly, bring me that paper!" she said like an idiot, going on when I'm twenty." ing 1919 were 44. These fell to 34 for

> and lonely. "I should have! I think I 229 per 100,000 population as compared did in a way, but you made me so angry with 130 for the five years ending 1929. always! We're we're both in the same a decrease of over 440 per cent. boat, aren't we, really? Both of us reaching out after something more real than Par-famed, criminally-minded Chicago is we have now! Only-only it's tired me so also in evidence. Chief Justice Sonsteby I've given up reaching! You won't give of the Chicago municipal courts has just up! You'll go on to high-school and col-made public the results of a study of the

"I don't know. I thought I would, but 1927 and 1931. For the six crimes, viz.

"Well, I'm not quitting! And I'll get ou started in algebra, shall I?" "Would you? After I've been so mean?" now that you haven't been mean! just that we haven't understood each burglary, confidence games, larceny and

ran to the door. "Hey! Hey, there, Ells-

Anne and Ned reached home at last, in the period covered. through terrible drifts and cutting storm Mrs. Sloan met them at the door, "Good land, I'd begun to think you were lost!" Anne and Ned gave each other a quick. smiling look. The look said, 'Lost! - Why. we've just found ourselves!"

HONEY CONTAINERS

The producer of any food commod realizes that his success in the marketing of that commodity depends upon the will lingness of the consuming public to pur chase it, and in the face of keen market ing competition he also knows that order to create and-maintain such willingness in the mind of the buyer, his commodity must not only be of high class quality, but that it must also b Until a commodity becomes well-known for its quality, the type of container to which it is packed plays a great par "I guess we'd better wait till somebody duct packed in an attractive container seemed to cut her worse than sharp words thought. We'd never get through the cut, packages. Containers that are broken, their contents. The producers of honey Anne wanted to put on her wraps and are now realizing the part containers play honey is being-packed in fancy glass boltles and lithographed tin pails. Some His gray eyes came up quickly in a name suggests more honey in the packdo. when he read of Tiny Tim, sent his startled fashion. "Done what?" demand- age than it really contains; the net weight of contents, however, is stamped "Made this job impossible. I've written on every container, and it is this stamp that should gulde the purchaser when For just an instant, a curious, ques- buying honey, rather than the name and laughed unrestrainedly. Anne bit tioning, unbelieving look came to his face. given the container. An effort, however, her lip and said, "That will do, Rolly!" Almost a hurt look, it was; then Ned is being made to correct this condition But they were off now to a day of bent above his book again, without ans- either by changing the size of such conmischlef and meanness, while Anne felt wering. Anne went on with her papers, tainer or by using numbers instead of names.-Experimental Farm Note.

> Worms, however generated are found in the digestive tracts, where they up disturbances detrimental to the of the child. There can be no comfort for the little ones until the hurtful truders have been expelled. An excellent preparation for this purpose can be had in Miller's Worm Powders. They will immediately destroy the worms and correct the conditions that were favorable to their existence.

> > WHEN DAD SPANK

daughter \$10 for speeding and \$3 for "Tried to be friends? Kind of a snob- running past a stop sign, and then dug

to know that there is some evidence that es, do you mean this?" She touched her the crime wave in the United States is Dr. Geo. W. Kirchwey is a widely was brought up on it when I was little, I known authority on crime. He has been

Professor of Law in Columbia University. Commissioner of Prison Reform in New "Yes, I was! I'd read it by the hour York State, Warden of Sing Sing Peni-

ering the eighteen years 1910 to 1927 in-Ned Sloan looked away from her for a slusive shows a marked decline of from moment. When he spoke, his voice was 35 to 40 per cent. in the general crime

It was snowing so hard now that the school just to make trouble for you? I've vagrancy, prostitution and larceny should room was so dark Anne lighted the old been wanting to go all my life, but we've have fallen off by 50 per cent. or more, hanging lamb and let the six of them been poor, terribly poor, and I've had to and burglary by 10 per cent," he claims, "should give pause to the Jeremiahs."

small centres but marked decrease even

In New York City arrests for burglary "But why why didn't you tell me this the five years ending 1929. For the same periods the arrests for larceny were Anne's heart sank. He wanted her to "I don't know. I guess I thought you'd in the first case 181 and in the second 127. For drunnkeness, errests in the first "I should have." Her eyes were wistful period in New York City averaged a year-

> Nor does New York City stand alone. crime in that city, comparing the years ons, assault and battery, murder, manslaughter and attack, there was in 1927 a total of 7.766 and in 1931 a total of 4 225, a decrease of 45 per cent. In 1927 there were 213 cases of murder and in 1931, 101, a decrease of over 50 per cent.

> For crimes against property - arson, robbery, there were in 1927, 12,336 and in 1931, 10,484. There was a decrease in each of these crimes and in the total a eduction of 14 per cent., notwithstanding an increase of half a million population

Meanwhile, Ontario's crime--record shows a marked tendency to increase. Can anyone suggest why this should be so?-From the office of Ontario Prohibition Union, December 1931.

THE CARE AND CULTURE OF HOUSE PLANTS

homes, especially during the winter months, are much too hot and dry for most plants. High temperatures combined with too little sunshine produce weak, spindly growth and under such conditions flowering plants often grop their buds. As the home can only must be chosen that can adjust themselves to such environment. Many failto: faulty drainage, careless watering and

small amount of rotted-leaves or other organic material. When potting ferns

add a larger amount of leaf mold. Fotting-The best time to shift house plants is in early spring. Geraniums, begonias, coleus and similar plants tha have become unshapely should be cut back at this time. Plants rarely need repotting during the winter months. Do not over pot. Flowering plants need to be root-bound to flower freely. When potting make sure drainage is provided. A-plece of inverted crock over the drainage hole with a small amount of broken crock, gravel of cinders is excellent. Cans or other utensils in place of pots are not recommended but when used should have an outlet for water at least onehalf inch at the bottom. When repotting it is well to remove a portion of the old soil and roots. Plants or cuttings should be set firmly, care being exercised that the roots are not injured. When completed the soil should be one-half inch

below the pot rim. Watering-After potting the plant should receive a liberal watering and then no water given until needed. Blooming plants require more water than the slower growing plants such as palms. With a little experience one can tell when plants really require water. The appearance of the plant is, of course a good indication of its requirements. A method commonly followed is to tap the pot with the knuckles; if it has plenty of water the sound is dull, if it is dry the pot will ring. Occasional syringing is beneficial especially for ferns and other

Jardinleres-If properly used, the jardintere is a source of added beauty to our plants, but ordinarily causes great injury, This injury results from stagment water collecting in the bottom of the bowl causing what is termed : "wet feet." This may be overcome by placing a few inches of gravel or an inverted saucer in the bottom for the pot to rest on.

Insects-Red spiders thrive under house conditions and are hard to overcome. At the Experimental Station at Charlottetown good results were obtained by dusting carefully with flowers of sulphur. Sucking insects are controlled with nicotine sulphate, one teaspoonful of arsenate of lead to the same amount of water. Scale insects on ferns may be controlled by miscible oils now on the market.-Experimental Farms Note.

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