Chronicles of

Ginger Farm

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I have peeled my last onion, ground my

Yes, I had to come to it at last-pick-

ling, I mean-and what with one thing

and another I began to think I should

never get time for it at all but then

when threshing time came and I had to

buy pickles-well, that just about fixed

it-I couldn't possibly pay forty cents

a jar for something I could make for half

the price. So last week I got things

thought out-thinking things out helps

an awful lot when one's time is limited

-and the result was I decided to give

over this week almost entirely to the

timely work of pickling. That's the way

I like to do things make a regular drive

mess and muddle out of the way in

asleep on my shoulder! "Wake up,

kitty, don't you realize this is a legitim-

Do you know what I have been think-

And the subject of my meditation has

become quite a familiar slogan and a

very good one, too-but I ask you-are

tradespeople themselves consistent? For

lady, the wife of a baker, living in a

small town quite a distance from where

this paper is published, and she spoke

very indignantly of the large number of

people who buy from city delivery trucks,

country. Almost in the next breath she

told me someone from her family was

in the city every week and brought back

them, should they not also buy locally

to boost home trade? Sauce for the

goose is surely sauce for the gander,

Now, Mr. Grocer, 'fess up-where did

your wife buy her summer hat? And

what about that new suit Mr. Butcher

paraded in last Sunday—was it made to

had for dinner come from your home

town butcher? Let me hasten to add, I

for illustrations—I don't know a thing

suit; and the Baker family may be all

local card parties to be bought in the

goods stores was in there buying a dress.

Perhaps when I mention that I was in

the pot calling the kettle black, but I

hardly think that is so. As a matter

goods are needed, when a trip to the city

is almost essential. And lately I have taken to buying my shoes in the city,

but that's another story-I'll tell you

about that later, and it won't be any

reflection upon the small town shoe store.

something to put in your pipe supposing you try and smoke it? And when you

advertise/for local people to buy at home

"It pays to advertise," and it also pays

for the advertiser to buy what other

twister, perhaps, but there's logic in it.

ism't there?

might be an army of elephants!

last pepper and skinned my last tomato

-for this year at least.



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## Home Paper Never Forgets

The Huntingdon Gleaner.

## **Industry** in Ontario

Commenting on conditions in Ontario industry, the current business summary of the Bank of Montreal says: "Industrial operations are experiencing tions these days. a delayed seasonal recession with a slackening in steel, automobile and lumber production and conindustries, although the volume of wholesale and retail sales has been fairly well sustained. Collections are fair. Automobile production is curtailed to but sales have been well maintained. Tanners report a steady of volume of business and boot and shoe factories are actively engaged. Textile, hosiery and knitting mills are busy on fall shipments. Manufacturers of women's cloaks and suits are fairly busily engaged in winter models, with orders time until next April. in excess of last year. Furniture manufacturers are operating on a slightly higher schedule. Flour millers advise domestic and export, business less active. Washing machine and electrical appliance manufacturers have accelerated output to meet increased demand. Lumber mills have slightly curtailed activities but bush operations this winter are expected to be on a larger scale."

# "Success from Every Standpoint"

caption was suitable. There was only part in which the people these days than increasing the sale of intoxi-Fair failed, and a very important one—the weather cating liquor. -and of course in consequence of the weather the gate receipts failed to measure up to the standard

was correct. In many respects the programme provided was different from that of other years. The variety was pleasing and singled out Acton Fair as being unique in this respect. While it is necessary to secure funds to meet expenses for operating fairs, the object never was at any time the accumulation of a surplus amount. Year after year as funds allowed Acton Fair directors have endeavored to provide something new and attractive for its patrons. It has never been content to rest upon past laurels or achievements, and the money contributed each year has been a means of advancement and improvement only. The lessening of attendance and funds this year by no means implies that next year will not see improvements at Acton Fair, because the directors have faith in the future of the organization. W say again that Acton's Twentieth Fall Fair was a success from every standpoint and officers and al who were connected with it may well feel very mucl satisfied with the outcome.

#### Moderate Store Closing

Following a discussion of the Kincardine Business Men's Association recently, the Chief of Police requested that all stores be closed by midnight on Saturday. There is really no good reason why stores should be kept open that late. The interests of the public would not suffer by eleven o'clock closing. Out-of-town people could easily finish their shopping by that hour if they wished, and as for townsneed of shopping on Saturday night at all. Mer- I had to answer—'No, I haven't even tried to board the windiammer at the areas which are cut, skinned and bruised chants are desirous of accommodating the public but customers should try and show some consideration At this very minute there is a goodly bay. Then she hid herself under some first few days of the higher temperature and make their purchases before 11.00 p. m.-Barrie Examiner.

### An Unappreciated Saving

Fall Fair Boards who have been receiving their grants from the Provincial department the past week or so are up in arms over the reductions that have been made. After the Fairs Convention early this year, the representatives came home quite satisfied that there would be no change for this year at least On Fair Day the officers of a neighboring fair visited Acton and reported that their grant was about a third of that received the year previous. From other quarters a similar complaint has been heard, and the Boards are at a loss to understand the reason Someone has well said that your home paper they claim. With a number of fairs ceasing operanever loses interest in you. To this possibly you tions this year, a saving of quite an amount would ance to the great cause of pickling, my England to France, and then on a ship never have given a passing thought. No matter seem possible without reducing the grants of those whether you like the newspaper or not, the editor fairs still operating, and forcing them out of exislikes you. If he is true to his profession he allows tence. In these times, when fairs are finding it I can write for another ten minutes.) hiding place and so led to her discovery. no personal matter to interfere with his work of difficult to meet all obligations fully and officers and Mercy-what's that? . . . Such a scutnewsgathering. He may meet you as a stranger, yet directors are giving more freely of their time and I thought so-there they go-two full along with his best and dearest friends chronicle your money to keep these societies functioning, it would grown mice chasing each other across success and sorrows wherever you may be. Those seem that the government had chosen an unfortunate who would forget you but for your home paper are place in which to make its savings. Since all the ever reminded of your existence by some item in grants are based on the prize money paid for the ate hunting ground?" Thank goodness the paper where you spent your boyhood days. promotion of agriculture, and this money goes back the animals are mice and not rats, al-Others may deceive and defraud you, but the home to assist the farmers in these times, the reduction of paper never forgets you. Possibly you may not grants can mean only one thing-a smaller amount always deserve it but a newspaper on the right lines paid to the farmer exhibitor. Unless we are mis- ing this week? Yes, I do occasionally, has no pets, and should it any time say things that taken, the department heads will meet some awkward cause your fur to turn the wrong way, study a questions when they address the Fairs Convention been-"local trade." "Buy at Home" has moment and see if it has not at various times said next year and possibly delegations will interview many nice things which you fail to give it credit .-- them even before that time. This reduction will force upon many a society the thought of continuing instance, one day I was talking to a or otherwise.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Fair Days and Wash Days are two difficult selec- peddling from door to door in town and

Thanksgiving Day next and then Christmas Day. all her groceries! If tradespeople expect other people in the district to buy from sequent slight curtailment of employment in these Truly the year of 1933 is getting on with but two more holidays left to observe.

With the students returning to the colleges this too. permit stock-taking and preparations for new models, week, the last of the educational institutions have resumed operation for the term.

> When Toronto ceases to operate on daylight measure at the local outfitter's? And, Baker, did that nice piece of lamb you saving time the end of this week all the municipalties will once more be uniform in the matter of am merely drawing on my imagination

> about Mrs. Grocer's hat or Mr. Butcher's The Chief of Police of the small town has his troubles and criticisms but they are small compared vegetarians for all I know, but I just wanted to give you an idea of what I with the censure that Chief Draper of Toronto has meant, because things like that really been put to by press and Police Board. do happen. I have even know prizes for

Capt. Philpott, of C. C. F. fame, in speaking city, and last year I was in Eaton's and a saleslady from one of our local dry recently in Toronto put the liquor question and Ontario politics thus: "It would be an insult to the intelligence of the people to have an election argu- Eaton's, you will think it is a case of After the heading of Acton Fair was read by ment on whether or not there should be beer for several last week we were questioned on its suit- sale by the glass, when thousands have not enough of fact, I believe we buy locally far more ability when we said "Success from All Standpoints." bread to eat." There certainly are a multitude of than a lot of other people I know, but yet In spite of a variance of opinion, we still believe the things of more importance to governments and

What is a boy or girl of 18 years worth? The usually attained. This was the one feature in which answer is given by an insurance company, which so now, Mr. Merchant, I have given you no responsibility could be attached to anyone in con- estimates that a child costs about \$6,150. This innection with the event and therefore we still aver cludes birth and expenses until he is 18 years old. that the Fair measured up in all standpoints. There This total is reached by adding to the initial "cost and boost home trade, don't forget to do was not a serious mishap. We have talked with many of being born," estimated at \$250, the sums of a little of the boosting yourself! from various sections and of varied tastes and, with \$2,500 for food, \$1,620 for rent, reckoning the share out exception, have heard nothing but complimentary of the child as one-sixth of the total so expended, advertisers advertise. Bit of a tonguewarks on the whole event. When it is taken into \$300 for fuel and light, \$351 for furniture and houseration that satisfaction was attained when hold maintenance, \$144 for first cost of installation conditions made folk rather down-hearted, of the home, and, for clothing, \$912 for a boy, and tore strongly than ever that our heading \$1,002 for a girl.

#### ANCIENT SOUP KETTLES

At Colchester, England, they have dug up a bronze cauldron with drop handles. This kettle measures two feet across, and might have held the broth with which, as the rhyme tells us, the Old Woman who lived in a shoe feed her huge family.

The cauldron was found on the site of the old Roman camp, but the experts say it is Celtic work, and that the first cook to stir it lived 2,000 years ago, was looted by Roman soldiers, and it probably held soup made-from looted cattle also. The life of a saucepan was not such a humdrum affair 2,000 years

### REMARKABLE STOWAWAY

When the ship's captain asks the stowaway. 'What's the big idea?" he

usually gets a story in reply. Women as well as men, are sometimes found as stowaways. One of the strangand most romantic cases came to Herzogin Cecille, under Captain de Cloux won a 14,000 miles sailing match against

at whatever I'm doing and get all the A young Adeliade music teacher, Miss Jeanne Day, wanted to sail on the Herzofew days or a week instead of working a gin Cecilie. She had her hair cut short few hours\_every day for a greater length time, a complete boy's outfit. Then one ask the same question-"Have you got a boy.

your pickling done yet?" and every time the cellar, besides bottles, jars and night, when she rolled out, pretending to been recommended for potato storage sealers full of chili sauce and on the be drunk, and saying thickly "Herzogin should be maintained. stove there is a six quart kettle of chut- Cecil.'

The fishing boat was then out ney simmering away. There is also beetroot relish still in the offing and beet bay, not far from the sailing-ship, and and horse-radish pickle and by the time the fisherman, completely deceived, rowed all that is done there should be enough her over. She climbed up a ship's ladto last at least three hundred and sixty- der unobserved, and hid in the hold until five days. And, oh dear, there are still she knew the vessel was safely at sea, pears to do and apple peelings and cores and she couldn't hold on without food are boiling away on the stove in prepara- and water any longer. Then she walked tion for apple jelly, while grapes repose up on deck, declared herself, and was in a basket waiting to be converted into signed on as cabin-boy. Throughout the voyage round the Horn she took her Of course there were a number of full share of the work.

other things I should like to have done only last year, another girl, the daughthis week-there was a local fair that ter of a former Persident of San Salvit would have pleased me very much to ador, also disguised herself as a boy, attend, and a meeting of the I. O. D. E. and was stowed away, first on board a this afternoon but having sworn allegi- small fishing-boat which took her from

minute, while I go and stir my chutney It was only a severe storm in the Bay . . . it's all right—thickening nicely. Now of Biscay that forced her to leave her

### RABBED AGE AND HASTY YOUTH

Young men, in the conduct and management of action, embrace more than they can hold; stir more than they can quiet; fly to the end without consideration of the means and degrees; pursue some few principals which they have chanced upon absurdly; care not to innovate, which draws unknown inconventience; use extreme remedies at first; and that which doubleth all errors will not acknowledge or retract them; like an unready horse that will neither stor nor turn. Men of age object too much consult too long, adventure too little, repent too soon, and seldom drive business home to the full period, but content themselves with a mediocrity success Certainly it is good to compound employment of both.—Bacon's Essays.

### STORAGE TEMPERATURE

Contrary to the usual recommendations for storing potatoes the Cornell University experimental station has found after light when the famous windjammer, the three years of experiments that a temperature of about sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit for the first ten days in storage the Beatrice from Australia to England. saves nearly half the losses by rot and much of the later loss. Newly dug potatoes have thin skins, but the skin continues to grow in storage and to become thicker like a boy's and bought, one piece at a and somewhat corky. The higher temperature recommended for the first ten evening she went for a swim from a days hastens this process. As the greattime I have been in the store she would lonely beach, and came back dressed as est losses in weight of stored potatoes are due to losses of water early in the But she was turned back when she season. Also, by rapidly healing over started." But next time my answer will, wharf. So she waited till it was towed the number of places that a rot germ be-'Yes, I got it all done last week." out and anchored ready to sail, in the may get a foothold are reduced. After the quantity of mustard pickle reposing in nets in a fishing-boat, and lay low until about thirty-five degrees. as have always

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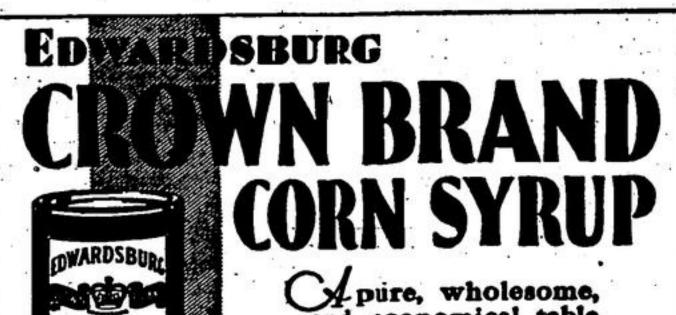
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