MX. TASK

To love someone more dearly every day. To help some wandering child to find its To ponder o'er a noble thought and And smile when evening comes—

This is my task.

To follow truth, as blind men long for And answer when he calls-

This is my task.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, December 11, 1913

Mr. J. M. Denyes, County Inspector. gave an interesting address at Esterary Society meeting of Acton High

Behool on Friday afternoon. The checker match between ten of Brampton's best players and Acton last Thursday resulted in a victory by five

games for Acton. On Friday a buck, said to have weighed 185 pounds, was killed in Nassagaweya. It is suposed to have been in captivity near Guelph and to have escaped.

All taxes are due on or before December 15. The Guelph Winter Fair this year is the best ever held and eclipses any live

stock show heretofore put on in the

The Town Council gave a grant \$100 to the Firemen at their regular

meeting on Monday evening. No "green" Christmas expected now. At a meeting of the Sons of England last Friday, R. Churchill was elected and J. P. Bcarrow. Vice-Mr. Chas. Moore is Past President.

BORN WARNE-In Erin, on Thursday, December 4, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wesley Warne, a son.

GOWDY-In Guelph.

BATLEY-At 121 Fern Avenue, Toronto, on Morday, December 8, 1913, Lizzie, daughter of William Bailey.

Nearly all children are subject worms, and many are born with them Spare them suffering by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator, an excellent remedy.

TO KILL 2,000 BUFFALO

by the Canadian Government during problems or analysing the way I was market in different parts of Canada. But best way she can. And worry she does how is it that so many buffaloes are to She gets more tired and cranky and be killed when less than 30 years ago argumentative every minute and her sary because the small herd bought by runs into an hour and a half, or two the Canadian Government has increased hours at home. Why? Isn't it because and multiplied to such an extent that a tired brain hasn't the same faculty for the limited grazing facilities of Buffalo concentration that it has earlier in the ed?" Natoinal Park large enough to take care day?

from extinction is interesting: Sixty disagree with me, but I am also certain years ago the buffalo inhabited the west- there are just as many, if not more, who ern plains of Canada and the United will think as Partner and I do-that States in countless thousands. The ad- homework is NO GOOD. Eight hours a vance of civilization and the improvid- day is considered a fair day's work for ence of hunters, however, brought about a full grown man or woman, yet a growone of the greatest slaughters in wild ing child, whose need for recreation and life history, when more than a million proper rest is far greater than that of buffalo were killed in less than twenty an adult person, is expected to put in years all but wiping out of existence 61/2 -hours at school and an additional this most interesting species. hour or two at home. Is it reasonable?

In 1907 the Government of Canada by more than 23,000.

the past to reduce the herds. Several they learn to-day their forget to-mor- hour sits down to chat with an unyears ago 6,673 buffalo were shipped row. north to Wood Buffalo Park, near Fort Why are they being hurried through Whether you are rich or poor you can Smith. Northwest Territories, while Public School? Why are they allowed add something to the world's store of 8,500 head have been slaughtered and to enter High School at eleven years of happiness. their meat and hides disposed.

ness and flavor of the finest Western them and what have they learned to fit use. Cools and relieves irritations caused beef, and is highly regarded as an article them to take their place in a world by weather conditions. Imparts a rare of food. In pioneer days only the tongues where it is increasingly more difficult for charm and beauty to the complexion. and part of the carcass surrounding the even experienced men and women to Fragrant and velvety smooth. Never hump were utilized for food, but modern earn a living? Education is a splendid leaves a vestige of stickiness. Swiftly butchering methods have provided many thing-I would advocate more of it rather absorbed by the tissues and stimulates

choice cuts as chops and roasts. buffalo coats compare favorably with the smart child, and the child who is Of course there are only my ideas and

"Talk about a woman's sympathy! told my girl the other night that I was broke."

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

This is Friday night-holiday night for me-the one night in the week when I don't have homework to worry over. Of course it is really the children who have the homework but it might as well be called mine, as I get nothing else done until their homework is out of the road. I wish there was a law against it!

wish the Medical Officer of Health would wake up and make every parent and teacher realize that studying at night is a menace to any child's health.

What do I know about it when I as neither teacher nor doctor? True, but I'm a mother and I've got ordinary intelligence and I do know that homework besides being a mental strain, is ousting great many worth-while things from family life. Take our own family, for instance. After the children get home from school there is no chance for games reading, music, or even much talking because there isn't time for it and it isn't I who haven't time it's the chil-

own clothes in good order. At present about all she can do is sew on a button. The boy, if his interest in farming is to be maintained, should be doing a few light chores at the barn, but he can't, there isn't time unless we absolutely drive him from one tob to another. The most he can manage, to do is fill the

walk, which takes up time and so by the time they have raided the cookie tin, told me about their day's adventures and looked at the "funnies" in two Wednesday, papers, it is supper time. After supper December 2, 1913, Thomas Gowdy, in Daughter goes off to practise her music, which she is supposed to do for forty minutes by the clock. While washing dishes I am also hearing the boy's spellings or memory work. Sometimes Sister gets through first and then there's a scrap because they both want the spelling book at once. But the worst is yet to come. Daughter, among other things, has grammar and arithmetic and then it's "Mother, how do you do this?" and "Mother, how do you do that?" And the pity of it is, half the time mother doesn't know! At least I don't know the Two thousand buffaloes are to be killed modern way and when I start doing the months of November and December taught, why it is all Greek to Daughter. and the mest is to be placed on the so she has to worry over the work the believed to be practically work, which the teacher assures The slaughter is made neces- would only take a little while in school,

of about 7,500 head are now inadequate. I know I am writing on a controversial The story of the saving of the buffalo subject and there will be many who will

The cost of education forms a large vas presented with an opportunity of percentage of our total taxation—the acquiring a small herd of pure bred figures are staggering. We pay this buffalo from a halfbreed named Pablo, money every year whether we like it or who had lost his grazing privileges on not, then might we not reasonably expect the Flathead Indian reservation in that whatever education is considered Montana. During 1908, 1909 and 1910, necessary for the children of to-day, it a total of 716 of these animals were shall be given to them at school, and in delivered under contract by Pablo. Of school hours, under proper supervisionthis number, 631 were placed in Buffalo that of the teacher. I am not grumbling National Park, and the remainder in Elk about the teachers-I know a lot of them Island National Park near Lamont, both are overworked and under-paid-in fact in Alberta. An additional 117 animals I wouldn't be a teacher if it were the were introduced subsequently to Buffalo last job on earth. The fault doesn't lie Park from other sources. Since that with them-it is more fundamental than time both herds have registered aston- that-it is the fault of the entire educaishing gains. In Buffalo Park alone, tional system. Children are being pushthe original 748 animals have increased ed along too fast; they are allowed to skip rooms and there is no thorough- to a destitute family has one way of Valous measures have been taken in ness. Their methods are slipshod-what coing it, while the girl who at the recess

age, as some children do? At the end Buffalo meat has all the juicy tender- of their school years what is there for than less, but let that "More" be in the the skin. Persian Balm is the peerless The hides of the buffalo after tanning nature of more thoroughness, more work toilet requisite. Every woman will aplend themselves to the manufacture of in school and less outside of it, more preciate the subtly distinctive, charm many articles. North American buffalo time given to vocational work and sub- achieved by the use of this /magical robes and floor rugs are known the jects that will help children to be loction. world over, while in recent years im- adaptable to existing conditions—to help proved fur-dressing methods have pro- them make the best use of their own duced a pelt that makes up into beautiful resources for work and recreation. If |80, why are there 130 boys and 2 girls coats for both men and women. For homework were cut out entirely every under the age of eighteen in Kingston warmth, durability and appearance child would get an even chance. As it is Penitentiary? those made from other choice Canadian being pushed along for the glorification they may be wrong, but yet I am still of his parents, gets his homework done hoping the day will dawn when educa-

> suffer as a result. Children to-day are over-developed, subjects which will fit them for life at Their instincts, mental and sexual, are home as well as in the business world, over-stimulated; a condition which I and thus bring them a little closer to believe modern methods of education our ideal of British manhood and have helped to produce. If it were not womanhood.

SLATS DIARY

Blints and he sed Mrs. Blints spent Thirsday trip in Blopping Jackstn.

Saterday - Personelly I get offly tired hearing pa the noose paper out loud, all he reads about is the unimploymint noose and the Nasly govamint over in Germany and

Mr. Fox witch lives acrost the crick got held up last nite wile was driving home frum a meeting ver in Washington county. But he was lucky becuz he diddent have no unny with him so pracktickly all he lost was his masheen and his over coat and they shot him in the arm witch will mebby half to be ampitated off

Munday-I gess the teecher dussent care wether she keeps her job or not becuz when she made out my report card today she must of new it woodent. lease my parents the way she made out my report card, but she went on ahead and made it out her own way.

Tuesday - Sim Collins witch wirks down to the Post Offise told Ant Emmy her cuzzen frum Pencilvanya rote her a postle card about she had the flew but he cuddent find the postle card. he sed Of course, our children have a long he gess mebby he miss layed it sum-

Wensday-Milly Plank has left her husbend and has cum back to live with her pa and ma agen, when she got marryed she sed they wood live on her bread and cheese and kisses and months they have been very very happy. till they run out of bread and cheese

Thirsday-Pa like to have broken his ankle today. when he cum out of the ad just ben moved and wassent there

BREAKING IT GENTLY

Before leaving on an extended vacaion Van Rocks instructed his butler not

o bother him with any worries, business otherwise, while he was away. When, on his return months later. e enquired how things had been during

absence, the butler replied: "Oh, not so bad, but I hope you are not going to miss Rover too much." "Rover! Why, what happened

"Oh, I guess he was poisoned." "Poisoned! Why, how was he poison-

"We think it was from eating burnt

"From the carcasses of the horses

fter the barn burned down." "Do you mean to tell me that the parn was burned with all orses? How did it come to burn?" "We think it might have been from

spark from the house." "Why, what happened to the house?" "Oh, didn't I tell you the house burn-

"How did the house come to burn?" 'Oh, we think the curtains caught fire from the candles which were on your mother-in-law's casket."

"Is my mother-in-law dead? tappened to her?" "Oh, I think she grieved a lot over

'My wife! Why, what happened to

INCREASING THE SUM OF

Gladness may be spread in different popular classmate, has another way.

correctly and easily leads the way and tion will have a more practical basis and the backward and average children girls and boys, besides receiving academic. training, will be given instruction in

BY ROSS FARQUHAR



To-Morrow The Last Day

To-morrow is the last day for your Letters to Santa Claus in THE FREE PRESS Contest. To-morrow at noon is your last chance to have a chance in winning one of these Prizes. If you don't write you can blame no one but yourself.

This event is open to all the Public School Children in Acton and the Rural Schools within a radius of twelve miles of Acton. Just write the dear old chap a letter in your own way, Boys and Girls, and drop it in at THE FREE PRESS Office. You don't even need to pay postage on the letter unless you want to send it through the mails. Just send it to Santa Claus, in care of THE FREE PRESS.

Put your name and address at the foot of the letter and have it reach THE FREE PRESS Office not later than to-morrow (Friday) noon.

Prizes for a Boy and Girl

For the best letter written by a boy THE FREE PRESS will give a hockey outfit; and the girl who sends the best letter to Santa Claus will receive a beautiful Talking Doll. The letters adjudged the best will be published and the winners announced in THE FREE Christmas issue of December 14. prizes are exhibition in THE PRESS window.

Last Day---To-morrow!

Please remember, little folks, to have your letter reach THE FREE PRESS before noon on Friday---to-morrow. Get suggestions from teachers, mothers, dads, big sisters or brothers, but write the letter yourself and not from dictated copies. We want children's letters to their old friend, Santa Claus. Get your letters in early. Some boy gets some brand new hockey equipment, and a little girl will have an extra doll for Christmas.



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