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#### CHRISTMAS LINES

To shepherds in the fields the song and glory To wise men in the East the Star that

To Bethlehem's manger bed. There high and low, their love and tribute bring Hope for the world is born, the child is King.

Since our Lord from earth to heaven - ascended. What throngs have read story through What multitudes have caught the vision

And shaped their lives anew: Found Him indeed the Truth, the Life, Who as a babe in Bethlehem's manger

splendid.

And once again at Christmas the story Breathes to the troubled world blessedness. Forever lives and reigns the King of Glory,

The Lord of Righteousness. While ages roll forever shall increase The wide dominion of the Prince of -Charles L. Patterson.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, December 25, 1915

A Merry Christmas.

The skaters have had splendid sport on Corporation Pond the past week. The first sleighs and cutters, with their merry bells, were out on Tuesday.

The annual At Home of the student and teachers of Acton High School, held last Friday evening, proved a very successful function. A number of graduates from a distance enjoyed the evening with the teachers and students.

The Christmas party for the children of employees of Messrs. Beardmore & .Co. was held on Tuesday in the Town Hall. Santa Claus made his visit on Christmas eve, instead of the afternoon of the party this year.

The store of Mr. Wm. Singer was burglarized last Friday morning. Considerable clothing underwear, sweaters and boots were taken. The loss was estiuated at between \$200 and \$300.

number of the Northern Scot, from his warm and limp. At the same time I found after word was a little stuff her old home in Scotland.

coming elections. BORN

McCALLUM-At Saskatoon, Sask.,

and Mrs. Thos. K. McCallum.

MARRIED

Thursday. December 18, 1913, to

SIMPSON-STEWART—In Esquesing. at fightened, probably attacked the roosters the home of the bride's parents. by in self defence. Or it may have been Rev. C. D. Draper, John Alfred Simpson; of Concord, Alta., to Clara Elizabeth, daughter of John Stewart,

Worms sap the strength and undermine the vitality of the children Strengthen them by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator to drive out the parasites.

### WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD

Due to the system of government inspection, residents in Canada and the millions of tourists that visit Dominion annually need have little fear of being served a bad egg in any form. staff of qualified inspectors.

ther protection is afforded to both proand "C." in place of "Specials." "Ertras." A-1 and A.

Grades A-1 and A are divided respec- too-o-o! To wit-to-whoo." tively into three classes, large, medium, and pullet, and all eggs possessing the -quality of Grade A may be sold in that The worst—and the best—will be over, and to this day some English families grade irrespective of size, but the eggs of different sizes must be packed separately, with the size indicated on the container. As grade A-1 is a super grade, the packing of eggs of this grade may be done only by producers authorized by the Canadian Government Department of Agriculture. Storage eggs are not permitted to be sold in a higher grade than B.

"B" grade consists of reasonably clean eggs, sound in shell; eggs weighing less than the rate of 22 ounces to the dozen must not be graded in B. There are two classes, large (24 ounces) and medium (22 to 24 ounces).

"C" grade consists of all eggs below A and B grades but which are fit for

human consumption. When the standard grades for eggs were first legalized in 1915 there were very few eggs in Canada of sufficiently good quality to be graded as Extras. and at that time the grade 'Firsts represented the best quality available in commercial quantities. As a result of the improvement brought about through years of grading, the quality of Canadian eggs has been raised to the point where, during recent years "Extras" have been as plentiful as the other grades. The grade "Firsts," therefore, no longer included eggs of the best available quality and was to that extent a misleading term. The adoption of the grade names A, B, C gives to egg-grading a terminology in keeping with present conditions and one which consumers will readily understand.

## Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

If the truth were known, I feel rather like having a holiday this week, but there is that empty column specially reserved for me and it is waiting to be filled, and so it has to be done because personal feelings must never be allowed to interfere with one's obligations. But oh dear -this time before Christmas! With school concerts, community Christmas trees, and Santa Claus entertainmentsif it were any other time but Christmas we should consider we were terribly overwo:ked and rushed. And how do the children stand it? They must have a special reserve fund of energy accumulating all the year to help them over this particularly strenuous season. mothers would do well to see that there is a plentiful supply of milk of magnesia on hand to counteract the effects of Christmas nuts and candles. What a mercy it is that happiness is good for one; that a good laugh is as beneficial as a dose of medicine, because where there are children there is always an abund- Cleik had ben lucky in Love and ma ly live forever. As it is extremely ance of merriment and laughter. Specu- looked at him and sed she that the healthfu and lends a delightful touch lation is still sife as to whether we may county Clerk was a Batcheler and par to the Christmas dinner, we are perfectly expect a green or a white Christmas. But what does it matter anyway-green or white-it will still be Christmas. Nothing, absolutely nothing-neither weather nor men, can cheat us out of it. The Christmas festival, year in and year out is the same now and forever-it is only

Even the birds of the air like to have a Christmas dinner-or so it would appear -and as a proof let me tell you what happened-here yesterday. Daughter was absent mined. up in the barn feeding the guinea-pigs when she heard a lot of squawking going on in the chicken house. The chicken house is divided roosters being in one side and pullets in the other. As quickly as she could, Daughter ran to investigate and in the rooster pen she found all the birds huddled up together at the end of Mr. Alex. Munro has kindly sent THE the roosts, except for one bird, which FREE PRESS a copy of the Christmas was lying dead on the floor, but was still stuff out of the rong bottle witch they Mr. John Bingham will be a candidate and see the owl in the driving shed. Co. for the evninv. for the Reeveship of Esquesing at the wnich was perched on a tiny window in the peak of the roof. Then I began to put two and two together and concluded that the owl had been responsible for the tragedy in the chicken house. It must a have found its way in through the open

our interpretation of it that varies.

So you see, there is more than one way of disposing of Christmas Take my advice and if you find the market at all dull, try leaving the door of the poultry house open and see what

When I was trying to solve the mystery of the rooster's death, I thought perhaps I might possibly win fame for myself by composing a chasic that would take the place of "Who Killed - Cock Robin?" I got as far as "Who Killed Tom Rooster?" and then I was stuck. I thought of all the creatures that might possibly attack young roosters skunk, weasel, ferret, fox, but where were the rhymes to go with them? I gave it up -alas, another lost opportunity! Any-There is a constant check on every store way, the chicken wasn't allowed to make and dealer throughout the country by a a Christmas dinner for the owl and his those family or for anyone else, either, for Christmas pudding so universally popul-Important amendments, whereby fur- that matter. To get aid of him-the owl. lar? At the present price of food, most I mean—we made a great noise and beat people would stand aghast at the inducers and consumers, have recently the driving shed wall with sticks, until gredients. In 1770, for example, a pudbeen made in the egg regulations. The the wise old owl, whose wisdom, or the dirig was made in Newcastle, England, new grades consist of "A-1," "A," "B," lack of it, had led him into wrong doing, that contained two bushels of flour, took to his wings and flew to the bush, twenty pounds of butter, four geese, two "Firsts" and "Seconds." The words where I haven't the least doubt he was turkeys, two woodcocks, six snipes, four "New Laid" may be applied only to met by a great chorus of "To-wit, to- partridges, two meat tongues, two curgrade A-1, and the word "fresh," or | whoo-where are you-o-o-what did you lews, seven blackbirds, and six pigeons any equivalent of that word, to grades do-o-o? To wit to-whoo, shame on you Wnen finished this pudding was nine -shame on you-o-o-we want chicken feet in circumference and provided suf-

appear in print. Christmas will be over, eat the pudding before anything else, Between now and then I hope you will persist in eating their pudding first. get all that is good for you-no more about Christmas is the surprises we get. boar's head, with cherry eyes and ar The letter or card from someone we have apple in its mouth, were brought in on not heard from for years. Or perhaps a a silver platter, garlanded with holly which surprises us because we may not ly the great pudding was molded into have realized that they valued our friend- the shape of a jolly Santa Claus, a ship. You never know what is in store custom followed to this day in ancient

for you at this season of good-will. I do Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. hope that everyone will have plenty of The good housewives of the Puritan surprises and few disappointments. I know and Pilgrim settlements, however, had n some homes there will be empty their grave doubts about mixing so many purses, but I hope in none will there be high-priced and rich foods together in empty hearts. That, indeed, is the one pudding. Thus these pioneers ingreater tragedy.

Another thing I hope for you is that you can't see the work piling up ahead of you as I can, for the New Year. It's just terrible. About three times a day I holiday table. think of something I ought to do and just say to myself, "Well, I'll have to leave that until after Christmas." If I don't watch out I'll soon have enough obs on hand to last me from Christmas to the next! When I feel particularly hemmed by work I generally leave it all alone and do a few more squares for my afghan. It is my safety

Cod liver oil has been shown to prevent rickets and promote growth in poultry, as well as improving egg production, quality of egg shells and hatchability.—Dominion Poultry Division.

#### SLAT'S DIARY BY ROSS FARQUHAR



brue Outfit and two S in munney. Sunday - Elly Mac Dougal got a uncle in Scottland yeste:day and he

and a New Years. Clerk had ben in the office this after- of the famous Christmas candle salad. noon and he remarked that the county This salad, simple as it is, will apparentover Spigetty for supper insted of Broilt stkes. and french fryed Potatoes.

Tuesday-I gess Mr. Gillem is a getting to be very very absent mined. just got back frum Bermuda last and pa sed Mr. Gillem told him that he cud simember about the trip Getting on the ship at New York getting off the ship when the trip all over. so he must be getting very very serving sprinkle the whole salad with a

Wensday-Ant Emmy says she blames the modern Fashuns for so many wifes shooting there husbends. she says that back in the Good ole days uhen wimmen had a hat pin in there hair they never chot about haveing a gun. will never fall to please.

Thirsday-Effy Foley had her tosells removed out last nite. she gargled sum heard Partner calling to Pat to come pa had mixed up in case they got sum

### CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

No one knows just how long mankind has considered pudding a necessary part door, and the roosters, being frightened, of the Christmas festive board. Certain started to fly and squawk. The owl, also it is that early leaders of the Christian church were responsible fo the widespead use of this delicacy at holiday time, for they told their people that the pudding was a smybol of an emblem of the offering brought to the Christ-child in the manger by the Wisemen from the East. Down through the centuries that have passed since then, this triumph of baking has been celebrated in song and story. In the average home, both in Europe and America, the pudding has for generations occupied its place in the centre of the Christmas dinner table.

English tradition tells us that the famous King Arthur had a pudding made for his Round Table, and his recipe is

A big pudding the king would make, And stuffed it well with plums: And in it put great lumps of fat

As big as my two thumbs What did the cooks really put into ficient pudding for a large gathering.

Well, dear people, the next time I The custom in early England was to

The old-time pudding was served with and no less. One of the lovellest things great pomp and ceremony. That and the small token or card from a new friend and aflame with burning candles. Usual-

> vented a simple pudding that was good. healthful, and above all, a success. Although those early days are past, the pudding has become a symbol of the

> Persian Balm — the perfect aid to beauty. Essential to real feminine distinction. Results always in the highest expression of beauty. Its use keeps the hands always soft and flawlessly white. Indispensable to the whole family. Imparts added charm to the mother. Serves the father as a hair fixative and cooling shaving lotion, and protects the tender skin of the child. Persian, Balm is the true toilet requisite.

There are sadder hearts than yours: go and comfort them, and that will com-

#### MISTLETOE MYSTERY

No mystery is so evasive to scientists ma today as that of the holiday misteltoe, associat- Christmas? How many myriad words is all about you. You feel it in your she beleaves she cud make reel good ed for centuries with the Christmas have been written about it, its cheer, finger tips; you hear it; you breathe it. manige to keep the has defeated all attempts of science to its message and lessons! But Christmas let it into your soul; by opening the signrette ashes out transplant it into the garden or orchard, is always welcome, always fresh and door-to him? You will find then that, The roots send their fibers into the beautiful, always new. she is mixing them body of the woody substances of certain trees and the plant thrives entirely on same charm, the same kind of joy, the Saterday - Ole the sap of the tree. The stems and the same brightness. Even a rainy Christ-Mrs. Branch went leaves of the mistletoe, it is strange to mas is delightful. The day's store of

> her propoit; world lives off other 'plants." left her when he use to man, although it has been held on and the faint stars growing big and 20 per cent. of the volume of the air went and dyed a in highest esteem at the Christmas brilliant as the night comes down-what few munths a go. season since the ancient Druids first conshe turned over to nected it with the festival. To-day this the ole Fokes home parasite thrives in many parts of Am-200 shares of stock erica, all the way from British Columbia mr Branch bough- to Mexica and the West Indies. Caliten in 1929 a home fornia forests have bumper crops. A large business is that of gathering mistletoe and sending it to all parts of the country.

wisht her and all her fokes a Cristmas About this time of the year editors Munday-When pa cum home this all over the country are quite accustomed evning for supper he sed that the county to receiving letters asking for the recipe Place a slice of canned or fresh pine-

apple on some crisp lettuce leaves. On And every earnest heart must ask itself the pineapple place a thick slice of secd- "Have I let Him in?" Is it wise o less orange. On the centre of the orange fair to take the charm and cheer and or some other red fruit or berry. Pour door? little marshmallow whip or whipped cleam over the banana, and just before yrup made by dissolving three or four teaspoons of sugar in the juice of two o:anges and one lemon, -Of course, the canana is the candle, the other friuts erve as the base, the whipped cream is the melted wax, and the cherry is the flame. It's a delightful old salad that

the icy winds of winter. In the treat- its ground are drenched in the blood ment of either an excellent preparation of battle. Millions of souls do not yet s Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, as it com- even know about Him. Millions who te:acts the inflammation and relieves know about Him are not spreading His the pain. The action of the oil is prompt message of peace. Millions who know and its application is extremely simple. about him do not know Him personally

No other day in all the year has the to the ole Fokes learn, are incapable of absorbing mois- cheer is so measureless that it can conhome today, she tu; e. Truly, as one scientist recently quer the gloomlest weather and fill it had to give them decla.ed, "This bedbug of the plant with glory. And a sunny Christmas -sunny and white with gleaming snow, The mistletoe plant is of very little with the amber twilight glow stealing can possibly be like that! When has istic flavor of orange juice is lost in a home such joy, love and such sweetness, religion such glo:y, life such richnessas on Christmas Day!

be repeated too often, emphasized too or peaches, exposed to air at room temearnestly, applied too universally. think of the Christ Child coming to the also one of oxidation. Hulled strawthe angels, the Wise Men; we hear the when exposed to the action of the oxygen Christmas hymn:

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming. But in this world of sin.

place half a banana, upright. On the melody of Christmas and keep the Lord peak of the banana place a red cherry of Christmas outside my own soul's

Christ came to Bethlehem centuries your heart now. The shame that there was no room for Him in the inn is nothing to the shame that there is no room earth!" It must spread by being let into human hearts one by one How inexpressibly and that after these many years there is still strife, and hard-heartedness and woeful bloodshed! The Prince of Peace looks at this wo:ld to which he once came and sees. come from undue exposure as the anniversary of His birth draws to slush and cold and frost-bite from near again, that leagues upon leagues of

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#### OXIDIZATION OF FRUITS

The flavoring components of fruits are easily oxidized: that is, they absorb oxygen which compiles approximately Daily, except Sunday ..... Daily, except Sunday ...... 7.00 p.m. in a cold storage room. The character-Sunday only ..... few hours at room temperature because of this action. Frozen orange juice does not lose its flavor so quickly, but it does But one Christmas lesson can never so none the less certainly. Sliced apples perature soon turn dark; this action is Bethlehem manger, of the shepherds, berries soon attain an overripe flavor of the air. Unblanched vegetables lose

their flavor and develop "alfalfa bay" flavors, during cold storage for relatively short periods of time. Asparagus and snap beans are easily oxidized. Fruits lose their bright color and turn dull and then dark; similarly vegetables, particularly asparagus and green beans, Where mcek souls will receive Him still lose their brilliant green color and become a drab clive.

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