

LITTLE LOST DOG

The little lost dog crept on his way. He was only a cur, a runt and stray. The human wretch who had put him down From a car on the outskirts of the town Had driven on. So he slunk along, And he wondered what he had done so wrong.

To be cast away...He hoped vainly For each car to stop and take him again. But the wind was sharp, the snow was bright.

And the hour late on the Christ Child's white

No mortal stopped to find him there. But a man who walked and whose hands were bare And cold, but kind, as they stroked the throat.

Of the puppy he thrust beneath his coat. The puppy slept; but the man tramped on.

And they came a small furnace at Christmas Day. With a cry of joy They were met by a tiny, tawny boy.

"Oh, daddy, what did you bring for me? It's a Christmas present. I want to see!"

Said a woman's voice: "I told you, son. That this year we could buy no gifts."

But the small boy cried: "I see its paws. And I know it was sent by Santa Claus." There were no gifts on the barren farm. But hearts were kind and the fire was warm.

And the pup, coat dried and combed to silk, Was caressed and was fed with mush and milk.

The little lost dog, who had brought such joy.

On the Christ Child's Day, to a little boy— Kadra Mays.

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, December 11th, 1919

About fifty of our citizens attended the banquet and entertainment at Ebenezer Church, Nassauway on Monday evening.

Mr. George Dills has purchased the frame dwelling of Mrs. Robert McPherson, Sr., on West Bowler Avenue.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the L.O.D.E. held a very successful bazaar in the Town Hall on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday evening the few remaining articles were sold for fair prices by Auctioneer Kerr. The total proceeds will amount to over \$600, which will be handed over to the Acton Soldiers' Memorial Fund Committee.

Rev. John Johnston, B.A., the newly appointed pastor of the Baptist Church, commenced his ministry in Acton on Sunday. The attendance at the evening service was augmented by the presence of the members of Action O.W.W.A.

The congregation of Knox Church have extended an unanimous call to Rev. William L. Findlay, B.A., late of Selkirk, Man.

Mr. H. B. Brown, Crewson's Corners, has gone to St. Thomas, where he has secured a situation in the Royal Bank.

Pine destroyed Gray's chipping mill a mile southwest of Rockwood, on Wednesday morning. A new up-to-date cedar mill had lately been installed. The damage loss will run up into the thousands.

BELFAST'S PRIDE

When the eyes of the world are on British industry's capacity to meet vast war requirements while maintaining her export trade, it is with special pride that Belfast, capital of Northern Ireland, claims four of the largest industrial undertakings of their kind in the world. There is no bigger shipyard on earth than Belfast's, especially renowned for building merchantmen. Shipbuilding began there about 1790, and the late Lord Pirrie's initiative was responsible for the city's present position of pre-eminence.

The largest composite linen mill in the world carries out at Belfast all the processes in making the famous Irish linen. The chairman of the company is the Hon. G. H. Mulholland, Speaker of the Ulster House of Commons.

What is now the largest ropeworks in the world was started in Belfast in 1758, and its output of all kinds of rope and cordage had reached about 13,000 tons a year when war broke out.

In Belfast, too, are the largest makers in the world of machinery of all kinds for the preparation, spinning, widening and weaving of flax, hemp, jute and other fibres. This firm are also the only makers in the world able to create in their own work-shops a complete plant, from the machine dealing with the raw material to the latest machinery used in weaving and finishing processes.

VERY SATISFACTORY

Officer: "Now men, will you fight or will you run?"

Men: "We will!"

Officer: "Will what?"

Men: "Will not!"

Officer: "Ah, my brave boys. I knew you would!"

INTERESTED ANYWAY

The profiteer was alone in the house when a beggar came along.

Beggar: "Beg pardon, sir, but I've had nothing to eat for a week."

Profiteer: "How very interesting. Well, come back later and tell me how long you were able to hold out."

SWEET CAPORAL
CIGARETTES
The person born in which tobacco can be smoked

Acton's Family Album

Turning Over the Pages, Week by Week, and Looking on the Faces of Those Who Were Familiar to Many Here in Other Years

HOW MANY OF THESE DO YOU KNOW?



ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PICTURE

Rev. H. A. McPherson, for a number of years a beloved pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, who left there to assume charge of a Toronto church and passed away while residing in Toronto.

WHY CHRISTMAS WILL LIVE

HAROLD A. TRIBUTE

The great festival, which was first instituted as a religious feast, has captured the hearts of the people in every country. While the religious side of the festival in our churches, the holiday is a festival preserved in all its beauty and of rejoicing in the home. The early Christians kept Fast at this season

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OH, THAT POLE

Regimental headquarters had just been set up and the busy Colonel decided that he must have a flagstaff. O'Hanlon told his orderly, "Get out and get me a tall pole, the tallest you can find."

Ten Minutes later O'Hanlon re-entered with a hasty and embarrassed companion. "Colonel," he explained, "there ain't a Pole in the outfit over the last eight but this guy's a Lithuanian, and whatever you want him for, I don't believe nobody will ever notice the difference."

JUST FORESIGHT

Knicker Kippings' "Recessional" is a great poem.

Boeker: Wonderful, but how did he know the recession was coming?

A QUEER REBUKE

Defendant: Justice! I demand justice!

Judge: Silence! Don't forget you are in a court of law!

THAT'S WHAT HE THOUGHT

A party of men were travelling by train. Presently one produced a large fruit cake which he devoured greedily. Time passed. Suddenly he began growing and doubling himself up and straightening out again. When this had gone on for some time, a friend asked him:

"Smarter, Jim?"

"That cake I ate," groaned the sufferer. "It had nuts, and I think the missus forgot to shell them."

"Lord!" said his friend. "And can you crack 'em just by bending?"

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When preparing dates for adding to tarts, puddings, etc., cut with scissors or put through a grinder that has been dipped in hot water until completely heated through. They will cut easier and stick less.

Work boots will last longer if laid on their sides after being taken off.

For polishing glass, old linen is better than cotton, which is likely to leave fluff.

Leathen juice sprinkled over sliced fruit will prevent it from turning dark.

I know," replied the warden. "It's the smell I'm worrying about. I'm frightened some of the boys will give the gas alarm."

The case (E)

MUGGS AND SKEETER



The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

REACTIONS TO THE GOOD NEWS

Golden Text—Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11: 28-30.

Lesson Text—Matthew 11: 16-30. Time—Midsummer, A.D. 20. Place—Capernaum.

Exposition—1. Warnings to the Im-

Christ makes of the Father, God is indeed, as the agnostic says, "the Unknowable." But there is one Who knows God and Who is ready to give to any one who will believe on Him an under-

standing that He also may know God (1 John 5: 20). The words of v. 28 are among the most wonderful that ever fell from the lips of Him Who spoke as never man spake. Here again His deity shone out bright and clear. What resurrection or immortality it would have been in Jesus, had that it was neither presumption nor hubris, is amply proven by the fact that thousands upon thousands have put these words to the test of actual experiment and found them absolutely true! JEHOVIAH DOES GIVE REST!

WICH FRIENDSHIP

Walter and Alf, both in their teens, were inseparable pals and rarely was one seen without the other. One evening,

however, Walter alone was in the twenty-five-cent seats at the local movie, when the film ran off and on the screen ap-

peared the following S.Q.S.:

Very Urgent. If Walter — is in the hall will be go to the front entrance

where he is wanted immediately?—The Manager.

Walter pushed his way towards the entrance to find his friend Alf waiting outside.

"Nothing," replied Alf; "Send me a quarter, and I'll come inside with you."

What is the favorite fruit of history?

Dates.

GIFTS

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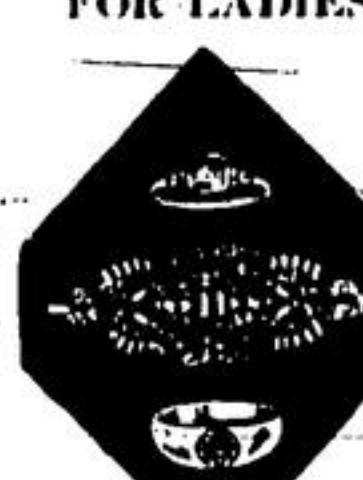
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