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Is there a cool breeze anywhere, I wonder—just one little spot where thermometer doesn't register almost a hundred in the shade? Really, the heat this week has been terrific—but then you don't need me to tell you, do you? The only thing to make it bearable is to remember that it can't last for ever. Even as I write clouds have actually appeared in the sky, breaking up the heavy heat haze that has hung over this poor scorched earth like a pall for the last six days. Who knows—maybe by the time this gets into print we may be donning our sweaters. Oh happy thought!

Speaking of sweaters reminds me... A newcomer to this country, and speaking very little English, mopped her brow and asked hesitantly—"Wet—what you say for wet?" Her employer smiled and said—"Well, if you are a lady, you say 'perspire' but men quite often say 'sweat'." The girl was thoughtful for a few minutes then she said—"Ah yes, yes—I understand... perspire and sweat—same thing. Then you say 'cows perspire, bull, he sweat. That right yes?"

Here is another little story which doesn't belong to Ginger Farm but it did happen in this district.

Three men and a dog were working in a nearby bush, drawing logs, I believe, and of course, not paying very much attention to the dog, who was amusing himself as dogs will, chasing rabbits or sniffing around for other legitimate game. Suddenly the men heard the dog yelping piteously and he ran towards them, obviously in terrible pain. The reason was soon discovered. The dog had found—and grabbed—a porcupine! Between them the men tried to release some of the quills from the poor dog's hide but their attempts to help so plainly increased his agony that they soon gave it up. So they brought him home and called on a neighbour to bring his gun and put the poor thing out of its misery. Instead of that the neighbour suggested asking the "vet" if there was anything he could do. "Sure", was the answer, "bring him down and we'll fix him."

So the dog was rushed to the veterinary office where he was given an anaesthetic and was soon mercifully unconscious of his pain. The "vet" went to work and pulled out over a hundred porcupine quills. They were everywhere, especially around the poor dog's mouth and throat. When it was thought all the quills had been removed the dog's master took him home, still unconscious, and thus he remained for almost eight hours. Yesterday I saw him—that was the day following his adventure—he was still very weak and quite evidently far from happy, but he was able to walk around slowly and would eat and drink when he felt like it. The "vet" thought that in a day or two he would be completely recovered. I wonder will he recognise a porcupine next time he sees one.

As I understood it a porcupine is quite harmless unless attacked when it has the power to shed its quills, which probe the flesh of its victims and cannot be removed without great pain because end of each quill is shaped like a sharp hook.

I wonder what we would do if "Pippy" got into such a mix-up? Maybe a painless death is really the kinder solution but then, if a family pet can be saved it is only natural one should want to keep it alive.

Pippy, these days, is spending much of her time in the coal cellar where there is a dirt floor which she finds cool and comfortable. "Leading a dog's life" is surely a misnomer if ever there was one! It might better be called an ideal existence compared with us poor humans who work and sweat in this hundred-degree heat. Yesterday our men both had thrashing to go to and today Bob is sweating it out on the tractor. As for Cleely and I, we are doing a little, wearing as little, and worrying as little as we possibly can. But it doesn't make any difference even doing nothing at all would be hard these days.

**STOP PRESS NEWS:** Sunday and glory be, it's cooler! Tomorrow we head for the Exhibition.

A case hardened city reporter, assigned to cover a nudist convention in New Jersey lost his poise when he was required to "dress" for the occasion by exchanging his clothing for an identity disc.

**THE MIXING BOWL**  
By ANNIE ALLAN  
Modern House Essential



Hello Homemakers! "Seeing is believing" is the motto of the exhibitors at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. These manufacturers tell their story with movies—twelve to twenty-five minutes running time. It is worthwhile to do the Exhibition in easy stages so that you have time to see the various pictures and it's one way of resting aching feet.

The women will want to spend some time in the Coliseum section where there are practical interior decorating schemes and demonstrations pertaining to home and community program projects.

Of special interest will be the day when your hobby or craft is in competition. Consult the catalogue for place and schedule of events.

- NEW EQUIPMENT**
1. More glassware is now being made in Canada. There will be ample supply of table glassware as well as cooking and baking utensils of this type.
  2. The aluminum jelly moulds of different shapes and sizes are being displayed for the first time in years.
  3. Notice the food chopper attachment designed to hold the chopper firm and at the same time protect your table or working surface. It can be fastened so that it is out of your way when not in use.
  4. Again a new greater and easy to clean because the grooves are more curved.
  5. There are many new apartment washing machines this year. These are timesavers and require only small storage space.
  6. An electric drier for clothes is another machine which many women are considering.
  7. The thermometers are also interesting. These are the most inexpensive ones ever marketed. There are special purpose ones for deep frying, for syrups, or meats, as well as dual purpose recording gadgets.
  8. Electric ranges are again the envy of the bride-to-be. Special features are: the pressure cooker as one element; a broiling pan that fits right on the shelf-grooves; time signals that ring like an alarm clock; light fixtures for the oven; easy-to-clean drip trays and streamlined handles.
  9. New ironers and hand irons are displayed in the manufacturers' building where many pieces of laundry are being done for your benefit if you wish to review your technique.

Community planning is the concern of the family, yet women have a keen interest in the pattern of life surrounding them. The model homes are in detail and an attendant will be glad to tell you all about them.

- REQUESTED RECIPES**
- Piquant Tongue Mold**
- 1 package lemon jelly powder
  - 2 cups hot water
  - 2 1/2 tbsps. vinegar
  - 1/4 tsp. salt
  - 1 tsp. scraped onion
  - 3/4 cups boiled tongue
  - 1/2 cup chopped dill pickles
  - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Dissolve lemon jelly powder in hot water. Add vinegar and salt. Chill. When slightly thickened, place in bowl of ice and water and whip with rotary egg beater until fluffy and thick like whipped cream. Fold in onion, tongue, pickles, and mayonnaise. Turn into loaf pan. Chill until firm in electric refrigerator. Unmold. Garnish with crisp lettuce and radishes. Make 10 servings.
- Plantation Milk Shake**
- 1 cup peanut butter
  - 1 tbsps. honey
  - 1/2 tsp. salt
  - 2 cups milk
  - 1/2 tsp. vanilla nutmeg
- Put peanut butter, honey and salt in bowl. Add 1 cup milk and beat until smooth. Add the remaining milk, continuing to beat. Add vanilla. Pour into jar, cover and store in refrigerator until needed. Top each glassful with a dash of nutmeg.
- Blueberry Pie**
- Line a pie plate with a rich pie pastry 1/2 inch thick. Mix 2 1/2 to 3 cups of blueberries with a tablespoon of flour, 2 1/2 cupful brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves. Fill the pie plate. Add the top crust, crimp edges and bake in a hot oven 425 F. for 10 minutes; reduce heat to moderate 350 F. and bake another 2 minutes or until done.
- Cloves and brown sugar give a new and different flavor, but if you prefer a dash of lemon juice it's good, too.
- Iced Tea**
- Allow 2 teaspoons of tea for every standard measuring cup (8-ounce) of briskly boiling water. Brew in warmed teapot 4 to 5 minutes. Fill tall glasses with cracked or cubed ice, then pour in the hot

tea. Serve with sugar and lemon slices.

**Old Time Tarts**

- 2 cups dried rhubarb
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 cups crushed berries
- 8 baked tart shells
- 1/2 cup cream, whipped

Combine rhubarb, water, sugar and salt in saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer 5 minutes. Add quick-cooking tapioca and berries and bring to a full boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Cook stirring occasionally. Turn into tart shells. Chill. Just before serving garnish with the whipped cream. Makes 8 servings.

It is likely that the British Lee-Enfield rifle, carried by Canadian soldiers in two wars will be replaced in British Ordnance by the U.S.A. service rifle.

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