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ARABIAN TALE

Efforts are being made in Saudi Arabia to extend the facilities of ancient irrigation systems by the use of modern irrigation techniques. However, water rights in this country are as intricate as the tunnels themselves which often cross one another at various levels and much of the government's trouble is to avoid infringing complex traditional customs.

Chronicles



Ginger Farm
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This column is being written a day ahead of time because tomorrow we are expecting a friend from Montreal. It will be our first meeting in three years so we shall have plenty to talk about. And believe me, there will be very little fussing over meals tomorrow. I know this friend of mine very well and I also know she would rather sit down to a sandwich and a cup of tea than have me wanting precious-time-fixing fancy dishes in the kitchen. However, I expect there will be more than a sandwich on our menu. After all I still have two men to feed.

Daughter and two of her friends were here today and our Honey dog nearly went wild with excitement, starting directly Daughter got out of the car. Before long Honey's own particular ball was brought from its special hiding place, and then the fun began—Honey running, jumping and catching the ball as long as Daughter was willing to throw it.

Poor Honey—I am afraid Daughter is the only one who has patience enough to play with her. I am just her meal ticket and Partner is the fellow who goes to all the interesting places where there is sure to be good hunting. He is also the fellow who can be trusted to hand out a bit of cookie (oven-dried bread) when he has his four o'clock tea.

"After all," Honey almost says with her pathetic brown eyes, "when a girl has been chasing around all afternoon hunting mice or anything that crawls she needs a little bit of cookie to help her last out until supper time."

I always tell Partner that Honey is his little dog—must be when he goes out of his way to spoil her. So this is the greeting I got the other day after being in Toronto. "Don't ever say again that Honey is my dog," said Partner. "While you were away she was quite happy with me as long as I stayed outside but directly we came into the house she was all over the place looking for you, upstairs and downstairs, into every room."

Tippy is our problem dog. She senses a storm long before the first rumble of thunder and starts trembling with fear. I often wonder what she would do in an air-raid. Dull days Tippy remains hidden at the back of the woodshed.

Nothing on earth would induce her to ride in a car but she will run along beside it at 30 miles an hour for at least a quarter of a mile, and then gives up and ambles home.

Tippy is the most nervous dog we ever had around here. Why, I don't know because she has never been treated with anything but kindness. But of course, we don't know what may have happened to her before we bought her—when she was just a puppy.

Come to think of it, every type of livestock is temperamental—including hens. Some folk may think all hens are pretty much of a muchness. We have found out they are not by a long way. Breeds of hens are as different as races of people. Plymouth Barred Rocks are quiet, motherly hens. So, of course, they go broody very easily and are difficult to break up. Light Sussex are much the same, but more lazy than Rocks and spend a lot of time just sitting around in the sun.

White Leghorns are nervous and highly strung. Just give one good enough or sneeze while feeding them and they are all over the place, flying high and banging themselves against the pen windows. Hybrid rock-Leghorn-cross are even worse.

In addition to being nervous they are messy feeders, scratch around in their laying boxes and break and eat their eggs. New Hampshires... ah, they are real buddies. Quiet, clean and friendly. They sit around in their pen and never disturb or foul their nests. They are economical feeders, good layers and happy, contented buddies. When they have out-lived their usefulness they still make good table fowl.

Little black hybrids—that is B.R. N.H. are almost as good. As chickens they feather out and mature very rapidly. But being smaller they are not as profitable as Hampshires when sold as broiling fowl.

And that is as far as our personal experience goes—but I suppose I have said enough to start an argument as most poultry people have their own ideas as to the best and most profitable birds to keep. That's fine—just so long as no one tries to talk us into keeping White Leghorns again—even though their eggs are as white as the driven snow."

Lure of the North Increases Yearly

That public interest in outdoor recreation in Ontario's forest and lakeland areas is increasing is indicated by the latest Annual Report issued by the Department of Lands and Forests. Annual sales of Crown Lands for private summer resort purposes have risen sharply since 1943 as have applications for land use permits, leases and licenses of occupation. The number of tourist outfitters' camps in recreational areas has more than doubled during the past eight years.

In 1943, less than 200 sales of Crown Lands for summer resort use were dealt with by the Department's Lands and Recreational Areas Division, but each year's sales have increased since that time until in the fiscal year ending on March 31st, 1950, more than 1,200 transactions involving over 2,500 acres were recorded. Lands use permits, leases and licenses of occupation which numbered but 300 in 1943 amounted to almost 3,300 during the 1949-50 season. The ever-increasing demand for accommodation in hunting and fishing areas is evidenced by the more than doubling in number of licensed tourist outfitters' camps of which there were 539 in Ontario in 1943.

Poet's Corner

FIRST ROBIN

It seems to bring new courage,
And makes us want to stay
To live another summer,
Before we're called away.
Life has a deeper meaning
That the best is yet to be,
With returning of the robins
In the apple orchard tree.
What tender recollections
A robin's song can bring!
It takes us back in memory
To another glorious spring.
My father with his smiling face
Would be the first to tell
Come quick! I want you to see it,
There's a robin in the dell.
—Bertram E. Nightingale.

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FASHION HINT



A new look for spring needn't just centre around your clothes. A new haircut can do wonders for putting some exuberance into spring. The poodle haircut is already well on the way out—it isn't right for enough people. A New York hair style authority declared last week that the trend is to coiffures in which the hair will be short but "attractively so."

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