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WOMAN AGED WITH SCIATICA

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The severe pain which is characteristic of sciatica is often due to needle-pointed uric acid known to medical science. They swiftly dull the sharp edges of the crystals—the cause of pain and stiffness—and often convert them into a harmless solution, which is then expelled through the natural channels.

WHEAT CROP VALUE

The total wheat production in Canada in 1938 is now estimated at 350,010,000 bushels from 25,930,500 acres, a yield of 13.5 bushels per acre, and with a total estimated value of \$205,351,000. In comparison, the yield in 1937 was 180,210,000 bushels from 25,570,200 acres, or 7.9 bushels per acre, with a total value estimated at \$184,651,000.

The aggregate value of all field crops in Canada in 1938 is now estimated at \$528,860,000, as compared with \$556,220,000, the revised value for 1937.

—Advertise in the Herald. It Pays.

SAFETY AND THE ROYAL VISIT

The special train and automobiles which King George and Queen Elizabeth will visit all parts of Canada will be masterpieces of engineering design, in beauty of line and safety of operation. Every known device whose purpose is the prevention of accidents will have been incorporated into the construction of these modern marvels of transportation.

Even more important from the standpoint of safety, will be the men who will pilot the train and drive the motor cars which will carry the Royal visitors. Unblemished safety records will be the prime requisite for this appointment, for any mechanical or human failure in safely conducting the Royal tour would be a stain on the nation's honor.

Every Canadian citizen can do his share in ensuring that the visit of the King and Queen will not be marred by any untoward incidents. The problems of traffic movement which will arise at every point along the route can only be solved if every motorist and every pedestrian makes a determined effort to practice safety and prevent accidents.

The successful application by Canadians of the recent suggestion, made by Ontario's minister of highways, Hon. T. B. McQuesten, calling for a drastic reduction in highway accidents and fatalities in the three months prior to and during the Royal visit, will be the most effective way in which the prayer of "safe journey" for the King and Queen in every loyal heart can be expressed.

ANOTHER ARTIST

"What a wonderful painter Rubens was!" remarked pater familias at an art gallery.

"Yes," assented his wife—"It is said of him that he could change a laughing face into a sad one by a single stroke."

"Oh," said their small boy, "that's nothing! My school teacher can do that!"

Mary had a little lamb,
With her it used to frolic;
It licked her cheeks in play one day
And died of painters' colic.

Aramaic Used by Christ;

Northern Syria Dialect

Jesus Christ was a Jew, and the language he spoke was the Aramaic, the dialect of northern Syria.

The Israelites were much in contact with Aramean populations, and some words from that tongue became incorporated into the Hebrew at a very early date. At the time of Hesekeiah, notes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Aramaic had become the official language of both Judea and Assyria; that is, the language spoken at the courts.

After the fall of Samaria the Hebrew inhabitants of northern Israel were largely carried into captivity and their place was taken by colonists from Syria, who probably spoke Aramaic as their mother tongue. The fall of the Jewish kingdom hastened the decay of Hebrew as a spoken language—not that the captives forgot their own language, as is generally assumed, but after the return to Judea the Jews found themselves, a people few in number, among a large number of surrounding populations using the Aramaic tongue.

When the latest books of the Old Testament were written Hebrew, though still the language of literature, had been supplanted by Aramaic as the language of common life. From that time on the former tongue was the exclusive property of scholars, and has no history save that of a merely literary language.

'Gem of Gems' Name Given

Precious Ruby by Hindus

"Gem of gems" is the name given to the ruby by the Hindus, who prize it above all other precious stones. It is said to bring to its wearer health, wealth, wisdom and happiness, and is the emblem of true love. It has been said that he who possesses a flawless ruby dwells without fear in the midst of his enemies. The ruby is spoken of in the "Lapidaire en Vers," where it is called the most precious of the 12 stones God created, when He created all creatures.

The ruby, called the lord of gems, the highly prized, the dearly loved ruby, so fair with its gay color." By the Lord's command the ruby was placed on Aaron's neck.

The many talismanic virtues of the ruby are noted in the Fourteenth century treatise on gems attributed to Sir John Manderville. Here the fortunate owner of a brilliant ruby is assured that he will live in peace and concord with all men, that neither his land nor his rank will be taken from him, and that he will be preserved from all perils.

Bible Facts

All book-lovers read the Bible for the beautiful, dignified English it contains, if for no deeper reason. Men who have made a very careful analysis of the Bible say that it contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word "and" occurs no fewer than 46,627 times and the word "Lord" 1,598 times. Those who order their lives by the Bible could not choose a better set of practical instructions. The Book of Proverbs contains the sanest advice on behavior ever given to man. In the earlier books there are rules for eating and drinking, for sowing crops and the maintenance of bodily health. Historically, it is accurate; it contains a comprehensive list of the flora and fauna of Palestine and the surrounding countries, their merchandise and mineral products.

Quilts of Iron or Rope

Regular quilts are circles of iron rounded on top and flat on bottom. About 8 1/2 inches in diameter, they weigh nine pounds apiece. Circles of heavy rope are sometimes substituted for iron bands. The game quilts is the "step-son" of discus throwing. It was originated by camp followers of Greek soldiers who, being poor, couldn't afford to buy discuses. Instead, they picked up horseshoes and bent them into circles. Lax players didn't bother to bend their shoes, pitched them "as is." In the game of quilts, two pegs are placed 18 to 24 yards apart. The player stands near one peg, tries to throw his quilt on top of or near the other peg. He usually gets two points for a "ringer," one point for being closest to the peg.

Cologne Facts

Perhaps you know that the difference between eau de cologne and toilet water lies in the fact that while the latter is simply a mild rendition of perfume, cologne is an actual cooling agent. Fern, bergamot, orange blossom, lemon are mixed with alcohol in cologne to give that tingling sensation that cools the skin much the same way as menthol cools the palate. But the really distinguished eau de cologne has the added virtue of containing plenty of perfume essence besides, to give it character.

The Shakers

The Shakers were an American religious community who made their first appearance in 1776 at Nissequona, which is the name by which Watervliet, N. Y., was then known. In the subsequent century other colonies formed in Massachusetts, Vermont, New York state, Kentucky and other sections of the country. They practice celibacy, oral confession and community of goods. They hold doctrines of non-resistance and non-participation in worldly government.

Something for Rita

By GLADYS T. DUHAINE
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WNU Service

"THANK you, thank you kindly, sir," murmured little Ma Bixby, her flushed cheeks as pink as the check fluttering in her nervous grasp.

Barney Littlefield, purchasing agent plenipotentiary of the I. I. & N. railway, was not prepared for such manifestations of delight. The amount of the check was less than one-third of his estimate for the property—he was sure to receive commendations from his superiors for his acuteness—yet, there was more chagrin than satisfaction visible in his hard blue eyes. It had been in just such a clean little, mean little kitchen that 20 years before he took leave of just such a wrinkled, trembling, timid little woman. Her final admonition, weeping and prayerful, "Be a good boy, Barney," came to him across the years faintly, rebukingly.

"Sall right," he muttered and turned on his Scotch brogue heel and was gone.

Trembling and tearful with delight, Ma Bixby fluttered into the sitting room and took up a much-handled catalogue of ladies' and

SHORT SHORT STORY

Complete in This Issue

children's wear. "I know you won't like it, Hiram, dear," looking up apologetically into the badly-focused eyes of the alleged likeness in crayon of her late husband, which, draped with a tasseled silk "throw," stood on an easel in the corner, "but ain't really spent no money on clothes since my trousseau wore out, and I always did just love pretty clothes—jes' seems like I can't help it. Besides, if I don't like these things I can return them and get my money back. It says so right here in the book on every page 'most."

"After all," she defended herself to herself, "there's nothing foolish or extravagant on the list unless it might be the fuzzy white sweater set for Elviry Thompson's littlest girl."

Going to hang up the broom, preparatory to returning to the sitting-room and her list, she caught sight of Ernestine Biggers on her way to the interurban station and rapidly changed her plan of shopping by mail to the more thrilling one of shopping in person.

The girl, responding to her frantic signals on the window, came up the narrow flagged path and into the kitchen. "In a big hurry, child?" she asked eagerly, wistfully. "Going to the city, ben't you? Would it be too much bother if I went with you? Now ain't that kind! I'll be ready in no time and I'll explain later, on the train, what I'm going for and all."

But once settled on the car, the wan sadness of the girl's face touched her and attracted her attention from her own fine plans. A few gentle questions and the girl, haltingly, ashamedly, poured into the sympathetic ear of her confidante all her heart's pent-up discouragement and despair. Her promise to marry young Luke Endicott on the neighboring farm, his need of her in view of his mother's fast-failing health, and the absolute impossibility of making her school salary do more than cover the bills that piled up during her father's illness. Even the most modest outfit was out of the question.

"But I don't know what possesses me to be whining like this to you, Miss Bixby. I'm ashamed of myself. I certainly am. What's clothes, after all, and a few towels and bureau scarfs and things? I've promised, and I know Luke understands how I am fixed. I never should have bothered you with it. We're not far from the city now. My errand won't take long; the school committee wanted me to see the publishers about the new arithmetics. After that I'll take you anywhere you'd like to go."

A dear good girl, Ma Bixby thought as she sat alone, and just the age that Rita would have been. Going to marry with no outfit at all. She recalled with the accustomed thrill of pride her trousseau of 40 years past. Every girl, she decided, is entitled to a trousseau. It is her inalienable right. But was it business of hers, Martha Bixby's, if a neighbor girl were deprived by illness of a wedding outfit? She had not answered the question to her entire satisfaction when Ernestine returned.

"Well, I'll make it business of mine," she silently declared. "An old lady like me can do better than buy clothes for herself."

And make it her business she did so efficiently that passengers on the last out-bound car must look more than once to discover Ma Bixby and Ernestine Biggers under the mountain.

On her lap pretty things for a bride: the age of Rita; in her hand the fuzzy white sweater suit for a baby the age of Rita; in her heart the yearning love of an ageless Rita; Ma Bixby smiled across the parcels into the shy grateful eyes of Ernestine Biggers.

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