

The Garland Clock

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EDITH STACEY came out of the little old-fashioned house looking as youthful sweet as ever—except for her blue eyes which were full of trouble.

The Stacey's race had been with poverty, especially since the war which had claimed two sons—the father had died at home during that awful period. So there was only Edith left, and she was the sole support of her mother.

Edith went back into the house and paused in the front hall looking up at the grandfather's clock in one corner. Grandfather Garland's clock had always been admired and envied by their friends. Mrs. Stacey had been given to her by her grandfather who made his home with her until his death. "The clock will bring you luck, my dear," he used to chuckle; "I invested a small fortune in it."

Edith put on her hat, kissed her mother good-by and tiptoed out of the house into the village street. Determination was written all over her serious face when she entered Andrew Landon's jewelry store and clock repairing place. It was a small store, and Andrew was rather a big young man so he filled it

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rather awkwardly. He was very homely with nice blue-gray eyes that seemed to become very deep and shining when he beheld Edith.

"Good morning," said Edith, putting her hand across the counter. Andrew held it as long as he could. "You look ill this morning, dear," he said anxiously. "I wish you would let me carry these responsibilities for you. Your mother needs a son as well as a daughter."

"Dear, you couldn't just yet. It would ruin your business. I did come to ask your advice, Andrew. It's about grandfather's clock."

"What about it?" "I want to sell it—have you a customer?"

"There's a man up on the Point who is just finishing his sixty-thousand dollar new house."

"How much would he pay?" Andrew named a sum that took Edith's breath away. "That's the limit," he added.

"He can have ours, today. Will you come and get it, dear?"

Edith was dusting the clock just because she liked to touch the familiar old friend, and she polished the shining faithful face with a few words of apology for letting it go. Andrew came in and examined the clock thoroughly.

"It has never failed to go and it has always kept good time," said Edith in the tone in which one whispers of the dear departed. "Grandfather put in new weights years ago—the old ones are upstairs in the garret."

Andrew detached the weights and balanced them in his hands. "Heavy," he said in a surprised tone. Then he bent closer, and scraped the surface of the weights with his penknife. "Bring me the old iron weights, dear," he said excitedly.

When the old ones had been attached and the old clock was ticking away once more, Andrew beckoned Edith to the window. "Look at this dear," he said.

Edith looked down at the new weights and saw a yellow gleam where the black paint had been scraped away. "It looks like—gold," she whispered.

"It is solid gold—the other is the same, Edith—that is what Grandfather Garland did with the gold he found in 'Forty-nine.' Had it melted down into these weights for the clock—and kept a fortune in reserve! The old weights are in the clock, after sixty-eight years rest, and these—oh, my dear, we can keep the clock, your mother can have the operation now and an income for the rest of her life."

"And we can get married very soon, Andrew," whispered Edith softly, while the friendly old clock ticked a cheerful blessing.

Clever camel

Those who know a good deal about camels claim that they are the most useful animals in the world. The camel has another asset which can be relied upon. It has an excellent homing instinct, and animals have found their way 750 miles across the Australian desert when those who have ridden them had no means of finding out their direction.

EARLIER PASTURING PROVES BENEFICIAL

Early in the spring of 1938, C. F. Bailey, Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Farm, Fredericton, New Brunswick, reported that improved pastures on the farm were actually benefitted when live stock was turned out to graze a week or ten days earlier than usual.

Formerly the main object in delayed grazing was to prevent the cattle's hoofs from punching holes in the sod. It was also felt that the grass should average four inches high at that time. Instead the cattle were turned out when the grass was barely two inches on the knolls and had made practically no growth in the hollows. The old system gave ten days less pasture in the spring and was much too close to the flush season when almost any kind of pasture would be productive. Early grazing cut the sod in some places, but the advantages far outweighed the disadvantages. It also made it possible to keep the grasses under control in the flush season and prevented early heading.

Very close grazing and late grazing in the fall should be avoided states Mr. Bailey. An experiment at the Fredericton Station shows that late fall grazing seriously delayed spring growth.

Harrowing pastures was found to be of benefit and the field should be harrowed both ways. This loosens up the sod and tends to spread droppings of animals more evenly over the field. The chain harrow was found to be the best for the purpose but an ordinary smoothing harrow may be used, preferably with the teeth partly turned back.

HISTORY REPEATS

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow-citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without prospect of it.

In France the political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent, upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly disturbed relations in China. It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference which happily, no man pretends to feel—in the issue of events. That quotation is nearly 82 years old. It appeared in Harper's Weekly of October 10th, 1857.

An Englishman and a Frenchman were arguing over whose country owned the finer navy. They asked the old Irishman in the corner to settle the argument.

"The Irish have the best navy," he said.

"In Heaven's name, where is the Irish navy?" said the other two.

"And what a fool I'd be telling you when you might be a couple of spies," said the Irishman.

This Month's STAR RECIPE

By BETTY BARCLAY

If you wish to serve something out of the ordinary, the following recipe will fill the bill. Lemon frozen cream proves a delightful change to those who are accustomed to servings of chocolate, strawberry or vanilla. I present it as the star recipe for this first ice-cream month.

This cream contains healthful milk, eggs and lemon juice. An ideal dish for the child who will not eat eggs or drink milk, or for anyone who needs the vitamins of the healthful lemon.

If you wish to be particularly "different," the cream may be served in a lemon cup or basket. Cut lemon peel half-way down fruit in strips. Remove pulp. As each shell is filled with frozen mixture, place it in freezing tray until ready to serve. Or serve in the usual manner.

Lemon Frozen Cream

2 eggs, beaten until lemon-colored
1/2 cup sugar
Add sugar gradually to egg until mixture becomes a thick custard-like consistency. Combine with:

1/2 cup light cream
1 cup top milk (or 1 cup milk and 1 cup coffee cream)

1 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
Freeze in refrigerator tray at lowest temperature until stiff. When frozen, remove to a bowl and whip with an electric or hand beater until light and creamy. Return quickly to freezing tray. Finish freezing. This one stirring is all that is needed. Hold at middle control for serving. Makes 1 quart. Serves 6-8.

This may also be made in a crank freezer.

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BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND THE HOME

(A social aspect of the liquor problem)

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson, May 21st, 1939

GOLDEN TEXT: "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee." Leviticus 10: 9.

LESSON PASSAGE: Jeremiah 35: 5 - 10; Ephesians 5: 15 - 21; 6: 1 - 4. There's just one law for the Scout. The first and last, the present and the past.

And the future and the perfect is, "Look out!" I, thou and he, look out! We, ye and they, look out! Though you didn't or you wouldn't, Or you hadn't or you couldn't, You jolly well must look out.

—Rudyard Kipling.

Testing Time, 5

The Rechabites were so well known as total abstainers that a test was made of their consistency. Wine was served to them and they were invited to drink, and there would have been high glee among their critics had they compromised. At a banquet in connection with an athletic club one man on his own volition began filling the glasses with wine. Out of two dozen people present only three accepted his courtesy. He felt very humiliated when he found that he had misjudged the guests. One young athlete asked what it was. He was told it was wine and an older man said to him, "If you have never taken it, don't start." What is there about human nature that takes a mischievous glee in starting young people drinking or in persuading reformed drinkers to break their vow? People do not ordinarily treat one another to hardware or groceries, but because of the social fellowship of beverage alcohol, the treating system induces many people to drink who would not drink otherwise, and to take more than they would normally imbibe.

Tradition, 6, 10

The Rechabites had lived up to their tradition of total abstinence for generations. Doubtless they were called narrow-minded, but their tribe was saved. They were exponents of the simple life. Mohammodans have perpetuated the tradition of total abstinence for centuries. It is with them a religious duty. There have been many temperance organizations for which the condition of membership has been total abstinence. We hear of those who fall from grace, but the majority continue true to their vows. There has been much discussion about the wisdom or unwisdom of signing a pledge. In order to avoid the danger of breaking a vow, it is now the custom to sign a declaration of purpose to abstain from alcoholic beverages. Many people say that signing such a declaration has been a source of strength to them in the hour of temptation. They have not left it an open question. They made the decision once for all and it was therefore more easy to decline a sudden invitation to alcoholic beverages. Young people going out into the world are reinforced in will power if they have home standards to sustain them.

Social Codes, 15 - 17

None of us live solely as individuals. We are members of society. Our lives are affected by the customs of the past and we also are responsible for determining the customs of the present. Many homes have to make decisions as to whether alcoholic beverages are to be served socially. Individuals attending banquets have to choose between declining or accepting liquor. Commercial travellers can make drinking an accompaniment of selling, or divorce the habit completely from salesmanship. In recent years many hosts and hostesses have deliberately refused to serve liquor to anyone driving a motor car. Such social codes perhaps have greater weight in determining conduct than laws upon license system in Canada was devised with the express purpose of keeping drinking out of homes. One defect of the sale of liquor in packages is that it tends to increase drinking in the home.

A Choice, 18 - 21

To be an abstainer from alcoholic beverages is no hardship if we are finding emotional satisfaction in higher ways. Primitive people had some excuse for the use of alcohol because their lives were so bare of interest and novelty. Life today, however, is so filled with helpful experiences that we do not have need for intoxication in a physical way. Most especially in religion can we find the highest satisfaction for our spirits. To have fellowship with Christ through faith; to sing great music; to have reverent worship before God; to enjoy fellowship with other Christians is to have the deepest needs and yearnings satisfied. Many people have found that when the love of Christ entered their lives, the desire for liquor left them.

Family Unity, 1 - 4

Prevention is always better than cure. People who are having happy home relationships are not likely to seek the escape which intoxication offers. Very often drinkers excuse their indulgence because of home unhappiness or that they are somewhat the negative by the positive. In normal family life there is to be found a great agency for character building, especially when home and church work together to develop appreciation of the highest spiritual values. Anything that goes the home is a foe to social welfare. Anything that builds up family life is making a contribution to the church and the state.

Questions for Discussion

1. How may one refuse liquor without giving offense?
2. How far are our actions determined by family standards?

Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival



Flowers and music will be the highlights of the seventh annual Apple Blossom Festival in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, largest single apple belt in the British Empire, from June third to fifth this year. The commodious Cornwallis Inn at Kentville will be headquarters for the festival and temporary home for many hundreds of visitors from Canada and the United States who come to see the Land of Evangeline at the peak of its beauty. Festival arrangements call for the election and coronation of the Queen, folk dances and songs, an

Apple Blossom Ball at the Cornwallis Inn, memorial services at Evangeline Park, colorful parades and pageants.

Of unusual significance will be the visit of Miss Florence Small, of Potterville, Brookman's Park, Hertfordshire, who is "Queen of the English Orchards," and who will represent England's fruit growers at the Canadian Festival. The first apple trees were planted in the Annapolis Valley 300 years ago and the province has the distinction of exporting more apples to Great Britain than all the other overseas dominions combined.

Visitors will have the opportunity of seeing the Shrine of Evangeline at nearby Grand Pre, the ancient willows, and the picturesque old well, and church described in Longfellow's epic romance.

This festival is an unflattering indication that the summer vacation period has arrived in the charming seaside resorts of the Maritimes. Three popular Canadian Pacific resorts are opened for the summer: The Pines at Digby, N.S., June 24; Lakeside Inn at Yarmouth, N.S., June 27, and the Algonquin Hotel at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B., June 30.

- Am I accepting or creating social codes?
- Does religion offer a satisfactory solution to the liquor problem?
- What can the church do to enrich home life?

KING AND QUEEN WILL BE ON THE AIR

The King and Queen will be on the air directly and indirectly more than ever before during their month in Canada.

Broadcasts will start with their arrival and end with their departure. The King will speak five times and the Queen once. Broadcasts by their Majesties:

The King will speak on arrival at Quebec Wednesday, May 17th. Thursday, May 18, 2:45 p.m. (E.D. ST.) at Ottawa (the Queen).

Friday, May 19, 10:45 a.m. (E.D. ST.) at Ottawa (the Queen). Wednesday, May 24, 3 p.m. (E.D. ST.) at Winnipeg (the King will speak to the empire).

Tuesday, May 30, 6:00 p.m. (E.D. ST.) at Victoria (the King). Thursday, June 15, 12:30 p.m. (E.D. ST.) at Halifax.

At Quebec the arrival of the King and Queen will be described. At Ottawa the ceremony as the King dedicates and unveils the national war memorial will be broadcast.

Friday, May 19, between 10:45 and 11:30 a.m. will be broadcast the coronation of the Queen by the cornerstone of the new supreme court building. In Toronto, May 22, the C.B.C. will broadcast their majesties' arrival, the reception of the Dionne quintuplets by their majesties and their presence at the running of the King's Plate.

At Winnipeg, May 24, from 8:15 to 8:30 p.m. there will be broadcast the ceremony of presenting the black beavers to the King. From 3:30 to 4 p.m. at Victoria, May 30, they will broadcast their majesties' presentation of the colors to the Royal Canadian Navy, at Esquimaut.

From 7:30 to 8 p.m., June 7, the C.B.C. will broadcast the visit of the King and Queen to Niagara Falls, and from 10:15 to 10:30 p.m. their departure to the U.S. Details for Halifax farewell broadcast: have not been arranged.

A woman who had been brushed by an automobile was later asked if she got the number of the car.

"No," she replied, "but the girl who was driving it wore a three piece knitted suit, and she had on a pearl-winked hat, trimmed with artificial grapes."



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