

THE GARDEN SPEAKS

Come, all good birds! Robin and wren and thrush, Come with glad words.

And all bright flowers: Phlox and delphinium, Rose and tall lily, come, Make fair the hours.

Come, bees, because here Sweets without measure Wait for your pleasure. Butterflies, pause here.

Toads, find you room. In the sweet thickets Humble brown crickets, Make you at home.

Be kind here, weather! Rain, wet the tender roots; Sun, warm the golden fruits; Dew, softly gather.

Love, be the warden; Peace, all the borders fold. God himself once of old Walked in a garden.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May, 27, 1915

Waterdown had a \$25,000 fire on Tuesday. Mr. Wm. Cooper, merchant tailor, has secured Mr. S. J. Reid, a first class coat maker from Alliston, for his merchant tailoring business.

The removal of the wegh scales which have encroached on the corner of Church and Guelph Streets for the past twelve or fifteen years, has greatly improved the appearance of both streets.

Mrs. Wm. Gould received a cablegram from her husband Corp. Gould to the effect that the transport conveying the regiment had arrived safely at Plymouth England.

Mrs. C. S. Smith left to visit her son Roland at Minneapolis, Minn. and will later go to California. Mrs. Smith has offered her beautiful home, Fairview Place, to the Government as a convalescent home for wounded soldiers.

The King's Orderlies Bible Class, of the Methodist Church, are making a tennis court on the church lawn.

St. Alban's Boy Scouts journeyed to Rockwood on Monday, for a day's training and recreation.

The verdict of the jury at the inquest on the body of Lewis Rice was that he came to his death from one of two causes, either from alcoholism or from an epileptic attack followed by asphyxiation.

Acton's leading manufacturer, Walter D. Beardmore, died on Sunday, after a long illness. He had resided in Acton for nearly fifty years and had been intimately associated with this town.

The "Queen's Birthday" will long be remembered by the congregation of Ebenezer Church. The gathering assembled for the laying of the corner stones was a very large one and seven corner stones were well and truly laid.

BORN

ANDERSON — In Nassagaweya, on Thursday, May 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson — a daughter.

DIED

MCDUGALL — In Esqueping near Acton on Saturday, May 22nd, Malcolm McDougall, aged 50 years.

BEARDMORE — On Sunday, May 23rd, at Toronto, Walter Dowker Beardmore, in his 66th year.

Douglas' Egyptian Lintment should be in every household. Stops bleeding at once, cauterizes wounds and prevents blood poisoning. Keeps away inflammation and proud flesh.

THE KING'S EVIL

The two Charles II. gold "touch pieces" recently offered for sale in London serve as reminders of the time when monarchs were supposed to cure the disease known as "the king's evil," which was a kind of plague. The "cure" was effected by the sovereign laying hands on the afflicted person, who was then presented with "touch" pieces.

Edward the Confessor introduced the ceremony into England, and the power to heal in this manner was supposed to become hereditary in the royal line.

Usually the "touch" pieces were of gold, but during the troubled days of the reign of Charles I, gold being scarce silver coins were often bestowed; though sometimes the Royal physician had to discharge the patients empty-handed. This strange custom was at its height in the reign of Charles II, who proclaimed definite seasons when "public healings" should take place.

The afflicted with "the king's evil" had to be recommended for "touching" by the parish minister or churchwardens. During one period of four years the king "touched" nearly 24,000 persons! On Easter Sunday, 1688, Louis XIV. attended 1,600 stricken people, uttering the words: "The King touches thee; may God cure thee." Fifteen souls were given to each French patient and thirty to each foreigner.

PUZZLED

Old Gentleman—"Why are you crying, my little man?" Little Boy (sobbing bitterly)—"I don't know what to do—Mother won't let me stand on my head and Daddy grumbles because I wear out my shoes."

A Household Medicine. — They that are acquainted with the sterling properties of Dr. Thomas' Zebek's Oil in the treatment of many ailments would not be without it in the house. It is truly a household medicine and as it is effective in dealing with many ordinary complaints it is an inexpensive medicine. So, keep it at hand, as the call for it may come most unexpectedly.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

If the doctor doesn't soon give me permission to get up, I shall feel inclined to change the name of "The Chronicles of Ginger Farm," to "Adventures in Counterpane Land," because what do I know of what is going on outside? It keeps me busy to keep tab on what is going on inside, and many a laugh I get out of it, too.

One day Partner said, "Well, if you've got to lie in this bedroom much longer, you had better get yourself some new curtains to look at!" Of course I was perfectly willing, so one of my neighbors chose a pretty old rose pattern for me, and offered to make the curtains. However, I thought I could sit up in bed and hem curtains—and I did—but by the time I was finished it was worse than a week's hard work.

"All right—give me the curtains—now what do you do with them?" "Get a chair—no, the chair isn't high enough—put a paper on the window-sill and stand on it. . . . Yes, that's right. Now, put the rod on the left-hand hook. . . . No, of course it isn't long enough, it's an extension rod. You must pull it out to fit the window. There now, you've got it too long. . . . Say, look out, you've got your foot right on the curtain!"

"There now, is that all right? Why in the world didn't you ask Mrs. Neighbor to hang them, then you would have had them right. What is the matter with them—they don't look right yet?" "No, dear, you have too much fullness in the far end, but never mind, they will do." I answered, making a mental reservation that I would slip out of bed when the coast was clear, and see what I could do with the help of a stick.

Partner's forte may not be hanging curtains, but he is a dandy housekeeper all the same, and has the children scuttling round here like young rabbits when they are at home—maybe the change will do them good. Most children have too much done for them, anyway. One day Partner had been particularly busy, both indoors and out, and coming in to see me he asked, "Well, how are you feeling now?" "Oh, just fine," I answered, "this rest cure is a great thing—you should try it!"

"Ugh!" grunted Partner, as he walked out in disgust, after giving me a look that words cannot describe.

One day the children came rushing into my room crying, "Mother, Mother, Jimus is back." Now, of course you have forgotten all about Jimus, even though he has been mentioned before but that is because you didn't know him. To know Jimus was to remember him, for he was the finest cat I ever saw. We raised him from a kitten and kept him all one summer and winter around the house, but in the spring he developed a very questionable moral character, and in the end disappeared entirely, taking with him his brother, Squealer. After a year Squealer returned, and now, after three years, Jimus is back. But of course I thought the children had made a mistake. "It must be some other cat. But if you can catch him, bring him here, and I can soon tell if it's Jimus."

In a little while they were back again, the cat in their arms, and the first sight of him was enough to convince me. He bore an his ears, the marks of battle, which we will hope were honorably won. His coat was as sleek as ever, his gray fur having a peculiar sandy glint, which distinguished him from all other cats, and he was just as tame as if he had never gone away. And now we are wondering how many of his nine lives have been lost in the meantime.

Every morning I watch the clock until the mail comes—I just love getting letters—Partner laughs and call its my "fan mail!"

But one day this week I got something through the mail that annoyed me exceedingly. It was nothing, more or less, than one of those ridiculous chain letters. This one belonged to the proprietary club variety—Trust in God, and send a dime, etc. Now, as it happens, I consider myself as being one of those people who do trust in God, but I have never felt it necessary to belong to a racket, such as this, to prove it. The fact of the letter being sent to me was also rather a blow to my self-concept, besides it did not please me for anyone to consider I would be a party to any such thing.

Oh, well, it takes all kinds to make a world, I suppose, and as a proof, in the same mail came a lovely little card from a woman whom I have only met just a few times.

On the front picture were two little birds saying to another little bird in a page, "So sorry to hear you are shut in!" And then inside was another picture where all the birds, are free and untroubled with the words, "Hope you will soon be out again!"

It was such a bright, cheery little message to send to anyone and coming from an entirely unexpected quarter made it even more welcome. One has to be "shut in" to realize what these little attentions mean to a person.

SOME FAVORITE SPRING DISHES

By Betty Barclay

Most of us can afford to forget that distasteful—and frequently faddish—command, "Don't eat this and don't eat that," if we will merely use a little common sense.

"Don't" overload your stomach with heavy foods. See that your meat, fish and bread are balanced with milk, vegetables and fruits. Eat a little less as the weather gets warmer."

Really, if we follow these rules we need not worry ourselves to death about calories, over-weight and under-nourishment. During cold weather we need foods which are sources of quick energy to keep the body warm, but as spring advances we may reduce the quantity of these foods. The craving for more food may be appeased by eating more liberally of light dishes. Luscious ginger-bread and milk for lunch; healthful salads; plenty of greens; these will help you to prevent spring fever. Try the following recipes this spring—enjoying these delicious dainties for some of your heavier foods.

SPRING GINGERBREAD

- 2 cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoons ginger
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or other shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg unbeaten
1/2 cup molasses
3/4 cup sour milk or buttermilk

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, spices, and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat well; then molasses. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Bake in greased pan 8x8x2 inches in moderate oven (250 degrees F.) 50 minutes, or until done. Serve plain, or cut in squares and top with molasses whipped cream, made by folding 2 tablespoons molasses into 1/2 cup cream, whipped.

MAY SALAD

- 1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
1 pint warm water
1 pint milk, cut in strips
2 hard-cooked eggs, coarsely cut
1 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped olives
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped onion or 1 teaspoon scraped onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vinegar
Dash of cayenne

Dissolve gelatin in warm water. Chill until slightly thickened. Arrange pinton into individual molds. Combine remaining ingredients; Told at once into slightly thickened gelatin. Turn into individual molds and chill until firm. Unmould on crisp lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise. Serves 6.

BAKED FISH

- 6 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 egg yolks
2 cups cooked fish
3 cups milk
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
1 cup bread crumbs, buttered

HOUSING FARM EQUIPMENT

Want of care of farm equipment causes heavy loads into the operating costs of a farm, and the fact is not always appreciated that a machine should not be left out in the field or shed, but properly protected at all times from the effects of weather. It is not always feasible to afford this sort of protection to machinery on a farm, but a great deal more can be done to prevent deterioration than is sometimes the case. Machinery requires suitable housing all the year round, if the overhead is to be kept in check, although often in the exigencies of farming this is not always an easy matter.

In the absence of proper protection from the weather, rust and decay play havoc with the various parts, and careful farmers make it a rule to get their machines under cover as soon as possible. These farmers know that stalling for machinery is as necessary as for the live stock. Beside building inexpensive but efficient sheds for their machines, they make it a rule to inspect each machine every day to see that the bearings have been properly oiled, that the nuts are tight, and the working parts in alignment and working smoothly. These precautions have saved money, prevented loss through delay, and obviated exasperation and worry.

The present-day machine-worked farm really requires to be equipped with a forge, an anvil, a stock of dies, a drill, a lathe, grinder, and sets of hammers, wrenches, punches, and chisels, not to mention a supply of stock repairs for replacement of parts.

They know they make me feel terribly guilty for my own sake of omission in this respect, but I hope sometime I shall have a chance to make amends.

DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

Weekly News Letter

Don't Forget the Garden

Thousands of families throughout the country are planning now to use the available garden land to provide food. If people on the land would consider the number of meals that must be prepared during the year and estimate the actual earning power of garden, more and better gardens would be planted in order to provide a continuous supply of summer and winter vegetables. A garden of one-quarter to one-half an acre in extent, properly cared for, will provide enough vegetables for an average family.

Early Sweet Corn

Early sweet corn brings the best price hence the importance of planting as soon as possible. Successional sowings made at intervals of ten days in the same field are a good way to get early corn. Should the first planting succeed the second or third plantings may be based on it or if the first plantings be killed by frost the third or fourth planting may develop unhampered.

Wilt and Rust of Flax

Flax growers are warned by the Fibre Specialist at the Central Experiment Farm to watch for two common flax diseases that cause considerable injury to the growing crops, flax wilt and flax rust or firing. Flax wilt attacks the plant in the seedling stage and kills it because the germs live in the soil, rotation of crops and treatment of the seed with formalin are recommended. Flax rust, or firing, attacks the plant more often when it is full grown but hardly ever kills it outright. The first stages of the disease produce orange colored pustules on the stem which later turn black. In order to save the crop early pulling is advised so as to avoid the black stage of the rust. Selected healthy seed, sown early in the proper rotation is the most effective method of control.

Weeders

Possibly one of the most satisfactory implements for the control of weeds in a growing grain crop is what is known as the finger weeder. This implement consists of a series of long slender teeth which form a very light harrow. The finger weeder may be used to advantage on annual weeds, shortly after germination. Both before and after the grain crop has emerged and until the crop is some two to four inches high.

DON'T FORGET JUNE 27th IS THE DATE FOR FIRST NIGHT GAME OF SEASON

Already arrangements are being made for a gala show on the occasion of the first night game of the 1935 season which General Manager Arthur Lemon has announced for June 27, when the Leafs returned to the Maple Leaf Stadium after their lengthy June road trip and meet the Buffalo Bisons under the nightlights. The resumption of the seasonal game is great news to the Ontario fans of the Toronto Baseball Club who took this opportunity to visit the spacious grounds on Fleet Street Stadium and cheer for the Toronto's battling crew as the performed under the best set of floodlights in minor league baseball. No doubt several Ontario centres will arrange special parties for this big night. Why not make your seat reservations with the Toronto Baseball Club now?

SOUND ADVICE advertisement with musical notes and a box of Kellogg's Rice Krispies.

Just listen to Kellogg's Rice Krispies crackle in milk or cream—so crisp and crunchy! And their flavor is as inviting as their sound. Rice Krispies are nourishing and easy to digest. An ideal bedtime snack or for the children's supper. They invite restful sleep.

At grocers everywhere in the Mother Goose story package. Made by Kellogg in London, Ontario. Quality guaranteed.

Listen! get hungry advertisement for Kellogg's Rice Krispies.

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Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has proved a boon to suffering children everywhere. It seldom fails.

It is not place, but love, which makes neighborhood.—Christopher Wordsworth.

SIMILAR SYMPTOMS

Her Father: "Are you sure you love my daughter?" Sutor: "Certain. I can't sleep at nights for thinking of her." Father: "I get the same effects from butcher and grocer bills."

FLO-glaze FLOOR PAINT advertisement with illustration of a person painting a floor.

JAS. SYMON, Acton

CROWN CLAIMS DRIVER CAUSED MAN'S DEATH advertisement with illustration of a car crash.

AT EVERY INTERSECTION BE CAREFUL! THERE were over 800 bicycle riders killed or injured in Ontario last year. Bicyclists, especially children, are often careless. This simply means that drivers of motor vehicles must be twice as careful.

MOTOR VEHICLES BRANCH ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Ontario must start THINKING safety! advertisement with statistics on automobile accidents.

TIME TABLES

INDIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Table with columns for AT ACTON, Going East, and Going West, listing train times for various routes.



ARROW BUS SCHEDULE

Table with columns for EFFECTIVE MAY 5th, 1935, LEAVE WESTBOUND, LEAVE EASTBOUND, and ITINERARIES PLANNED TO ALL POINTS IN CANADA.

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