

DOWN ON THE FARM

Down on the farm, 'bout half past four, I slip on my pants and sneak out the door. Out in the yard I run like the dickens. To milk all the cows, and feed all the chickens. Clean out the stable, carry Rhoda and Josep. Separate the cream, and stop all the pigs. Run the two house, then eat breakfast like a Turk. By heck! I am ready for a full day's work.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 24th, 1915. The mercury fell to 43 degrees yesterday morning. Mr. Earl Marshall, of Limehouse, has taken over Rural Route No. 2, formerly carried by John Gibbons, and will remove to Acton. One of the most interesting events which has marked the progress of Halton County occurred last Wednesday. The Women's and Farmers' Institutes of the County held their first annual picnic and incidentally had the best business meetings which either Institute has seen for some years. About three hundred assembled at Victoria Park, Milton, for dinner and in the afternoon the Institutes held their meetings separately. A donation of \$200 from the Red Cross Society to the Canadian Military Hospital at Shorncliffe has been received and acknowledged by Col. Donald Armour, the surgeon-in-charge. Letters from the front from Tom Alger, David Douglas and Fred Coles are all full of courage and contain news of interest. A large crowd assembled in the Town Hall to listen to the recital of experiences in connection with the war by Major James Bullantine, and gave him an enthusiastic reception. MARRIED WRIGHT-PROUT-In Toronto, on June 14th, 1915, by the Rev. Dr. Young, Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prout, Acton, to Alfred Wright, also of Acton. DIED LANE - At Georgetown, on Tuesday, June 22nd, 1915, Jennie Prater Sonerville, wife of J. H. Lane, aged 44 years. HENDERSON - At the home of her husband, Grosvenor Street, Winthrop, on Sunday, June 20th, 1915, Lena M. Dorland, beloved wife of John A. Henderson. An Oil that is Priced Everywhere.- Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was put upon the market without any flourish over fifty years ago. It was put up to meet the wants of a small section, but as soon as its merits became known it had a whole continent for a field, and it is now known and prized throughout this continent. There is nothing equal to it. ENGLISH AS SHE IS WRITTE IN JAPAN There is a Japanese schoolboy (or student) who writes letters. One such reached the General Passenger Traffic Manager of the Canadian National Railways the other day. It reads: "I write this letter with very glad and respect for you who is General Pass. Traffic Manager of my most likely and most famous Canadian National Railways in U. S. A. "I am a student, studying the electric and mechanical engineering at University in Japan. And I have deep interest about the electric locomotive and steam locomotive; especially about the locomotive of the Canadian National Railway which is Number One of the Railway Co. in U. S. A. in point of service, high speed and mechanical construction. "So, I think to research about these fine steam locomotive in my university. "Please send me with your kindly mind the photograph of steam locomotive and cars for my expecting hope. "I wait a happy day which can send the letter to thank you against the photograph which send me by your deep kind. Of course, I will endeavor to do anything which you use hope in Japan. "Finally, you excuse me for this letter which was written by poor English. - Very Truly, H. Kusuma." However, we would like to see a Canadian schoolboy write as good a letter in the Japanese language.-Canadian National Railways Magazine. To have passed through the portal of sorrow is to become a man.-Chinese Proverb.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

You will remember last week I promised to tell you something of the Draper family because I thought, as a family, the children were quite an interesting study-wild as the mischief, and yet upon occasion they could be as prim and proper as you please.

There were eight of them. The three eldest boys went to boarding school, but the four girls and their little brother were taught at home. When I first arrived I found Stella, age eleven, with a broken arm, having fallen out of an apple tree, and Dickie, age four, with a broken leg as a result of doing acrobatic stunts on the stairs-rattings and falling straight down to the hall. That looked quite a good start to me, and in truth was characteristic of the Draper family the whole time I was there, as there was always one of them with a bandage on somewhere.

I forgot to mention the Hall was really a farmhouse, but little we knew about it. All we ever saw of farm produce was the milk cooling in flat pans in the dairy, which was afterwards skimmed and the cream made into butter for home use.

Such squabbles as there used to be over the milk, as there never was as much milk in the pans at skimming time as there should have been, became one or other of the children used to watch their chance and then sneak in for a good drink before the cream was disturbed. We very rarely found the culprit, because the children would never "sneak" on each other.

Mary, age twelve, was absolutely a model child, and could keep order among the other children as well as I could. Stella was moody and erratic, but how she loved to ride a horse! Mr. Draper bought what he thought was an old driver for me, so that I could take the children driving in the governess cart sometimes. Stella thought he would be just fine for her to ride, and ride him she did at a steady jog-trot. One day there was to be a Meet at the village and Stella begged to be allowed to follow the hounds. Her father hesitated and told her she might follow as far as she could but that she would never get far on Eclipse because he had won his name because, she said, he "collapsed" anything in slowness. Mr. Draper had ever had in the stable!

Now this is an interesting little story. Mr. Draper bought Eclipse from a man who peddled milk with the result that when in harness, Eclipse would run a little way, then stop, run a little further and then stop again. He would also stop at public houses when I was driving him, but of course these village inns may have been places where the milkman had been accustomed to deliver milk!

However, previous to milk-peddling, Eclipse had been a hunter-this, of course, we didn't know. So on this particular day Stella went ambling off to the village green to follow the hounds. No sooner was the huntsman off and away than Eclipse was off and away as well. The turf was flying behind as he ran and how Stella ever stayed in the saddle was the biggest mystery to me. The hounds picked up the scent almost at once and soon hunters, hounds and riders were out of sight. About an hour later Mrs. Draper and I heard them again, and we stationed ourselves at a gap in the woods, which was closed by a gate, through which we knew they must pass. Some of the other children were with us. All at once they cried-"Here they come! Here they come. The whipper-in leading the dogs, and the hounds in full cry." But look-behind the whip comes a light grey horse, nostrils quivering, muscles taut and making straight for the gate at the gap.

"Stella! Stella! Stop! Don't jump the gap!" cried Mrs. Draper in terror. But Stella had long since lost control of her steed. Over the five-bar gate went Eclipse, stumbled and fell, and Stella was thrown clear to the ditch. Stella was not really hurt-only very much shaken and bruised, but the horse lay spent and quivering and a little later was quite content to be led quietly and submissively back home. A few days later he was found dead in the stable, and we all felt glad he had had that last glorious run.

In the summer time, when the boys were home, we often got permission to take a spay horse and timberland drive down to the beach. A tumbler is a two-wheeled farm cart. We used to rig up a home-made tent on the beach and then each in turn got into a bitling outfit and had a grand time swimming and playing about in the sea. Sea bathing simply cannot compare with fresh water bathing. There is something in the buoyancy of the salt sea waves that one cannot get in any other water.

At home Dick and Sister could always be trusted to provide excitement. One day I found them in the kitchen garden minus their clothes-playing Adair and Eve. In the drawing-room one night they played "Boas" and upset the coal oil lamp. Another time they played with the father's gun, and fired a shot through the ceiling into their sisters' bedroom. Twice running Sister stood on the edge of her bath-tub and flooded the nursery floor. So when the time came for Mary to be considered

SCALLOP FISHERMEN GET SOME STRANGE CATCHES

Scallop fishermen off Digby, N. S., have gotten some strange catches while in pursuit of the succulent scallop. Just recently one fisherman brought up part of an earthenware chum, but the prize catch was a china cup, to be followed the next day by the saucer. Various articles of crockery were have been brought to the surface at different times, all, it is believed, part of the cargo of a ship called the "Culloden," which was wrecked off these shores many years ago. Scallops are chiefly a Nova Scotia product and unlike the oyster, the scallop is able to move around. They have a very high medicinal value, due to their causing a greater flow of gastric juices.

At a recent meeting in Nova Scotia of the Potato Marketing Board, members of the retail trade mentioned egg grading, which was introduced in 1923 by the Dominion Department of Agriculture as an example of what could be accomplished in standardizing a product. This is of particular interest, because some of the members who paid the highest tribute to egg grading had previously been prosecuted for violation of the regulations.

able to take my place, it was with very real regret that I said good-bye because, I did love those children-they were such darling mischievous little imp!

PESTS OF BIRDS AND CATTLE

Most species of birds and animals are subject to infestation by small insects, parasites known as biting lice. These parasites related to the sucking lice, which were so troublesome to soldiers in the World War. The biting lice pass their whole lives on the bodies of birds and animals and soon die if removed from their hosts. There are more than 2,000 known species in the world, the majority occurring on birds. Some of these species infest domestic poultry and, when numerous, cause loss of weight and decrease in egg production; others are a pest on cattle and horses.

A survey to determine the number of species of these lice on wild and domestic birds and animals in Canada is being carried out under the direction of the Dominion Entomologist. Ornithologists, taxidermists, game wardens, naturalists and others whose activities bring them in close contact with wild life, are co-operating by collecting lice, and sending them to Ottawa where they are mounted on slides and examined and classified under the microscope.

WHAT SHOULD YOU OUGHT TO FEEL PROUD

The Chief of the village fire brigade was making his report to the Chairman of the Village Council. "Yes, sir," he said, proudly enough, "we put out the fire just ten minutes after we got there."

"Very worthy," said the Chairman. "Had it not a good start of you?" "I should say it had," said the Fire Chief. "When we got there, there was only the foundation standing."

NEW PLAN

"What is a budget?" "Well, it is a method worrying before you spend money instead of afterward."

RIDICULOUS

"Wouldn't father go to heaven if he died, mother?" "Tut! Whatever put such ridiculous ideas into your head?"

NEARLY HALF FRANCE LIVES IN UNITS LESS THAN 2,000

Forty-nine per cent. of the people of France live in administrative units of less than 2,000 inhabitants, while 38 per cent. of the population is engaged in agriculture and forestry. France is in a particularly happy situation with regard to employment. During boom times all available jobs, while, during periods of depression, these foreign workers return to their home countries and thus relieve the pressure in unemployment. At the end of 1931, France had 1,258,000 foreign wage-earners and at the end of 1934, 568,000 of these had returned to their own countries, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways.

The irony to all earthly paradises lies in the fact that they are seldom revealed as such except by their passing. That state of life is most happy where superfluities are not required and necessities are not wanting.-Plutarch.

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MOTOR TRAFFIC RULES

Following is a valuable list of rules for the guidance of both children and adults in connection with motor traffic, the careful adherence to which would undoubtedly lessen the toll of accidents: 1. Don't ever ride with strangers. 2. Always walk on the left hand side of the road and get clear off the road when you meet an automobile. Give them plenty of room. 3. Don't ever cross a road or highway until you are sure there are no cars coming from either direction. 4. Don't attempt to cross an intersection until you are certain that there is plenty of time. 5. If you see an accident go for help quickly. 6. Keep clear of the wreck. Let grown people give aid to the injured. Here are some suggestions for drivers: 1. Don't ever pick up strangers. 2. Always drive on the right hand side of the road and when you meet a pedestrian give him plenty of room. 3. Maintain a look-out for persons crossing the road.

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