## CASEY AT THE BAT

The outlook wasn't brilliant for Mudville nine that day; The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play: And so, when Cooney died at first, and Burrows did the same. A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of

the game. But Plynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all. And Blake, the much despised, tore the

cover off the ball; And when the dust had lifted, and they maw what had occurred. There was Jimmy safe on second, and Flynn .a-hugging third.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place. There was pride in Ossey's bearing, and a smile on Casey's face; And when, responding to the chaers, he lightly doffed his hat,

'twas Casey at the bat. And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air, And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there;

Close by the sturdy batsman the unheeded sped. "That ain't my style," said Ossey. "Strike one," the umpire said.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone; He stilled the rising tumult; he the game go on; He signalled to the pitcher, more the spheroid flew. But Casey still ignored it, and the um- knew, as feeding the men has been pracpire said "Strike two."

The sneer is gone from Casey's lips, his teeth are clenched in hate, upon the plate: And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,

of Casey's blow. Oh! somewhere in this favored land th sun is shining bright, The band is playing somewhere, somewhere hearts are light;

And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout, But there is no joy in Mudville-might Casey has struck out.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Laure of The Free Press Thursday, August 26th, 1915

opening a custom tailoring business in the about the latest news of the day and store occupied by the late Arch. Mc- discreetly ignore the very existence of

splendid samples of grain. Some of the shall soon know if the game was worth grain way sprouted.

Office clock installed, and it has been going on here this week-it was just too running and keeping splendid time since funny for words. A dealer in scrap-iron Saturday. The carpentry work in came in ready to buy any old iron. mounting, fitting and enclosing the clock Partner told him he had not any collectand movement rooms was performed by ed; but if he came back in the afternoon Mexirs. Norman McLeod and William there would be some ready for him. J Reid. Mr. Hynds will continue to Then Partner-turned to our young hopehave charge of the clock.

ed to raise \$4,000 in Acton toward the it. This man here says he will give you Canadian Patriotic Pund. Captains and twenty cents a hundred pounds for it." teams were chosen and the town divided Oh my-I don't believe I ever saw a into sections for a house to house can- boy work harder or faster before! Prom

HORN

MACDONALD-At Blind River, on Priday, August 20th, 1915, to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Macdonald, a son. Storey, a daughter.

DIED KENNEDY-At 473 Brunswick Avenue Toronto, on Sunday, August 23rd, Vera Christie, wife of Peter C. Kennedy, and daughter of the late Thomas

### SLATS DIARY BY ROSS PARQUILAR

Priday-Ant Emmy thinks sum 1 trye to play a joak on her to day becuz she got a Tellagraft message sined with he sistem Name and it had ben ritten on Tipe writer and Ant Emmy sed she nev her sister diddent rite the tellegraft message becur she never was lernt to

Saterday-Pa went up in a air Plair today and I wanted to go a Long with hlm-but-ma-woodent-Stand-for-it-bacuz she sed I diddent have no Life ensuranse on me.

rite on a Tipe writer ...

Sunday-It looks like they is a going to be sum buddy get disapointed this comeing week becur the Methodist Methodist preocher was a praying for rain today and the Baptist preecher was a praying for fair wether so they cud have there Sunday skool picnick this comeing Thirsday.

Munday-Pa is offly mad at the Bank over in Springdule. he traed to cash a preecher was a praying for rain today and the Buptlet prescher was a praying for fair wether so they cud have there Sunday skool picnick this comeing Thirs-

Teusday-I will sure be Olad when am 21 yrs. of old age becuz it seams like a Kid has a very hard time, becur the lat few yes, of his life they are trying to teach him to tawk and next few yrs. of his life they are trying to keep him frum tawking.

Wensday-Probly Lun 19tts wont trade at Simsons Gurage no more becur tonite when he drove up there he told Binison that there was Quite Clatter in the back of his car and Simson winked at pa and Balm. It imparts that subtle distinctold Lem. Why dont you leave her at tion so characteristic of the elegant

Thirsday-Pa was pitying the people who live a long tong time a go and had O World as God made it! all is beauty to do without to many of the Modern And knowing this is Love, and Love L things like the tellatone and the radio and the ottomobeel and appendialtus and What further may be sought for or

# Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for Acton Free Press GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Here follows a play in one att. Enter Son, after answering the telephone. "Whoopee-e-e . . . hurrah . . . three

cheers . . . !" "Good gracious, boy, why all the excitement what's the matter?"

"There's nothing the matter-it's just. that the threshers will be here about To stranger in the crowd could doubt Tuesday!"

Collapse of mother . . . curtain. Yes, it's a fact—the threshers really are coming, but we are note quite sure about the day. Of course there is nothing so very wonderful in the fact of their coming, but when the woman of the house is still supposed (supposed, please note) to be in bed, it makes rather a difference, doesn't it? Partner had not even mentioned to me the possibility of their coming. I suppose he thought what Y didn't know Y couldn't worry about. But apparently the | neighbors tically arranged and most of the load

been taken off my shoulders. Partner is obliged to thresh because He pounds with cruel violence his bat he couldn't possibly get all the stuff in the barn. Why, the sweet clover slone would need a whole barn to house it. Oh And now the air is shattered by the force yes-that sweet clover . . . It really hi cut, and I don't believe Partner had half as much trouble as he expected to. But I don't really know, because, to tell you d the truth, Y didn't ank! You know there is sometimes that in a man's face which keeps one from asking questions and when Purtner was cutting the clover I found it to be just one of those times. Y used to watch him from the window, sometimes, as he drove the horses on the binder. Generally he would go up the field very well, but coming down his speed was slow and his stops were frequent and lengthy. And so when he came in at noon it really seemed what Mr. Geo. P. Agnew, of Guelph, is to talk brightly about the weather or uny such thing us sweet clover. And Threshing commenced last week, with now it is going to be threshed and we

the candle. Contractor Hynds has the new Post! There has been some high financing. ful and said, "If you collect up all the At a meeting of citizens it was decid- old iron, you can have what you get for

every corner of the farm, east, west, The foreigners are subscribing to north, and south, scrap-iron appeared as Actor's -\$4,000 contribution to the if by magic. Trip after trip our young Putriotic Fund. At a meeting in the lad made with the perspiration running Town Hall Mr. Morris Saxe addressed in little rivulets through the red from them and explained the fund. There rust, covering his hands and face. By was quite a response to the appeal. three o'clock there was quite a large Many arranged to have a certain amount pile of iron collected outside the driving deducted from their pay for five month:, shed, all of which had been carefully weighed as each load was brought in.

While all this was going on outside, Daughter was in the house collecting BYOREY-In Nassagaweya, on August rags, for which the man had promised 23rd, 1015, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. to pay one cent a pound-and I am thanking fortune that I was around when the rags were collected, so that we still have something to weart

Altogether there were forty pounds of rags and six hundred pounds of iron. When the junkman came along he handed over forty cents to Daughter, without a murmur, but began to pick a quarrel about the scrap iron, which he said only weighed five hundred and eighty pounds. From what I gather, something like the following conversation took place.

Junkman-"I'll give you \$1.10 for the lot, and dat pays you well, ch?"

Our Boy-"Nothing doing. You give Man-'Well, I don't know as I really want it-"

Boy-"All right, then-you don't have to take it. There's another man coming in to-morrow. He'll give me just us good a price as you will." Man-"Oh, well, here you are then-

but it's too mooch-too mooch!" So saying, our worsted friend of the road reluctantly handed over \$1.20 our young bargain driver, who was obviously gloating over the deal.

This little episode was quite a revelution to me, as I had no idea our boy was capable of standing his own ground so well. I thought the man would put it all over him when it came to making a deal, and I was amused that he could not quite manage it. We don't want a niggardly boy, but we certainly prefer that our boy should be able to stick up for himself when the occasion demands it.

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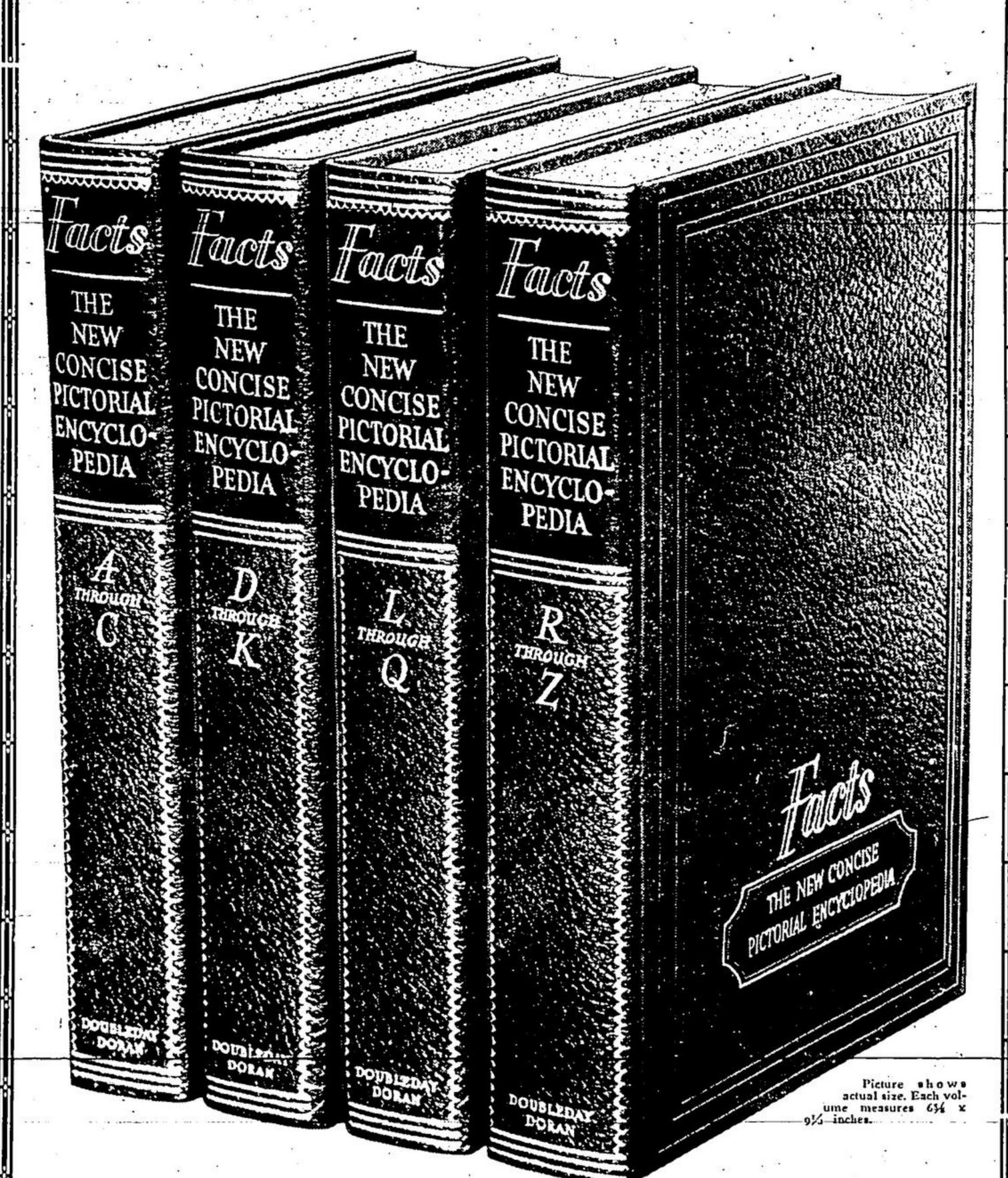
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