

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1936

OCTOBER GAVE A PARTY

October gave a party. The leaves by hundreds came. The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples. And leaves of every name.

The sunshine spread a carpet. And everything was grand. Miss Weather led the dancing. Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow. The Oaks in crimson dressed. The lovely Misses Maple in scarlet looked their best.

All balanced to their partners. And gaily fluttered by. The night was like a rainbow. New fallen from the sky.

Then in the rustic hollow. At hide-and-seek they played. The party closed at sundown. And everybody stayed.

Professor Wind played louder. They flew along the ground. And then the party ended. In hands across, all round.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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There was a day this week when I went for a motor drive quite early in the morning—at least, soon after sunrise. It was pouring with rain, and when we started out I thought, "What-ever made me come on a day like this—the country will sure look dismal!"

But, do you know, I had the surprise of my life. The country was glorious. Through the rain and mist the lovely colors of the autumn leaves stood out in bold relief—just as one might suddenly realize happiness with eyes tear-dimmed by recent sorrow.

Beyond the troubles that come to most of us at times; through the tears that sorrow may cause to flow, we may yet find beyond them color and beauty to gladden our lives again, just as I was able to see the color and grandeur of the ravine through the misty rain.

It may also happen that occasionally the sunshine of life may be too bright for us—so bright that we are blinded to the warm, glowing things that really count, like the happy comradeship of trusted friends, rather than the glitter of casual acquaintances.

Well, I am glad I had my outburst this week, because I have a busy week ahead of me. We expect to thresh on Tuesday. Our threshing wanted to thresh on Monday—Thanksgiving Day, of all days—but Partner would not hear of it, because he did not like the idea of asking neighbors to help him on a public holiday.

Speaking of sport, brings me to the all-important question of open season for pheasants. I was asking Partner how it was we heard so little against pheasant shooting in England, and he reminded me that over there "open season" did not mean that every Tom, Dick and Harry who could handle a gun could go out and shoot. No, a man could only shoot on his own property or by invitation from a friend.

It is a fine art to live companionably and happily with other people. Pleasant people have a happy, sunny feeling, and tactfulness. They brighten up the circles they enter like a ray of sunshine. We pay homage to the strenuous and self-assertive virtues and are apt to overlook the high worth of pleasantness.

GOOD GRADING AN ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL POTATO MARKETING

As another potato shipping season is commencing—the producers and dealers should give some serious thought and consideration to the marketing of this important product, whether intended for seed or for table use.

Every factor which tends toward the production and the placing of a well graded potato crop on the market has the effect of enhancing its value to producer and consumer alike and the wholesaler will benefit accordingly.

It goes without saying that a perfect pack of tubers will sell more readily than an imperfect one. A perfect pack includes many factors. Chief among these may be cited the following: Clean bright skinned tubers which are reasonably free of diseases caused by scab, scurf, blight rot, soft rot, also insect injuries, as well as other damage caused by cuts and bruises during harvesting and grading operations.

Cuts and bruises developed during the handling of the crop at harvest time or during the grading and shipping operations cause not only a loss to producer and consumer alike, but also a small amount of annoyance when such tubers are being prepared for seed or table use.

The quality of the potato crop in the East this year will undoubtedly be impaired due to the action of the late blight disease which is prevalent in many sections. This means growers, dealers and in particular the Inspection Service.

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At Cranby Heath, a few miles from Wolverhampton, is a colony of more than 2,000 amazons—broad-shouldered, strapping women, with muscular arms and granite-hard hands such as few blacksmiths know. They are employed by the big steel factories as chain-makers.

Most of these "female chain-makers" start work as blacksmiths when they are young girls, and they continue to use their fourteen-pound hammers when over the age of fifty. Iron bars are served out from the factories, and are returned as chains to be paid for by length. Brave men walk warily in these places where sparks fly all day long, and vibration often brings down ornaments and pictures from shaking walls.

Doctors who have examined these women of Wolverhampton, on behalf of the Ministry of Health, declare that both physically and temperamentally they are stronger and harder than men.

Always recognize a gamekeeper by his brown velvet jacket and he always keep his eye on children to see that none disturbs a game bird's nest.

SLATS' DIARY

By OLIVER N. WARREN

Sunday: I & Jane & Blaters & Elay was at a party last evening on the way back in the ford Blaters and Elay wasn't here never at a party with uglier fellows than him. She set still & sed nothen & Blaters sat her agen. Then she sed she was just tryen to think. I diddnt get the idee but spected Blaters did as he then kept still.

Monday: Pa has had me a fighden dandy Hams all summer & they are still plenty of them. Pa sat my advice about what to do next & I replide & sed Maybe we better try & lern to love them.

Tuesday: They was a peace in the paper about a man who diddnt klas his better 1/2 for 5 yrs. shooting a nother man who klas her. He was deturmeded she oten to be klas. That seems cleer to me.

Wednesday: The proecher was a haven his luncheon with Jane's Pa & Ma today & sed to Jane he spected she was of grate help to her Ma. & Jane pulled a better by sayen yes she counts the silver after all viseters is gone.

Thursday: Unkel Hen still gets off a good I accehbenly. We was-a taken about the skotchman across the at. buyng 2nd hand furnleher & Unkel Hen sed yes & he even maorried a widder.

Friday: Elay sed to Jake why is it you are sum times so manly & sum times so sissy & Jake replide he that mebbe it is becuz 1/2 of his parents is men & 1/2 is wimmen. Looks resenabel to me.

Saturday: Blaters always has a nceer if you ask him sum thing. Yesterday the teacher sat him the pload of man & he sed men & then she sed Baby & he sed he had it he twins or mebbe quintuplets and etc.

PLANNING OUR DAY'S WORK

He who every morning plans the transactions of the day, and follows out that plan, carries a thread that will guide him through the labyrinth of the most busy life. The orderly arrangement of his time is like a ray of light, which darts itself through all his occupations. But where no plan is laid, where the disposal of time is surrendered merely to the chance of incidents, all things lie huddled together in one chaos, which admits of neither distribution nor review.—Hugo.

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YOUTH AND AGE

The mature of each generation run a grave risk of putting their efforts in a futile direction, in a blind alley as it were, unless they keep in touch with the youth of their own day and know at least the trend in which such dreams are driving them—those dreams which fairly buffet our faces as we walk the city streets.—Jane Addams.

VERY SUCCESSFUL

"Did your daughter enjoy the winter sports?" "Well, she got engaged to three of them before we came home."

DISTANT RELATIVES

Junior: "What are distant relatives?" Father: "They're the kind of people who call on you after making a long trip, and wish to avoid paying a hotel bill."

GREAT MEN

Great men stand like solitary towers in the city of God, and secret passages running deep beneath external Nature give their thoughts intercourse with higher intelligences, which strengthens and consoles them, and of which the laborers on the surface do not dream.—Longfellow.

TIME TABLES

Table with columns for 'AT ACTON', 'CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS', 'Going East', 'Going West', and 'STANDARD TIME'. It lists various train routes and their departure/arrival times.

The Free Press Says You Can't afford to miss this WONDERFUL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER. Includes an illustration of a person reading a newspaper.

INSURANCE FIRE, CAR, ACCIDENT SICKNESS, ETC. E. HARROP REPRESENTATIVE. Includes contact information for various insurance companies.

GROUP 1 SELECT ONE MAGAZINE and GROUP 2 SELECT ONE MAGAZINE. Lists various magazines like Maclean's, National Home, Canadian Magazine, etc.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE! OFFER NO. 1 One magazine from group 1 AND One magazine from group 2 and this newspaper. OFFER NO. 2 Three magazines from group 1 and this newspaper. Includes a coupon for ordering.

What's the News?.. News is changing constantly. Events happen fast and things change overnight. Only an alert newspaper can keep abreast of these happenings on many local fronts.

SMILING AND LAUGHTER

In this modern frontier between the smile and the laugh, I am all in favor of laughing. Laughter has something in it in common with the ancient winds of faith and inspiration; it unfreezes pride and unwinds selves in the presence of something greater than themselves; something as the common phrase goes about a joke that they cannot resist.

PLEASANT PEOPLE

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MUGGS AND SKEETER



by WALLY BISHOP



AW, DON'T BE AFRAID SKEETER...



ER... AH... MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...

