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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

SITE WAS ONCE A MULBERRY GARDEN.

In 1600 King James I. Was Keen on Fostering the Silk Industry In the Country - Became Buckingham House In 17th Century.

How many people know that Buckingham Palace was associated with a movement to introduce silkworm culture into England? Yet history tells us that the palace stands on the site of King James I's Mulberry Garden, says Tit-Bits. In

1609, at his express wish, a sum of £935 was voted for acquiring four acres of land for planting mulberry; trees. At the time the Stuart king was keen on fostering the silk industry in the country; thousands of mulberry trees were imported from southern Europe, advocates went up and down the country urging farmers to take up their cultivation. But the campaign was not a success, and in the course of time the Mulberry Gar-

den became a private estate. In the seventeenth century the site was occupied by Buckingham House named after the duke who lived there sixty years. In 1762 it was bought for £28,000 by George III. as a dower house for Queen Charlotte, and renamed the Queen's House. It was a comparatively small place then central block with a courtyard and wings connected by curved arcades.

The queen resolved to make it a! beautiful home. She collected Dresden china, commissioned Josiah Wedgwood to make her artistic pottery which he named Queen's Ware, employed the leading cabinet-makers Descent of British Crown Puzzles of the day to furnish it with masterpieces of their craft. For "a very handsome mahogany bookcase, hand-' somely carved," she paid £107 14s., a princely price for those days. In her Japan Room, with its lac-

quered mirrors, she installed an organ on which she could play the concartos of Handel, her favorite composer. She maintained a private band in uniform of scarlet and gold, than the Duke of York, the father of and paid a celebrated hautboy player the young princesses. of the day £200 a year to perform

of "beauty, comfort, and refine- was so in the case of Queen Victoria ment"; according to a lady of the who, on the death of her uncle, Wil court, there were inlaid floors, dam- liam IV., in 1837, was proclaimed ask hangings, a wealth of priceless Queen without a dissentient voice, knick-knacks, and "every room was though the late King had three surfull of roses, carnations, hyacinths," viving brothers, two of whom had while by the queen's bed was an ele- sons. There was some talk, however gant case with no fewer than twenty- of a plot to put her on one side and five watches, all richly adorned with place her eldest uncle, Ernest Augusjewels. Queen Charlotte possessed tus, Duke of Cumberland, on jewels costing at least £50,000 which throne. Even if it existed, this plot the king had given her. After her came to nothing, for the duke took death her works of art fetched in the the customary oath to his niece beauction-room more than that sum.

While the queen was collecting rare objects of art and magnificent his brother's, the late monarch, furniture, the king was busy collect- where, according to the all but uniing—astronomical clocks! He had a versal practice in German lands, wopassion for science, and commissioned men were debarred from reigning. the principal instrument-makers of a objects for a special room he named to her father, but had the new baby One maker was paid on

One maker was paid £1,178 for a he would have had precedence over clock made of kingwood with gilded her in the succession. The birth mounts, and a further £150 a year a daughter leaves the place of Elizato attend to it--patronage which, he beth undisturbed, but her sister wil confessed to the king "has given me come next in order, instead of the

One in gilt and tortoiseshell, shaped to design.

birthday, the smallest watch on record, set in a finger ring, and the

reward for his skill. chanics, the king himself wrote a duff; 12, Lady Maud Carnegie; take to pieces and re-assemble the Victoria. parts of a watch--a document still preserved at Windsor. George III.'s clocks are still preserved in Buckingham Palace, which possesses over Prince of Wales Liked George Cum-300 timepieces of various kinds.

Under George IV. Buckingham House was considerably enlarged by John Nash. A big scheme of de- dian golf professional of the Toronto Point, carrying a bunch of fi h Coal. included the Ionic Screen and the Wales a pair of shoes. He ordered a hillside saw her and saw the field Constitution Hill Arch at Hyde Park pair also for Prince George. The sale The young woman turned a corner Corner, and the Marble Arch, which was not made in a shoestore. There in the narrow path, and there square was originally intended to be the were no foot-rests, no hovering sales. Iting before her was Oom Piet, flashroyal entry to Buckingham Palace. clerks. The event took place on Mr. ing his fine white teeth and crowling The king was also a keen picture Cumming's stamping ground, the golf | She knew that he would not attack buyer, and as prince recent was re- course. sponsible for acquiring the famous

Baring collection of Dutch pictures, | c Queen Victoria transferred the Cumming is wintering as professional her. royal "drawing-rooms" from St. at the new Canadian Pacific Club. James' to Buckingham Palace, and added the ballroom. During the forty | caddied for the prince and | Prince | face. Then she turned and ranyears of her widowhood, however, George, Cumming giving the royal the palace was used but little except visitors some useful hints on their for the Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee celebrations

royally, but it is only in the present reign that Buckingham Palace has again become essentially the home of he royal family

Such, in the broad outline, is the story of this historic building as told mark, echoed his brother's request. There are a hundred stories of the Palace, Its Furniture, Decoration, fortable and hard-wearing, and as he all is the story of the old fellow who and History," the first complete auth- knew they were not sold in England called on the admiral some 30 years oritative survey. The treasures of every room are carefully described, turers send two pairs C.O.D. to St. No one knows how he did it, but it and illustrated in three color and 350 half-tone plates.

Patience! which was exhibited Wembley and is now to be seen at Windsor Castle, is not the only one! of its kind in the world. Mr. Thomas Batley, a local invencor of Drighlington, in Yorkshire, is exhibiting one in Huddersfield that took him 23 years to build. It contains, among other things, a threeinch high grand plano with real ivory

to make. executive with headquarters at Otinion Government, and other organizlations interested, has been effected. with the organization of what is to be known as the Canadian Council on Aid of Zimmerman United Church Boys' and Girls' Club Work. The will hold a garden party at the home scribes the life of a novel machine new plan, considered to be an ad- of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Patterson on now being used in the Studebaker vanced step in agriculture, has been Friday evening, June 26th. The fol. factory. It is an ingenious apparatus brought into being with the active lowing talent will furnish the program: and is attached to the door of an co-operation and approval of Hon. Bob Wilson, singing comedian, in auto, opening and slamming it mo-Robert Weir, Dominion Minister of songs and sketches; Grace Bonnick, notonously day after day, week after Agriculture. The plan and policies of entertainer at the piano; C. Le Roy week. This test supplies a wealth of

have in the past played a large part in this work. Novel Exercises. Novel exercises, including march-

ing while balancing plates on the

are used in a girls' college at Chel-

head and juggling with three balls,

tenham, England. Oysters Are Scarcer. er every year. In 1880 about 100,-000,000 oysters were landed; last



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Many.

The descent of the British crown, quite simple when once grasped, seems to puzzle many people. They fail to see why the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret Rose, the King's granddaughters, should come in this succession nearer to the throne than the King's own sons, younger though they be Yet this is the normal way

Western Europe, at least when wo-The Queen's House became a place men have the rights of succession. fore setting out to Hanover to take possession of that other kingdom Princess Elizabeth, since her birth the day to make over 2,000 scientific in 1926, has occupied the place next of 1930 (Margaret Rose) been a boy

Duke of Glocester. There are now fourteen living de-

thian columns, the king himself help- cession to the throne. These are in ferelegs thickened. He is build in the Another scientist, whose expert of York; 3, Princess Elizabeth of grow bald He has fived to an the mental work on chronometers he had York; 4. Princess Margaret Rose of Cape Point road built, and he kind. (Countess of Harewood): 8. Viscount royal patron sent him 500 guineas as Lascelles; 9. Hon. Gerald Larcelles; are told about Oom Pict and the

Such was his deep interest in me- (Duchess of Fife); 11, Earl of Mac detailed memorandum on how to the Master of Carnegie; 14, Princess

SOLD SHOES TO ROYALTY.

ming's Golf shoes.

ent visit of the Prince of Wales and didn't. He sat and glowered at her now a feature of the picture gallery. his brother to Jamaica, where George The young woman's herve tailed The veteran pro and his assistant said, and threw the fish in Oom Piet

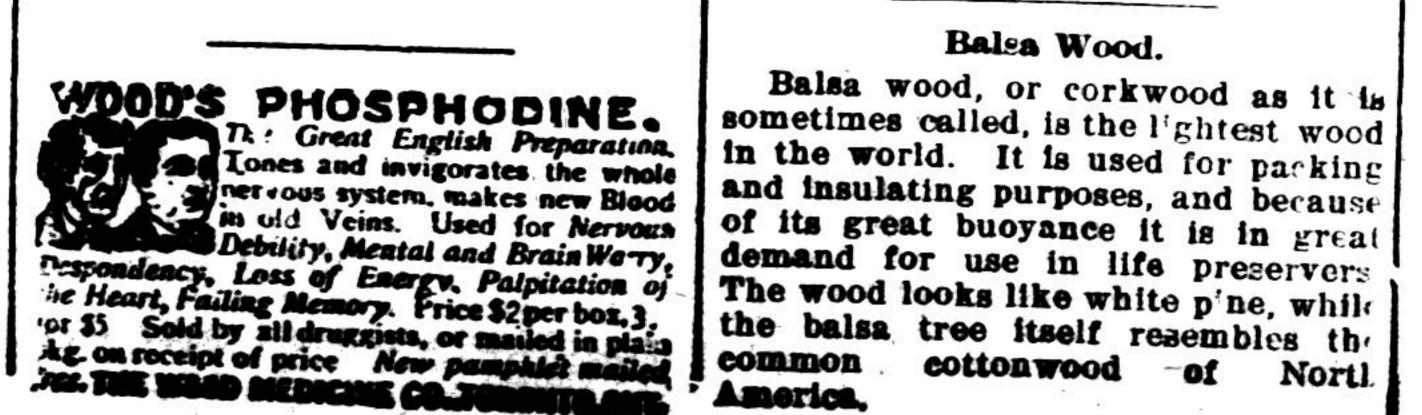
shoes the professional was wearing. | lieve, however, that it is just a to "That's an unusual brogues," he remarked. "Could I get cares. Oom Piet, the ordest and tre a pair like them?" Prince George, overhearing the re- fate than other aged baboons. H. Clifford Smith in "Buckingham Cumming stated they were very com- Lost Tribe in Simon's Town. Best of he promised to have the manufac- ago.

> James Palace, London. Next day, prior to their departure, the mountains and trotted into the he went down to their hotel and grounds of Admiralty House. Unfor measured the royal feet, sending the tunately there are certain formalities measurements in a letter to the mak- to be remembered when one calls ers. And believe me, not every firm an admiral. This old fellow outraged ships to the Palace of St. James.

Dates of School Fairs.

The following are the dates announced for the school fairs to be held in Halton County this year: keys made from billiard balls and Mt. Nemo Sept. 14th carpets that took him 1000 hours Hornby Sept. 15th Brookville Sept. 17th gotten, and the visitor escaped. Farm Boys' and Girls' Club Work. Trafalgar Sept. 18th Establishment of all farm boys' Limehouse Sept. 21st of the Lost Tribe. Perhaps they have and girls' club work in Canada upon Strathcona Sept. 22nd a national basis, guided by a central Palermo Sept. 23rd tawa, representative of all the pro- Agricultural Representative Kirstine and when hunger drives them they vinces concerned, as well as the Dom- will be in charge at the various fair. often come down to the outskirts

> -GARDEN PARTY .- The Ladies' booths on grounds. Rev. G. F. Kelly, sible to get.



LOST TRIBE OF BABOONS

CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THEIR RACE.

Advancing Tide of Civilization Sweeping Them Out of Exister.cu.—Oom Piet Is the Oldest of Old Men of the Tribe.

One day when you are metoring to Cape Point you will ... the Lost Tribe. As your car swings round a bend in the road you will see them scampering up the hillside, says an article in the Cape "Argus." In the advance guard will be the mothers of the tribe. One of them

may be carrying the youngest member riding like a little jockey on her back. Behind, less hurriedly, for they have less responsibility, will be the spinsters and the bachelors. Last of all, you will not fail to see him, is old Oom Piet, father, guardian and counsellor of the tribe. I call them the Lost Tribe because they are cut off from the rest of their

race. Civilization has walled them in. There was a time when their an estors could roam from the slepes of Table Mountain to Stellenbosch, to Ceres and on into the mart of the great Karoo. Van Riebecck when he came to the Cape, found thousands of them. He thought they formed part of the native problem, and he wrote of them as "bush mannikins." Since then, for 300 years, we have been building up the wall which divides the Lost Tribe from the rest of their race. Long ago they chose to live in the Peninsula, and now they cannot change their minds.

They can wander over the mountains from Cape Point to Lion's Head. but they will never see their cousins at Stellenbosch again. The might yet murch down from the mountains behind Tekai and make their way through the ever-narrowing gap which would lead them out to the Flats and the mainland. But they would have to cross the Main road at Retreat and that ter-

rifying barrier of steel the railway Dogs, cars and train; would? make it a perilous, almost impossible journey. No, Oom Piet and his descendants will live in the Peninsula until the slowly advancing tide of civilization sweeps them out of exit

There has never been a census of the Lost Tribe, but it is known that there are some 70 or 80 of them who live on the mountains between Si mon's Town and Cape Point. The wander over the hills in bands of 10 to 20. It is of one of these bands and of their leader, Oota Piet, whom I have seen so often that I speak of him thus familiarly. I want to we le-You know, of course, that baboon. have some sort of social system often wonder that no local naturalist has thought it worth studying. They lead a community life it is him. wonderful outpost plan which el. sures that they are never was and have fine, and they do undoubtedly even members of the tribe in a manner which is not unlike the public ox pulsion of a schoolboy in the days a

Dr. Arnold- and quite an palmui Every band has its 1d min baboon who is wise in the vayable the world, whose orders it, tillor obeys. Oom Piet is perh partie ord est of these old men. I do shoulders have grown hours and order: 1, Prince of Wales: 2, Duke undignified way in which believes a the dangers of its traffic. He is wire with the wisdom of experence.

In all the hundreds of stories to a cunning which has won him his place as the leader of the Lost Tribe know only one that is to hi die credit. Once when there was hunger In the mountains he was deliberaters rude to a lady.

She was very young, but she knew the Lost Tribe and was not afraid of them. She had been fishing near Partridge Point with her father, Hall (way through the morning she set on George Cumming, veteran Cana- to climb up to the road and Miller's velopment was embarked upon, which Club, recently sold the Prince of Piet from his hiding place on the

> her. By all the laws of the Lest Tribe It was on the occasion of the re- he ought to have run away. But he "Take them, you old beast," she!

Recently I heard that Oom Piet 4 had been seen wandering alone at During a breathing spell the Cape Point, that he had been ex King Edward entertained there prince became interested in the golf pelled from the tribe. I like to be wisest of his race, deserves a beiter

is certain that he came down from

fall the conventions of the Britt. h navy ! by climbing up on to the root or Admiralty House. He was sentence, to death and shot. Another baboon paid an informat l call on a house on the hills'de. He climbed up on to the roof and then, becoming too inquisitive, fell through a skylight into the hall. The housewife, who was cooking the family's breakfast in the kitchen at the time, had a fright which she has not for But Simon's Town is not very fend seen too many gardens robbed orchards despoiled. The baboons have no respect for municipal boundaries

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the new organization have been Kenney, humorous entertainer and information on such parts as locks, worked out by a committee representimpersonator; Gertrude Corbett, so window glass, door handles and tative of various organizations which prano and costume entertainer. Music hinges, and engineers of the factory by Lowville Orchestra. Admission- have found that it has rewarded them adults 35c., children 20c. Refreshment with data that was previously impos-

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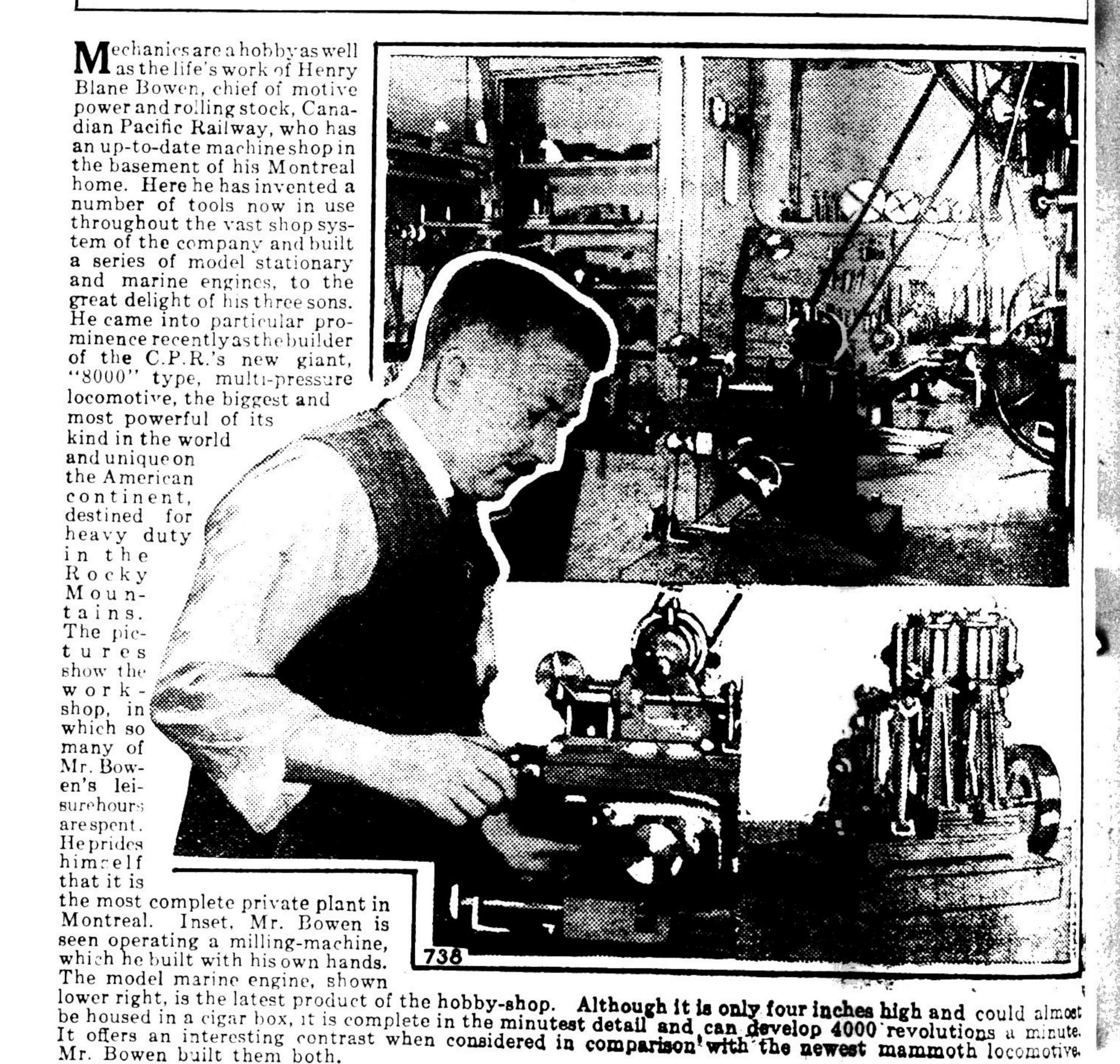
After seven o'clock that evening (when evening rates over Long Distance were in force) she called her old school chum Helen to ask her suggestion as to the best place to go.

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