

Our Hired Girl.

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

Our hired girl, she's Lizbeth Ann ;
An' she can cook best things to eat!
She ist puts dough in our pie pan,
An' pours in sopin' at good and sweet.
An' men she sells it all on top,
With cinnamon, an' men she'll stop,
An' stop, an' slide it, ist as slow,
In the cook-stove so's 't won't stop,
An' git all spilled ; men bakes it—so
It is custard pie, first thing you know!
An' men she'll say :
Clear out o' my way!
They's time for work and time for play,
Take your dough an' run, child, run,
Er I can't get no cookin' done!

When our hired girl 'tends like she's mad,
An' says folks got to walk the chalk,
When she's around, er wished the chalk
I play out on our porch an' talk.
To 't Raggedy Man at mows our lawn ;
An' he says, "Whew!" an' men leans on
His old crooked scythe, and blinks his eyes
An' sniffs all round an' says, "I swan!
Ef my old nose don't tell me lies,
It' pears like I smell custard pies!"
An' men he'll say
"Clear out o' the way!
They's time for work an' time for play,
Take your dough an' run, child, run,
Er she can't git no cookin' done!"

Our Inland Fisherman.

The Canadian inland fishermen, one hundred and fifty of whom met in Collingwood the other day to discuss matters pertaining to their calling, particularly the recent amendment which adds another fifteen days to the close season already established, are not disposed to pronounce "Eureka" upon the laws governing their industry. On the contrary, they assert that the regulations as at once oppressive and ineffectual, that while they are framed so as to militate against the interests of the fishermen and to place them at a decided disadvantage when compared with their American fellowcraftsmen, they are not calculated to accomplish the end intended, namely, the better preservation of the fish. In contrast with the present system, which the fishermen declare is leading to the depletion of the fisheries, they place the policy of the Michigan authorities, who instead of enacting a close season and spending large sums in protecting the fish, have established half a dozen hatcheries from which, it is claimed, the supply can be replenished faster than the fishermen can deplete it. Moreover, the fishermen assert that the cost of maintaining overseers and government cruisers would support enough efficient hatcheries on the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron to make the depletion of the fisheries an impossibility. In view of these facts they have made their prayer to the government as follows: "This association asks the Government to establish and equip hatcheries located as near as possible to the natural spawning ground of the fish and to shorten and grade the close season for fish until such time as the fish propagated by the hatcheries shall grow, and then to abolish the close season, placing the Canadian fishermen on the same footing as the American." Certainly it is conceivable that these one hundred and fifty fishermen are willing for the sake of a present benefit to endanger their future prospects. Such short-sightedness has been seen before now. It is much more reasonable to suppose, however, that intelligent men who have made large investments in fishing plant and tackle, and who have chosen this as their life calling will be as anxious as any to have their industry properly protected. When therefore they are so unanimous in their condemnation of existing regulations it is pretty good evidence that the laws are not above improvement. Moreover their suggestion that the Government establish hatcheries, which have already demonstrated their efficiency, is not an unreasonable one. And inasmuch as our neighbors have not copyrighted the idea, and as it is the dictate of wisdom to follow a good example by whomsoever set, it is to be hoped our rulers will listen to the prayer.

Unlucky or Unwise?

To attribute lack of success to ill luck is soothing to the vanity of men; consequently, few can be found who admit that the fault lies with themselves. A man of good presence, pleasant family, etc., was by a fire thrown out of his regular employment. The head of a large factory saw the "ad," and he thought to save time by taking a cab right to the number designated and securing the gentleman's services. He found the wife at home expecting her husband's return from down town. In a few minutes the young man came up the street! He walked leisurely until he reached his own steps, when he turned his back to the house and proceeded to pull the very last whiff from the wee stub of a cigarette. Two minutes, three minutes passed. The wife was nervous. Another minute and a few more whiffs, and the gentleman inside rose hastily and said kindly, "Pardon me, but I do not think I want a man who has not yet left off boyish habits. In my business time is money. Good-day." He bowed himself out just as the husband, disturbed by the opening of the door, spat the little smoking stub from between his teeth and passed up the steps. He found his wife in tears, and would hardly believe his senses when she told him how he lost good employment by dallying with the weed in small packages.

George Kennan's Works.

George Kennan, whose graphic account of his travels through Siberia and whose vivid and realistic description of Russia's convict system so thrilled and startled the world a few years ago, is receiving his reward. That he did not make his journey in vain nor suffer for naught the untold hardships through which he passed, the following from the London *Daily News* is evidence. Says that paper: "The articles from the pen of George Kennan have met with a remarkable reception in Europe. Authorized translations of these articles into the French, Danish, Dutch and Czech languages have been arranged for, and they have already appeared in book form. In Hungary, in Italy and in France they have been published in a number of papers. Besides these authorized publications there have been five distinct German practical translations." Had Mr. Kennan's sole object in undertaking his journey been one of philanthropy he could not have chosen a better method for accomplishing his ends. The *News* says the articles have been the prime cause of the foundation of "Free Russia" societies in England and have stirred public opinion in Europe more than any other writings that have appeared for years.

Black centers are the latest fancy in handkerchiefs, with the addition of a white lace border.

Reform of Women's Dress.

The prominence given to the reform of women's dress by several distinguished American ladies at Chautauqua the other day, has brought this much-discussed subject once again to the front. To deny that there is any necessity for change would be to call in question the judgment of the ladies themselves, who certainly ought to be the best judges in the matter. It is significant, however, that while many voices are calling for reform there is a wide diversity of opinion as to the nature and extent of the changes that should be made. On the one hand, some, with the conservative instinct strong, claim that as very little change is necessary to make women's dress all that it ought to be, that a little modification of the corset which should be made somewhat shorter at the hips and be less tightly laced, a little shortening of the skirt so as to have it escape the ground by a couple of inches and a little changing of the sleeve so as to give easy play to the arm and hand, would be all the change that is required for any purpose. On the other hand the more radical spirits are evidently disposed to advocate for general feminine use the tight and trunks worn upon the stage. Between these two extremes almost every shade of opinion may be found. This difference of view which is not peculiar to the leaders of the present movement, being characteristic of the initial stages of all reforms, has nevertheless provoked certain members of the press to gratuitously offer some suggestions to the leaders of the movement. Of these the *New York Sun* advises the reformers that they study the effect of the present bathing dress for women before deciding on the costume they will adopt. "This dress," it urges, "is not unbecoming, in very many cases it is remarkable; it allows perfect freedom of movement, it consists of only two pieces, with the exception of the stockings and it is entirely modest. No better costume for work could be devised, and with suitable undergarments it could be made warm enough for any weather of this climate. Young women and old wear it in the seabeaches without fear of beholders, and hence it might not less appropriately be worn in the public streets. It could also be beautified with color and decoration, so that the feminine desire for adornment would be satisfied."

Will the reform make any substantial progress? is the question many are asking; or will women in general be inclined to look upon the new movement merely as a fad of certain members of their sex who are anxious to gain a little notoriety? In such matters it is always safer to defer prophecying until after the event. Still it is pretty safe to say that the mere fact that certain strong-minded women are advocates of the change will not effect the reform desired. This is one of those matters in which the leaders of society are likely to have much more influence than the arguments or even example of women whom nature has especially endowed with strength of intellect and with the ability to express their views in public. If by some means the reformers could induce say the Princess of Wales and Queen Victoria to fall in with their ideas and lead the van the reformation would stand some chances of winning its way. But until the arbiters of fashion lend their support the advocates of the reform will but work in vain.

Escapes Deficiency.

That Europe will be short of bread this year is a statement universally admitted. According to the latest and soberest estimates Great Britain will require 160,000,000 bushels, France nearly as much, Germany will have a large deficiency while the quantity required to supply the other countries of Western Europe will probably bring up the total European demand to about 400,000,000 bushels. To supply this deficiency India will probably be able to send out 50,000,000 bushels, Canada is expected to be able to spare 22,000,000, Australia and South America will also have some to export, while many estimate that the United States will have a surplus of over 200,000,000 bushels. This will still leave about 100,000,000 bushels of a deficiency. Must it be inferred therefore that starvation will result? Not necessarily. None need starve who can secure corn and of this grain the United States expects to have a large amount, probably 200,000,000 bushels, available for export if necessary. Besides it is known that European populations consume root crops largely in place of wheat, especially when the latter is scarce and dear. It is believed by competent authorities that the consumption of wheat has varied as much as two bushels per capita in France and some other countries without anything approaching famine or general starvation. If there should be such a decrease in the consumption during the coming year the quantity required for 200,000,000 people would be 400,000,000 bushels less than the usual supply, which would balance the expected deficiency of wheat and yet no famine or world wide distress would result. The real difficulty with the Europeans will be to find money to pay for the food which the other countries of the world will have to give. Unfortunately it happens that the deficiency occurs at a time when the industries of Europe are particularly depressed. This means that labor will not find as great remuneration as formerly, which of course means less money to buy bread.

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Among the subjects discussed by the International Congress which has just met at Rome were the construction of a map of the earth on the scale of 1-1,000,000, the questions of prime meridian, a universal hour, and the rules to be observed in the spelling of geographical names. It was argued that the elaboration of a map of this kind would do much towards destroying the illusion that non-European countries are sufficiently known, and would show that explorers have still a great deal to do. It would no doubt broaden the ideas of many Europeans, even not a few Englishmen, as to the size and importance of the Dominion of Canada and some other countries. For this reason if for no other Canadians will hope that the scheme will succeed.

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