

BITS OF MERRIMENT.

"Louise, where does the intellectual exercise come in in playing whist?" "O, in getting other people to pay attention to the game."
 Mother—"No, Bobby; money doesn't make folks happy—but I'll tell you what does." Bobby—"I know, ma; it's the stuff that you get with it."
 Mrs. Wickwire—"Why don't you ever wash your face?" Dismal Dawson—"Don't want the sun to git a chance to spile me complexion."
 "After all, man is a generous being." "Yes, he is; I never saw a husband yet who wouldn't let some other man teach his wife to ride a wheel."
 Hipson—"Layson is the laziest man I know." Juggles—"Is that so?" Hipson—"Yes. Why, that man won't even carry life insurance."

To fit the Appetite—"What do you charge for board?" "Do you ride a bicycle?" "Yes; what difference does that make?" "It'll be \$1 more a week!"
 Generally that's the Hardest of Work.—"Uncle Tom, what is executive ability?" "It's knowing how to make other people work without doing anything yourself."

It is not the proper thing to say that a man will make a good husband. It is the wife who makes the good husband. The bad ones only are the self-made article.
 "The trees are leaving," remarked Mrs. Snaggs. "Nevertheless, they are not packing their trunks," replied Mr. Snaggs, who objected to his wife's coincided verb.
 He—"You should not worry so much about dress. Set your mind on higher things." She—"I had set my mind on higher things than you seem willing to buy for me."

Lieut. Peri—"I am afraid you couldn't stand the rigor of an Arctic expedition. You never have been on one before, have you?" Travole—"No, but I have spent a winter in an English hotel."
 He—"Oh, dear! I wish I could get hold of some good biscuits like mother used to make for me!" She—"And I wish I could get some good clothes like father used to buy for me."

Father—"Johnny, come open the door for your poor, tired father; your mother's locked me out and I want to get in." Johnny—"Well, she's locked me in, and I want to get out."

Johnny—"You're the meanest, hatefulest, spitefulest thing I know!" Tommy—"An' you're the crabbedest, ugliest—!" Father—"Boys, boys! You forget that your mother is in the room."

"Hello, Sappy, where have you been?" "I've been to the gymnasium exercising, old chap." "You exercising?" "Yes; watching the rest. Exercising my eye, don't you know?"

CARPETS OR RUGS.

While this question, which confronts the housekeeper with every recurring spring, is one which she must settle according to her own notions and necessities if she be one whom experience has guided to a choice, there are still many of the inexperienced who will be interested in having the best points of each set before them.

Briefly, then, for the housewives of moderate means, living in a small house, it will be readily seen that rooms can be kept clean with less labor if the floors, or a margin of them, are stained and the center covered with a rug, which can be lifted every few weeks and taken to the yard to be shaken and thoroughly brushed. A good Smyrna rug will stand hard wear for ten years, longer than the best carpet will present a respectable appearance.

For bedrooms, whether for city or country, it has long been conceded that matting is the best, cheapest and most sanitary and artistic substitute. An article at twenty-five cents a yard will give satisfaction for three years if turned once during that time and wiped once a month with a cloth wrung out of warm water containing a handful of salt to a pail of water.

It is more than possible, however, that matting, which has so long held the field, will be superseded by a comparatively new material called "floor fiber." It is as flexible as the best Chinese matting is neat and unobtrusive in design, comes in many soft colors and can be sewn together and bound like carpet. It forms one of the best backgrounds for rugs, and, it is said, will be largely used for dados, as well as for ceilings. For hammock and floor and piazza cushions it is cool, durable and unrivaled from any point of view.

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"But why did you refuse Prof. Gruebling, Miss Melanie? He is such an able and noted mathematician." "That's just the reason! He would always be mathematically demonstrating the errors of my milliner's bills."

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From the Amherst, N.S., Sentinel.

Mr. Charles Tucker, who lives about two miles from Lockport, is one of the best known men in that section. He is engaged in business as a lobster packer, and dealer in flour and salt, and in addition has a fine farm. During the past three years Mr. Tucker has been an almost constant invalid, being the victim of a complication of troubles following a severe attack of la grippe. Recently he has been restored to his old time health and having learned that he gave the entire credit to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills concerning which so much has been said through the press, a reporter interviewed him in the matter, and was cheerfully given his story for publication. Mr. Tucker said:—"About



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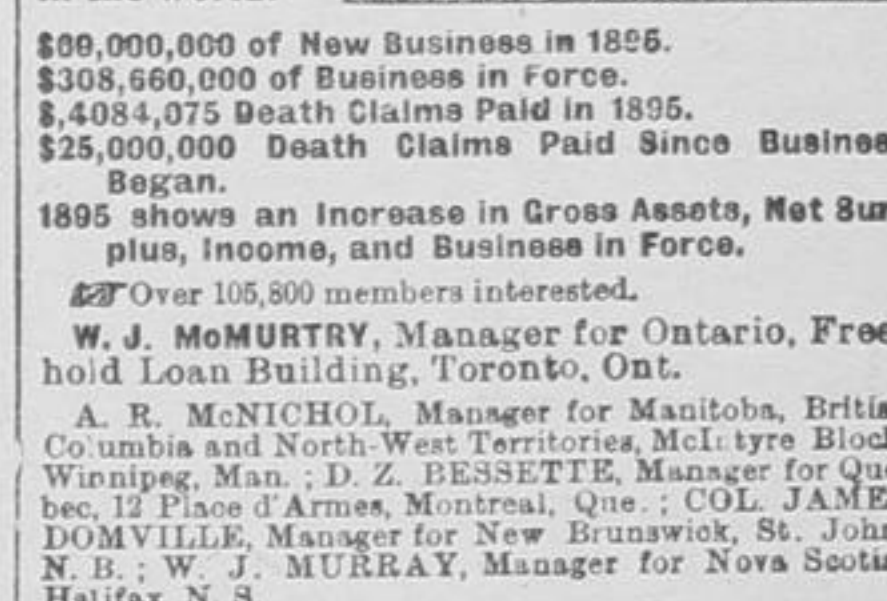
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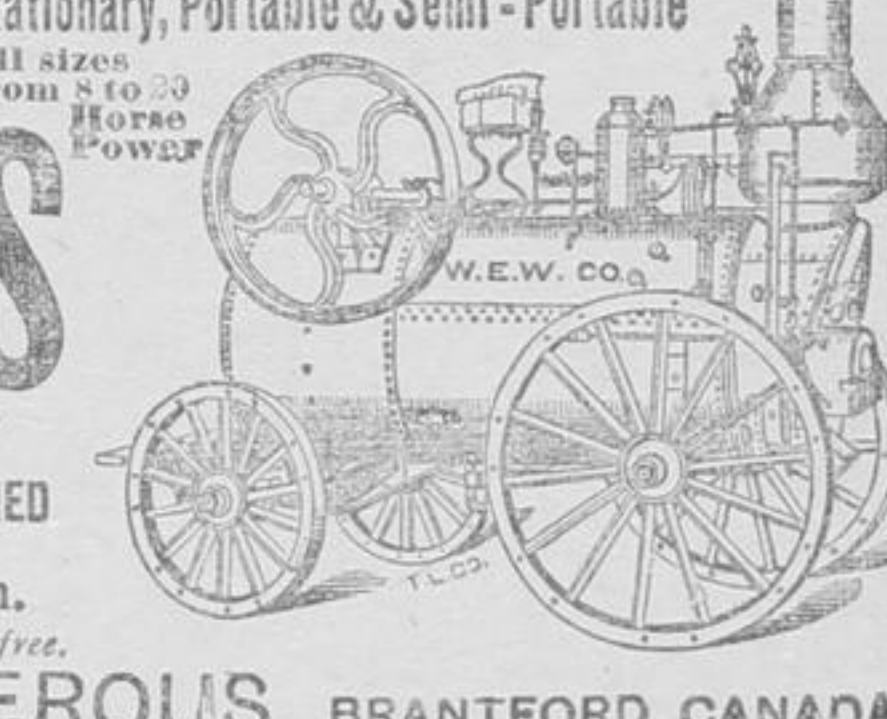
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