

## About the House

### DAUGHTER'S ACHIEVEMENTS SURPRISE MOTHER.

"Oh, Mother, we just had the most fun, and I am so glad that I really am a Happy Hustler now," sang Mary as she returned at four o'clock in the afternoon from attending her second meeting of the Happy Hustlers' Club. She had been invited to attend the meeting of the previous week by her little friend, Doris, that she might learn something of their summer project of canning. Her interest and enthusiasm had developed to such a degree that she had accepted an invitation to become an active club member.

It was from this initiation meeting that Mary was returning as she romped into the kitchen where her mother was canning the first surplus strawberries of the season. All ecstasy with her own accomplishment, for she was carrying in her basket three pints of canned strawberries which she had canned herself, she began to tell Mother of the wonderful things she had learned that afternoon.

Removing the jars from her basket to the kitchen shelf, she placed them beside those her Mother was just finishing. Immediately they both noticed the direct contrast between the jars of strawberries. Those that Mother had just finished canning by the open-kettle method were of a dark red, tending toward a brownish color. Already most of the berries were floating at the top of the jar, while the rich syrup was all at the bottom. The ones Mary had just brought back from the canning club were of a much brighter red, retaining most of their original hue, with the berries evenly distributed through the syrup.

It was with pain in her heart that Mother noted the failure of her long, hot afternoon's work. But this pain was somewhat tempered by the pride in her daughter's accomplishment.

"Mary, I had thought you girls were going to your club meeting to play, and perhaps talk a little about canning, but to have you come home



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with all this display of your afternoon's work surprises me. Do tell me how you did it? How did you make these strawberries look so red? I have canned strawberries for twenty years, but they never looked like that. What did you put in them?" asked Mary's mother.

"We did have a jolly time together, and we found it lots more fun to can strawberries than to just play games and talk. We never put a thing in the berries to make them red, though. It is all in the way you do it. Doris picked the berries yesterday, and after washing and hulling them, put them in a large pan with a cup of sugar to each quart of berries and let them stand over night.

"Just as soon as we girls got there, we sterilized and tested the jars, rubbers and tops. They were all put into boiling water for ten minutes, and

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CANADA is endeavoring to regain her after-the-war stride in the midst of many difficulties, — debt, deflation and depression being some of them.

Quack remedies and academic theories beset her path on every side. Some suggest that our debt worries can best be eased by going further into debt. Others preach blue ruin, decry their own country and indulge in mischievous propaganda generally, while still others look for a new social order or some miraculous sign to indicate a better coming day—all this in apparent forgetfulness of the fact that just as there was no royal road to win the war, there is now no royal road to pay for it or regain our former buoyancy, vigor and confidence.

Some are leaving Canada hoping to escape taxation, only to find there is no escape anywhere. In seeking for easy remedies too many of us overlook the fact that the greatest remedy is honest, hard work faithfully and intelligently performed, accompanied by old-fashioned thrift.

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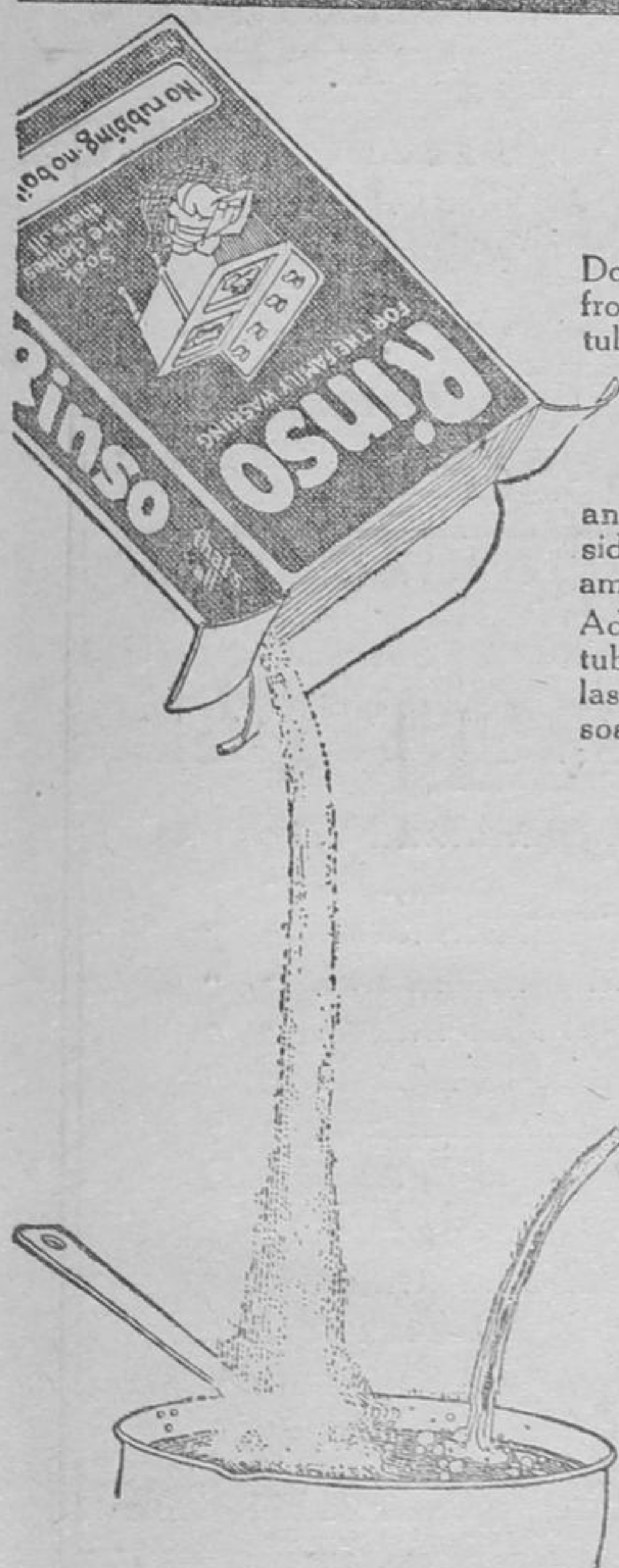
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then taken out with the funniest scissor-shaped forks and left to drain. We didn't dry them as we always do, for Miss Brown, our leader, said they wouldn't be sterilized then. Some germs that might cause spoilage would be on the dish towel and would cling to the cans.

"Then we tested all our jars and tops to see if they were perfect. With the screw-top jars we placed the top on the jar without the rubber and sealed it tight. Then if we could insert our thumb-nail between the top and the jar, the top was defective. Sometimes we fixed this by rimming them around with the back of a steel case knife. With the glass-top jars, we placed the top on the jar without the rubber and tapped the outer edge of the top. If the top rocked, Miss Brown would not let us use it, for it was imperfect and would likely cause the berries to spoil.

"Then we tested each rubber by folding it over half and then folding it back on itself at the same point. If it did not crack, it was safe to use. A good rubber will also spring back into shape when you stretch it.

"After we had adjusted rubbers on each jar, we filled them with the berries, adding the juice of the berries to fill the jars instead of water. We screwed the tops on only half way and placed these filled jars in the wash-boiler on the stove with only enough water to come within an inch of the top of the jars. After counting fifteen minutes from the time the water started to boil, the jars were taken out and sealed tightly. Miss Brown called this processing. And that is all, only I am to wrap them in paper before I put them down cellar so that the light won't bleach them."

With the evidence of her daughter's achievement and the proof of the method used, Mother spoke to Mary, saying, "I am proud of you, daughter, and I hope you will stick to the Happy Hustlers." But to herself she said, "Lost is the day in which we do not

add to our fund of knowledge, but I have certainly learned a lesson from my daughter to-day. I think it is about time I woke myself up, jumped out of the rut and became aware of what other folks are doing around me."

### Not What He Expected.

A local celebrity, visiting one of the schools in a certain town, thought it proper to ask the youngsters a few questions.

"Can any little boy or girl tell me," he said, impressively, "what is the greatest of all the virtues?"

There was no reply.

"We will try it again," said the visitor. "What am I doing when I give up

my time and pleasure to come and talk to you in your school?"

"I know now, mister!" exclaimed Johnny Smith, raising his hand.

"Well, what am I doing little man?" "Buttin' in!" was the startling rejoinder.

"Should there be no serious impairment between now and harvest, the West looks like astonishing the world with a 500,000,000 bushel crop," declared R. C. Craig, president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, who returned to the city after a three weeks' motor trip through central and northern Saskatchewan and Alberta. He reports crop conditions excellent everywhere.

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