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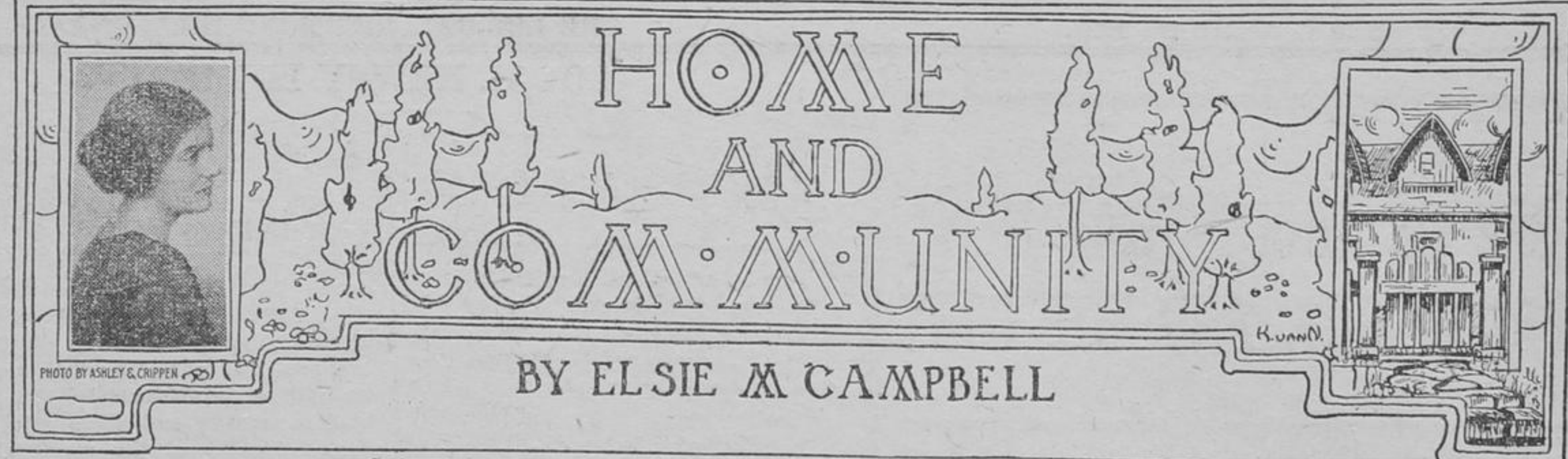
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**POOR LANTY**  
The twins had been away from school so long that they were quite glad to get back after the Easter holidays. They didn't have much trouble catching up with their classes as most of the children had been quarantined nearly as long as they had.  
One warm afternoon when the call of spring was in the air the children were all restless in school.  
"Well," said the teacher, "it doesn't seem to be much use trying to teach you anything indoors to-day. Get your hats and we will go to the woods for nature study."

This was always a treat to the children because their young teacher knew so much about the fields and woods that she was a splendid companion on these trips and they were learning many valuable lessons.  
They found hepaticas and little pink spring Beauties and as teacher had her flower book with her they learned to call them by their right names instead of calling them all mayflowers. They found the green spears of trilliums peeping through the ground and the sturdy red spears of Jack-in-the-pulpit. They watched a pair of robins building a nest and they saw a blue bird on a low tree with the blue and white markings on his back that looked like linoleum. And they paid attention to all these things very carefully as they knew they hadn't just come for a walk—tomorrow they would have to write a story about everything they had seen today.

As they were straggling back to school about four o'clock, laden with flowers and moss and lichens and wild plum blossoms, Lanty came bounding down the road to meet them. The children all knew Lanty and loved him for he came to school every afternoon to walk home with Jeannie and Jock. They clustered around him in an excited group, all trying to make such a noise that they didn't hear the approaching car until it was right behind them. Lanty gave a warning bark and the shrieking children scrambled to the sides of the road. But Lanty, watching to see that they were all safe, didn't get out of the way quite in time himself; the car knocked him down and the back wheel passed right over him!  
The driver, hearing the cries of the children, stopped and ran back to where poor golden Lanty was trying in vain to struggle to his feet.

"My glory," he said in a relieved tone, "was it only a dog I thought it was one of the kids."  
"It matters just as much!" Jeannie stormed at him, stamping her foot. "Lanty's just as good as any of us and you can put him in your mean old car and take him home."  
The man looked as if he were going to refuse until the teacher spoke. "Perhaps you had better," she said quietly, "you weren't driving very carefully and it might just as easily have been a child."  
So they lifted poor suffering Lanty into the car and the twins went too to show him the way.  
They made a comfortable bed for him in the barn and gave him some warm milk then Uncle John phoned the Vet.  
He came and set Lanty's broken leg found that there were no other bones broken and said to keep him quiet for a few days.  
It wasn't long before their pet was running around on three legs, proudly holding up the bandaged front leg for everyone to look at.  
"Lanty's lucky," said Jock, "when I broke my leg last fall I had to stay in bed for six weeks because I only had one spare and he has three!"

**Seasonable Recipes**  
**Orange Cake**  
Two cups sugar, two-thirds cup of butter, three eggs, juice of two oranges and enough water to fill the cup, three and one-half cups flour, two teaspoons cream of tartar one teaspoon soda grated orange rind.  
Cream butter and sugar, add eggs beaten separately (one yolk reserved for filling). Then flour, cream of tartar and soda sifted together, then grated rind and the cup of juice. Makes large layer cake.  
Filling—Egg yolk, icing sugar and grated orange rind.

**Ginger Snaps**  
One cup molasses, two cups brown sugar, one half cup lard one-half cup butter, one-half teaspoon cloves, one-half teaspoon cinnamon one tablespoon ginger, one teaspoon soda about five cups flour.  
Boil all together except flour for a few minutes. When cool add flour. Roll thin.

**Delicious Bread Pudding**  
One quart milk, two cups of small bits of stale bread, two tablespoons butter, half teaspoon salt, and a cup of sugar, teaspoon vanilla and a grating of nutmeg. Soak bread in the milk until soft, beat eggs until very light add other ingredients and bake in a moderate oven.

**Rhubarb and Pineapple Jam**  
Chop six pounds of rhubarb and two medium sized pineapples into small pieces. Add two and one-half pounds of sugar and cook for fifteen minutes. Then add two and one-half pounds more of sugar and simmer stirring until rich and thick.

**Rhubarb Marmalade**  
Put two oranges and one lemon through the food chopper. Cut four pounds of rhubarb into small pieces. Mix these ingredients with one pound seedless raisins and five pounds of sugar and let stand for half an hour. Then bring to a boil and simmer for almost an hour, stirring carefully to prevent burning.

**Rhubarb Jam**  
Chop six pounds of rhubarb and let it stand with five pounds of sugar overnight. In the morning put one lemon, one orange and one pound of figs through the food chopper. Mix all the ingredients together and simmer very slowly for three hours stirring frequently.

**Rhubarb Sweet Pickle**  
Chop six pounds of rhubarb and let mix with seven pounds of sugar, one pint of vinegar, one teaspoon cloves, two teaspoons cinnamon. Cook slowly for three hours, stirring frequently.

**Helpful Hints**  
To prevent irons sticking to articles which have been starched, drop a lump of alum into the starch while it is still hot and stir slowly till the alum is completely dissolved. A piece of starch the size of a walnut will be enough for a quart of starch.  
Linen that has become yellow from the use of too much soap or from other causes, after being thoroughly washed should be soaked overnight in cold water to which cream of tartar has been added. A teaspoon to a quart of water makes a sufficiently strong solution.  
To mend a tear in a kid glove first buttonhole around the edge of the tear with silk of the same shade, then draw the stitches together firmly, one at a time. This is not only a neat way to darn but a durable one as well.  
Bunches of straw flowers which have become dusty may be changed in the following way. Make a suds of lux and warm water and holding the flower by the head so that the stem will not break, dip it gently up and down until clean, then hang in a bunch upside down until dry and they will look as fresh as when they were picked.

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**LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
Now that there seems to be a general desire, suggested no doubt by the Horticultural Societies, for the improvement of towns and villages it is well to look about us for ways and means.

As a well known firm of paint manufacturers say in an advertisement, "Little beds of flowers, little cans of paint, make attractive neighborhoods out of those that ain't." And this is as true as it is ungrammatical.

I have in my mind a certain town that fifteen years ago did not boast a single garden. There moved to that town a grocer whose wife was very fond of flowers and who cleaned up the boxes and barrels which littered the ground beside the store and planted a garden. That was the beginning of local improvements and to-day that town is a place of well kept gardens carefully pruned shade trees artistically planted school grounds and it even boasts a park which is a thing of beauty and a joy to the inhabitants.

The gaily blooming flower beds soon put the shabby houses to shame. Fresh paint began to appear on all sides and many householders thought they might as well go ahead and build that verandah they had been talking about or perhaps put a new picket fence where the old board one had been. They suddenly realized that they had some fine old shade trees along their streets and successfully fought the telephone company that was going to butcher them to make room for their wires. And all these improvements can be traced back directly to that one little garden beside the grocery store.

One very noticeable feature of the gardening craze in this town is the window boxes which are used by so many of the stores. These are not at the downstairs windows where they would interfere with the display of merchandise but are at the upstairs windows where they look very pretty and unusual.

What could be an easier or more decorative form of local improvement than this? If the Horticultural Society of a Village urged its members to try this kind of gardening what a difference it would make to the community. If the idea should be taken up by everyone on the main street what a good impression it would give to those who motored through the town.

And how much nicer it would be for tourists to remember a town as "the place with all the window boxes" instead of "the place with the bad road." Though of course after this summer we hope that tourists will forget that our town ever had a bad road.

There are so many things that can be grown in window boxes that ones individual taste may be shown almost as much as in the planting of flower beds. Almost all low-growing annuals may be used though it is best to choose those that have a long season of bloom such as nasturtiums, petunias, or geraniums. Sweet alyssum and lobelia are good small plants and for vines use wandering jew, dwarf morning glory or the different kinds of ivy. Anthericum and dracenas are good for centre or ends of boxes and do not break easily in the wind. It is well to stick to two or three colors and be careful that they harmonize—for instance avoid combining nasturtiums and pink geraniums.

It is most satisfactory to set the box on brackets instead of directly on the sill so as the top of the box is level with the sill. This looks better from inside.

Perhaps the Horticultural Society might hold a "standing crop" competition and offer a prize for the best looking box at the end of the summer.



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