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MOTHER'S DAY

Let us remember Mother's Day by some definite act of kindness, by a visit, a letter, a gift or a tribute of remembrance. The word "Home" is suggestive of unspeakable blessing. Home is the haven of peace, the place of protection from outside influences, the sphere of purity and, above all, the opportunity of some of the most blessed fellowship that earth can give. In connection with home, the old word is literally true, however purely sentimental some may think it, "What is home without a mother?"

MAY—MONTH OF BEAUTY.

Now comes May, one of the prettiest and most pleasant months of the year. The bitter cold of winter has gone, the sudden showers of April are past, the heat of summer has not yet come and vegetation prepares to spread with lavish hand its beauty all about us.

The origin of the name of most is easy to trace. Not so May. It is generally agreed that it was named for Maia, the Roman Goddess of Spring, but there is also a theory that May is the abbreviated form of Majores and that the month was so called because it was held sacred to older men as June was dedicated to juniors or younger men.

Originally, May was the third month, but it became fifth when the Romans placed January and February at the beginning of the year. It always has had 31 days. Its special flower is the hawthorn and its gem the emerald.

Since earliest times the first of May has been marked by outdoor festivities and children have danced about a Maypole for hundreds of years.

Today many schools have May-day festivals in which gay costumes, pretty flowers and dancing complete a most colorful picture. May is marked by few important historical anniversaries, compared to other months, and few holidays.

POOR HUMAN SPECIMEN

One of the poorest specimens of humanity we know is the fellow who goes around grousing about the town being dead. Every small community has this insect and he certainly is not to be rated among its assets. This individual laments are on foot for the towns improvement and yet whenever a live suggestion is brought forward he is against it every time because there is something or other the matter with it and he goes around discouraging others who are interested in the scheme. It constantly makes him sore he says the way the town people won't pull together. Yet he himself is the biggest knocker in the community! This town grouch never starts anything new because he makes himself believe that it is no use trying to get it going. If anybody suggests any he wants to know what's the use in this "godforsaken" place.

The man who will help the town to prosper, and fortunately this class of individual is getting more numerous in the town, is the citizen who cheerfully lends his support to every movement for the town's advancement, who will banish prejudice and "give and take" a bit for the community welfare. And when he sees some opportunity for public improvements or has a new idea he will hopefully advance it. His ideals for his home town he maintains in spite of occasional discouragement. Trying always to think well of his neighbor and always speaking a good word for the town where he lives and makes his living, this man will win out in the end. He is the town's best asset.

GOOD BOOKS

A determined effort by local organizations to improve and stimulate interest in the Public Library is very commendable and is worthy of the support of the community. A prominent speaker from Toronto will address a public meeting here next week on "The Benefits of a Public Library To a Community." And it is probable that a tag day will be held in the near future for the purpose of raising funds. The work of a public library is so important and far reaching in its influence that no community can afford to lose an opportunity to further the endeavor.

There is no greater mistake made in our day than that which assumes that it matters very little what we read. We hold this strongly, because every book we read makes us better or worse.

A book may work wonders in the life of a boy or girl. We remember years ago a man had committed some crime for which he was sent to prison. Confined as he was and feeling lonely, a book came into his hand one day, which interested him so much that he not only read, but studied. The title of the book was "Life's Philosophy."

The manner of his life was ordered so much for the better that he became an exemplary prisoner. Indeed, so much was he admired by the officials and his fellows in adversity that when his sentence expired, and just before his liberation, he was requested to say a few words to the less fortunate inmates, who were brought out from their cells into the prison courtyard. We do not know what he told them, but we do know that one of the prisoners requested on behalf of his comrades that each man be allowed to shake hand with "Richard" as he passed out to freedom.

And, after all, his fine sense of life's principles recreated him into his better manhood. And in all of this we see the working of a divine hand. Some great writer has said it is of great importance what thoughts a man entertains or what company he keeps, for they all have the same effect on his mind. Bad thoughts are as injurious as bad company whereas good thoughts instruct and entertain the mind. Here we recall the words of Dr. Watts:

"The mind's the standard of the man." It was John Ruskin who said: "I opened my Bible, old and yellow with age, and flexible but not unclean except that the lower part of the pages were thin and worn at Chapter 7 of the first book of Kings, and ever so many pages in the New Testament, and I read, and its words were conclusive and protective to me in all modes of thought, nor through any fear or doubt or fault have I ever lost my loyalty to them, nor betrayed the first command in the one I was made to repeat oftenest, 'Let not mercy and truth forsake thee.'"

We honestly think the need for good against evil was never so great and so pressing as to-day in our great world of literature. The time of widespread and cheap reading is here now in our cities, many of them interesting, but harmful and pernicious. To quote Russel Lowell: "you feel as if you ought to be sprinkled with some disinfecting fluid after reading them."

What loyal sentiments and noble thoughts fill our bosoms when we study some of the lives of men like, Lincoln and Livingstone.

It is a life memory to read Browning or Carlyle, Macaulay or Tennyson, and for the best in nature, romance and humanity, nothing surpasses Sir Walter Scott and Charles Dickens.

Some one has said, shew me the company a man keeps and I will tell you that man's character. So we think we are safe in saying "Tell me what books he reads and I will tell you what kind of a man he may turn out to be in the coming day."

Richmond Hill 78th Annual Spring Fair, Tuesday, May 24

PRIZE LIST

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Judging of Live Stock to commence at 2 p.m. CLASS 1—CLYDESDALE. 1. Stallion, aged \$12.00 \$8.00; 2. Stallion, foaled in 1925 8.00 6.00; 3. Stallion foaled in 1926 6.00 4.00; 4. Brood Mare 10.00 6.00; 5. Special—Yield Mare over 3 years 6.00 4.00; 6. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1924 8.00 5.00. Entries must be made on Society's Entry Forms. 7. Filly or Gelding foaled in 1925 6.00 4.00; 8. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1926 6.00 4.00; 9. Colt or Filly foaled in 1927 6.00 4.00; 10. Best team of Heavy Draught Geldings or Mares shown in suitable harness to heavy wagon. First prize, Oliver Tractor Cultivator Value \$55.00; 2nd Prize Cash \$10.00 and tea \$5.00 by Jas. Lumbers Co. 11. Special—Brood Mare and two of her progeny under 4 years old 5.00 3.00; 12. Special—Cart horse with collar 5.00 3.00; 13. Single Dray Horse, hitched to suitable wagon; 1st prize order for \$10.00 by Richmond Tailors; 2nd prize \$5.00.

CLASS 2—PERCHERON OR BELGIAN Pedigrees to be produced for Stallions and Brood Mares. All other exhibits must trace to Percheron Sires. 1. Stallion, aged \$12.00 \$8.00 \$; 2. Stallion foaled in 1925 8.00 5.00; 3. Stallion foaled in 1926 5.00 3.00; 4. Brood Mare 10.00 6.00; 5. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1924 5.00 3.00; 6. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1925 5.00 3.00; 7. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1926 5.00 3.00; 8. Best Team of Geldings or Mares; 1st prize Cash \$15.00 and Masey-Harris order for \$10.00. 2nd prize \$10.00 cash and tea \$5.00 by Dalton Bros. 25.00 15.00 5.00.

CLASS 3—AGRICULTURAL 1. Brood Mare \$8.00 \$5.00 \$; 2. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1924 5.00 3.00; 3. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1925 5.00 3.00; 4. Filly or colt foaled in 1926 5.00 3.00; 5. Filly or Colt foaled in 1926 5.00 3.00; 6. Filly or Colt foaled in 1927 5.00 3.00; 6. Span of horses in Harness to wagon 1st prize \$15.00 cash and order for \$10.00 by R. Simpson Co. Limited; 2nd prize \$10.00 cash and goods \$5.00 by Goldsmiths, Toronto 25.00 15.00 5.00.

CLASS 4—GENERAL PURPOSE Weight Not More Than 1350 lbs. 1. Heavy Delivery Horse, 1350 lbs. or over, hitched to suitable delivery wagon \$8.00 \$6.00 \$; 2. Light Delivery Horse, under 1350 lbs. hitched to suitable delivery wagon 8.00 6.00; 3. Span of Horses in Harness to wagon. 1st prize Order for \$15.00 by Robert Simpson Co. Limited and \$10.00 cash; 2nd prize \$10.00 cash and \$5.00 goods.

4. Best Single Delivery Outfit for Baker and confectioner, 1st prize \$15.00 cash; 2nd prize order for \$12.50 by P. W. Ellis and Co. Toronto. 5. Best Single Delivery Outfit for Dairy and Ice cream companies, 1st prize \$15.00 cash, 2nd. prize order for \$12.50 by P. W. Ellis and Co. Toronto.

SWEEPSTAKES 1. Sweepstakes ribbon—Best Stallion in Classes 1, 3 and 4; 2. Sweepstakes Ribbon—Best Stallion in Class 2; 3. Sweepstake Ribbon—Best Mare, Filly or Gelding in Class 2; 4. Sweepstake Ribbon—Best Mare, Filly or Gelding in Classes 1, 3 and 5; 5. For Best Mare and Colt in Heavy Classes, \$20.00 cash, Donated by the T. Eaton Co., Ltd.

CLASS 5—CARRIAGE 1. Stallion, aged \$10.00 \$5.00; 2. Brood Mare 8.00 6.00; 3. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1924 5.00 3.00; 4. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1925 5.00 3.00; 5. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1926 5.00 3.00.

CLASS 6—ROADSTER 1. Stallion, aged \$10.00 \$5.00; 2. Brood Mare 8.00 6.00; 3. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1924 5.00 3.00; 4. Filly or Gelding foaled in 1925 5.00 3.00; 5. Filly or Gelding, foaled in 1926 5.00 3.00.

CLASS 7—HARNES 1. Single Carriage Horse in Harness, Gelding or Mare. 8.00 6.00; 2. Span of Carriage Horses in harness, Gelding or Mares 12.00 8.00; 3. Single Roadster Horse in Harness, Gelding or Mare 15-2 and over 10.00 8.00; 4. Single Roadster Horse in harness, Gelding or Mare, under 15-2 10.00 8.00; 5. Span of Roadster Horses in Harness, Geldings or Mares 12.00 8.00; 6. Team of Horses, High Steppers, in harness, Geldings or Mares 12.00 8.00; 7. Single Horse, High Stepper, in harness, Gelding or Mare 8.00 6.00; 8. Gentleman's Saddle Horse, 3 entries or no award 5.00 3.00; 9. Ladies Saddle Horse, 3 entries or no award 5.00 3.00; 10. Best Girl Rider under 14 years 4.00 3.00; 11. Special—Best Gentleman's Turnout, consisting of single horse in harness to buggy the full outfit to be the bona-fide property of exhibitor, each item in the outfit to be considered 10.00 5.00; 12. Special—Best Farmer's Turnout, consisting of single horse in harness to buggy, the full outfit to be the bona-fide property of exhibitor, each item in the outfit to be considered 1st prize motor rug, value \$10.00 by W. G. Baldock, Ltd. 10.00 5.00; No exhibitor will be allowed to show the whole or any part of any turnout in both classes of turnout. 13. Lady Driver, married or single, driving single or double, three to compete or no award only style and efficiency in driving to be considered 1st prize Silver cup value \$25.00 2nd prize \$5.00 cash 25.00 5.00.

CLASS 8—PONIES 1. Single Driving Pony in Harness, 12 Hands and under 5.00 3.00; 2. Single Driving Pony in Harness, 12 hands to 13 hands; 1st prize by Mr. DeGreen, value \$5.00 5.00 3.00; 3. Single Driving Pony in Harness, 13 hands to 14 hands, 1st prize by Mr. DeGreen 5.00 3.00; 4. Team of Ponies in Harness, 12 hands and over 8.00 6.00; 5. Team of Ponies in Harness, under 12 hands 8.00 6.00; 6. Tandem Team (Ponies or Hackneys) 8.00 4.00; 7. Best Pony on grounds, Sweepstake Ribbon. Pony Exhibitors showing same animal in more than one class will be charged a fee of 50c. for each extra exhibit.

SWEEPSTAKES 1. Sweepstake Ribbon—Best Stallion Classes, 5, 6, 7, 8; 2. Sweepstake Ribbon—Best Mare, Filly or Gelding in Classes, 5, 6, 7, and 8. All horses exhibiting for sweepstakes prizes must be shown on halter or bridle and stripped. All Show Horses must be on Grounds not later than 1.30 p.m. on day of Exhibition, Standard Time. SPECIAL—A \$25.00 Cash Prize given by Mr. W. H. Legge, President of this Society will be awarded for the best team in harness in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7. Cattle For Exhibition Must Be On The Grounds Not Later Than 12 O'clock, Noon. (Continued Next Week)

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