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Won \$1000 Prize on the Eve of Wedding

Delightful Experience of Guelph Couple who Entered Contest.

Guelph, Ont., June 23 (Special)—A Bluebird flew into the window of Mr. Lyle O'Neil, Guelph, last week and left a thousand dollars worth of happiness. Mr. O'Neil, of the Ontario Agricultural College won the first prize in the Bluebird Diamond Honeycomb Contest—the prize being a \$1000 honeymoon on the Queen Mary to England, Scotland and Wales.

Last Saturday Mr. O'Neil and his sweetheart were trying to decide where to go for their honeymoon. A trip down the St. Lawrence was their ambition and plans were laid accordingly. But, being conscientious budgeteers they decided that Quebec would be as far as they should go. The love-nest-egg was not to be touched and the first payment was already made on a charming little home in Guelph. "We were absolutely dazed when, that very day, we received word from our jeweller, A. W. Smith, that Lyle had won the thousand dollar honeymoon. Now we can go much farther than Quebec!" laughed Mrs. O'Neil. "I knew my Bluebird Diamond would bring us good luck."

The third prize in this Dominion-wide contest was won by Miss Evelyn Flowers, of Schumacher, secretary to Dr. Russell at St. Mary's hospital, Timmings. The other prize winners are as follows:—

1. Lyle O'Neil, Guelph—\$1,000 honeymoon.
2. J. Neilsen, Montreal—Bluebird diamond watch.
3. Evelyn Flowers, Schumacher—Community Plate set.
4. Anne Baird, Vancouver—Cap. Wm.

- A. Rogers set.
 5. Fred Long, Whitby—\$25.00.
 6. D. Stephen, Toronto—\$20.00.
 7. Josephine Munro, Amherst—\$15.00.
 8. Fred T. Gabert, Brightview—\$10.00.
 9. E. Abbott, Toronto—\$5.00.

Many fine entries were received from coast to coast and the judges had no easy job selecting the nine best.

There were a number of entries from Timmings and district, the contest being well advertised in The Advance by C. A. Remus, local jeweller who is the local representative for Bluebird diamonds.

Cowboy Couldn't Find Horse Stable in the West

(Calgary Albertan)

A cowpuncher came drifting into High River last week. His sturdy roan horse showed signs of long travel, for the horseman had just completed an arduous trip into the town from a ranch away out in the foothills 30 miles west.

Naturally, the rider's first move was to inquire of a stranger the location of the nearest livery stable. "Livery stable?" mused the town resident, and subsequent investigation revealed that there was not a single livery stable left in High River.

Tragedy was averted by accommodating the weary horse for the night in a small private barn behind a local residence.

But what has happened to the wild and woolly west when even High River—second only to Calgary as a cowtown in years past—cannot boast a single livery stable?

The wild west has certainly tamed down a lot when a "puncher" can't even find a night's lodging for his horse. The gasoline filling station has evidently usurped the place of the last fragment livery stable, and the west of the pioneers is fast becoming a thing of memory.

Ideas for Apportioning the Sums to be Spent on Various Purchases—A Plan for the Combination Living-Dining Room, Too.



For a modern bride, this contemporary living room will appeal. Note the interesting way the walls are painted in panels. The dark part is a soft blue-green, the light part is pale beige with deeper beige draperies. The chair by the fireside are upholstered in beige, the desk chair in red, and the open arm chair in blue-green. The linoleum is a dark antique and marbled green with bandings of yellow and green.

It's all very romantic to think of a bride's house in terms of satin upholstery and off-white broodloom. But the catch is that most brides are up against the realities of budgets, upkeep and durability, and neither satin upholstery nor pale broodloom fit that picture.

Besides, part of the fun of getting married is the adventure of making a

home out of next to nothing. Starting on a shoe string and working up to pomp and elegance along about fifty is the way it ought to be done . . . where would we go from here if we started out rich and fat!

Having a Very Grand Time

Be that as it may, most brides we know are going around with pencils over their ears, trying to make wedding presents and family contributions of old furniture jibe with what a very young budget can afford. And having a very grand time about it too. We'd guess they're having a better time than the brides who can shower checks hither and yon for everything to match

and very expensive.

Last week we discussed the budgeting of a bedroom. To-day we will go into the subject of budgeting living room and dining room. We're considering them together because so many young couples combine the two in one room. And those who do have a separate dining room generally plan it in coordination with the living room, since small house plans so often lay out the two rooms so that they adjoin through wide openings which make them seem like one room from a decorative point of view. Anyway, in either event, it's simpler in planning the design of these two rooms to consider them together.

China and glass	12.00
Mirror	12.00
Lamps	12.00
	\$321.00

Naturally the bride who has more or less to spend will adjust the percentages to suit her own particular needs. Presents may make a big difference too, as well as a girl's own skill in fixing things up.

Pretty Practical

As we said in the beginning of this article, it's alluring to think about the frothy decorations, but to-day's bride has to be pretty practical. That's why it's a good idea to weigh the wear she can expect to get from the fabrics she's interested in and try to be sure she's getting things that can stand being lived with.

Almost as important as the budget is the design for the room—both now and later. Thus as she buys for to-day, the wise bride will also keep in mind the role that that particular piece of furniture will play in the room as her means enable her to develop the room from its gay bare beginnings to the interior that is very handsome indeed.

Incidentally, the bride on a budget may be interested in our new bulletin—"Making Your Own Lamp Shades." This includes directions with diagrams or making various types of lamp shades from simple paper ones to beautifully tailored silk shades. This bulletin will be sent on receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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One of Latest Rackets Being Used in New York

(From Rome, N.Y., Sentinel)

In Chicago the president and several employees of a glass company, a union agent and a number of glaziers have been undergoing police examination in connection with what is declared to have been a widely-organized window breaking racket.

During the last two years no less

than \$500,000 in window panes, large and small and of various qualities, is said to have been affected by the scheme. Hoodlums, crooked insurance men and glass manufacturers are alleged by the public prosecutor to be involved.

The "hoodlums" apparently were employed to go around with air rifles and other means for breaking windows. Where the panes were large they took pains to break only a corner; the glazier on being employed by the owner of the property—or possibly the insurance men—would remove the pane carefully so that it might be cut up for replacing smaller panes likewise deliberately shattered.

As yet there has been no court procedure to prove the allegations, and experience has shown that the estimates of "rackets" are sometimes greatly exaggerated. Nevertheless, such a scheme obviously is not impractical, and the news from Chicago may explain similar heavy breakages reported from other cities.

Of course, window glass has been the prey of small boys ever since it was invented. Hitherto it never was suspected that they needed the least incentive; but now we have the tip from Chicago, possibly such an angle should be considered in the next "epidemic" of window smashing.

Why Neither the Cow Nor the Grass Were Apparent

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Artist (showing blank canvas): "Look at that picture of a cow eating grass."

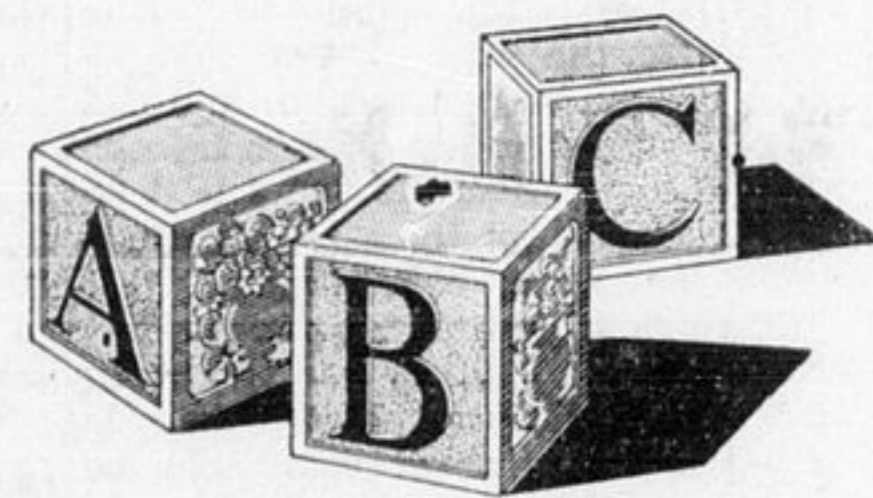
Friend: "Where's the grass?"

Artist: "The cow's eaten it."

Friend: "Well, where's the cow?"

Artist: "Oh, it went away when it saw there wasn't any more grass to eat."

Toronto Star:—If changing doctors every few months would effect a cure, Alberta would be well. Her latest Social Credit practitioner, an English expert, says the situation is hopeful, but so did all the others.



The A.B.C. of True Temperance:

We assume that none of our readers would publicly defend drunkenness?

Then let us look at the question fairly and squarely:

Both at home and abroad there have been experiments with prohibition. They have all been unsuccessful. They have all proved that this prohibition or unreasonable restriction of alcoholic beverages does NOT promote temperance, but does the opposite!

What happens . . . when the legal door closes, the bootlegger's door opens.

Normally law-abiding people constantly and unblushingly break the law!

Don't let this happen again!

People want social relaxation. Experience has shown that they will get it whether the law permits or not.

Where this relaxation is easy to get there is seldom any abuse.

The right method, then, of combating excess must be to continue to make it lawful for people to obtain a mild, healthy beverage which will help them relax, enable them to enjoy one another's company, without inviting abuse.

This is the British tradition. Because self-control rather than law control is the British tradition!

If the prohibitionists desire to abolish the evils of excessive drinking, they should realize that the destruction of the present carefully controlled facilities is the certain way to drive men to abuse!

• This advertisement is inserted by the Brewing Industry in the interest of a better public understanding of certain aspects of the problems of temperance and local option.



This classic dining-room uses a bay window as a conservatory for flowers. Note the way it is framed by a striped green and oyster white draperies, a mirrored cornice and oyster white walls. The floors are painted in white and green rubber flooring, and the chairs are covered in green.

Serve as Guides

As we've said before, rules for budgets are made to be broken, for you'll have to adjust them to your particular needs and limitations. But they serve as guides and keep one from getting unexpectedly out of depth.

Last week we suggested that the living room might safely get 27 per cent. of the complete home furnishing budget, the dining room 38 per cent., the bedroom 20 per cent., the kitchen 8 per cent., the bathroom 2 per cent., the hall 5 per cent.

Of the amount allowed for the living room, here is a dependable way to apportion it:

- Floor covering 20 per cent.
- Curtains 7 per cent.
- Furniture 69 per cent.
- Lamps 4 per cent.

And for the dining room, these are the divisions:

- Floor covering 12 per cent.
- Curtains 4 per cent.
- Furniture 46 per cent.
- Silver 14 per cent.
- China and glass 8 per cent.
- Linen 12 per cent.
- Mirror 4 per cent.

The young couple starting housekeeping on a very small budget will usually do better for themselves by combining living room and dining room for the present, taking care, however, to buy pieces that will do later in the separate dining room they expect to have. For

a combination living-dining room, here is a budget that will serve as a starting point:

- Floor covering 20 per cent.
- Curtains and draperies 4 per cent.
- Furniture 50 per cent.
- Silver 10 per cent.
- China and glass 4 per cent.
- Linen 4 per cent.
- Wall hangings 4 per cent.
- Lamps 4 per cent.

which applied to the expenditure of the young couple with \$500 to furnish their new home complete meant \$135 for the living room and \$190 for the dining room, or a total of \$325 for the two rooms. By considering the two rooms as one, they were able to get much more enduring qualities in rug and accessories. This is the way they spent their \$325 on their combination living-dining room:

- Floor covering \$ 65.00
- Curtains and draperies 11.00
- Furniture 167.00

(including secretary that could be used for linen, silver and china as well as for a desk; a drop-leaf table and chairs suitable for side chairs between meals, or a trestle table and benches might also fit here. Besides these pieces, they bought a sofa, two easy chairs and some small end tables.)

- Silver 30.00
- Linen 12.00



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