

CORNER CONCERNS

Mrs. Wm. Allan and her mother Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin are spending a few days visiting friends in the vicinity of Hamilton.

Mr. Wm. Jacques finds that his new venture in raising strawberries is paying and two acres will meet him a snug sum.

We were in error in a recent budget when we stated that it was the Hanover Insurance Co that made such a profit by Mr. Peter Black for a cow killed by lightning. It was the Walker Co. of which Mr. Neil McDaniel is agent and Inspector who acted so decently in the matter, and Pete felt grateful to them for so doing as he has had trouble and worry enough since last fall without being put to any more.

Mr. Arthur Lee has treated himself to a handsome new buggy as a consequence of his mishap a fortnight ago. Miss Mary McLaughlin of Toronto is visiting her sister Mrs. Walter Nicholl who is in rather poor health.

The corn crop is a most abundant one in this part, one on almost every farm and some have two or three.

Dominion Day was spent in various ways, but most people at their usual employment. Berry picking was quite largely indulged in. Will Durham be able to raise any sport or give a holiday worth speaking about this summer.

Although the spring was poor for doing framework, Messrs Jas. Eden and E. Haas has already completed three barns and another to raise this week as well as doing other small contracts including drive shed and stable. They also have another large barn to frame and as many small contracts as will keep them going till winter, and now taking contracts for 1913. They seem to be the right men in the right place.

There were four children received the rights of baptism on Sunday namely: Reginald Grant, Annie Arnet, George Hopkins and Alice Lawrence.

As we mentioned last week the marriage of Mr. Thomas Tucker and Miss May Albee took place on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, under an arch of evergreens and wedding bells. Little Miss Marjorie Grady was flower girl, and the Rev. Mr. Wright tied firmly the knot. The bride looked handsome as she entered on the arm of her brother to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Esther Tucker. After congratulations, the guests repaired to the dining-room where a sumptuous wedding supper was spread. Rev. Wright proposed a toast for the bride after which there was some congratulatory speeches, the rest of the evening was spent in music and games. The many handsome presents testified to the esteem in which the bride is held by her many friends. Those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Crouthers of Chatsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon, Mrs. and Mrs. Archie, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bridges of Belgrave, Mr. and Mrs. John Grady and daughter of Brussels, and Grandma Bridges who remains over for a week or two to visit her daughter and other friends.

Death was a busy worker in the east side of our division last week. Two esteemed old pioneers who had reached the allotted span and had done noble service were carried from the scene of their struggles in the person of Mr. Robert Nelson, and Mr. Chas. McKenzie, and Mrs. Pete Daly in the bloom of life was taken after a short illness. The funeral of the former two took place on Saturday and the latter on Monday. We extend sympathy to all the sorrowing friends.

Our picnic on Thursday was a very enjoyable one and amongst the best ever held here. The programme was an excellent one consisting of recitations by the school children. Speeches by Rev. Hartley and Mr. Allan Whistling, duets by Messrs W. McFadden, and violin solos by Miss Lee, Singing by the choir and duets, quartets and trios by Mr. and Mrs. McFadden, Miss Hamilton and the Meade family. Lunch followed, then races

for boys and girls, and at the conclusion of which Rev. Hartley scattered broadcast over the grass a huge bag of candy and it was everybody's race. The base-ball game made a fine finish up to the days sport.

Last Wednesday Mr. Jas. Johnson joined heart and hand with Miss Douglass one of Orchardville's fairest maidens. We have no particulars to hand but are sure we voice the sentiments of everyone here-about in extending best wishes, and giving them a hearty welcome to the neighborhood.

Miss Esther Tucker accompanied her grandmother this Tuesday to Belgrave for to spend a fortnight visiting friends.

Mrs. Dennett returned home from visiting her daughters in Montana and Saskatchewan just in time to make the tea for the picnic, the outing has made her hale and hearty.

We congratulate the pupils of this place who successfully passed their exams.

Not Ketchin

Little Teddy was urging his old maid school teacher to come and see their new baby. She said, "Yes, dear, when your mamma is better." To which Teddy assured her, "Oh, but it ain't ketchin'!"

Working Overtime

"Poor Peterson. He had to give up his job as a shopwalker." "I thought he had a sure job at Bigby's?" "He had, but he had a new arrival at his house, and he couldn't stand being on his feet both night and day."

Musical Indignation

The Beater of the Brass Drum: "Unimportant instrument? Himmel! Ven a violin maigs a misdaig, who knows? But ven the pig drum maigs a liddle misdaig, eferbody knows."

When the Scrap Really Began

A 14-year-old boy in Fort Scott, who was an eye witness to a fight last week, was summoned as a witness, says a Kansas City publication. He testified: "This man walked into the store and began to cuss every one. He was told to get out, and that made him cuss all the louder. Then the proprietor walked up and grabbed him and they hit each other several times. Then the boss picked up a chair and hit the man over the eye." "Well," asked the city attorney, "what happened next?" "Oh, returned the youth in a bored manner, "then they began to fight."

A Serious Matter

Boyce—Who do you think will be nominated for the Presidency? Joyce—Gee whiz! Do you want to start an argument?

NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING Magnificent Structure for Provincial Exhibits at Canadian National

The new government building at the Canadian National Exhibition is being rushed to completion and will be ready for the year's Fair. It will cost \$160,000, of which the Dominion Government pays \$100,000 the Ontario Government \$25,000 and the City of Toronto the balance. It will be used for Provincial, Dominion and Educational Exhibits.

To Clean Matting

To clean straw matting, put three pints of bran in two quarts of water and boil. For red, add vinegar.

A Women's Comment

Mrs. Chinn—You know my husband just won't listen to good, common-sense talk. Mrs. Frank—How do you know?

LARGE TREES.

The Baobab Is a Dwarf In Height But of Enormous Girth.

Not all the "big" trees of the world grow in British Columbia, as many might suppose from having seen so much in print about the giant sequoias of that province. The eucalyptus trees of Australia and Tasmania attain a greater height, for instance. Of course, any tree bearing its topmost branches from 300 to 350 feet up in the air is bound to excite the admiration of the beholder, and the two varieties mentioned are the only ones enjoying this distinction. But when it comes to size of trunk there is another to share the honor. This is the giant baobab tree of Africa and India, another name for which is the monkey-bread tree. Many are to be found in tropical Africa, where it grows to huge size of trunk. Unlike the sequoia and eucalyptus trees, however, the baobab does not attain any great height. Its trunk may be 20 to 30 feet in diameter, but the branches spread out at a height of 25 to 30 feet, often extending 60 to 70 feet and sometimes bending downward so that their tips nearly touch the ground, making a leafy tent of quite large proportions. The name monkey-bread comes from the fruit of the baobab tree, which is a woody capsule about the size of a citron and contains a farinaceous pulp of pleasantly acid flavor. The wood is very soft and the bark is used by natives for making rope and cloth.

Peer In a Pulpit.

Lord Kinnaird, who has gone to Egypt for a three months trip, was at one time a famous footballer. A handbook published thirty-eight years ago described him as "without exception the best player of the day, capable of taking any place on the field." He was quite fearless himself, but his mother suffered some anxiety on his account. When the late Sir Francis Marindin, also a footballer, called upon her one day, she expressed her fear that "Arthur would some day come home with a broken leg." "Don't be alarmed," smilingly answered Sir Francis, "for if he does it will not be his own."

Lord Kinnaird has often occupied a pulpit as a preacher. He is distinctly evangelical in tone, and has learnt the art of being able to drive home truths into the hearts of his congregation without hardly ever raising his voice or indulging in eloquent gestures. Nor is he above raising an occasional laugh with a word, or a phrase, or a story.

Once he convulsed his hearers by telling them of a "wee Scot laddie" who had developed the habit of picking his grandmother's gooseberries. Caught in the act, he declared that it was the Devil who tempted him. "Then," said the grandmother, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" Shortly afterwards, the precious laddie was again caught in the act, and upon again being scolded, murmured: "I said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan,' and he got behind me and pushed me into the middle of the bush."

The Smallest Armies.

If ever the dream of the disarmament of the world shall be realized there are several countries that would not have much to do in this line—as, for instance, Monaco, whose army consists of seventy-five guards, seventy-five carabinieri and twenty firemen. The next smallest army is that of Luxembourg, with its 135 gendarmes, 170 volunteers and thirty musicians. In the republic of San Marino they can put in the field a total of nine companies of 950 men and thirty-eight officers, commanded by a marshal. The army on a peace footing consists of one company of sixty men. The most amusing of all the "armies," however, is that of Liberia. That country's fighting force is composed of 700 men and 800 officers, but the latter are evidently deemed very terrible by their own Government since the republic issues proclamations of neutrality when wars break out between any of the powers.

FORTUNES IN SEAWEED.

Turning It Into Food, Clothes, Boots, Medicines, Furniture and Fertilizer.

Seaweed is rapidly establishing a claim as the greatest friend of man, and many new uses are being discovered for it in foreign countries.

If the experience of the Japanese and the dwellers on the western shores of Norway, Scotland and Ireland is to be accepted, there are huge fortunes to be made from seaweed. The Japanese, including the Formosans, employ some 600,000 persons in the seaweed industries. These are mainly engaged in preparing edible products, China alone consumes \$600,000 worth of the gelatinous articles every year.

The edible seaweeds of Great Britain and Ireland are advancing in popularity even among London epicures. They should be boiled thoroughly. In summer 12 hours is required for this culinary process, but in winter two hours is stated to be sufficient. Served with roast meats they are said to be extremely palatable. It is claimed by English champions of the seaweed that the development of the industry would provide lucrative employment for thousands during the winter and establish an inexhaustible supply of food for war time.

The London industry which employs Devonshire and Japanese seaweed in the manufacture of such diverse objects as cloth, stout shoes, golf balls, policemen's boots, picture frames, marbled floors and electric switchboards, by no means monopolizes its uses. In Cornwall seaweed is used as a fertilizer for the land, in France it finds utility as a stiffener for mattresses and a size for straw hats. The native fishermen of South Australia make ropes and fishing nets from local varieties.

Iodine, a chemical of great medicinal value, claims seaweed as its principal source. The production of "kelp," or burned seaweed, which is the first stage in its preparation, is an industry that is rapidly developing in northwestern Europe. The hardy kelp burners of the Hebrides and Irish coast have now strong rivals in Scandinavia, and in one Norwegian province at least the revenue from this work already exceeds that derived from fishing and agriculture.

In America it has been found to be a valuable source of potash, greatly needed as a fertilizer.

Marred By a Muzzle.

It was the early hours of the morning and not yet light when Brown woke up with a sense of impending dread.

He had suddenly remembered that it was his wife's birthday and he had bought her no present. And Mrs. Brown would be wanting to know why. Ah, an idea! Creeping stealthily downstairs, he put a very large plate on the hall table and then, still silently, let the dog into the house. The preparations were complete.

"Many happy returns of the day, my dear!" he chattered. "As it is your birthday I have got a little surprise for you. Be quick and come downstairs and see it."

Full of anticipation, the good lady followed him and was just in time to see him kick the dog out of the house and stare in amazement at the empty plate.

"If that wretched dog hasn't eaten all the beautiful cake I brought home for you last night!" he cried in well acted anger.

But he had overlooked one little fact. The dog had worn his muzzle. It took a long time to explain the incident away.—Answers.

Applying the Cure.

A hard drinker was informed by his doctor that he could be cured if every time he felt that he must have a drink he would immediately take something to eat instead. The man followed the advice and was cured, but the habit of asking for food had become so fixed with him that he was once nearly locked up as a lunatic. He was stopping at a hotel and hearing a great commotion in the room next to his, he peered over the transom to see what the matter was. He saw, and rushed madly down to the office and shouted to the clerk: "The man in 153 has shot himself! Ham and egg sandwich, please."

Standing the Test.

To test a sentry an officer after the salute said: "Let me see your rifle." The recruit handed it over, whereupon the officer said in disgust: "You're a fine soldier! You've given up your rifle, and now what are you going to do?" The young fellow drew out a dangerous knife and exclaimed: "Give me that rifle or I'll cut your heart out!" The officer was more than convinced that he would, and hastily handed the weapon back—"A Little Tiger's War Diary," by C. W. Bardeen.

A Young Logician.

Jennie's mother was expecting company, but just before train time, says What to Eat, a telegram arrived which read: "Missed train. Will start same time to-morrow." Jennie rushed home from school expecting to see the guest, but instead was shown the message. After reading it laboriously and carefully through she exclaimed, "Why, mamma, if she starts at the same time to-morrow she will miss the train again."

Knowledge.

The pleasure and delight of knowledge far surpasseth all other in nature. We see in all other pleasures there is satiety, and after they be used they sature departeth, which showeth well that they be but deceits of pleasure and not pleasures, and that it was the novelty which pleased, not the quality. But of knowledge there is no satiety, but satisfaction and appetite are perpetually interchangeable.—Bacon.

Out of the Mouths of Babies.

Father—What a boy you are to ask questions, Johnny! I never used to ask so many questions when I was a boy. Johnny—Perhaps if you had you would be able to answer mine now!

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Keeping Up Appearances

Hub (suddenly waking at midnight) — "What in the world was that noise?" Wife (entering room) — "It's all right, dear. The people are coming home from the opera, and I slipped down and gave the front door a slam, so the neighbors would think we were there."

HOW TO COOK CARP

(From the Orilla Packet.) While in Orilla on Saturday evening the Rev. Canon Greene told the Packet a recipe for cooking the carp which are so plentiful in the lakes this season. It was given to him by Mr. Housey, of Housey's Rapids, who now lives at Toronto. Anyone fond of fish can be assured of a most delicious repast if the instructions are followed closely. Take a carp, clean and wash it well, then cover freely with butter. Secure a piece of oak plank large enough to hold the fish, and place them in the oven. Cook well with steady, hot fire for two hours, then take out of the oven, throw the fish away and eat the plank.

BORN.

MCCAUSLAND.—In Durham, on Sunday, July 7th, to Rev. and Mrs. McCausland, a son.

MARRIED.

ANDERSON — LAWRENCE. — On July 1st, at Macklin, Sask., by Rev. Gordon Matthews, Edward James Anderson, of Plenty, Sask., to Margaret Alice Lawrence, of Durham, Ontario.

DIED.

BURNET.—At Vancouver General Hospital, on June 26th, after two days' illness of heart failure, William Burnet, elder son of the late James Burnet, and Almira Burnet, Toronto, formerly of Durham.

BALL.—In Hanover, on Monday, July 8th, Mr. James Ball, aged 80 years.

Maid wanted, at once. Apply to Mrs. Thos. Haskins, Durham.

Wm. H. Yandt was electrocuted at the plant of the Hanover Portland Cement Co. He took hold of a live wire, and died almost instantly. He was 38 years of age, and leaves a widow and family of seven children.

Bodies of Six Infants Found in Garbage Hopper.

Montreal, Que., July 6.—When the carter who usually takes the carcasses of dogs and cats from the medical faculty of McGill University yesterday drove up to the Westmount incinerator he startled the man in charge with the announcement: "I have brought you some babies to-day."

The attendant did not take the matter seriously and it was only when some time later the bodies of six infants in jars and preserved in "pickle" were found in the hopper where the refuse is dumped that the driver's words had any significance.

The Westmount police were advised of the fact, and they immediately reported the matter to Coroner McMahon, who ordered that all the bodies be conveyed to the morgue, where an investigation will be held to-day.

EASTERN BARBERS

In the East the barber plays a very important part in the social system. The shaving of the head is still practiced among Mohammedans, just as it was by the Israelites in the days of long ago.

The first time a boy's head is shaved usually at the age of three or four, the operation becomes quite a ceremony. Prayers from the Koran are chanted, and a goat is ceremoniously slain, which seems to be rather unfortunate from the goat's point of view.

The barber of the East wears a long smock-like garment, and round his waist he fastens a towel. Depending from waist to feet is the razor-strop. When the shaving of a person is completed, the barber, with a bow, presents him with a handglass.

No Moslem, however, will look into a glass without first invoking the name of the prophet, for fear he might look on his own features with undue admiration. As he returns the glass to the barber the piece of money in payment is placed upon it.

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Durham Horticultural Society

A meeting of the above Society will be held in the Armory, on Thursday, July 11th, at 8 p.m., to take into consideration the advisability of holding an exhibition the latter part of August. Members and those interested are cordially invited to attend. JAS. LLOYD, President. C. FIRTH, Secretary.

Advertisement for the 1912 Farmers' Prize Contest. It features an illustration of a man sitting on a bench in front of a house, reading a newspaper. The text describes the contest, which offers cash prizes to 108 Canadian farmers. It details the rules, prizes, and how to enter. The contest is organized by the Canada Cement Company Limited, 593 Herald Bldg., Montreal.