

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

-Ruth Raeburn.

Dear Prudence:

If you have been fortunate enough to have both Peter McArthur's "Around Home" and "Familiar Fields" and have enjoyed the pictures of the various home scenes, perhaps you might like a glimpse of home scenes, in a land far away from us. There is a book entitled "Grass". Now what does that convey to your mind? I'll admit, to me it was bewildering. Perhaps if I just quote you the words of the author, Merrian C. Young, it will enlighten you without delay.

"This migration of the tribes who dwell along that tremendous series of mountain ranges which stretch from the Black Sea to the Persian Gulf is all caused by a cruel trick of Nature. First she makes the tribes dependent on grass for life. In all this rugged country of Persia there is not nearly enough fertile land on which to grow sufficient grain to feed its people. They must live off grazing animals, and so their food is composed principally of milk and mutton—even their shelters, goat skin tents, come from their animals. Nature thus makes grass the vital thing of life, and then she doesn't grow grass in any one part of the tribal country the year round. Here to the west of the mountains it is low and hot. Therefore there is plenty of vegetation here in winter, but that vegetation is withered up in summer. Now, on the other side of the mountains—the eastern side—it is high and cool. Therefore there is plenty of grass there in summer, but that grass is killed by snow and ice in the winter. So there you are. Half the year the grass grows on the eastern side of the mountains, the other half, on the western side, but neither side has grass the year round. So twice a year, spring and fall, year in and year out through the centuries, Nature has forced the tribes thus to fight their way back and forth across rivers and mountains and snow, to reach the life-giving grass."

There are, in this book, some sixty-four full page photographs taken by Ernest B. Schoedsack, which tell the story vividly. These photos were taken for the "movies" and I agree with the author in thinking "There is no reason why the screening of such a drama may not have universal interest. When a man fights for his life all the world looks on."

I hope this book will be as interesting to you as it has been to me.

-RUTH RAEBURN

Dear Ruth Raeburn: I would like to knit a warm bonnet for a baby, also booties with the turned knee. Could you please give me directions?

-AUNTIE MAY
Babies' Bonnet: Cast on 30 stitches. Make a ridge by knitting two rows plain and 1 row puri. Repeat. Knit 10 of these ridges. Break thread and pick up 30 stitches on each side. Knit ten more ridges like above. With colored thread knit 1 1/2 inches garter stitch. Cast off. Pick up back, about 45 stitches and knit one row. Make beading (thread over needle and knit two together). Rib 2 and 2 for about an inch. Cast off. Sew back colored band. Make rosettes and thread ribbon in beading.

Babies' Booties: On bone needles cast on 46 stitches. Knit four rows ribbing 2 and 2. Make beading. Knit 4 rows 2 and 2. On steel needles knit 28, turn, knit 10, turn, k. 11, turn, k. 11, etc. to end of needle. K. 25 ridges. Decrease 1 st. at each end of needle. K. 2 ridges. Decrease again 1 st. at each end. Knit 7 patterns, alternate ribbing 2 and 2. Colored wool. K. 3 ridges, k. 28 st. turn and with white k. back 14 ribbing 2 and 2 alternate pattern making 15 in all. With colored thread pick up 15 st. on each side of front k. 4 ridges. K. 39, decrease, k. 39, decrease, k. 32, decrease, k. 32 decrease. Cast off and sew up.

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OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

Early Elections

The practice has been followed in several towns, with apparent satisfaction, of having the municipal nominations one month earlier in the year.

The strongest argument raised is that with the rush of the Christmas season, many electors who would be much interested in the elections at that season have to neglect their business interests to do so, and not always do the municipal bodies get the benefit of their counsel, neither do they let their names stand for election owing to business pressure.

This year, particularly, the nominations come on Monday, December 26th, which will be widely celebrated as the Christmas feast day, and the election will thus fall on New Year's. This is going to "play hob" with the votes of those who celebrate these holidays away from home, and break up many a family circle in various ways on both these "holidays of holidays."

Apart from this the printers would have more time to prepare the treasurers' statements, as the publication of these reports (which are so often referred to at election time) could thus be made earlier when newspapers aren't rushed off their feet with work. Of course, this is a selfish argument, yet worth considering.

The progress a town makes depends largely on the members it elects for municipal service. Good business men haven't the time to talk municipal politics around Christmas time, and in many instances their services are thus lost to the town.—Dundalk Herald.

How Does He Know?

It is about high time that evangelists and preachers cut out this silly nonsense of making statements about bobbed hair and the Bible. An evangelist in New Hampshire the other day made the statement that a bobbed-haired woman was an abomination in the sight of the Lord. How does he know? Where did he get such inside information? Why jump on the bob-haired women and not the bald-headed and smooth-shaven men? Is it any worse for a woman to have her hair cut than for a man to shave his whiskers or have his hair cut. It reminds one of the story of the artist who painted an angel without wings. Someone remarked: "Who ever saw an angel without wings?" And the artist quickly replied: "Who ever saw an angel with wings?" You might say, who ever saw an angel with bobbed hair; but who ever saw one with long hair? But to sum it up, what right has any man, preacher or evangelist, to declare that clipped tresses will keep the modern girl out of the kingdom of Heaven?—Kincairdine Review-Reporter.

Coroner's Inquest

In the opinion of the Midland Free Press, coroners' inquests are of very doubtful value. The jurymen, it says, "are not inclined to harsh verdicts no matter what the circumstances, and when they do make any worthwhile recommendations these are rarely acted upon." Most people will agree that the County, in most cases, gets very little for the money expended on coroners' juries, adds the Barrie

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Examiner. It must be remembered, however, that in many instances, even though the circumstances surrounding a death are quite clear and no mystery or doubt attached to the cause of death, the law requires that an inquest must be held and the coroner has no alternative but to order an inquest held. In a number of cases which have been reported in the daily news in recent months, coroners' juries have arrived at decisions which have re-

sulted in charges of murder or manslaughter being laid. In these instances at least, a very useful purpose has been served. It may be that, in many cases little good seems to come of an inquest, but the fact that this is the means adopted by the Crown to protect the interests of the public when a tragedy occurs, and that in many instances great good comes from the inquiry made at the coroners' inquest ought to outweigh considerations of expense and the occasion when inquiry seems to be fruitless. The fact that a policeman patrols his beat for a week without making an arrest is not a proof that he is useless.—Collingwood Bulletin.

The Mining Stock Craze

Mines shares to the number of 3,686,638 changed hands on the Standard Mining Exchange in Toronto on a recent Monday. The brokers were flooded. There has been a tremendous increase in mining stock business. It gets active toward the end of every year but it is more pronounced this year than ever. Everybody and all their relations seem to be playing the mining market.

The mining stock market has both investment and speculation features. There are many established mines paying dividends and capable of doing so for many more years which are investments when their stock is within a reasonable price. Such mines as Hollinger, Lake Shore and others equally as well are real mines producing large amounts of gold. Stock in these is an investment which earns dividends.

Then there are mines with pretty names which aren't even holes in the ground. Their stock is speculation or it might be called by a cruder name. Many who put their money in these stocks do so for a quick profit on the market and have no hope of ever seeing them pay a dividend. Others are partially developed and have prospects for gold. However, every mine was once a mere hole in the ground. If we had no men who were willing to take a chance we would have no great mines.

If every man was a miner's first investor we would have no progress, no new mines, no new manufacturing companies, no new businesses. It is the spirit of adventure animating the chance taker that makes progress and this is no more apparent than in the mining game.

For a man with money to play with the mining stocks offers an opportunity for excitement and once in a while wealth. We hear

of those who make money in mining stocks but we never hear of those who lose, although they outnumber the lucky ones. However, let the merry play go on. It means a greater north and a greater mining industry. Some will get their fingers burned but progress always leaves scars.—Meaford Mirror.

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The position carries a salary of \$3,600 a year, allowance of \$250 for expenses, \$50 for postage, free rent, and there are emoluments which go to the office.—Hanover Post.

Walkerton Rink Complete Wednesday of this week completion of the new rink in Walkerton, and the rink Co. will formally building over from the rink on Monday next. The rink will be completed, with the rink the rink for lights a rink of the rink systems.

All who have seen the rink will have a good skating and hockey rink section of Ontario. In its completed rink will cost \$17,000. The rink Company is receiving \$1,300 from the rink \$300 from the rink. The balance of \$6,000 by a first mortgage. Although the final the shares fall due next week, December 15th, the rink should the rink's obligations this late date only a been paid which should speeding up that will done in the next week. Kowen Herald and Times.

Mowed Lawn Nomenclature. What appears to be a mowed lawn for some rate was a citizen mowed on Wednesday of John H. Appel was the noon hour.—W. cope.

Snakes Plowed From. A snake story from the vicinity of is not caused by too or any other form is an emulation of of Ireland when he out of the Emer plowing on Monday Black of the 4th of esia, turned up a hundred snakes the ground for the ters. In an effort the whole tribe a brought into play dispatched, while were able to leave the slaughter in Advance.

Bruce Sweeps the. Two former W. persons of Messers er and Irving in batter-maker res Warton Greaves honor to themselves the institution of

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