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At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

-Ruth Raeburn.

Dear Prudence:

Have you ever read any of Archer Wallace's books for boys? There are three on the market at the present time, "Blazing New Trails", "Overcoming Handicaps" and "Stories of Grit". I have only read one and it was an excellent book. Not only for boys, but for everyone who loves biography. So often we see names of men who have done and are doing great things and we little know what hills of difficulty they climbed before they reached places of prominence. In "Stories of Grit" we read about Booker T. Washington. His parents were slaves in Virginia, U.S.A., and his childhood was spent in the midst of poverty. He really had no boyhood, for he began work very early in life and had no chance at all to get an education. He was only eight years of age when the slaves in the States were liberated. With his mother, sister and brother they walked several hundred miles to where his step-father worked in the salt mines. Booker was immediately set to work in the mines and had to start work at four in the morning. In time a school was opened for colored children and it was wonderful all the difficulties Booker overcame to get an education. The day came when he was known as Professor Washington and he became one of the greatest orators in the United States. Then there is another story giving the history of a man well known as Gipsy Smith. Born in a gypsy home and his childhood was spent roaming the country earning their living as most gypsies do by making and selling baskets, tinware, and clothes pegs. After his father's conversion, and he had given up his habits of drinking, stealing and swearing, there was much more happiness in the gypsy home. This change in life made such an impression on his children that Rodney at the age of fifteen committed himself in simple trust to God. How he got his education and now rung by rung he climbed the ladder of fame makes a very interesting story. The account about the donkey boy who became the world's greatest potter, Josiah Wedgewood; the deaf boy who became a great bible scholar; a poor boy who became a great scientist; a sick man who never gave up; the shoe-maker's apprentice who became a great scholar; the immigrant lad

who became the king of industry and others. In the book "Blazing New Trails" Mr. Archer Wallace tells of fifteen missionaries who dared and won. From the stories of their lives and achievements he retains the charm and individuality of each, and giving the facts that in many cases are stranger than fiction. There is something in this book about Grenfell, Livingstone, John McDougall, James Evans, Dr. Skelton and MacKay of Uganda, and the buyer of books need not hesitate in buying any of these works. For small children A. A. Milne's books are much loved by the little folk. "When We Were Very Young", "Now We Are Six" and several others, the latest being "The House on Pooh Corner". Children do love rhymes and these do appeal to their imagination. This is a portion of one: "If I were a bear And a big bear, too, I shouldn't much care If it froze or snowed; I shouldn't much mind If it snowed or frizzed—I'd be all fur lined With a coat like his Up to my head I'd sleep all the winter In a big fur bed. Anyone who loves children will enjoy learning these to repeat for the pleasure they give to the little listener. I see happy hours ahead of you, Prudence, with the companionship of your girls and boys and books.

RUTH RAEBURN

THE AUCTION

From all the town they came, the curious With questioning eyes and swift, forgetting feet, To see her house be sold—the tremulous Old lady down the quiet-cedared street. They peered along the darkened corridors Where candlelight had drifted with the years Where love had come and gone, where visitors Had brought their laughter gay, their silver tears. The lilacs went with it, the yellow rose That wept frail petals now above the door; Today she moved about on quiet toes, More softly than she ever moved before. I wonder, if preparing to depart, They knew the auctioneer had sold her heart?

McWilliams

(Our Own Correspondent)

The weather continues to pour rain and snow, keeping our barn yards in one big puddle. Patrolman Lawrence McPadden has made some much needed repairs along our sideline under the supervision of Councillor Whitmore. Mr. William Moore is erecting a new hen-house to shelter a bunch of lofty big birds. Mr. H. Eckhardt and sister, Mrs. David Hooper, attended the Fat Stock Show in Toronto last week and visited relatives there. Messrs. Reuben C. Watson and John Andrews intend leaving shortly for Detroit where they intend spending the winter. We congratulate Miss Annie Arnett on having completed her course in Business College. She has secured a position in Toronto and left a few days ago to take charge of her new duties. Her mother, Mrs. C. W. Arnett, accompanied her to spend a few days in the Queen City. Miss Oletta Daley is at present visiting relatives in Hanover. Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell of Vineland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckhardt. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker to our neighborhood, having moved into the Henry Hooper farm purchased by them some time ago. Mr. Ben Whitmore's sale on Friday last was a decided success despite the heavy downpour of rain. Mr. Whitmore, owing to ill health, has decided to quit farming for a time and will move to town where we hope he will speedily recover his old-time vigor. We regret to lose good neighbors. It is rumored that Mr. C. W. Arnett has leased his farm for a term but we cannot vouch for the truth of the report. With taxes mounting, live stock prices tumbling, and the farmers' hopes sliding down between, it's a gloomy aspect.

Glenroadin

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. James Banks of Proton spent a day with his mother last week. Miss Ivy Melosh has been quite sick. Dr. Smith of Durham is attending her. Miss Lena Bell has gone to Toronto, where she has secured a good position. We are still patiently waiting for the telephone to be installed. Reports are that the weather is so dry in the West that there is a good deal of sickness. We would appreciate the dry weather. Mr. and Mrs. La Verne McCallum have returned from the west where they have spent the last three months.

Traverston

(Our Own Correspondent)

'Tis fowl weather, hence, countless numbers of fowl are leaving the farm for the city. Said a clever lawyer many years ago, "There is no law in this country to prevent a man from making a blooming fool of himself". It is often verified. Miss E. M. Lyons spent the week-end at the parental home at Harkaway. Her father, Mr. A. A. Lyons, has been laid up for some weeks suffering severely from sciatica. Mr. G. E. Peart was taken to Durham hospital last week for treatment, but is some better and is expected to be home again in a few days. The workmen erecting Mr. Thos. Laughlin's new home, are making good headway, despite the unfavorable weather and will soon have it ready to occupy. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Edwards and baby Raymond visited kindred at Chesley, the first of the week. Mr. R. E. Bryans was over to Varney lately, to visit his mother, who is seriously ill. Mr. William Baker was down to the Royal Fair and spent a most enjoyable time, having quite a few kindred in the city. Jos. E. Edwards had the phone installed last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cook are having one placed in their cosy home in the near future. Have just got word that Mrs. Ellen Connelly, relict of the late Thomas Connelly, passed away on Sunday morning, at the old homestead on the 7th concession in her 80th year. The family was one of the earliest settlers, hence, she saw a goodly share of the ups and downs, trials and hardships of pioneer life, yet retained wonderful vitality, sprightliness and the keen interest in life right up to the last. We regret not having particulars of her life, but know that her husband passed away many years ago, that one son, Thomas, was killed by lightning while taking shelter under a tree in berry-picking time and that two sons survive, Arthur, living on the 8th concession and James on the homestead with his mother. She was a most kindly and obliging neighbor, a devout member of St. John's R.C. church and in the adjoining cemetery will be laid to rest on Tuesday morning, Rev. Father McGoey officiating. Mr. Albert Livingstone of Dornoch Mr. Will Kennedy and bright son Marshall of Holstein, and Ivan Edwards of Shelburne supped with us on Sunday evening and spent an hour or two.

Edge Hill

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. George Ritchie is the delegate from Edge Hill U. F. O. to the annual Provincial convention in Toronto. Miss McLean who was under Doctor Bell's care for some time was taken to Durham hospital last week for further treatment. Patrolman Albert McNally has a number of men and teams at work widening the road at lot 50, concession 2, E. G. R. We understand Mr. Ernest Greenwood has sold his farm to a man from Grayling, Mich., who gets possession in January. The first regular meeting of Edge Hill Community club was held in the school on Friday last. Although the program was almost all impromptu, still it was very good. After the programme, lunch was served. Next meeting will be a debate.

Swinton Park

(Our Own Correspondent)

The L. O. L. held their annual At Home on Friday night and it was a decided success. The forepart of the programme consisted of music by the Haw and McEachnie orchestras, then the Hopeville United church people put on a play which was a real treat to see. The characters were perfect and all had their parts well in mind. Lunch was served, after which the young people enjoyed a dance. Mrs. William Stewart went to Toronto last week to see an eye specialist and had to undergo operation on Friday. She is still in the hospital and getting along as well as can be expected. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hardy visited Saturday last with Osprey friends. Mr. and Mrs. H. Watson visited on Sunday with friends at Hatherton. Mr. J. H. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod and Mr. William Lane were down from Berkeley for the week-end and took in the At Home at Swinton. Mrs. Martin of Chesley is at present with her daughter, Mrs. J. Porter, and will stay for the winter. Mrs. S. Irving received word last week that his brother, Harry, had passed away in Calgary and interment would be made in that place. Mrs. R. Knox and Sam Wilson attended the funeral of the late Mrs. William Gibson of Flesherston. The funeral was held on Saturday at Evergreen cemetery. Mr. A. Ferguson is not making very much improvement and is still confined to his bed.

Calderwood

(Our Own Correspondent)

Our snow is fast disappearing but more may soon take its place. Mr. F. Adamson, Kitchener, is visiting relatives on this line. This vicinity received a shock when it learned of the passing of the late Mr. James Oliver Henry. He will be greatly missed in this community as he was always ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed it. Great sympathy is felt for his sorrowing widow. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kaufman, on Friday, November 30th, a baby (stillborn). We are sorry to hear that Mr. Frank Henry is lying sick at Jarow, Alta, from pneumonia. Mrs. Henry left on Saturday for the West. Mrs. Andrew Preston, Mornington, visited with Miss Elizabeth Henry for several days last week. Mr. D. L. Weber and his gang have finished their work on the bridge on the 4th until spring, when the top will be put on. The steel gang is expected any time. Miss Effie Purvis, Hanover, visited friends on this line for several days last week. A little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crispin last Tuesday. Congratulations!

Priceville

(Our Own Correspondent)

Dr. and Mrs. Lively and baby of Flesherston spent Friday evening at Dr. Milne's. Mr. and Mrs. Joe MacKee visited on Sunday at William Aldcorn's. Messrs. Alec. MacLean, Allan MacInnis and Alroy MacLean spent the week-end at their respective homes. Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGirr and Allie spent Sunday at Jim Weir's. Miss Jessie Nichol spent Sunday with her friend, Olive McMeekin. Miss Lizize Mather spent the past week in Toronto. Mrs. Jack Nichol spent the past week in Toronto with her sister, Mrs. Parslow. Mrs. Fleming, Toronto, visited for a few days recently with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Karstedt. Mrs. Graham returned to her home here after spending the past couple of weeks with Toronto and Woodbridge friends.

GOLF

Golf is a form of work made expensive enough for a rich man to enjoy it. It is physical and mental exertion made attractive by the fact that you have to dress for it in a \$200,000 clubhouse. Golf is what letter carrying, ditch digging and carpet beating would be if those three tasks had to be performed on the same hot afternoon in short pants and colored socks by gouty-looking gentlemen who required a different kind of implement for every mood. Golf is the simplest looking game in the world when you decide to take it up and the toughest looking after you have been at it ten or twelve years. It is probably the only game a man can play as long as a quarter of a century and then discover that it was too deep for him in the first place. The game is played on carefully selected grass with little white balls and as many clubs as the player can afford. The balls cost from 75 cents to \$25 and it is possible to support a family of ten people, all adults, for five months on the money represented by the balls lost by some golfers in a single afternoon. A golf course has eighteen holes, seventeen of which are unnecessary and put in to make the game harder. A "hole" is a tin cup in the centre of a "green". A "green" is a small parcel of grass costing about \$1.98 a blade and usually located between a brook and a couple of apple trees or a lot of ruts. The idea is to get the golf ball from a given point into each of the eighteen cups in the fewest strokes and the greatest number of words. After each hole has been completed the golfer counts his strokes. Then he subtracts six and says: "Made that in five. That's one above par. Shall we play for fifty cents on the next hole, too, Ed?" After the final, or eighteenth hole, the golfer adds up his score and stops when he has reached eighty-seven. He then has a swim, a pint of gin, sings "Sweet Adeline" with six or eight other liars and calls it the end of a perfect day. Are there many curious tombstone epitaphs still unexplored? A Hamersmith correspondent sends the Daily Mirror (London) the following: Erected to the memory of John Macfarlane. Drowned in the waters of Leith. By a few affectionate friends.

Idiotic Advice

Raging mad with toothache, Johnson rushed to the dentist. "Great heavens!" exclaimed the dentist, as his victim sank into the operating chair. "Did you have any advice about these terrible teeth?" "Yes," gasped Johnson, "I went to the chemist last night." The dentist sniffed contemptuously: "And what idiotic thing did he tell you to do?" "To come to you," murmured Johnson.

Speaking of Faults "You were always a fault-finder!" growled his wife. "Yes, dear," responded the husband, "I found you."



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