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At Home Come in & Chat Awhile —Ruth Raeburn.

Dear Lucy:
This time I think I will give you a glimpse of a beautiful home scene and the story of common every day folk whose characters do mean so much to our nation. This I have found in a book by a Canadian writer.

I really do not think that we can possibly measure the good influence that goes out from a book that pictures a home where love dwells, where God comes first and where each member of the family is an influence for good in the community and wherever they go through the big world.

The reader cannot read such a book without the desire to be better both in individual character and in the character of the home. For every home has its own atmosphere and character and is either a help or a hindrance in building a good nation. I don't think we can have too many books that show us happy, contented folk in their daily task and homes where happiness dwells.

IN ORCHARD GLEN by Marian Keith

This is a story that should be in every home where there are young people, simply because there is a high ideal for character building and for a happy home life kept before the reader from the beginning of the book to the end.

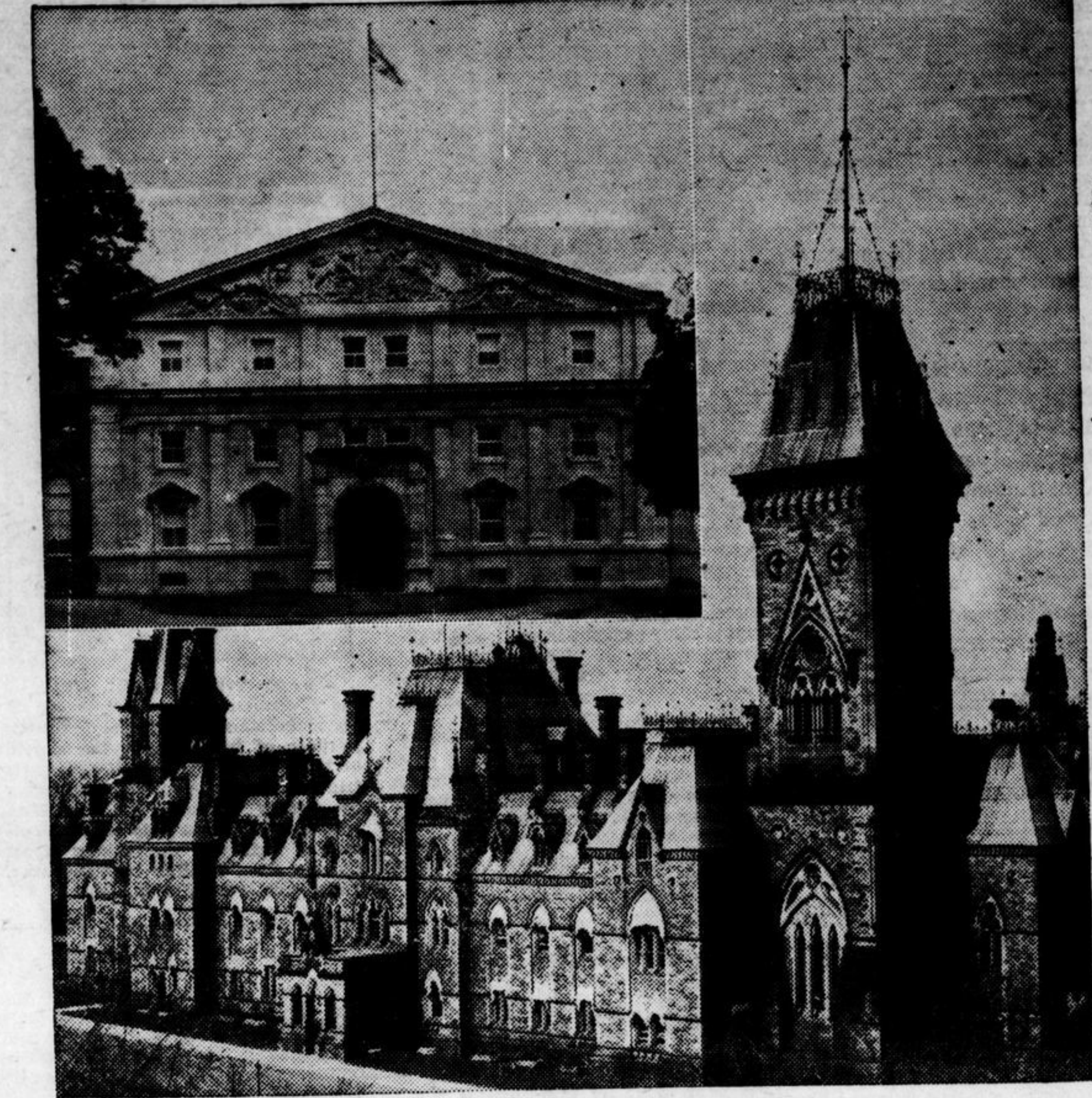
There are hundreds of such homes as portrayed here but we do not always see the home picture as a whole as well as we see it in this story.

We follow Christine with genuine interest. Her heart and her head certainly did not always agree and we find again and again when her head or we might say her ambition gave way to what her heart said was the better plan. And it always was the better way. The first picture of this type, money was the goal in view and it finally changed to aid for one in trouble.

Then we get a glimpse of two more occasions when want of money made it necessary for one of the family to give up education for the time being and both these times it fell to Christine to be the one who remained at home. Then she was more determined than ever that she would grasp Opportunity when it came her way. Opportunity did come her way for the granting of the desire of her heart but instead of one door to enter, two doors stood side by side, the door of Self-first and the door of Others-first. After many hours of thought and debating she finally chose the door of Others-first and reaped the harvest that all folk reap who put into practice of losing their life for Christ's sake. Again when the door of opportunity was opening for Christine to enter the land of adventure she stepped back and bade her sister in despair enter therein and find the healing she needed.

Then there was a long struggle between her head and heart in the choice of a life-long companion and again her heart won the victory.

The reader cannot help loving the various characters in the Lindsay home, enjoying the humor and the work of life on the farm, entering heartily into the community life, and making friends



THESE BUILDINGS BUZZED WITH EXCITEMENT
The larger picture shows the East Block of the Parliament Buildings where the new Premier, Hon. R. B. Bennett, will have his office. The Governor-General's office is also in this building, immediately over the entrance. Inset is a picture of the rather austere entrance to Government House, where the new Cabinet was sworn in.

with these book people.
And so, dear Lucy, I recommend "In Orchard Glen" as worthy of a place on the reading table of your home and the home of your friends. We all need to enter into the lives of others, both imaginary and real lives and become well acquainted with beauty of character and beautiful homes.

Yours as ever,
RUTH RAEUBURN.

MAKES ROPE LADDERS FOR SLIPPERY EELS

Among the world's strange jobs include that of J. Morgan Rees of Newcastle-Emlyn, England, a fisherman who helps young eels over a waterfall at Cenarth. In the early summer millions of eels enter the river Telfry from the breeding grounds in the Atlantic ocean, and all goes well until they get to the barrier at Cenarth Falls. There is where Rees' job begins and finishes. He weaves ropes of grasses and reeds and hangs them over the projecting rocks near the banks. The eels swarm up the ropes and enter the calm waters. Rees earns his living that way.

BELIEVES DAVIS CUP SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Canada is only academically interested in the Davis cup competitions; so if there is anything derogatory to be said about them, this would seem to be a good time to say it. Later on when we produce a team which qualifies for the final round nobody would dare disparage the competitions. Yet John R. Tunis, a New York sports writer and authority on tennis, gives it as his opinion that they have strayed far from their original intentions, and that while they have done a tremendous lot of good to the game they are now likely to do a great deal of harm. He even suggests in Harper's that Dwight Davis, who presented the cup, should withdraw it. Failing that, he proposes that competitions should be held every two years or every four years or every 65 years. The germ of bigness, the typical American virus, has seized upon tennis and what was once a leisurely, gentlemanly competition occupying perhaps a month's time and a couple of months' thought, has grown to be a grind comparable to that of the professional ball-player. In fact, an American who took part in all the competitions expected of him and survived to the finals would have spent seven months on the game. The theory is that he is an amateur. How is he supposed to live for those seven months?

Origin of the Cup
The idea of offering the Davis Cup came to Mr. Davis in 1899 when, a keen amateur player, he and Malcolm D. Whitman, Beals C. Wright and Holcombe Ward, while they were still Harvard students, made a tour of the Western states giving exhibitions. At that time the game was regarded with some contempt by the red-blooded and hairy-chested, and Mr. Davis thought that by offering a trophy for competition by the best teams from England and the United States, it might be lifted from this reproach and recognized as a manly sport in which he might indulge without aspersions being cast on their virility. There was no great public interest manifested in the earlier games, and in 1900 the English players arrived without anybody to greet them, and not knowing precisely where they were to play they wandered away to Niagara Falls where they were overtaken. At another time, two or three years later, it was discovered in the midst of a game when a close decision had to be made that the linesman had left his post to catch a train for home. Rather informal and jolly sporting were those first games.

An International Game
Then as the news of tennis began to be noised abroad, other nations began to challenge for the cup, and it is customary nowadays for from twenty to thirty of them to enter teams. It was perceived that it was rather expensive to have some twenty or thirty teams assemble in one country, as for Olympic games, and so the scheme of dividing the world into zones was established. This made it possible for the early loser to return home without much expense. There followed another limitation in area, still further to reduce expenses, but the fact remains that continents have to be crossed and oceans

spanned so long as Australia, England, Japan, France and the United States continue to turn out players of the first rank. The growing popularity of the game has increased receipts, and increased receipts have been generously expended. For instance, last year the United States Lawn Tennis Association received \$30,000 as its share of the gates drawn by the American team. In the same year it spent \$1,950 in telephone calls to Paris to determine whether William T. Tilden was in fact an amateur and qualified to play on the team.

Bad for the Players
The players insist in traveling in the style of movie stars or international financiers. Knowing that they are not permitted to take money directly, they insist upon getting their share of the profits of the game in expense accounts. So the Davis Cup tripping becomes demoralizing to them. As Mr. Tunis says, "It is demoralizing to them because they are pampered and indulged and taken de luxe about the world in a way which they will totally be unable to live up to when they begin earning their own living. Luxurious and expensive tastes are formed; once formed they are by no means easily changed or curtailed. At a time when other young men of their age are starting in business life, the Davis Cup players are asked to give up the best part of a year and concentrate upon sport. The whole atmosphere of the competition creates false values. A half-dozen young men are practically supported by the association in an amateur game. Presumably they are playing for the fun of the thing, but actually they are paid just as truly as the members of the New York Giants are paid by the owners of that baseball club though the payment takes a different form."

Sport for Millionaires
We do not share the views of Mr. Tunis on the question of amateurism being constitutionally incapable of seeing any moral or social difference between an amateur and a professional, nor why a man is not as much entitled to earn a living by his skill in swinging a tennis racket as by his skill in swinging a pick. Nevertheless, his argument that there is a tremendous waste of money in Davis Cup competitions seems sound. One trip cost an Australian team \$15,000 and the Australian players are not treated as luxuriously as the Americans. It is plain, also that a game that so seriously interferes with a man's business is one for professionals rather than amateur. Of course the French, who hold the cup, and calculate upon holding it for several years to come, in which time they will collect some million of francs from people who will pay to see tennis matches, are in favor of conditions remaining unchanged. But there seems to be a prospect that if the present tendency continues unchecked the Davis Cup will come in time to resemble the America's Cup. It will be a sport for millionaires, and will arouse public attention about once in every five years.

Fragments
Oh, it was sweet beyond belief, the season of our bliss, and yet it was a thing as brief as the breeze's kiss. Too soon the shining glory waned, too soon the rapture passed; but from the loss one prize was gained, one joy that still shall last. Oh, it was beautiful and brave, the splendid dream we dreamed; we raised fair wall and architrave whereon the sunlight gleamed! To be a refuge and a shrine, we fashioned it so well, all flawless seemed the fair design; yet wall and gleam remains to light us through the years, all unobscured by time's dark stains of terror and of tears. And thus we can forget to grieve at all life's cheap alloys as daily in its web we weave the fragments of our joys.

Few persons want the photographer to take a likeness of them. The laziest man on record was the one who sang: "Moonbeam, Kiss Her

TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES

Waxing linoleum at regular intervals makes it last longer.
A wire frying basket is convenient for blanching vegetables before they are canned.
A convenient arrangement for the kitchen reduces the time spent in it during the hot weather.
Summer silks will last longer if washed in lukewarm suds and rinsed in water of the same temperature.
Plenty of ventilation in the bedroom is essential for restful sleep in summer. Windows on two walls and screens the full length of the windows to allow opening at both top and bottom are helpful.
When preparing a mustard foot bath be sure to dissolve the mustard in cold water first. Then add it to the hot water. If just dumped in the mustard is very apt to stick to the skin and cause a burn or blister.
If the wallpaper has been damaged in moving a piece of furniture and you have no paper such as that on the wall with which to match it, bet out the water colors and touch up the vacant places with colors to harmonize with the paper. If carefully done the break will be practically invisible.
If cream must stand for a time after it is whipped, adding some granulated gelatin to it will keep it stiff. To each pint of cream allow one teaspoon of gelatin. Soften the gelatin in two teaspoons cold water and melt over hot water. Add as the cream is being whipped. Or two stiffly beaten egg whites may be folded into the cream.

LIVE ONLY IN SALT WATER

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