

IT DIDN'T SUIT THE OLD FOLKS

The town of Atchison, Kansas, found ample subject for conversation four years ago, when little Lizzie Sauer came back to town. Almost everybody in town had known Lizzie—a round-faced little German girl whose duty it had been to ride upon her father's vegetable cart and offer ripe tomatoes, fresh cucumbers, green corn and sundry other good things of the garden to the housewives of the town. Then she had married and gone away and nobody had heard much about her for a good while. One day she reappeared came home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sauer, who lived in a humble and unpainted house in a garden patch on the north edge of the town. She came back like the deserving heroine in a story book, did Lizzie, smiling and radiant, and the lilies of the field had nothing on her in the way of apparel.

Her pleasant face beamed above a real silk dress and she wore bracelets—a sort of folks who used to buy vegetables from her could not afford at all. Her husband—his name is F. H. Stendebacker—had struck it rich in Canada, she explained, and she had come back to do something for her father and mother.

Father and mother are an unpretentious old German couple, and they had worked hard all their lives, and now here was Lizzie like a fairy godmother, come back to relieve them from all necessity for sweaty toil, to set them up in comfort and idleness for the rest of their lives. Can you fancy anything more story-bookish? Brings back memories of King Lear and Cordelia and all that sort of thing.

The first thing Lizzie did was to build a house for them closer in town. Not a big house, for a big house would only be a care to two old people, but the nicest sort of a little house you could imagine. Brick it is, with a neat green shingled roof and hardwood floors inside, and electric lights and bathtubs and a thousand other little conveniences—all the things that Lizzie Sauer herself had missed as a child in the primitive little house on the edge of the town.

And there was a new silk gown and a whole new outfit of clothes for Mrs. Sauer, and when the house was built and furnished the dutiful daughter paid all the bills.

There was so little to do—why one could not even keep chickens satisfactorily on a city lot. She fell into the habit of visiting her older daughter, Mrs. Shockey, who was living in an old home place, helping her husband with the garden stuff—and it was with a sigh that she went back every evening to the electric light and the hardwood floors and the bathtub. Such a foolishness and such a bother!

Of course they didn't want to hurt daughter Lizzie's feelings—and of course it was very sweet and generous of her to have built them that house—but as a matter of fact the house of the thousand comforts bored its occupants exceedingly. And finally they wrote to Lizzie and talked it all over, and consequently the Sauers are moving out of the brick house and back to the unpainted frame dwelling on the edge of the country. The gift house is rented and it is for sale if you should care to buy it, and Mr. and Mrs. Sauer are back in primitive happiness in the home that sheltered them before their daughter came back to play the fairy godmother.

There aren't any lights in the lean, spent little frame house, and there isn't any bathtub, and naturally there aren't any hardwood floors. Outside is a tangle of green things, and chickens and dogs and cats roam over the premises and there is no need to fear the neighbors will complain. Mrs. Sauer in a gingham dress, is busy with her housework, and the veteran of the siege of Paris, smoking an old black pipe that glows half buried in his gray beard, sets down two buckets to tell you with enthusiasm of what he plans to raise next year, and how, after a drought, one may be almost certain of fine weather.

THE VOICE OF THE SELKIRKS.

What is the meaning and trend of their motion. These fevered and restless things at our feet? They wander and fret like the waves of an ocean. With their rage as vain and their hours as fleet.

Trampled and torn by the hooves of disaster, O'er taken by thirsts and hungers and fears, Defiant of torrents no daring shall master, They hurl their wills in the face of the years.

They come as the rainfall, and go as the river; We listen impassive and wonder and wait, Abiding the hour that our womb shall deliver, The passionless silence of ultimate fate.

'Tis we who have known not of tumult and fever, 'Tis we who are patient and measured and sure, 'Tis we who are done with desires for ever, 'Tis we who are passive, shall live and endure.

'Tis we who are silent and changeless and quail not, 'Tis we who persist through immovable peace, 'Tis we who have seen that their efforts avail not, Exult, and survive, and never shall cease!

—By Arthur Stringer, in Canada-West Monthly.

ASSAULTED BY TRAMPS.

St. Thomas, July 27.—Two hoboes created considerable excitement at the Michigan Central depot last night. Conductor Kennedy, in charge of No. 3 Express saw the men board his train just as it was pulling out. He stopped the train and put them off, one of them resisting violently. Switchmaster Carson went to Mr. Kennedy's rescue, but received a heavy blow in the face. The men then made their escape.

DIES IN HER 100TH YEAR.

Ruthven, July 27.—Mrs. Jane McDaniel, who entered on her 100th year on May 23rd last, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lafayette Esseltine.

Mrs. McDaniel had been bedridden for six years, but up to that time had enjoyed excellent health. Her husband died 47 years ago, at the age of 54 years. R. W. and G. B. McDaniel of Detroit are sons. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive.

W. M. CLARK IS DEAD AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

Clinton, July 27.—Wm. M. Clark, aged 73, died at his home here to-day after an illness extending over two years. He went from Flesherton to Toronto, where he was engaged in the milling business, until he returned two years ago. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. J. Cantelon. Miss Mabel Clark of Clinton is a sister, and Joseph, of the Toronto Star, W. J. of Pickering, are sons, and Mrs. J. H. Marquis, of Pickering, is a daughter. The funeral will be held on Wednesday in Flesherton.

DESONDENNT LOVER COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Owen Sound, July 27.—Alexander McComb, aged 25, committed suicide here this evening by drinking a bottle of carbolic acid. He borrowed ten cents from a friend and purchased an ounce of the poison. His body was found shortly afterwards in the Davis Smith Maloney wood yards, but life was extinct.

The remains were taken to Breckenridge's undertaking parlors and the coroner, Dr. Dow, ordered an inquest. The coroner's jury viewed the body and adjourned until Wednesday evening. In the meantime a postmortem examination will be made. McComb was about 25 years of age and was a fisherman by occupation. Despondency over a love affair is said to be the cause of his rash act.

BOY SCOUTS OF ONTARIO

Will Bid Farewell to Their Chief Scout at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

An event that is eagerly looked forward to by the boys of the Boy Scouts is the Rally at the Canadian National Exhibition.

This year's event promises to eclipse all previous records and great things are planned. The Rally will take place on Saturday, September 5th, and will be in the form of a grand farewell to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, Chief Scout for Canada.

Arrangements are being made to give those who attend a good time. The boys will be camped upon the grounds of the Exhibition and nothing will be spared to make each boy comfortable. There will also be given a grand illumined Pageant of floats showing the various activities of this great Boys' Welfare Movement.

It is hoped that every district in the Province will be represented at this, the greatest boy event yet held in Canada. The main object is to get the boys and districts to know one another along the lines as laid down in the training of a Boy Scout, in other words to cement still further that bond of good comradeship that exists throughout the organization.

Further information will be forwarded from the Provincial Office, Sherbourne and Bloor Sts., Toronto, any questions will or answered upon application to the Secretary.

Damage of \$40,000 was done by lightning to Knechtel's furniture factory at Winnipeg.

GOT \$300 DIAMOND FROM JEWELER'S WINDOW.

Chatham, July 27.—J. A. Graham, a local jeweler, lost a \$300 diamond ring on Saturday, as the result of a clever game of a smooth crook. A man who gave his name as Thames, called Mr. Graham on the telephone, and asked if he had a Hamilton watch movement.

He said he wanted to buy one, but didn't have time to go to the store to look at it. Mr. Graham offered to meet him at lunch, and while Graham was away from the store, another man, who gave his name as Hardy Brush, called at the store, saying he was a carpenter.

When he found Mr. Graham out, he asked the clerk if he could make some measurements of the store window, as Mr. Graham had asked to make some alterations in the store.

The stranger got into the window, and secured the measurements, and when he departed it was found that the diamond ring was gone. The police have secured no trace of the man. Mr. Graham was unable to locate Mr. Thames at lunch time, and it is strongly suspected that Mr. Thames and Mr. Brush are one and the same man.

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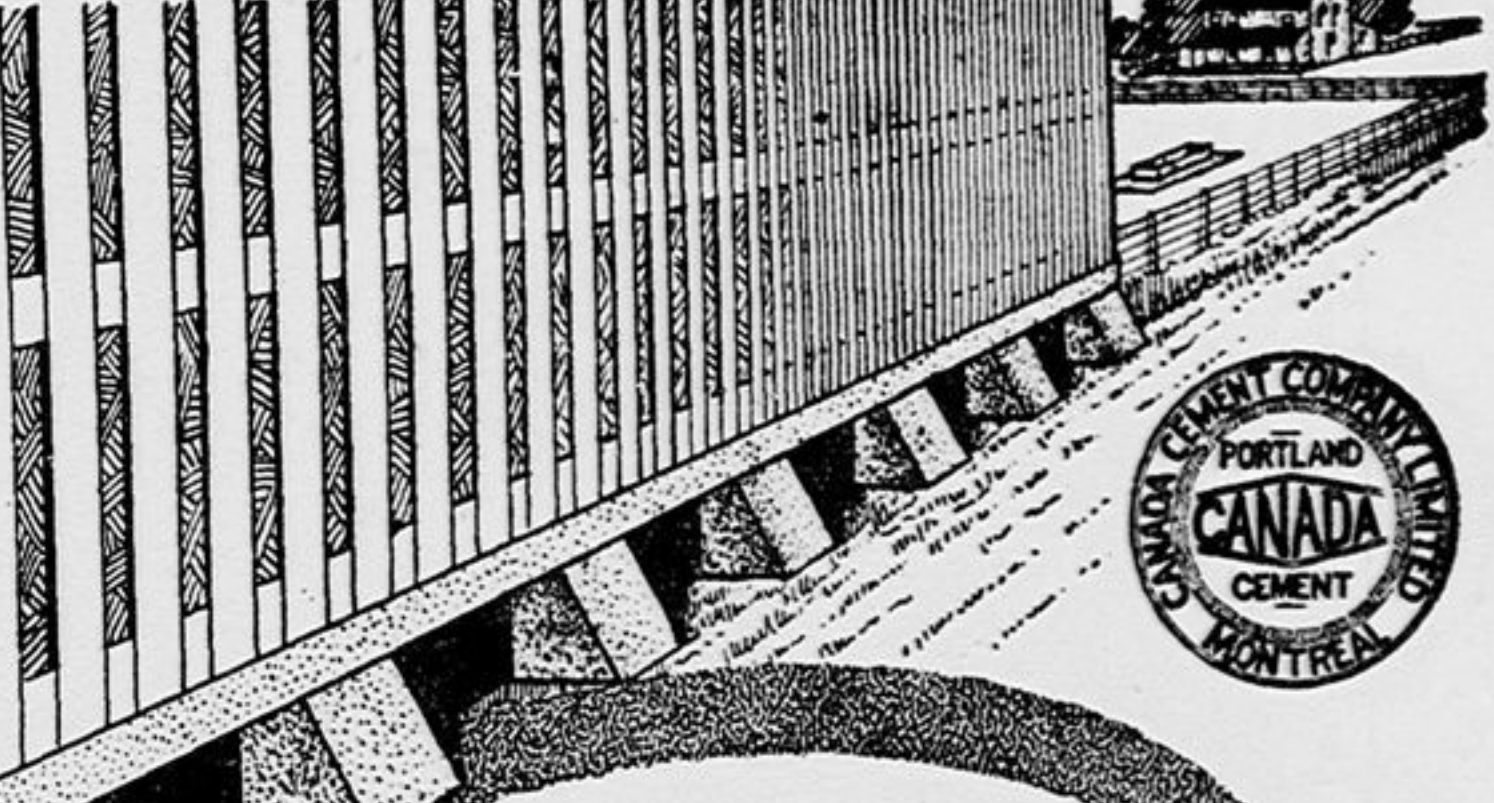
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