

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

Another Story About "Sino"

When Gene Stratton Porter was on a Nebraska ranch writing and illustrating a history of big ranch activities for an American magazine, she went one forenoon to the sheep corrals and took several pictures of the sheep after they were released from the corrals. The shepherd, Dan, and his dog Sino herded them between the fields of ranch tenants in order to keep them from the alfalfa, Hubbard squash and sweet corn. Sino went at his work voluntarily, darting around the outer edges of the flock, bringing back the strays, forcing stubborn leaders that ranged too far to turn and head in the direction desired.

By noon they were all tired and when the foreman and Mrs. Porter went to the ranch house for lunch, Dan sat down to eat his lunch and after he had eaten it, a compelling combination overtook him. He had lost sleep the night before, he was wind beaten, and was smarting in his eyes and he had a full stomach, so he turned the horse over Decko's nose, and lay down on a sloping spot to sleep. The sheep scattered in a circle around the shepherd and his horse. Sino raced around the outer edges of the circumference, turning back strays that wanted to head in the direction of the water and the alfalfa fields.

After lunch Mrs. Porter decided she would take a small camera and get some more pictures of the sheep.

When she called to Dan he was so sound asleep with his broad-brim hat over his face that he did not hear her. His horse was near him grazing and Sino was near the edges of the flock. Sino recognized Mrs. Porter and came running to her. At that instant the horse reared and threw himself backward in a wild leap. A growl broke from the throat of the dog, and he instantly sprang toward his master. Mrs. Porter realized from the action of the dog that there was something he knew which she did not. Sino barked wildly in short dry yelps and Dan became conscious of the dog's danger signal. He felt Sino brush his shoulder in his leap and heard a sickening buzz that he recognized. Still half asleep he had only sense to realize that the danger lay in front of him, so he whirled and rolled over and over in the opposite direction and then he sat up in time to see Sino's wide side leap as a big rattlesnake struck at him. The crack of Dan's revolver came on the instant and the life of the snake was ended. The noise of the revolver scattered the sheep and Sino darted away to his occupation. Aft a little he returned with his tail waving like a banner of victory.

Dan was a man of few words, but Sino knew by the little he said and his tenderness of touch, that his master appreciated and loved him for what he had done.

I hope, Boy, you have enjoyed the stories about Sino, and I hope you have a dog for a playmate. Here's hoping you have a spring and summer filled with health and happiness.

RUTH RAEBURN

Dear Ruth Raeburn:
Owing to illness in our family we have been unable to get the ground ready for fruit trees that we have ordered from the nursery. What is the best method of handling them?

PATSY.

Here is what a nursery man says on this subject, Patsy:
"As soon as a box or bundle of nursery stocks are received they should be opened. Packed snugly together, as they are, plants might overheat and delay of a day or two during a warm spell may cause severe injury. This is particularly true of roses and strawberries. If, because of delay in transit, or for other reasons the stock is shrivelled, it may be restored to freshness by soaking in water for several hours or overnight before planting."
"If the stock can be planted at once, so much the better, but if it cannot, it can be held in good condition by 'heeling in' that is by digging a shallow trench in some sheltered spot, setting the plants at an angle in it, and covering the roots with soil."
"A common method is to throw the dirt on the far side when digging the trench with the tops against the shoulder of fresh dirt. Then the roots are covered by digging a second trench parallel to the first, this time throwing the dirt ahead on to the roots. The plants may be left in this condition for weeks until the ground is ready to receive them. In fact, some fruit-growers secure their stock in the fall of the year, especially such early starting stock as cherry trees, heel it in carefully, and so have it ready just when they need it for spring planting."

Yum Yum

Angry Customer (tossing a package on the counter): "Makes washing a pleasure, does it? Does the washing while you wait, does it? It's the little flakes of soap that—"
Grocer: "Madam, one moment please. This is not soap."
Angry Customer: "Not soap? Not soap?"
"No. Your daughter asked for a half-pound of grated cheese and a half-pound of soap flakes. This is the cheese."
"My stars! And last night I made a pudding—"

Read The Chronicle ads on page 7.

Priceville

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. Thomas Chase spent the week-end at his home here. Miss Mary MacKinnon spent Sunday with Mrs. M. MacKechnie. Mr. Gilvary MacLean spent the week-end at his home here. Visitors on Sunday at Thomas Nichol's were Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Miss Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. MacArthur and Mr. Fred Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Bob MacMeekin, Mr. and Mrs. George MacMeekin and family, Durham, spent Sunday at the MacMeekin home here. Mr. Gory MacTaggart leaves tomorrow for Toronto, where he has secured a position. Mr. Milne, Sr. and Mrs. Morrison are visiting at Dr. Milne's. Mr. Dougall MacLachlan and son visited recently at Angus MacLachlan's. Mrs. W. Watson and daughter, Betty, leave the first of this week for Toronto. Mrs. Parslow of Flesherton spent the week-end at Jack Nichol's. Miss Pearl MacCuaig is home for a few holidays from Pontiac, Mich.

Calderwood

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. John Grein and family visited at John Leibold's on Sunday. Inspector Wright made his semi-annual visit to our school on Friday. Mrs. Gordon Widmeyer attended a shower given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schenk, Ayton, last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Connie Sullivan and family moved their household effects to Bridgeburg on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kaufman and Eileen spent an evening recently at John Leibold's. Miss Mary Dillon had two more students start last week. John Leibold delivered his fat cattle at Ayton on Saturday.

Dornoch

(Our Own Correspondent)

Fine weather is here at last, farmers are busy on the land. Mr. John Mills of Durham called on a number of his old neighbors on Saturday. Mrs. W. A. MacWilliam attended the provincial Presbyterian convention in Guelph last week as a delegate from Chatsworth and Dornoch W. M. S. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robertson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Smith. Miss Annie Hughes and brother Jack of Chesley visited their cousin, Mr. Robert Corlett on Sunday. Glad to see Mr. John Sweeney able to be around again after having his foot cut with the axe. Mr. Victor Scheurman has been busy buzzing wood for Messrs. James Walsh, H. R. Riddell and R. J. Corlett. Miss Willow Robertson is spending this week in Owen Sound with her sister, Mrs. William Aldred. Messrs. Cliff Ruschlen and Howard Smith and Miss Allie Smith visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Browne, Glenelg. Mr. Daniel Sweeny, Sr., has returned to his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., after visiting his many friends here.

Rocky Saugeen

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Lauchie McLean spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Neil Livingstone of Townsend Lake. Mr. and Mrs. William Bell spent Sunday with friends at Berkeley. Mr. and Mrs. William Ober and two sons of Kitchener are moving in with her brother Edward Simpson for a few months. Mr. and Mrs. William Letegte spent an evening recently with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allord. Mr. and Mrs. James Miller and family spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Trafford. Mr. and Mrs. L. Sheldroth of

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Ruiz de Alda, the Spanish ace, who flew from his native land to Brazil, with Raymond Franco, is now in New York perfecting plans for a flight around the world this year.

near Chesley spent a day this week with Mr. and Mrs. Dougald Clark. Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Neil McLean spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hooper of Dromore.

Mr. James Miller treated his wife and family to a Chevrolet sedan this week.

Mrs. Forsythe and son of Riversdale spent a day last week with her brother Mr. Alexander Symon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vessie and family spent Sunday with friends near Chesley.

Mrs. Dougald Clark had her tonsils removed by Dr. D. B. Jamieson in the Durham Hospital on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKechnie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark.

The Rocky Young People were entertained by the young people of Edge Hill. All report a good time.

Glenroadin

(Our Own Correspondent)

The spring work is in full swing now.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Trafford and Gordon spent a day recently with their son Roy, near Dornoch.

Mrs. John Vessie of Sullivan visited with her sister, Mrs. Nicholas Melosh on Friday.

Mr. William Kenny is on the sick

list. Busy time to be laid off.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Ray spent Sunday with the Heslip family.

Syrup making is over for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller and family of the Rocky spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trafford. Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Neil McLean visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hooper of Egremont on Sunday.

FOREST PEST CONTROL

"Set a thief to catch a thief" is the method being adopted in some instances for the protection of forests from the onslaughts made by insect pests. This is one of the great works being conducted by the Entomological Branch of Agriculture.

Some years ago the larch sawfly stripped the leaves from tamaracks and larches in Eastern Canada. This was repeated for three or four years, and eventually the larches over millions of acres and practically over the whole of Eastern Canada were almost wiped out. The sawfly has since spread to the Prairie Provinces. In 1912 the late Dr. Hewitt imported from England a parasite of the larch sawfly. Some of these have been used in Manitoba and last year the sawfly cocoons collected showed parasitism to the extent of 88 per cent. In 15 years the parasite has become thoroughly acclimatized and established.

This parasite known amongst entomologists as *Mesoleius tenthredinis Mori*, is extremely active in search of its host. It moves rapidly among the branches of the larches and the second it sees the larvae of the sawfly it darts in and deposits an egg.

Larvae and cocoons collected in Manitoba are now being sent to the east for the purpose of introducing the parasite that has been the dominant factor in checking the larch sawfly in the Prairie Provinces. The Dominion Entomologist states that the introduction of these parasites offer the chief hope of a permanent relief from this injurious pest.

The magnitude of the work of protection of our forests against the ravages of insect pests may be better understood when it is pointed out that existing forests in Canada cover approximately 1,227,000 square miles, or one-third of Canada's total land area.

Doctor: "All you need now is change and rest."
Patient: "It ain't no use, Doc. The lack of the change prevents me from taking the rest."

PROPER FEEDING IMPORTANT

The steadiness with which dairy cows produce is in direct proportion to the regularity with which they feed. It is the cow that is always ready and eager for feed at each feeding-time that can be depended upon to give a like amount of milk each day for a long period of time, and thus be profitable to her owner. Consequently it is the feeder who can keep each cow regularly upon her feed who makes a herd profitable.

When a cow receives her feed in a concentrated form she may eat enough from which to gain sufficient nourishment to do the work expected of her, but having the capacity of four stomachs she still does not feel satisfied, and if permitted will eat to "fill her food apartments" until she sickens of the feed. Ill results follow, one of which is that she refuses to eat more for a few days, and her production ceases.

Every cow has two limits to her feeding qualities. First, there is a limit to her capacity; that is, the total amount of feed she can possibly eat. Secondly, there is a limit to the amount of feed eaten that can be made use of in keeping up the energies of the body and producing milk. All feed supplied between these limits is waste, because it not only gives no return whatever, but, once in the stomach, it requires extra work for the cow to rid herself of it, thus using up time that she could otherwise be at rest. In common terms, it "burns out the organs of digestion"; on the other hand, when we consider that sixty per cent of

the feed eaten goes to carry on the workings of the different parts of the animal body, we see how necessary it is that the limit of feed given be just reached where economical production stops in order that the cow do her best work.

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