

the Gallipoli Campaign, Decoration—Congratulatory for Valor at Mesines

of a colonel of Australia in the campaign and sent back, but who concealed his enlistment as a private to the Australians in France, to the esteem in which he was held in London. Colonel Melville Macnaghten, the story is hailed as a manly and great.

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Farm Crop Queries

Conducted by Professor Henry G. Bell

The object of this department is to place at the service of our farm readers the advice of an acknowledged authority on all subjects pertaining to soils and crops.

Address all questions to Professor Henry G. Bell, in care of The Wilson Publishing Company, Limited, Toronto, which they are received. When writing kindly mention the name of the crop and the soil, and the nature of the trouble. A stamped and addressed envelope will be enclosed with the question, when the answer will be mailed direct.

Seedbeds—Frequent losses occur from poor preparation of seedbeds for various farm crops. Sometimes the yield is cut down because a comparatively shallow sown crop is provided with a deep mellow seedbed. Under such conditions there is such a great air space for the tiny roots to cover before they can get to a good supply of moisture that the crop is actually starved in its early days and weeks of growth.

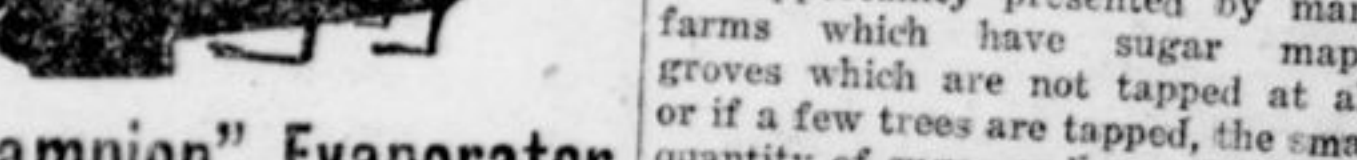
Medium depth seedbed and fairly firm—For wheat, barley, oats, rye, flax, buckwheat.

Use of Lime—The next point of importance under average farming conditions is the reaction of the soil. Sometimes the soil that has been worked for a period of years develops a condition where crops of the legume type such as clover, alfalfa, etc., will not thrive. This soil is commonly called sour.

The Food Board Says

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WHY SOME CHILDREN ARE DELICATE

By Helen Johnson Keyes.

Though we may not realize it, much of our ill-health is due to stomach trouble. In fact, prominent physicians have told me that it is unusual to find either children or grown-ups with good digestions.

This affliction, which may last a lifetime, often begins in the second year of babyhood. By putting into their child's poor little stomach foods which it is not yet strong enough to take care of, we upset its machinery forever, perhaps.

Feeding during the second year should be as careful as that of the nursing or bottle-fed infant. Children of this age should not sit at the table with the rest of the family, where there is constant temptation to give them unsuitable food.

As a matter of fact, it is the food which causes the illness. Mothers neglect fretfulness and fever in a teething baby, saying: "Oh, it is only a tooth." And because it is only a tooth, a remedy for the condition it often grows worse and worse, until, sometimes, the precious baby dies.

It is natural to growing youth to eat, and if the desire for food is really not active, something is wrong. Having satisfied yourself that sweets are not being consumed between meals, consider whether your children are getting fresh air and exercise enough.

And what about play? Young people must play to well. Best of all are the rough-and-tumble sports in the open. Perhaps you feel that, because there is so much exercise in farm work, exercise in play is not necessary.

Another Theory Exploded. Formerly it was the belief that children must have contagious diseases—measles, mumps, whooping cough, chicken pox, and so forth. Parents actually exposed their boys and girls to these maladies in order to "get through with them."

Eye weakness, deafness, consumption, and nervous conditions, such as St. Vitus' dance, frequently follow these diseases of childhood. No precaution should be regarded as too much trouble to take, and if there are neighbors who consider you un- friendly because you do not allow visitors in the sick room or because you keep your family away from their sick members—why, you will just have to bear it for the sake of protecting our boys and girls. They are even more important than our neighbors' feelings.

Poultry

Every once in a while we have an incubator hatch come off in which there are several chicks with their toes crooked or turned under. By catching them in time we find it can be very easily cured.



Bedtime Stories

Father Time's Nursery.

Up in the high nurseries of Father and Mother Time all the little day children were playing together. They hadn't any name, for not until the big sun knocks at the door and calls for them do they receive them.

"I hope I shall be a happy day on earth!" said one.

"I had rather be a grand and famous day, Mother"—the little day ran up to Mother Time and pulled her skirt—"shall I be a famous day, do you think?"

"I won't have much time to associate with just common, everyday days, you know. But maybe I'll remark you" the pompous little fellow remarked at the end.

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door, and all the little days sprang expectantly to their feet.

"Sun's not going to get up to-day! Sent me to fetch one of you. Here, you with the black hair!" He pointed to the little day who was sure he was going to be famous.

"No one will be glad to see me!" he mourned as the cloud set him rade- ly on a mountain top and disappeared.

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As Seen From the Top.

What a contrast there is between the hot climb up a rocky mountain side and the rest in the cool wind that always blows at the top!

"What, me? I don't want to be a rainy day; a horrid old rainy day!" He ran to Mother Time, but she sorrowfully pushed him forward, and she sorrowfully grumbled some more about being late, gathered him in its arms and whirled away.

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The Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON MARCH 2.

Lesson IX. The Report of the Spies. —Num. 13: 1 to 14: 38. Golden Text: I John 5: 4.

13. The Two Reports, "Send thou men." We famous were now encamped in the wilderness of Paran (12: 16), at a place called "Kadesh" (see v. 26), on the extreme southern boundary of Palestine. The spies went northward to Hebron and continued, according to v. 21, until they had traversed the whole great tableland of western Palestine as far as the deep valley between Mounts Hermon and Lebanon, through which a road ran to the city of Hamath on the Orontes river.

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