Toronto Manhole Explosion Causes Death of Goderich Man

instant when sewer gas exploded in learning that her boy had been hurt." the pit directly underneath him, Norman Lewis, aged about 45, of Goder- curb on the south side of Front Street ich, at 9.25 Sunday night, was hurled not far from the spot scurried away bodily into the air, over the Union expecting a second blast, and although Station parapet, and dropped 20 feet the street had been comparatively to the cab driveway below. He died idle, bystanders and pedestrians, red-10 minutes after reaching St. Mich- caps and postal employees from the

With a thunderous detonation that around the hole. shook the Union Station and nearby buildings, the blast shattered the cold was standing near the entrance to silence of Front Street, folding up Postal Terminal "A," looked around large sections of sidewalk like so quickly at the sound of the explosion, much breadcrust, breaking the heavy and saw Lowis sail up five feet above iron lid into a dozen jagged fragments the cdge of the stone rail, which is and scattering stones, cinders and four feet high. There was a prochunks of concrete for yards around, nounced odor of marsh or sewer gas Large chips were knocked out of the hanging about for some time aftergranite parapet by flying cement. A wards, and newspaper photographers dark cloud of dust floated away in the were warned to use no open flashes. breeze. Lewis lay sprawling in the roadway below and a great jagged phone cable hung into the concreteholo gaped where he had just been walled pit, the only "works" of any walking.

Lewis, a frail, old lady, who helps two the explosion.

Toronto. - Stepping on a Front nurses care for her rapidly declining Street manhole cover at the precise; husband, immediately collapsed on

Cars which had been parked at the ael's Hospital in a police ambulance. | station, burried out and crowded

Leo Barbeau, station redcap, who

The twisted ends of one small telekind. Bell telephone employees who Lying near death in the Allan Court | examined the manhole said they were apartments, Carlton Street, Judge E. not sure that even that cable had been N. Lewis, Huron County court judge, in use, as no reports of disrupted serfather of Norman Lewis, was spared vice had been received up until their Navigation Start the knowledge of his son's death. Mrs. inspection was made an hour after

Dame Melba Dies Of Rare Disease

Australian Diva Succumbs Deputy Presents Figures in Few Weeks After Return Home

Melbourne, Australia.-Dame Nellie Melba, famous Australian soprano died here early Monday after an illness of several weeks.

Her illness took the form of a strange skin disease which baffled physicians. She was 65 years old. Somewhere around 70 years ago a small farmer from Forfarshire Scotland, named David Mitchell, had a homestead known as Coombe Cottage. 70 miles from Melbourne, Australia. Here it was that Nellie Mitchell. afterwards to be known the world over as "Melba, the Queen of Song."

was born and spent her early life. To jump for a moment from the beginning of Melba's story to the close of it-Melba used often to declare that she rejoice I in her warm friendship with Lord Mountstephen because he reminded her so much of her father. They both began life penniless, she said, and attained positions of prominence.

Melba was taken when still a girl in her 'teens to Queensland. she married a sugar planted named Armstrong, and it was here, too, that her only child, a son, was born. For more than one reason Melba evidently found life impossible in Qu'ersland, and she soon returned to her father near Melbourne. In 1886. with little but her passage money she came to London determined to learn more of her art. 'Sir Arthur Sullivan, with rather a bored air, listened to her singing-and then suggested it was just possible she was fitted for a small part in "The Mikpushed on to Paris and sang to Madame Marchesi that Melba found a judge of sufficient discrenment to truly appreciate her latent powers. Physicians Are Confident Melba always attributed much of her success to Marchesi's enthusiastic support and devoted tuition.

Melba's operatic debut was made in Brussels, as Gilda in "Rigoletto." Two years later, in 1888, she made her first appearance at Covent Garden. In May, 1913, Melba celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary. of her association with Covent Garden. June, 1926, she appeared for the last time here in opera, and the same month held a memorable concert of farewell in the Albert Hall.

Melba was created a Dame of the Order of the British Empire in 1913 | Injections were given every few hours in recognition of her efforts for war | and all the science and skill of one charities, and was accorded the Grand Cross of the Order in 1927.

77,199 Radio Licenses

Ottawa.-More radio licenses have been issued in Toronto for the first ten months of the present fiscal year than were issued in any other city in Canada, according to a report for the Capt. fiscal year 1930-31 up to the end of January, given out by C. P. Edwards, director of radio service.

issued in Canada for the 10 months of world's automobile speed record at this year than there were for the full Daytona Beach, received a knight-12 months of last year, the figures hood on Feb. 19th. being as follows:

1930-31 (ten months) 493,176 1929-30 For Toronto it is:

1930-31 (ten months) 61.863

and 43,051 respectively. When he was about to have a tooth an hour at Daytona.

extracted, a patient suddenly attacked the dentist. As the dentist won, however, it ended in a draw.

You can keep parsley fresh a long during boom times the people were time by leaping it in a glass of water, not altogether frivolous in their excontaining a teaspoonful of vinegar? penditure.-The Toronto Globe.

Says France Leads In Reducing Army

Introducing \$258,000, 000 War Budget

Paris - Introducing a \$258,000,000 Ministry of War budget in Parlia-Lafonte offered a report tending to establish, he said, that France has gone farther along the road to dis-

armament than any other nation. Metropolitan troops are allocated \$190,000,000 and overseas colonial troops \$68,000,000 in the 1931 budget. The total is about \$3,000,000 over

last year's. In spending the amount requested on the maintenance of her army, Lafonte said, France is devoting 16 per cent. less to that purpose than in 1913, and, in comparison with other nations and in proportion to defence needs, 14 to 48 per cent. less than in pre-war times.

politan army numbered 522,000, with 36,000 gendarmes, in addition. Great Britain, he said, has 510,000 regulars and 277,000 militia; Italy, 303,000 regulars and 110,000 caribiniers; the United States, 157,000 regulars and 395,000 national guards.

Although the budget increase is \$3,000,000 over 1930, said Lafonte, the United States army expenditures showed an S6 per cent. increase, the Japanese 48 per cent. over pre-war

His report said Germany was spending \$120,000,000 to maintain the "treaty army" of 100,000 men, plus 150,000 gendarmes and 30,000 frontier guards and customs officers.

ado." which was shortly to be pro- Boy Awakens After past 11 weeks. Ten-Day Sleep

That He Will Recover

Montreal.-On February 13th fifteenyear-old Rodalph Robinet, of this city, was brought to the Notre Dame Hospital. He was sound asleep and had been sleeping for seven days. . Physicans had worked over the boy at his home, but the mysterious illness failed to respond to treatment. Forced feed'g was necessary to keep life within the sleeping youth, but ever then he was gradually weakening.

In a last despairing effort to save his life he was taken to the hospital. of Montreal's largest hospitals con-

verged to the bed of the sleeping boy. Science won. Gradually he started to improve and on February 16th the boy awakened, and although still feel-Issued In Toronto ing the effects of the unknown malady appeared to be stronger. Medical men are confident that he will live.

Campbell Created Knight

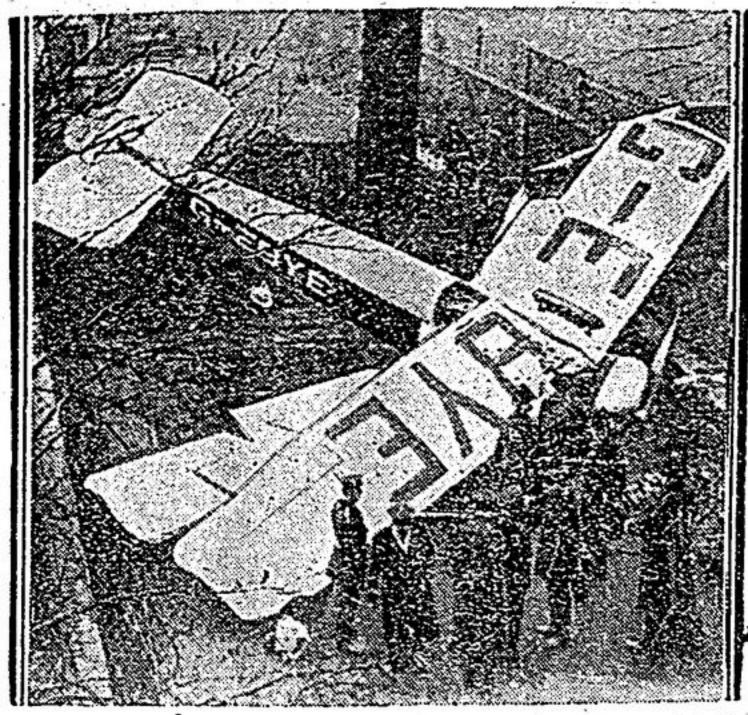
Cherbourg, France.-Capt. Malcolm There have been 69,030 more licenses | Campbell, who recently set a new

The British vice-consul communicated the King's desires to Capt. Campbell while the speed-driver was still aboard the S.S. Mauretania in the roads off Cherbourg.

Capt. Campbell answered the com-Montreal comes next with 41,378 munication from the vice-consul, expressing his appreciation for the honor. He set a record of 245 miles

> Life insurance in force in Ontario at the close of 1929 amounted to \$2,-512,528,235, an indication that even

A Nose Dive!



Wreck of aeroplane that suddenly decided to make a visit in one of the pretty gardens with which town of Brixton, suburb of London, abounds. Two persons in plane were injured.

Avalanches in Alps May Set a Record

Harbors Clear in Superior Sault Ste. Marie, Ont .- The ear-

is being predicted as a result of the taken 15 lives including nine chilalmost unprecedented open Winter dren at two separate places. which has left some Lake Superior Advices from Berne, Switzerland, harbors practically without ice.

ment on Friday, Deputy Bouilloux tion on record is April 1, 1902. Last perished in an avalanche that hurt-River opened on April 21.

nesota report no ice and open water Canton of Grisons.

frozen over, but with less than the been in previous years.

His report said the French metro Spotted Fever Hits British Services

Military and Naval Formations Cancelled Owing to Outbreak

last week.

from the disease, which otherwise is 9th. known as cerebro-spinal meningitis, at

Queen Mary Dislikes

London .- Add the Queen to the list of those who dont' like these new long skirts.

wear them effectively.'

Open Winter Leaves Many Family of Seven Murled to Their Deaths-In Landslide

London.-Avalanches - in the Alps liest opening of navigation in years were reported on Feb. 20th to have

said that a family of seven including The earliest opening of naviga- two children were thought to have year navigation on the St. Marys led down the mountain side, crushing and partly carrying away the paradise. Grand Marais, Michigan and Min- Post Hotel in Lukmanier Pass in the

as far as visible. Eagle Harbor has' The building was inhabited by an partner, Paul Everett, but the Canano ice, and Marquette Harbor and aged couple named Wenzig and their dian Pacific Railway, the Algoma Lake Superior are free from ice. . family. Two of the bodies were re- Steel Company and the Algoma Cen-Most of the bays and rivers along covered and there was small hope of the shore of Lake Superior are finding the missing persons alive.

From Vienna came news that a thickness of ice. The St. peasant named Mair and seven chil- first skyscraper. Marys River is frozen over, but dren were killed when their house there is not the thickness there has was destroyed by a huge avalanche which swept down upon the valley of Villgraaten in the eastern Tyrol, Austria. Three mills also were British Columbia Egg Laying Conswept: away. Villgraaten mountain test conducted at the Experimental is near Innsbruck.

Mauretaria Sets

Ocean Travel Record London.-The Cunard liner Mauretania is not content to rest on past of the breed, weighs just 5.2 pounds. laurels, for by crossing the Atlantic From November 1, 1929, to October Portsmouth, England.-All military four times within 31 days she has es- 30, 1930, she laid 29.9 dozen eggs and naval formations among the Bri- tablished a record. Sailing from tish forces here have been cancelled | Southampton on Dec. 10 she was back as a precaution in view of the out- there on Dec. 22. Sailing again two break of spotted fever in the services days after Christmas she arrived in of the term. During the entrie period New York on Jan. 2 and reached Ply- of the contest she was entirely out of Already eight soldiers have died mouth on her return journey on Jan. the hands of her owner and under the

The Mauretania thus steamed some Aldersot, a suspected case has been 13,000 miles in 31 days, which averdiscovered aboard H.M.S. Repulse at ages, including the time spent in port, Gibraltar, and 272 cases have been re- more than 400 miles per day. Five breeding policy. corded among English civilians in the and a half weeks is the time usually allowed by the big liners for these Sense of Time Becomes four crossings.

Long Skirt Styles Record Year's Trade For Port of London

London.-In spite of the general de-"I like frocks that come just above shipbuilding, the Port of London has the ankle," she said recently as she been able to report a record year for watched a parade of mannequins at 1930. Provisional figures show that the artificial silk exhibition, "these 58,083,575 tons net of shipping used very long dresses with flared skirts the port. This is an increase of over are difficult to wear, I think. Only an 500,000 tons over the total for 1929 expert like a mannequin can really and is a record for any calendar year in the history of the port.

New Baseball



Whether or not new style baseball (above) adopted for 1931; will slow up America's national pastime will be burning question of early New and old style balls are shown above and below, respectively.

Air Mail Crash Takes Two Lives

Dr. R. E. Alleyn, Winnipeg, and G. Lewis, Regina, Die Near 'Peg.

Winnipeg.-The second fatal air crash in the history of the Western Canada Air Mail Service on Feb. 20th claimed two lives. Caught in a sudden fog about 75 miles west of Winnipeg the Moose Jaw bound mail-carrier broke up in landing and burst into flames. The dead:

George E. Lewis, 22, Regina.

Pilot N. G. Forrester, of Western trols, was injured, but will recover. He is being treated at hospital at Portago La Prairie, 15 miles east of where the plane crashed. Dr. Alleyn and

Dr. Alleyn, who is medical officer for Western Canada Airways, has been termed Winnipeg's "flying doctor.' He' was en route westward to examine pilots for the company. Lewis was bound for Regina, Sask. The mail was recovered, it was announced here.

Sault Starts 1931 **Drive For Tourists**

Take Fifteen Lives Opening of \$650,000 Hotel Is Initial Step

> Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. - Algoma's capital commenced its 1931 drive for tourists Monday night with the opening of what is claimed to be the finest hotel between Toronto and Winnipeg. The New Windsor, built at a cost of \$650,000 and offering the most modern

accommodation for tourists, was officially opened at a banquet. The Windsor is a community enterprise and a direct result of the news

stories which have spread abroad Algoma's fame as a hunting and fishing The idea started with John Miller, president of the company, and his

tral Railway are large shareholders. Many private citizens subscribed.

Leads the World

Laying 357 eggs in 365 days in the Farm of the Dominion Department of Drone 5H." a White Leghorn owned | 48c. by Wm. Whiting, of Port Kells, B.C., qualified as a real champion egg layed. This bird, a beautiful specimen

which weighed 52 pounds, or just ten times her own weight. Her record is official in the fullest sense competent neutral supervision of the federal egg-laying contest. This hen shows conclusively the possibilities of Canada's national poultry-

Less In Old Age

ease and in very old people were described recently to the Physiological \$7; do, do, w.o.c., 75c to \$1 above f.o. Institute of Vienna, Austria, by Dr. b.; do, butchers, \$1 per hog discount; pression in trade and the reduction in Eugene Minkowski. Ordinary healthy do, selects, \$1 per hog premium. people, Dr. Minkowski stated, have time and space senses which are more London Gives Chaplin or less automatic. Both may be slightly inaccurate, as when time seems to pass rapidly when one is bored. It is admitted, too, that the accuracy of both the time sense and the space sense differ greatly in different people, there being individuals whose automatic space sense fails and confuses them if they are merely led at random around the corners of a fow adjacent city blocks. Victims of distinct mental diseases like general paralysis of the insane are said to show, however, much more complete disturbances and inaccuracies of both farmer who, besides growing wheat these senses. One patient studied by has a crop of oranges, small though i Dr. Minkowski experienced, for ex- be. The man is Donald W. Houston, ample, the hallucination of a trip to three miles north of town. Mr. Housthe United States, a journey around | ton, no matter how hard the year, al the country and many detailed ex- ways has had, for the past six years, periences, all within a single day. Such oranges from his own tree for Christtime and space illusions imply, Dr. mas, except the Christmas of 1930. In Minkowski believes, that these two 1930 the tree had a lazy fit, and did flowers on the chrysanthemums it is senses are not ancient or deep-seated not produce the oranges that could be in the animal mind, but have been eaten until after Christmas. The tree acquired recently in human evolution, bears from five to nine oranges each perhaps even since savage times. year. Similar incompetence of the time sense may be found, he also reported, in very young c'tildren and in very the Streptocarpus. If the seeds are old people. The latter often confuse, sown in January or February, they opinion on the subject of what constifor example, the time of events, re- will bloom freely the following summembering this: that happened in mer, and if the flowers are cut back charged with using profane language childhood as simi. aneous with things the latter part of September the protested that the complainant, a wothat happened yo ...rday.

> "The great enemy c: the day is un- | six or eight shades. employment, the man going through life with his head hanging down."-J. Bamsay MacDonald.

March.

The Markets

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS Toronto dealers are buying produce at the following prices: Eggs-Ungraded, cases returned fresn extras, 26 to 27c; fresh firsts

23 to 24c; seconds, 17 to 18c. Butter-No. 1 Ontario creamery, soiius, 31 14 to 32c; No. 2, 30 1/2 to 31c. New York City. Churning cream-Special, 31 to 32e; No. 1, 30 to 31e; No. 2, 27 to

Cheese-No. 1 large, colored, paraffined and government graded, 15c. Quotations to poultry shippers are

Dr. Richard E. Alleyn, 33, Winnipeg. chickens, 6 lbs., 20c; over 5 to 6 lbs., 19c; over 41/2 to 5 lbs., 17c; over 4 to 41/4 lbs., 16c; 4 lbs. and under, 15c. Canada Airways, who was at the con- Fatted hens, 5 to 6 lbs., 20c; over 4 to lbs., 18e; over 31/2 to 4 lbs., 16c; under 31/2 lbs., 13c. Young turkeys, over 12 lbs., 35c; 8 to 12 lbs., 32c; under S lbs., 28c. Old turkeys, 21c. Geese, the plane crashed. Dr. Alleyn and market prices. Old roosters, over 5 Lewis were killed instantly, it was its., 14c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 25c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 23c. Muscovie ducks, sver 5 lbs., 20c; 4 to 5 lbs., 16c.

Guinea fowl, per pair, \$1.25. Poultry; "A" grade, dressed, select -Spring chickens, 6 lbs., 25c; over 5 to 6 lbs., 23c; over 41/2 to 5 lbs., 22c; cart wheels. under, 19c. Fatted hens, 5 to 6 lbs., 22c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 21c; over 31/2 to 4 lbs., 19c; under 31/2 lbs., 16c. Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 17c. White duck-lings, over 5 lbs., 28c; over 4 to 5 else will grow.

WHOLESALE PROVISIONS Wholesale provision dealers are quoting the following prices to re

Smoked meats-Hams, med., 21c to 26c; smoked rolls, 25c; breakfast bacon, 22 to 32c; backs, pea-mealed, 26 to 30c; do, smoked, 36 to 38c. Pork hams, 191c; shoulder, 141c;

butt. 16c: ham, 16 to 17c. Cured meats-Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., 20c; 70 to 90 lbs., 18c; 90 to 110 lbs., 17c; lightweight rolls, 19c; heavyweight rolls, 18c. Lard-Pure. tierces.

14%c; pails, 15c; prints, 15% to 16c. butterflies swarm to it all day long. Shortening-Tierces, 12c; tubs, 121/2c; pails, 121/2c. Special pastry shortening-Tierces, 15c; tubs. 15%c: pails. 16c.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS Grain dealers on fae Toronto Board of Trade are making the following quotations for car lots: Manitoba wheat-No. 69%c; No. 1 Northern, 67%c; No.

Manitoba oats-No. 3 C.W., 37%c; The Windsor is Sault Ste. Marie's No. 1 feed, 36%c; No. 2 feed, 33%c. Manitoba barley-No. 3 C.W., 29c;

No. 4 C.W., 28c. Argentine corn, 66c (c.i.f. Port Col borne) Millfeed, del. Montreal freights, bags included-Bran. per ton, \$21.25;

shorts, per ton, \$21.25; middlings, Ontario grain-Wheat, 65c; barley Africulture at Agassiz, B.C., "No. 38c; oats, 27c; rye, 35c; buckwheat

HAY AND STRAW PRICES Dealers are quoting shippers for hay and straw, carload lots, delivered on track, Toronto, the following is, when is the best time to plant. The

No. 2 timothy, ton, \$14 to \$14.50; location. Fall is the best time for No. 3 do, \$13 to \$13.50; wheat straw, plants that are hardy. \$7.50 to \$8; oat straw, \$7.50 to \$8.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS Heavy beef steers, \$6.25 to \$6.75; butcher steers, choice, \$6.25 to \$6.50; .do, fair to good \$5.50 to \$6; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5.25; butcher heifers, choice, in the dark for about two weeks to \$6 to \$6.25; do, fair to good, \$5.50 to allow root growth, after which place \$6; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5; butcher cows, in a sunny window. good to choice, \$4 to \$4.75; do, med., \$3 to \$3.75; canners and cutters, \$2] to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good to choice, \$4 to \$4.50; do, bolognas, \$3 to \$3.50; baby beef. \$7 to \$9; feeders, good, \$5.25 to \$5.75; stockers, \$4 to \$5.25; white sweet. Johnnie: Yes, miss. It springers, \$60 to \$85; calves, good to was pink when I bought it .- Mrs. D. choice, \$9 to \$9.50; milkers, \$40 to T. (Bristol.) \$60; do, med., \$8 to \$8.50; do, com., Disturbances of the senses of time | \$6 to \$7.50; do, grassers, \$4 to \$5; and space in persons with mental dis- lambs, choice, \$9; buck lambs, \$7 sheep, \$2 to \$5.50; hogs, bacon, f.o.b.,

Enthusiastic Welcome

him and at the station his automobile was surrounded by a surging crowd trying to shake his hand. Waving his hat and cane, he climbed on the roof of the car and as it moved away he squatted there.

Canadian Oranges Regina. - Tyvan district boasts

A good plant for the conservatory is plants will give a mass of bloom in man, was no "lady." "Indeed," said the early spring. They may be had in the magistrate. "I wonder it you

ly, to young widows with dependent I saw one. She gave me a five-dollar children. Ontarlo spends over two bill for a fifty-cent fare an' walked The Christmas rose is a rock-garden and a quarter million dollars a year away. Here, lady, what about your plant which may be used for forcing. In thus relieving the distress of wid- change?" I called after her. "'Don't The leaves are evergreen, flowers ows and orphans-whose husbands be blinkin old fool, says she. 'Keep white, somtimes flushed with purple, and fathers, in a very large number it an' get drunk enough to kies your It blooms between February and of cases, were killed by preventable mother-in-law.', tha"4 what I

Here and There

Professional beggars make, in the aggregate, at least \$50,000 a day in

Although the whale is a roammal its "flesh" is not classed as meat but as

"How's your wife coming along with Poultry, "A" grade, alive-Spring Ler driving?" "She took a turn for the worse last week, sir."

> truth is that you don't have to remember what you say. 'Sound thinking, a seeking after

Another good thing about telling the

truth, is the best we can ask intel--Clarence Darrow. The first pneumatic tires, made in

1845, were manufactured out of can-

vas and leather and were for use on One of the most easily grown house plants is the aspidistra. This thrives

well in a dark place where nothing "The true international is built upon patriotism; it is built upon na-

tional feeling; it is built upon national -Nicholas Murray Butler. pride."

"Higher material standards are no good if you do not know how to use them for a better life." -Sir Basil Blackett,

A shrub for use in the background is the butterfly bush, which has long panicles of lilac-colored flowers and tubs, is very fragrant. When in bloom the

> A brand new leather belt will brighten up an old coat a bit. It may either match the coat's color or contrast with it.

Labor-Saving Idea .- Old Lady (witnessing tug-of-war for the first time) -"Wouldn't it be simpler, dear, for do, 66%c (c.i.f. Goderich and bay them to get a knife and cut it?" -"Boston Transcript"

> Golf goods to the value of over \$17,000,000 were bought by American golfers last year; this year's total is expected to exceed that figure. Johnny had dined at his uncle's.

> "Did you find Auntie's Christmas pudding rich?" asked his mother when he returned. "Oh, no,' was the boy's reply. "I only found one threepenny-bit in three helpings!" One of the most frequent questions

answer depends on the material and

A graceful and pretty | lant for a winter basket or pot is the oxalis. This may be planted now, then put away

Teacher (to little boy, who has just given her a large sugared almond)'t Thank you, Johnnie. What a nice

Small Boy: "Do your glasses magnify things, grannie?" Grannie: "Oh, ves. dear." Small Boy: "Then I wish you would not wear them when you help me to jam. I don't actually get as much as you think."

The worst dancer in the room had secured a proficient partner. "I wish London.-Charlie Chaplin arrived I were in your shoes," he said adin London on Feb. 19th. A tremend- miringly." "Perhaps so," replied the ous welcome had been prepared for girl, "but I wish you'd refrain from trying to get into them now."

> During his absence of a month from his farm, an Ontario farmer discovered that thieves had removed the surface soil to a depth of eighteen inches over a considerable area, rendering the land unfit for farming.

> A most practical material for spectators sports is the triple chiffen. It not only tailors well, but may be fashioned in costumes of the semidressy type. Pleats are most attractive carried out in this material.

> As the heavy freeze has killed the three inches of the ground. Cover with leaves or straw. In the spring after they have started growing it will be time to divide.

There still is a wide difference of tutes a real lady. A taxi driver know a lady when you see one." "Of course I do," answered the driver in-Mothers Allowances are paid, most- uignantly. "Why, only the other day call a lady."