



Home Chats



"A good heart does a little extra." Chinese saying.

Wild Flowers

Oh, the thrill of Spring! We never tire of welcoming with glad acclaim the tender budding buds of plant life...

Out in the woods, from a lofty pine tree, the crows send forth their gleeful song over the meadow and through the aromatic pungent air.

Truly, wild flowers need their wild environment if we are to appreciate their full beauty.

In years gone by it was not too rare a thing to find deep in the woods near by our towns and cities, the showy and much desired pink and white orchid or the yellow lady slipper.

"We can never use all these," one can imagine them saying as they sort out the best ones and leave the others, which are carelessly thrown by the side of the road to wither and die.

How much better it would be to always remember the rule when gathering wild flowers, "pick one and leave one," a silent thank you for the woody gift.

How lovely our Canadian woods could become if determined efforts were made to multiply and protect our wild flowers in their own environment.

With forest preservation and wild flower protection along with education, what wonderful places our Canadian woods might become.

The Twilight Hour Story—About Wee Chicks and Other Little Friends.

Last time, you remembered, I told you how well Rover looked after Billy and even how he saved Billy one time, but Rover looked after more than Billy.

"Mother of Mankind"



"To mother of mankind" a life-size statue was built. Her name was "Segis Pieterse Prospect," and she held world's record as milking cow.

Sunday School Lesson

April 19. Lesson III—The Rich Man and Lazarus—Luke 16: 19-31. Golden Text—Lay up for yourself treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.—Matthew 6: 20.

ANALYSIS.

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The surest way to misunderstand this parable is to take it as giving us Jesus' teaching about the next world. It is natural, but unprofitable, to ask such questions as "Is Jesus teaching that there is an intermediate state between death and the Last Judgment?"

II. THE POOR BEGGAR.

Lazarus, alone of figures mentioned in the parables, is given a name. Lazarus seems to be an abbreviation for Elazar, meaning, "God help!" or, we might say, "God help him!"

III. THE RICH MAN.

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Spring Brings Hope

The farm is always an interesting place in the early spring. No matter how serious the drought in summer, how disappointing the harvests in the fall, or how discouraging the outlook through the bleak days of winter, when spring comes with its warm rains and the warmth from the sun daily increasing, there is renewed hope.

All nature has lain dormant for weeks and weeks. The world, in the country has seemed to be at a standstill. The farmer has been well-nigh in hibernation, he has stuck close to the sheltering roof and the fireside.

Then comes along April, and, in response to her showers and sunshine, all things in sight seem to come to life—the sap begins to rise, the grass springs green, the farmer gets out and sees his shadow and feels the air and sunshine and delicate to stay out in.

Just a few of these warm days and we see teams of horses tramping too and fro in all the fields about us, and hear the familiar hum of tractors as they pull the tillage tools or plows across the fields.

Peace

There is a green land hid away Within the hearts of all, A pleasant land of light and shade, Where happy voices call.

Beneath its wide and azure skies Its cool, clean houses rest, In gardens wide where roses blow Upon the warm soil's breast.

And wide-eyed women sit and spin Beneath the tall trees' shade, And in the fields the men at work Are strong and upright made.

A river flows through that fair land By meadows lush and green, No boat with oar poles thereupon, Nor ship with sail is seen;

But cattle lie along its banks Or stand in shallows calm, And woolly sheep with tinkling bells Sootie heart and ear with balm.

And every home is full of song, And every back unbowed, And every face is lifted high, And every eye is proud.

There is the hush of eventide When purple shadows fall, The shepherds on the hilltops high Across the valleys call.

And men let go their pleasant tasks, And children cease from play, And beating kids run to their dams, And homeward all things stray.

Then, when the silver moon is lowered, And freckles gem the breeze, The silver-throated nightingales Give tongue in all the trees.

In praise of Him who loveth all, The flower, the man, the beast, And guardeth all, and guideth all, The greatest and the least. —Charles Grenville Wilson in "The Christian Science Monitor."

BAD TEMPER

A man's most constant companion is himself—a companion never to be shaken off from birth to death. Yet he who is careful to choose desirable companions often forgets to train himself in the essential of happy living.

DISCONTENT

Much of our discontent in life is due less to any lack of our own lot than to the seeming overabundance in that of our neighbor. If he had not so much we should discover fewer deficiencies for ourselves.

Springtime Touches For the Home

New Paint for the Front Door In driving through the country what is more pleasing to the eye than a lovely freshly painted front door at some farmhouse?

One house owner re-enameled his door in white. The surface was in fair condition, but that part of it which was exposed to the weather was badly blistered.

When the paint was thoroughly scrubbed the door was washed off in clean water. This removed every trace of the strong alkali which was used in the scrubbing process.

The next process was in scraping the surface. This was done with an old knife, care being taken that no cut was made into the wood itself.

The surface was a bit uneven and it was rubbed down with a piece of pumice stone and the door was given a coat of filling. This coat is not essential, though it is useful where the door is exposed to bad weather, as it makes a good foundation for the coats that follow.

For white enameling nothing is better than white lead flating for an undercoat. This may be bought already prepared.

It will dry very quickly, and so must be applied fairly rapidly. Undercoating does not spread well and it shows the brush marks, but this is all to the good, as it gives one excellent practice for the actual enameling.

The number of coats required will depend on circumstances. Generally speaking, three coats will be sufficient, though if you have to paint on a dark surface, four may be necessary to cover it.

Nothing remains now but to apply the finishing coat of enamel; but here let it be emphasized that you will never be able to make a fine job of it unless you use the best enamel.

Experts always say use fresh brushes for enameling; but it is our opinion that nothing is better than the ordinary brushes that have been used before for paint work.

Apply the enamel quickly and freely. Keep the brush well down, else the enamel will tend to run down to the stock, and so stop about.—Julia W. Wolfe.



"Is it true you have been arrested so often?" "Yes, mum, I couldn't have been arrested any oftener if I owned an automobile."

Start Spring Chicks Right

(From the Southern Agriculturist) By far the greatest mortality and loss encountered in chick raising occurs during the first four weeks of brooding. One of the most important factors in keeping the chicks in good health and vigorous condition, and keeping them growing properly, is the feed which they are consuming.

A good all-mash ration is as follows: 50 lbs. ground yellow corn, 20 lbs. standard wheat middlings, 5 lbs. ground raw bone, 5 lbs. ground limestone (any commercial grit high in calcium carbonate), 1 lb. common salt.

Prepares to Study Sun Eclipse in '32

Path Sweeps Across Canada and New England—Visitors Plan to View Phenomenon Scheduled for August 31

New York.—"Plans are already being made in connection with the total eclipse of the sun which occurs on Aug. 31, 1932, and will be visible in Canada and Maine," declares Mary Proctor in the N.Y. Times. The eclipse begins at sunrise north of Siberia, passes within about five degrees of the North Pole, sweeps down across Hudson Bay, the Province of Quebec, Northern Vermont, New Hampshire, Southwestern Maine, the eastern projection of Massachusetts, and ends at sunset in the Atlantic Ocean.

A party of astronomers of the Royal Astronomical Society and their friends are coming to America about July 22, 1932, in what might be suitably termed the "Eclipse Ship," which will land them in Montreal, announces this writer. As the eclipse is not due until the latter part of August, this affords an opportunity for those members of the Royal Astronomical Society and their friends who may be desirous of visiting the great American observatories to spend the interval to advantage.

Consequently, arrangements are being made for a visit to the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory at Victoria, B.C., and an opportunity will be given for enabling the members of the party to enjoy a view of Banff and Lake Louise en route. Thence the journey will be continued via Seattle to San Francisco, where entertainment will be offered at Berkeley University and at the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, California.

Returning eastward a brief stay will be made at Williams so as to enable those interested to visit the Grand Canyon, after which the party will proceed to Flagstaff, Ariz., to see the Lowell Observatory, which contains some of the finest photographs of Mars and other planets. Thence the journey will be made to Chicago, which offers the double attraction of the Adler Planetarium recently erected and the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, Wis. The object of special interest here will be the great forty-inch refractor, the largest in the world.

From Chicago the party will entrain to Boston, after which there will be a general stampee for the purpose of securing the best position for obtaining a view of the solar corona at the total eclipse of the sun on Aug. 31.

As the width of the track is about ninety miles, there need be no overcrowding, and there will doubtless be conveniences of all kinds from automobiles to airplanes in readiness to convey all those intent on observing the awe-inspiring spectacle, wherever they have planned to station themselves. The duration of totality ranges from 105 seconds on the southern edge of Hudson Bay to ninety-eight seconds on the coast of Maine.

Totally at Good Time

Totally occurs at a convenient time in the afternoon. The central line of totality reaches from Pierreville, Que., to Biddeford, Me., and passes over the White Mountains. The northern limit reaches from St. Jean de Chailions, Que., to Richmond, Me., while the southern limit extends from Montreal to Salem, Mass. Suitable stations are Three Rivers and Sherbrooke in Quebec; Portland, Me., and Portsmouth, N.H. Montreal is too near the track except for investigations of a special character. On the other hand, Boston is very close to the track but outside it.

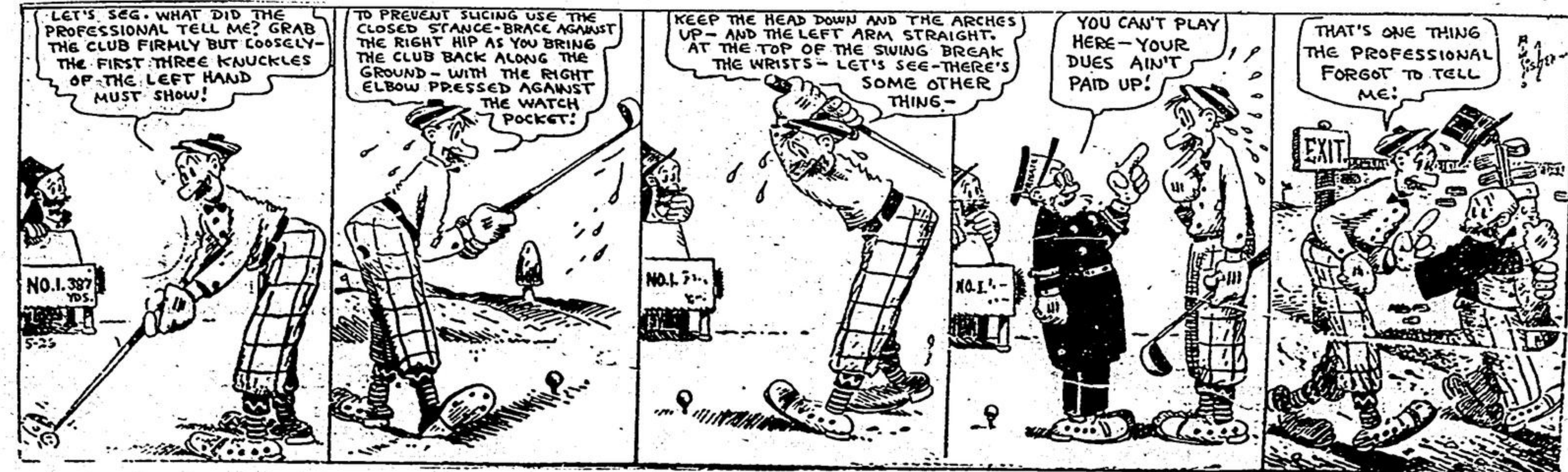
In Planting Grass

The fine seeds of grasses and legumes require a firm soil that is fine in tilth, and moist. They are very small in size and if seeded too deeply will produce plants which either lack in vigor when they emerge above the ground, or are completely smothered. The soil should be firm so that the seed will not be buried too deeply and so that moisture will be near the surface to facilitate the germination of the small seeds before the nurse crop becomes sufficiently well established to smother the small seedlings.—Experimental Farms Note.

Cheshire Tales

Once upon a time, it is said, Cheshire Cheeses were made in the shape of a cat, britches being inserted to represent the whiskers. But people have queried whether it was a cat, it is said that it really was a wolf's head, as the armor of Hugh Lupus, one of the earls of Chester had a wolf's head on the coat. A cat's face is seen on the arms of the city of Chester, but the old drawing of a wolf, or, as some say a leopard, in the city arms, might easily have been taken for a grinning cat. Hence the saying, "Grimacing like a Cheshire cat." Blue people have also...
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MUTT AND JEFF—By BUD FISHER.



Golf Is a Memory Course.

LET'S SEE WHAT DID THE PROFESSIONAL TELL ME? GRAB THE CLUB FIRMLY BUT LOOSELY—THE FIRST THREE KNUCKLES OF THE LEFT HAND MUST SHOW!

TO PREVENT SLICING USE THE CLOSED STANCE—BRACE AGAINST THE RIGHT HIP AS YOU BRING THE CLUB BACK ALONG THE GROUND—WITH THE RIGHT ELBOW PRESSED AGAINST THE WATCH POCKET!

KEEP THE HEAD DOWN AND THE ARCHES UP—AND THE LEFT ARM STRAIGHT—AT THE TOP OF THE SWING BREAK THE WRISTS—LET'S SEE THERE'S SOME OTHER THING—

YOU CAN'T PLAY HERE—YOUR DUES AIN'T PAID UP!

THAT'S ONE THING THE PROFESSIONAL FORGOT TO TELL ME!

