

A Third of a Mile of Peonies

"About an infant's neck hang Peonie. It cures Aicydes' cruell maladie," said Joshua Sylvester, the 16th century English poet, with reference to the ancient belief that the seeds of the peony worn round the neck acted as a charm against the powers of darkness. Indeed, from the earliest times, traditions gathered around the peony both as a talisman against evil and as a cure for many illnesses. In eastern Europe, the origin of the name with many variations in spelling was associated with the fabled Paeon, or Paion, or Paean, who cured the wounds of the gods in the Trojan war, as mentioned in the Iliad of the ancient Greek poet Homer.

In the Far East, the peony with its glorious colours was an inspiration to the poets of China in the misty past, while the common people were of a more practical turn of mind. As they do today, the inhabitants of northern Asia boil and eat the roots of the peony and grind its seed to put into tea. The tubers of the common peony are also used as an internal medicine, being credited with wonderful properties for the cure of internal troubles, biliousness, colic, dropsy, convulsions, and hysteria. An infusion of the dried leaves is used successfully as an astringent for a hot weather internal complaint. Whether or not the old-world wonder of the hanging gardens of Babylon were made glorious by the splendour of the peony is unimportant, because the beauty of the peony has been recognized from time immemorial, and the fact remains that the peony is one of the most important perennials for the Canadian garden.

There are many amateur gardeners in Canada who justly boast of the length and beauty of their perennial border of peonies. Thirty feet of glorious bloom in a garden makes a rare and imposing show, and one worthy to be proud of. But what can be said of a third of a mile of the most beautiful peonies ever seen in Canada—50,000 blooms in a breathtaking colour riot of ever-changing shades, white flecked with crimson, bronze and gold, red, dark red, pink, madder, flesh white all blended into one glorious kaleidoscope. This happened at the International Peony Show held in the Horticultural Building, Exhibition Ground, at Toronto on June 24th and 25th. The exhibition being held in co-operation with sixteen Horticultural Societies of Toronto, the Canadian Peony Society, several Horticultural Societies of the Province of Ontario, and the American Peony Society. In this a record is created for the exhibition marks the 33rd annual Exhibition of the American Peony Society and its first exhibition to be held in Canada. All the principal growers in Ontario giving their whole-hearted support for the success of the exhibition.

Appearance Is Most Important

Neglect of Personal Appearance Is Hazard When Job-Seeking.

BOSTON — Elizabeth Gregg MacGibbon has made an intensive study of women and their jobs. Last year she traveled about 28,000 miles and talked before 85,000 women in 26 cities.

She says that though business women "may be rated mental giants with every qualification for their jobs, sheer ability won't help them half so much as keeping themselves free of the tell-tale marks of neglect or age."

"Theoretically," continued Mrs. MacGibbon, "a girl's appearance should have nothing to do with her getting and holding a job. Actually, however, it counts 75 per cent."

The head of the alumnae placement bureau of a well-known college has found that younger women are preferred and that older women are relegated to the sidelines of business life.

"I find myself fighting harder in behalf of those fading creatures than I do for those who suffer merely from their own neglect. I urge them to refuse to resign themselves to a useless old age. I try to instill in them the spirit of fighting youth. I tell them they have the balanced judgment of maturity which business men need in their assistants. And if they will bestir themselves in the matter of dress and spirits they may command far higher pay than the kittenish thing who has no more than simple and simpering youth to recommend her."

Egotism is more like an offence than a crime; though it is allowable to speak of yourself, provided nothing is advanced in favour; but I cannot help suspecting that those who abuse themselves are, in reality, angling for approbation. —Zimmerman.

HOW TO MAKE ICED TEA

Infuse six heaping teaspoons of Salada Black Tea in a pint of fresh boiling water. After six minutes strain liquid into two-quart container. While hot, add 1 1/2 cups of granulated sugar and the juice of 2 lemons. Stir well until sugar is dissolved; fill container with cold water. Do not allow tea to cool before adding the cold water; otherwise liquid will become cloudy. Serve with chilled ice.

"SALADA" ICED TEA

A U.S. Visitor Comes to Stay And Lo! Cottage Marooned

It is difficult to think of anything more harmful to the reputation of this district as a Summer vacation land than the complaint of an American visitor who was seeking a site for a Summer home that the Ontario Government soon him an island in a lake in Peterborough county to which there is no access either by road or water, comments the Peterborough Examiner.

If the facts are as stated the whole transaction should be quickly reviewed by the Government with a view to making amends to the complaining tourist, D. R. Tyrell, of Fredonia, N.Y., who declares that when he was buying the island he was assured there was a fine road right to the lake, but after arriving with his wife and three children he has found that the nearest road is two miles away and it is impossible to get supplies into his property.

The official who handled this matter for the government undoubtedly knew why the land was being purchased.

If he knew the facts about the island in question he had no business selling it to a man who desired to build a Summer cottage, for obviously nobody wants a Summer home so situated that the only way into it is by air or by tramping through two miles of swampy bush.

On the contrary, if he did not know all about the property he was equally guilty of selling it for a purpose for which he did not know whether or not it was suited.

It is most unfortunate that such an incident should have arisen for it has proved a disappointment to a representative of the finest class of tourist any district could hope to obtain.

The man who comes in and purchases property, establishes a Summer home and returns year after year to spend the Summer with his family in the neighborhood is a splendid asset and should be given every encouragement and assistance.

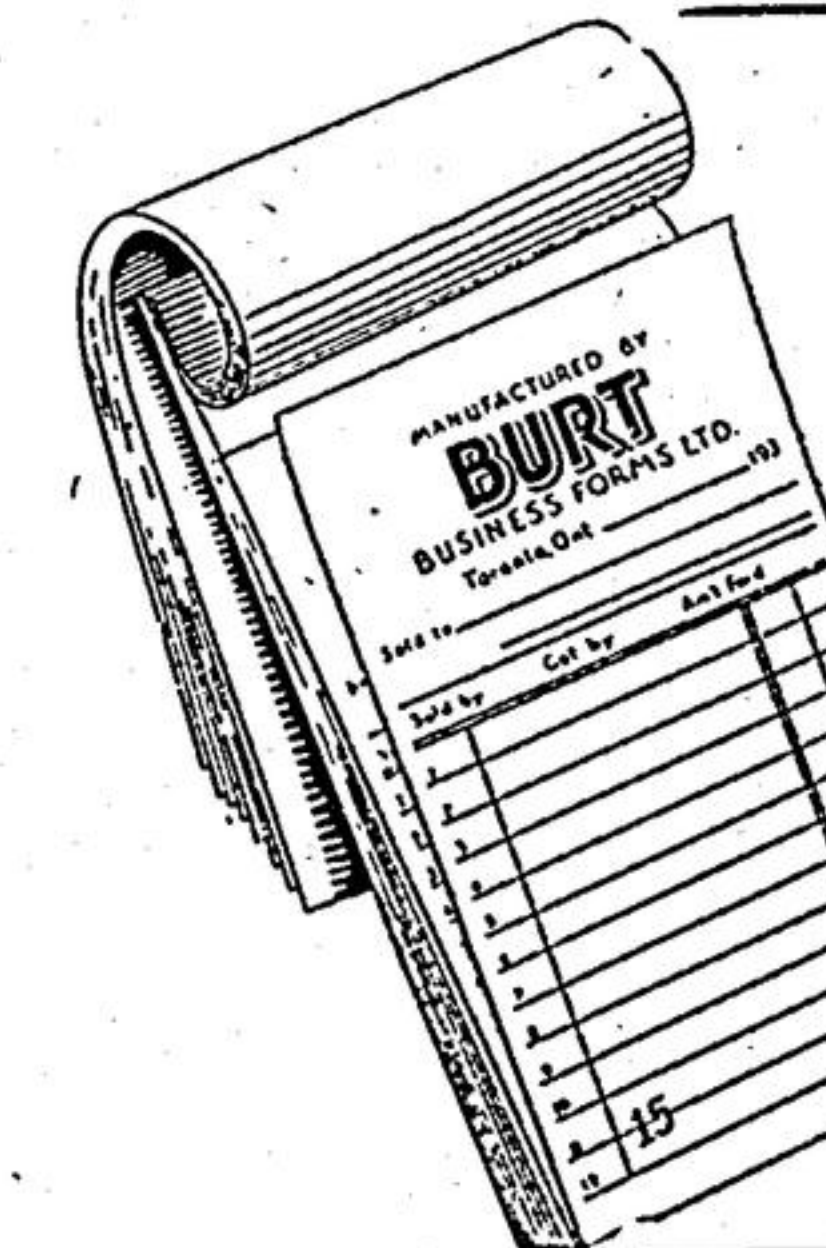
It is upsetting to find stupidity in official circles making a victim of a visitor who was entitled to special consideration, especially from the representatives of the Government of the province.

Labrador Indians Are Cheerful and Happy

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — Declaring Indians of Labrador, although hard-pressed by privation and of a nomadic nature, were nevertheless cheerful, Rev. Edward O'Brien of Northern Bay left St. John's to return to his mission for the 17th year.

The missionary said that not once during his 16 years in the north had he seen anything like prosperity among his parishioners, and attributed this mainly to the fact that the Indian were too busy supplying the need of their wandering families for food to be able to devote sufficient time to the fur industry.

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Where?

Author Unknown

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Or a key to the lock of his hair? Can his eyes be called an academy

Because they are pupils there? In the crown of his head what gems

are found? Who travels the bridge of his nose?

Can he use, when shingling the roof of his house,

The nails on the end of his toes? Can the crook of his elbow he sent

to jail? If so, what did he do?

How does he sharpen his shoulder blades?

I'll be hanged if I know, do you? Can he sit in the shade of the palm

of his hand? Does the calf of his leg eat the corn

Or beat the drum of his ear? On his toes?

If so, why not grow corn on the ear?

"Big Bill" in Canada

Notes The Brantford Expositor.—William Hale Thompson, popularly known as "Big Bill," who was Mayor of Chicago for 12 years, during which the finances of the city became hopelessly embarrassed so that it was impossible to provide even for civic services, is visiting Canada and has announced that he intends to establish a Summer residence in this country.

"Big Bill" became notorious for his famous speech in which he declared that the then King George should be given "a blow on the snout" for meddling in Chicago's affairs. No one ever seemed to know in what way His Majesty had meddled with Chicago, but that did not prevent Mayor Thompson from making a demagogic appeal to the voters of the city. However, his game ultimately played out, and he was driven into oblivion, where he has remained for a number of years.

Canadians will perhaps count it strange that he is coming over to establish a Summer home in the Georgian Bay district, in the late King's realm, on which he proposes to spend \$25,000.

Australian Budget Surplus Is Recorded

CAMBERRA, Australia.—A record budget surplus of \$3,562,000 (about \$17,810,000) for the year 1935-36 was announced recently by R. G. Casey, Treasurer of Australia.

It was the fifth consecutive surplus for the Commonwealth.

The showing was attributed mainly to increased customs and excise receipts totalling \$3,588,000 (about \$17,940,000).

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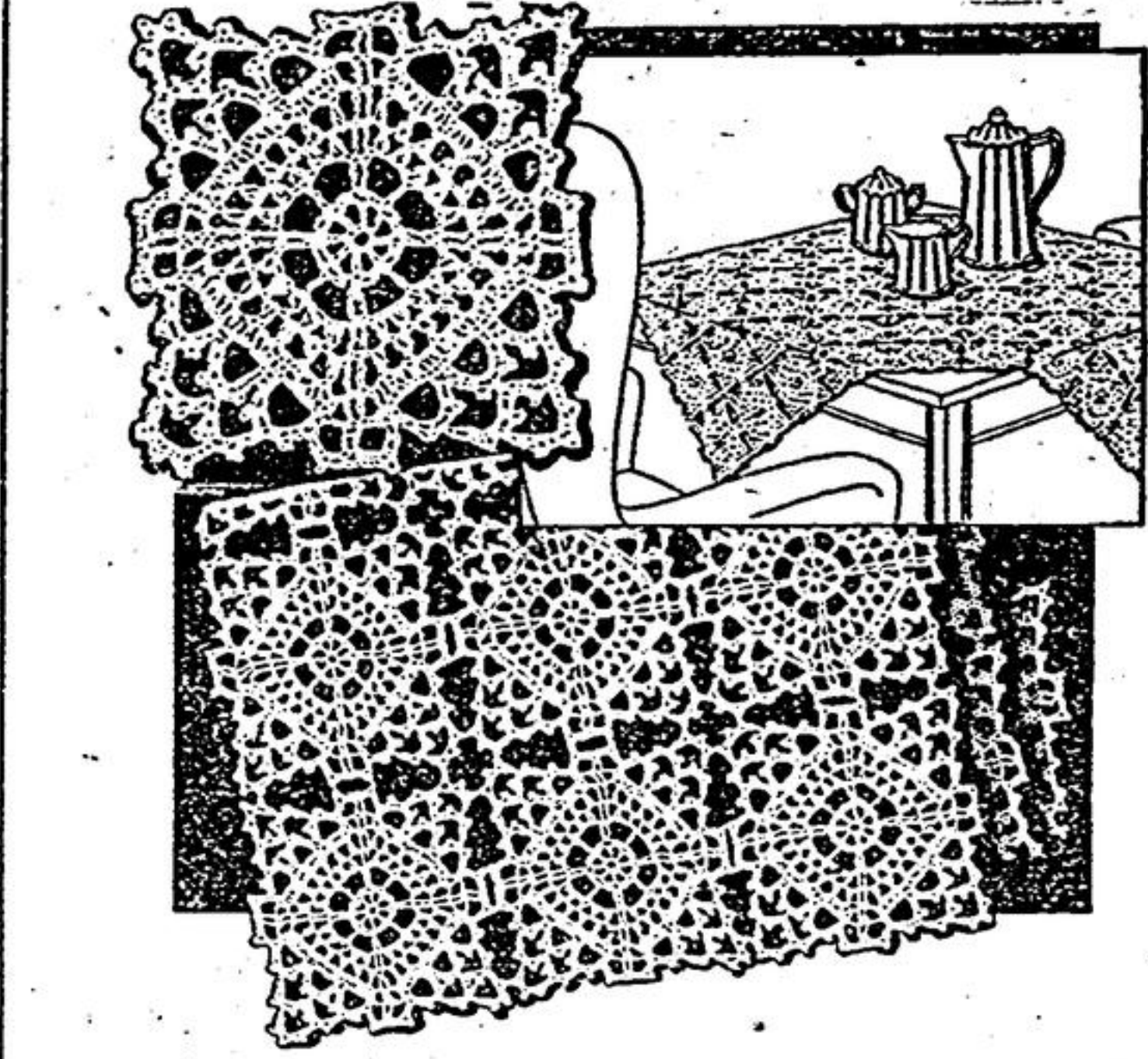
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Staked Plants Make For Orderly Garden

Properly staked plants ensure an orderly garden. Lack of proper staking means that you are reasonably sure to have some wrecked and messy beds later in the season. A heavy rain or wind storm is likely to knock over tall and heavy foliage plants which naturally have stems not sufficient to stand up under such circumstances.

Delphiniums are first plants in the garden to show the need for staking. The heavy spikes of bloom on these stately perennials make them singularly susceptible to destruction by winds or heavy rains. Stake them before the buds start to open and save the beauty of the delphiniums. Gladiolus with heavy spikes of bloom are likely to need stakes. Lillies and iris of the taller types also need this assistance. Tall African and French margolds are tipped over by the wind or rain and become a jungle. Staking would have saved them.

The first requisite of good staking is that the stakes should be strong and capable of holding up the plant, but as unobtrusively as possible. Green painted stakes are least conspicuous. The cheapest and most efficient stakes are the bamboo canes sold in varying lengths by dealers. They may be bought already painted or in their natural color and you can paint them yourself. They are strong and durable. Recently heavy wire stakes have been offered and they are least obtrusive of all especially when painted green. Plants can be tied to them easily and hung upright so that the tying cannot be distinguished until viewed at close range.

Set the stakes and tie the plants before they come into bloom. A good job of staking that will not make the plant look stiff and obviously tied up can be done after it has come into bloom. For plants of lighter growth that are apt to sprawl and be of untidy habit, twiggly branches carefully applied make the best supports. The tall snapdragons need staking. If pinched back and tied the tall types throw out branches and become pyramids of bloom. The long terminal spike is sacrificed but a much greater quantity of bloom and finer garden display is obtained. Get in a supply of stakes and give the plants known to need staking attention early in their career. The sooner staking is attended to, the less obtrusive will it be when the plant reaches the maturity of its bloom.

France Still Owns Statue of Liberty

NEW YORK — Through all the storms of half a century the Statue of Liberty has stood staunchly in New York harbor—but it was learned recently the original deed of gift which the French intended to send along with the great shaft never reached the United States.

The fact the deed still is retained in French archives was disclosed by the ladies' auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which is making plans to celebrate on October 28, the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the statue.

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Assign Children To Regular Duties For Their Vacation

Playtime Must Be Planned as Their Working Hours

Vacation must be faced. It is a campaign against time and idleness and if mothers don't marshal their cohorts—the children—for a little work, then Old Nick as usual, will. Drifting from day to day and hoping for the best won't get us very far. The more idle the offspring, the busier and more nervous the parent, because life without any duties at all makes children cross and contrary.

So up in the cool of the morning they should be. And then, instead of answering Charlie's whistle or Polly's call, leaving the house to bedlam and to yew, mother, have it understood that each one tackle his task at once. Ollie's job is with the sweeper (vacuum on Fridays), the mop and the scrub-brush. The floors are his, inside the house and out.

HOUSEWORK FOR BOYS
Peg must make her bed and the boys' straighten the rooms, dust and darken them. She can lay the table for lunch, early as it is, because by this time you have the kitchen and dining-room cleared up. Teach her to move quickly. She won't rush, don't worry, but a certain alacrity may be achieved.

Eustace gets on his bike and does the errands. Once a week he cuts the grass. But there isn't anything wrong with Oliver and his brother exchanging jobs once in a while. If they like, or even "swapping" with Peg, as long as they don't bother you about it.

What? Boys make beds and sweep floors and scrub steps? Why not? Yes, and even learn to cook and wash dishes. In fact, unless something important is pending, all three should help you with the after-meal clean-up pretty regularly. Many hands make light work.

This is the "work-time" budgeted. It can be changed, of course, to suit your fancy, and to fit the ages and capabilities of the children. The above is only a suggestion, of course, that may lead to ideas of your own.

By this time it is, let us say, about ten or ten-thirty o'clock. And in general, the rest of the day is theirs, unless there is some practicing to do. **DON'T INTERFERE WITH PLAY**
And just as work-time is planned, play-time must have some attention also. Children need suggestions. It is not necessary to be an entertainment committee of one (and besides the youngsters don't want you "butting in," as they say), but it is easily possible to provide background, ideas, materials and well-hidden suggestions; at the same time leave them free to act independently as though they thought it all out themselves.

Boards, boxes, stones or old bricks will prove a veritable mine for experimental hands. Or some paint, a brush or two and very old clothes. There will be noise and clutter and most of the neighbors in, but this has to be accepted as another thing to be faced if the children are to be contented and happy.

It doesn't matter what idea you plant; it may have nothing to do with yards, or boards or paint. But fertile suggestion leads to busy, happy days, and the wise mother will turn inventor. Resource is a great asset in vacation time.

Extortion Check
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