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Bunny Business

An oddity in the poultry world was exhibited at the Royal Winter Fair. It was a hen that consistently lays blue eggs. Now there's something to cackle about.

Farmers Airing Their Grievances

While Canada is enjoying prosperous conditions again following the recession a year ago, there are nevertheless some soft spots.

Fewer complaints have been heard from the textile industry of late which has suffered from foreign competition of low-wage countries.

Most complaints right now, however, are coming from the primary producers. These principally stem from the fact that markets are not available to dispose of surplus products such as wheat, apples and butter at prices that would give a fair return to the producers.

The situation would be much better for the growers if Canadians could consume more of their domestic products. The country's small population compared with the vast areas producing crops of various sorts by improved methods is one reason why our surpluses of farm products are accumulating.

It can be said without fear of contradiction that our farmers are riding on the caboose of the prosperity train. This fact has prompted the airing of grievances by spokesmen for those engaged in agriculture.

Christmas shopping has not really got into high gear yet. One of these days it will really happen. Men all of a sudden will remember that they have done nothing towards Christmas.

The Scrooges among us will not be too happy about all this. They look on it as another method of prying money out of their pocket books.

Now, there may be some truth in this, but what would a mere man do about getting ready for Christmas were it not for the advertisements.

When the Scrooges in our midst tell us that the whole celebration of Christmas is an unhealthy custom, each person giving presents because others are doing it, they may have something.

But we like to think that this giving and receiving of gifts, which may be overdone a bit, in certain quarters, has a much deeper purpose and origin than appears on the surface.

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THE BEST PROTECTION MONEY CAN BUY—CHRISTMAS SEALS

C. A. GRASSICK IN THE TORONTO TELEGRAM



IT'S GOOD FOR THEM

WE CAN ALL THANK God we are living in an age when children are an object of care and affection.

ONE OF THE GREATEST scientists of the last century was Alfred Russell Wallace. His close study of natural science, and the important books he wrote on the subject, won him an abiding place among pioneers of scientific research.

WALLACE WAS ONCE studying the evolution of the emperor moth from the chrysalis stage, to its emergence to freedom and maturity. He came upon the creature as it was trying to break the narrow neck of its cocoon.

HE WAS DEEPLY and sympathetically interested. It seemed to him a cruel process, so he took his sharp lancet and split the cocoon, thus making it possible for the winged creature to emerge quickly and without further pain.

THE SCIENTIST MEANT WELL, but it was a tragic blunder. The furious struggle within the cocoon is nature's way of developing the wings of the moth, for by that exercise vital fluids pulsate through the body until it is made strong and beautiful.

WE ARE ALL TEMPTED sometimes to think that life without struggle and difficulties would be vastly improved, but much would be lost if such a life were possible.

A WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS EXECUTIVE once described his boyhood days on a backwood farm, far removed from a railway.

ALL PARENTS WISH to save their children pain and disappointment but that is hardly possible. What is possible is to provide a place where children can find advice and sound common sense.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is an old Scotch saying: "Difficulties are like styles — to be got over."



For Parents Only Live Christmas Carols

By Nancy Cleaver

"Christmas brings joy to every heart. Sets old and young rejoicing. What angels sang once to all the earth.

O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles) For many, many years, although this Latin hymn was sung in quite a number of countries, no one knew who composed it.

lish Roman Catholic College in Lisbon, Portugal, and in the Chapel of the Portuguese Embassy in London. Thus it became known as "Portuguese Hymn."

The First Nowell This is one of the most popular carols. Here is found a narrative folk song from the seventeenth century.

Away In A Manger This is perhaps the best loved of all the Christmas hymns for little children—and it never loses its charm or grown up children either.

GREGORIAN CALENDAR UNIFIED OUR TIMEKEEPING

Our present calendar — the Gregorian — was the first calendar to achieve any semblance of world unity on the time front.

The coming of this calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in 1582 laid the groundwork for universal celebration of New Year's day.

Europe, which for centuries had celebrated March 25 as the first day of the year, was the first to adopt the Gregorian calendar. But it was not a complete adoption until 1752 when Great Britain joined the other European countries recognizing January 1 as the first day of the year and instituting use of the Gregorian calendar.

Of course, the date of January 1 is not celebrated by everyone. The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The Moslem calendar, which dates to 626 A.D. has 12 months that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes.

And, the Gregorian, although it performed a great job of unification, still doesn't satisfy everyone who uses it. Periodically someone comes forth with what they consider a better way of marking time.

loved music and children and he did write many hymns. The thought and pictures in this carol are those a child can understand and see in his imagination.

Good King Wenceslas Over a thousand years ago in Bohemia a kindly and sympathetic king Wenceslas ruled. His people loved him because he not only paid others to carry out his aid to the unfortunate, but he himself went out in the stormy weather to bring practical assistance to those in need.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing This carol was written by Charles Wesley, brother of the great John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement. Charles wrote 6,500 hymns and this one was written in 1738.

Every household should know the selection of Christmas hymns in their own church hymnary or book of praise. But it is a good investment to buy a new book of carols each December. Any music store will have quite a display from which to choose.



What's the Law?

Can the owner of a car recover collision damage under his insurance policy when the car was driven by a person without a proper driver's license.

Any driver with the usual operator's permit comes within the exception as a person authorized by law to drive. But a person may be "qualified to drive or operate the automobile" even though he hasn't such a permit.

In a recent case a father sued his insurance company for damages to his car while being driven by his son. The company refused to pay on the ground that the son had only a 60-day permit under which he was permitted to drive a car on the highway only when accompanied by a person who already had a motor vehicle driver's license.

At the time of the accident the son was driving alone. At the trial of the case the Court held that since the boy held only a temporary permit he was not qualified to drive alone. The father's claim was dismissed. He appealed this decision to the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal overruled the trial judge and allowed the father to recover his claim for damages against the insurance company.

It held that to succeed in its defence under this statutory condition the company would have to prove that the driver was not qualified.

The evidence was that the son had driven the car over 500 miles in the past five weeks in city traffic as well as out on the highway without mishap.

In the circumstances the Court held that the company had failed to show that the boy was not "qualified to drive or operate the automobile."

Public welfare would be promoted if working for the common good became more common.

ECONOMIST: A man who marries a woman because he can't afford to take her out.



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