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BACK YARD GARDENING.

Householders who were enterprising enough to start a vegetable garden this spring are reaping their reward. The tomatoes are ripening, carrots and beets are reaching the full stage of development, cucumbers are almost "big enough to pick," ears are showing on sweet corn and filling out rapidly, muskmelons are coming along fine, new potatoes are getting to be quite a size and beans are "just right for a mess."

Nothing pays better than a garden. It pays not only in the actual cropping but in the physical benefits that the gardener derives. Gardening is the finest kind of exercise for the professional or business man. It beats golfing all to pieces, if they could only see it that way. As for reducing an "aldermanic front" and the elimination of flabby fat gardening is exactly what the doctors order.

Germany has resorted to shooting British prisoners. She can't whip Britain, but she can take it out of individual Britons.

GERMANY'S GREAT MISTAKE.

That Providence has been with the Entente Allies ever since the war began, everybody but the Hun concedes, and it would appear that Providence even timed the war for 1914, for, had it been delayed another ten years it is claimed, that Germany would have been equal, if not greater, than Britain on the seas. And was it not providential that that old naval rascal, Von Tirpitz, did not send out half his navy about the first day of August, 1914, and hold up temporarily the free passage of British troops to France. The German ships would eventually have been destroyed, but a writer points out that had Germany seen far enough ahead and risked her navy at the outset, it could have held up the British army of 100,000 seasoned men long enough to have permitted the Teuton hordes to have outflanked the French and captured Paris. This would seem to have been the greatest mistake Germany made when it decided to involve the nations in the bloodiest conflict the world has ever known.

One of the excellent fruits of the war, to be balanced against its many evils, is the elimination of effeminacy from the world.

MEDALS MADE TOO SOON.

Now that the tide of war has turned so strongly in favor of the Allies, it is amusing to recall that two years ago Germany was so certain of entering Paris that she had medals struck in advance to commemorate the event, says the Montreal News. On one side was a naked figure on horseback holding a torch, and on the other the portrait of General Von Kluck and the inscription, "Paris, 1914." Another medal issued about the same time was to commemorate the conquest of France. "We Germans fear only God and nothing else in the world"—Bismarck's famous phrase.

As for the Crown Prince, he has issued no less than four medals to immortalize the things he intended to do or think he did. One of these describes him as "The Victor of Longwy," a title of somewhat doubtful value, seeing that his only contribution on that unfortunate day, after he had thrown away the lives of thousands of his own men, was to run away.

Perhaps the most interesting item of all these collections is a medal struck on August 28th, 1914, to commemorate the total destruction of the British army by Generals Von Kluck and Von Buelow.

THE DAMAGE BY HAIL.

While those of us in the east last week were sweating and sizzling in the heat, and sighing for a little one-story thermometer to measure the sweat that flowed from our brows, the farmers of the west, in northern Saskatchewan, were sighing for something that would measure the damage that followed an unexpected hail storm.

Hail in August! Yes, strange as it may seem, and hail almost annually. It was only a few days since representatives of the great west, who were in the city, commented upon the prospect of a bountiful harvest. "Oh," they said, "the west has the assurance of a prodigious harvest, though less acreage was sown this year, and less grain was really expected. The bins, the granaries, and the elevators will be filled—if the hail keeps off."

What was in the minds of these men, and anticipated, happened. In northern Saskatchewan a hail storm swept over a large part of the country, and the loss must have been very heavy. It is hoped, of course, that the farmers have had the protection of hail insurance, which in the west is of much value. It is provided by law, and is a fruitful and flourishing business.

The work of repairing the broken clockwork of Europe's industry after the war will be the most gigantic task the world has ever attempted.

GUARDING THE TREASURY.

The United States Government may have profited by the experience of Britain, and even of Canada, in the "preparations for war," in which it is engaged. The secretary of war knows how seriously the war department of England suffered by having to give rush orders representing many millions of dollars without the machinery to see that these orders were checked and rechecked, and the state guarded against imposition and loss. The records of the department included, no doubt, the information respecting the reorganization of the many large syndicates which assumed colossal contracts, and executed them at fabulous profits. It was not necessary to make any enquiry into the performances of the "mushroom" organizations which were hastily called into being for the purpose of fattening upon munition contracts. The revelations were of a public character. They were published broadcast.

The Merchants' Association has laid before the United States war department a plan by which the contracts for the American army will be supervised by experts. "As a measure of what is involved," says the Washington correspondent of the New York Times, "we may recall the camp tragedies of 1898, and picture to ourselves the difference between two newly drawn armies of young volunteers hurriedly assembled for military drill, one of which is fed, clothed and cared for by such mature business men who have regarded it their duty to prepare for this service by self-denying study; the other dependent for those necessities of living upon men unprepared and perhaps in character unworthy."

The Voluntary Advisory Committee of the United States war department is composed of business men of the highest integrity, business men who are not looking to the government for favors, who have no axes to grind, no commissions to exact, no schemes of graft to work off on any one. It will be interesting to watch the development of events. If the men with a pull can be kept away from the United States public treasury at a time like this the millennium must be near at hand.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Kaiser sneers at the British troops as "haberdashers." His own troops must admit that there is a good deal of dash in these same haberdashers.

In order to show his familiarity with his automobile, it is not necessary for the novice driver to put his foot on the accelerator when getting into a crowded street.

According to a Berlin despatch, the Kaiser has removed his coat and is helping in the harvest fields like a regular fellow. Berlin Bild is strong for grandstand plays but this yarn is a bit thick.

Kingstonians are just as quick to discern the signs of the times, politically, as those of any other constituency, and they talk of the doom of the federal and provincial governments. Good Liberal candidates in Kingston have a splendid chance of redeeming the old burg.

It may well be that future historians, in describing the Great War, may find its most notable feature in the fact that Great Britain was able to transport across the Channel, within a few miles of the base of the enemy fleet, yet without the loss of a single man, the greatest army ever sent by any nation upon foreign service, says the Montreal Star.

The soldier responsible for the automobile smash-up on King street west last Friday night, which led to a dog fight that has since caused the

death of a young man, admitted to the military board of enquiry at Barriefield camp that he was racing the machine at over thirty miles an hour. As this exceeds the speed allowed by law, is the guilty party to be called to account by the civil authorities?

PUBLIC OPINION

Casement Found It So.
(Hamilton Blade)
Hundreds of spies were shot in the American civil war; probably thousands have been shot in the war now raging. The soldier who undertakes to do spy's work knows what he will get if caught.

Too Much To Expect
(Toronto News)
This country has blundered for years in not having nickel refined at home, or the whole industry nationalized for the benefit of the British empire. Steps are now well advanced to produce the finished nickel in Canada.

Fond Memories
(Toledo Blade)
After a man has worked into a position which does not require much physical and scarcely any mental effort, it rests him to hark back to the days when, as a boy, he had to turn the grindstone for an hour and a half at a stretch, when the other boys were in swimming.

Question of Adjectives
(London Observer)
Choice of adjectives is largely a matter of proportion. The American telegrams report "a bloody battle" in Mexico; American casualties 37. I wonder how many times that number were killed in France and Russia in one day in skirmishes which we don't even call slight?

A Pardonable Mistake
(Toronto Star)
We observe that the London Daily Mirror speaks of Sir Sam Hughes as the commander-in-chief of the Canadian forces. That, of course, is not his office. His position is that of a civilian Minister, but perhaps the Mirror may be pardoned for its ignorance of that fact, seeing that Sir Sam himself seems to be perpetually forgetful of it.

Locking the Stable Door
(Woodstock Sentinel-Review)
Twenty-two of the leading boards of trade in Ontario, acting on the representation of the Canadian Forestry Association, asked the Ontario Government to bring in legislation to control settlers' fires, and also to reorganize the entire forest protection service of the province. The reply of the Minister of Lands and Forests was to the effect that the matter would be considered. That was over a year ago. The matter will probably be considered now; but why should the sacrifice of so many lives and the loss of so much property have been necessary before the Government could be induced to take action?

The Wilson liner Aaro, missing since last week, was blown up in the North Sea by a warship. It is believed all perished. Wreckage has been found. We believe that any man who attempts to match his logic against a woman's tears is one kind of a padded collar candidate.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

CORN ON THE COB

Corn on the cob is one of the few forms of dessert which do not have to be eaten with a knife or a particular kind of fork. Nothing is more embarrassing to a man of naturally timid nature than to pick up the wrong fork at a 6.30 dinner and jab carelessly at a devil's food cake until arrested by a ferocious look from his wife. Many a man has inserted a hook-nosed spoon, intended for the pineapple sherbet into his coffee cup, only to discover his error later and surreptitiously withdraw the same with a guilty look.

Corn on the cob, however, can be eaten with just as much success by the common people as by the Upper Ten, and one will make as much noise as the other while doing so. This is accomplished by seizing an ear of corn with both hands and fitting it carefully to the face, rubbing up and down its surface with the agility of a mouth-organ expert rendering variations on "Home, Sweet Home." This occasions a rapid look to spread over the face of the eater, especially if he has happened to secure an ear which is heated to 584 degrees Fahrenheit.

California is a fine state to winter in and grows one of the best cabbages ever put on the market, but California has no corn on the cob. The base imitation which starts west in a refrigerator car and reaches the table in the form of a shrunken disappointment. Many a Californian would give all that he possesses, including his wife's mother, if he could step out into the garden and round up a couple of pecks of green corn for Sunday dinner, but instead he has to put up with succotash and the lowly but insipid sprouting. This teaches us that Iowa people who go to California expecting to find heaven will not be satisfied unless they have lost their teeth and memory.

The best thing about corn on the cob is that a thoughtless or near-sighted cook cannot injure it. How many times are we called upon to eat custard pie which lacks reinforcing materials and has to be scooped up in a laborious pain-taking manner with a spoon? How often have you, dear reader, broken into a promising boiled potato, only to find ruin and desolation lurking in its depths. Corn on the cob, however, is easier to prepare and cook properly than the Battle Creek breakfast food and can be eaten with greater safety than a bride's first bread.

Rippling Rhymes

IDLE ENVY

I see the husky young man pass, and mutter to myself, "Alas! How much I envy him! I'm bent beneath my weight of years, the finish to my view appears, while he has strength and vim." But when I've pondered things a while, I reconstruct my faded smile and wear it on my face; I say, "Youth has more grief than age, more worry, trouble, futile rage—I'd not be in his place. I sit beneath my fig and vine, and sweet serenity is mine, naught can disturb my calm; extinguished are the fires that burned my heart in youth, my eyes are turned to Gilead, its balsam. The smoothest girl in town may pass, the most resplendent, gorgeous lass, no rapture will she rouse; but that young man I envied late, will spend the night before her gate, and fill the air with vows. He'll lose his sleep and appetite, and silly verses he'll indite, on wedding bells intent; he'll fret and fume and rend his soul, and when he finds he's blown his roll, she'll wed some other gent. Oh youth is full of rage and pain, and only age is safe and sane, consoling and subdued; and so I sit beside my door and moralize an hour or more, and have the blamest time.

KINGSTON EVENTS
25 YEARS AGO.

There will be 25,000 bricks in the new restaurant in course of erection at the lower G. T. R. depot. W. H. Medley is adding a large storehouse to his premises at Barriefield. He is connected with the Central Telephone Office. J. B. Walkem is summering at Murray Bay.

SPLENDID RECORD
OF BRITISH SUPPLIES.

Syracuse, N.Y., Post-Standard. The outstanding feature of the allied pressure upon the central empires has been the apparently limitless supply of shells expended, not only in advance of the charging infantry, but incessantly, hour after hour, in curtains of fire which prevent the rushing up of reserves and the customary counter attacks. For weeks, now, this vast expenditure has been going on, without a breathing spell, on the banks of the Somme, in the sector of the Meuse, and in the Carpathians and Volhynia. And the lavishness with which these tokens are hurled upon the enemy's lines does not indicate that the general staff fears a shortage either immediate or future. No, this is one of the most extraordinary industrial records ever made. It would appear that the entire country has been given over to the work of supplying the allied armies with everything they need. It has taken two years to accomplish this.

HELPING SETTLERS
IS WORKING WELL.

Hamilton Times. We are informed that the Canadian Pacific Railway finds its system of advancing money to settlers up to \$2,000, repayable in instalments in 20 years, to be working well in the west. There are many American farmers coming into the Dominion who have ample means of their own and require no assistance. On the other hand, there are some who could not well set themselves up in comfort without preliminary help. This help the company affords, spreading repayment. The money advanced over 20 years, the company has about 8,000,000 acres of land still to be sold in the west, in proximity to the main line. The work of bringing in the settlers from the States is going vigorously on and with commendable results. What became of the story that many thousands of American farmers have left the Canadian West since the war began.

WAR GOLD MINE FOR
SHIPPING COMPANIES.

Toronto Telegram. A capitalization of \$1,400,000 represents the value of the thirteen steamers in the fleet of the W. and C. T. Jones Steamship Company of Cardiff, Wales. Profits, not earnings but profits.

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New Prices August 1, 1916
The following prices for Ford cars will be effective on and after August 1st, 1916.
Chassis \$450.00
Runabout 475.00
Touring Car 495.00
Coupelet 695.00
Town Car 780.00
Sedan 890.00
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These prices are positively guaranteed against any reduction before August 1st, 1917, but there is no guarantee against an advance in price at any time.
HUNDRED MILLIONS SHORT.
Wheat Yield of Prairie Provinces Will Be Behind Last Year.
Winnipeg, Aug. 10.—Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan will yield 270,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, compared with 376,000,000 bushels last year, the Provincial bureau of crop estimates declared today.
Names Removed From Black List.
Washington, Aug. 10.—Two or three American names have been removed from the British trade black list since America protested, the State Department announced this afternoon. This removal was accomplished by unofficial representations showing the damage that would be done through cancellation of unfiled contracts.
In London the funeral took place during the week-end, with military honors, of Sergt. R. A. Hay, Peterboro, Ont. Deceased came over with the Third Brigade of Artillery, and was attached to the Pay Record Office. He succumbed to tuberculosis.
Rt. Hon. E. Dewdney is dead at Victoria, B.C., aged eighty-one years. He was an ex-lieutenant-governor. John J. Coughlin, a prominent Stratford lawyer, has been appointed county judge of Kent.

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