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CANADA

GAS BILLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that during 1935 gasoline sales in the Dominion totalled 534,782,018 gallons and that Ontario accounted for 48 per cent of the purchasing, with Quebec next, 17.4 per cent. Any motorists who think that all the tax levies go to the upkeep of roads have another think coming.—Brantford Expositor.

THIRTY MILLION IN SMALL CHANGE

Over $30,000,000 in Canadian coins have been turned out and placed in circulation by the Royal Canadian Mint. The commonest coin is the one-cent piece, of which over 279 million have been struck. There are over 90 million five-cent pieces, 86 million 10-cent pieces, 44 million quarters, and five million half-dollars scattered throughout the world. In April, 1935, 428,190 Canadian silver dollars were minted, of which 417,760 were issued, but not many of those are in circulation, most of them being kept as souvenirs or keepsakes. Another uncommon Canadian coin is the silver twenty-cent piece. They are seldom seen nowadays but there are 46,000 in circulation.—Canada Week by Week.

KING OF WHEAT

The grand champion of the world's grain conference in Regina, in 1933 has been crowned Wheat King for 1935. The new distinction came at the International Livestock Exposition's 17th annual grain and hay show at Chicago. The winner is W. Frelan Wilford, grain farmer of Stavely, Alberta.

Reward wheat, with which he carried off the honors, including substantial cash awards offered by Canadian farm organizations, was developed by the Canadian Government in 1928, since which time it has won the world's championship every year except in 1931, when the honors went to Herman Trelle of Wembly, Alberta, with a sample of Durum. The winning variety this year weighed 66.6 pounds to the bushel.

The crown was won in competition with thirty-five states, seven Canadian provinces and eight samples from New South Wales, Australia. Wilford's victory, moreover, gave the Canadian growers 32 out of the 87 prizes awarded by the judges. The runner up for the capital award was another Canadian, William Rogers, of Tappen, B.C. He exhibited Durum of the Mindum variety, which weighed 65.4 pounds to the bushel. A third Canadian Walter Nagel, of Fisherville, in Haldimand County, Ontario, won the blue ribbon for white winter wheat. The three Canadians who thus upheld the credit of Canada in wheat-growing are to be congratulated, and so is Canada.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

MARRIAGE

We get out of marriage just about what we put into it.

ADVERTISING

An important statement was made last week at a conference in New York city of the representatives of associated business papers. Ernest C. Hastings, editor of Dry Goods Economist, declared that the daily newspaper was the dominant force in bringing buyers into retail stores. Department stores spent approximately $150,000,000 a year for newspaper advertising, he said, twice as much as was spent in other forms of advertising. "Newspapers always have been and always will be the dominating force to bring people into the store," Hastings said. "Without local papers, the department and dry goods stores of this country would soon become as dead as a morgue"—St. Catharines Standard.

FAKES

We have a news story from New York which complains bitterly about the number of titled Europeans now kicking around the American metropolis and causing no end of embarrassment to honest folk who are not accustomed to their ways. For instance, it is highly mortifying, we learn, for an American to give a dime to a hat check girl and then find out that she is a Russian countess. Also it is destructive to the easy camaraderie of the republic to have citizens overawed by doormen who have been grand dukes and waiters who have been barons. We would hazard a guess, then, that wholesale leg-pulling is going on in New York. We would like to bet that a good 90 per cent. of the counts and dukes and princes who open doors, check hats, drive taxis, bend knees and nibble hands in New York are just plain fakes.—Vancouver Sun.

NEW FABRIC

Canada has given a new fabric to the world. As a result of experiments by research workers a cloth, having the grain and texture as well as the durability of leather, has been made from Dominion spruce wood. It is expected that the new cloth will not only provide abundant opportunities for punsters, but that with its further perfection the forest resources of Canada will be considerably enhanced in value.—Empire Review.

OLD MAN EXPERIENCE

Experience is the best teacher, an old adage declares, but the cost oftentimes comes high. This is particularly true of the mistaken policy of settling the areas of persistent sub-normal moisture in south-eastern Alberta. That error cost all too many farm families precious years of life, besides the lack of success, the loss of governments, both provincial and federal. Now an effort is being made to restore the dried out areas to ranch land as they were for untold centuries before the coming of the white man. This is not an easy task, but the Dominion Farm Rehabilitation Act set up a commission to further the work. Regrassing will be undertaken and the range held for livestock pasture.—Calgary Herald.

BACK TO GRASS

Large areas in southern Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan are being reverted to grass land under the Dominion Government's drought rehabilitation plan. Experience has taught a stern lesson in these areas, and a costly one. Settlers in the past thirty years have been permitted to break up large tracts of light soil in districts where the normal rainfall is insufficient to grow crops. This large-scale error has cost many farm families precious years of life. It has cost millions in cash expended in the form of relief, and it has brought large losses through the building of towns and services which must now be re-adapted to a more permanent utilization of the land.—Winnipeg Tribune.

AIR HOSTESSES

Seven domestic air lines in the United States employ a total of one hundred and ninety-seven young women as hostesses. Each of the airlines has received thousands of applications for hostess positions, and air hostesses for American Airlines besides being registered nurses, must know at least one foreign language—Canadian Aviation.

BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE TEN GRAND?

Prosperity is no longer "just around the corner" in the United States. If we may judge by appearances, it has actually arrived. The sad era of "Brother, can you spare a dime?" is past. For eighteen months Americans have listened with a sense of envy to stories of recovery in Great Britain. Now they are celebrating their own recovery. They are spending money once more. This is attested most impressively by their night life. In all their big cities long queues may be seen outside the theatres and cinemas. Hotels, so long deserted, are crowded. So are the new stream-lined and air-conditioned trains.—W. F. Bullock in London Mail.

FAIR WARNING TO MONTREAL

At opposite ends of the earth new steps in the development of British commercial air routes are being taken. The" message of our correspondent at Ottawa hints at the importance of the discussions, in which Great Britain, Canada, Newfoundland, and the Irish Free State will take part, over the proposal for an Atlantic air service. . . The decisions taken now may determine the main outlines of other services which will have to be set up during the next quarter of a century. What happened in the early days of the railways is in process of happening on the air routes. Once an air route is established, it is a matter of inconvenience and expense to divert it. The great city which misses its chance today to place itself on a great air route may have the utmost difficulty ten years hence in recovering a lost opportunity. That fact is perhaps as fully appreciated in Canada as in any part of the world. . . All the signs at present point to Montreal as the focal point of the first Atlantic services; and the fact that the forthcoming discussions are being held in Ottawa may perhaps be taken to mean that Canada has suggestions to make, and is prepared to do her full share in promoting a set of arrangements which would make her part of the main airway soon to encompass the world.—London Times.

THE BARNYARD PIONEER

The chicken of 1893, and we mention this in order to be fair, scratched its own living from the soil and was, perhaps, a bit thin from chasing grasshoppers and toiling from dawn to dark trying to scratch earth worms from heavy clay loam. It earned its own living. hid its eggs under brush heaps, while its pampered descendants of today are fed from silver spoons. So one looks back on the hen of fifty years ago

Journal.

Bags Buffalo

Elliot Roosevelt, son of the President, with buffalo he bagged with one shot during hunt on the private preserve of Frank Phillips, oil magnate, at Bartlesville, Okla. Head will be mounted for the President.

Queer World

A £60 proposal of marriage has been made—and accepted—by telephone between London and the U.S.A. Most expensive call on record was made when Britain went off the gold standard. one conversation costing £200.

Top-heavy rugger men, because they have grown too fat to wear the shirts they brought from New Zealand, several of the All-Blacks are now on a strict diet, cutting out pastry, potatoes, sweets and beer.

Amiable Alligator, Ali, owned by Mr. Robert Lloyd, of South Bank, near Middlesborough, is nearly six feet long, but there's not an inch of wickedness in him. He roams the house at will and likes to be used as a footstool by his master.

Golf Before Education—To reduce unemployment, the town of Palermo, North Dakota, applied to the relief board for permission to build a school. The request was refused, but the board offered funds to construct a golf course and bird sanctuary which they declared, would provide more work.

A dummy policeman for duty at dangerous cross-roads has been invented in Budapest. The robot policeman holds an electric torch in onehand. A sign-post hangs from his arm. On his back is a telephone connected with the nearest police station and ambulance post. He has several pockets containing motor maps in different European languages, and traffic regulations.

Make Your Hip Line Symmetrical

"Bending and stretching exercises that cause a direct pull of muscles and tendons in the back of the legs burn off fatty tissue, thereby reducing weight on the thighs," says Donald Loomis, trainer of Hollywood stars. That's a good thing to remember during coming weeks when you're sure to eat pound-adding sweets and holiday feasts that threaten your figure.

"You can't reduce the hip bones, of course, so don't wear yourself out trying to obtain a V-shaped figure. Women aren't supposed to have broad shoulders and narrow hips. However, the perfect figure does have symmetrical thighs that are firm and round.

"Deep knee bending is useful both for developing muscle and for burning off fat. To reduce excess weight, the movements should be rapid. To develop muscle, they must be done slowly and deliberately. The old riding-the-bicycle routine will slenderize legs and thighs if you do it quickly. It will develop them if you do it slowly, making the muscles stretch and pull with each motion.

Rolling back and forth on the floor will help to reduce the thighs, too.

"Another good exercise to slenderize the thighs is done flat on your stomach on the floor. Clasping your hands behind your back, raise your chest upward. Then, keeping knees straight and stomach flat, raise the legs slowly upward in the direction of the small of the back. Hold the position a few seconds, then lower feet to the floor again. When you have mastered the technique, repeat rapidly ten times night and morning."

Double Apple Exports

It is expected that the export of apples from Ontario this year will be easily double the small one of last season. Greenings, Snows and McIntosh are the varieties being chiefly exported at present. Spy and other winter varieties are mostly stored for later export.

Great improvements have been made in the export of Ontario apples in the past ten years, largely through the efforts of the Ontario by Secretary P. W. Hodgetts, and their overseas representative, And-Fruit Growers' Association, directed rew Fulton.

Large exports of apples are reported from Nova Scotia. To October 15th overseas shipments through Halifax and Port Williams totalled 403,297 barrels. Last year, as of October 23, shipments totalled 299,-743 barrels. Thus shipments this year, on what is said to be a smaller crop, have been very much greater than a year ago.

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A most commendable change in Ontario's penal system is announced by Hon. Harry Nixon, whereby boys and young men who are "first offenders" will not be incarcerated with hardened criminals from whom they secure advanced lessons in crime. Hereafter, youth convicted on first offences will all be sent to the Guelph Reformatory, older first-timers will go to Mimico and the "repeaters" will be incarcerated at Burwash. By this arrangement, the chances of reforming youthful offenders will be gladly increased.

Edsel Ford was cited as a perfectly dressed business executive. William Rhinelander Stewart was called by one stylist "the outstanding man in a dinner suit" in New York. "Tony" Biddle has "a great variety of clothes for any occasion and knows how to wear them." William Goadby Loew was called the "Beau Brummel of Wall Street."

The tailors said Busch shows "great versatility in dress for business and social life. He wears a gray topper at steeplechase events.

Marshall Field is known for the "meticulous attention he pays to all the details of dress." Perry is "sophisticated in his formal evening attire and in his outing attire."

Richard K. Mellon, nephew of Andrew Mellon, is "outstanding for his hunting and outdoor attire."

Teague is "very original in his selection of clothes," and is known for individuality.

Somebody To See You

If everybody with something to interest you should come and ring your bell, what a nuisance it would be! Think of the swarming, jostling crowd, the stamping of feet on your porch and carpets!

Every week we know of many callers who come to see you. They never jangle the bell—they don't take up your whole day trying to get your attention. Instead they do it in a way that is most considerate of your privacy and your convenience. They advertise in your newspaper!

In this way you have only to listen to those you know at a glance have something that interests you. They make it short, too, so you can gather quickly just what you want to know. You can receive and hear them all without noise or confusion in a very few minutes.

In fairness to yourself look over all the advertisements. The small cost and the time — you never can be sure which one will tell something you really want to know.

Real Tussle

Word has been received about a young lady who has an apartment in a brownstone in East Fortieth street, on the third floor. The door bell that connects with her apartment hasn't been working well of late, and when it fails her callers are dependent on the whims of a caretaker, who is rarely ever heard from. The other evening, the young lady was to go out to dinner with a somewhat older gentleman of considerable dignity and portliness. A little while after he was supposed to call for her, he phoned from a drug store on the corner that he couldn't get any answer from the doorbells. She told him to come on back and she'd attend to it. She opened a window and, when he appeared, shouted over the plunking of a hurdly-gurdy playing at the curb that she was throwing down her front-door key. She did, having wrapped it in a bit of brown paper. It hit the sidewalk accurately, and the gentleman made a dive for it. So did the hurdy-gurdy man. There was quite a tussle, in which the caller's dinner shirt was ruffled and his hat knocked off The hurdy-gurdy man won, but when he opened the paper and saw what he had captured, he handed it over with an apologetic bow. The gentleman came up the stairs puffing and red.

Bedbugs and Roaches Plague Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK.—Society matrons of Fifth avenue and tenement families sometimes have a common problem —bedbugs and cockroaches.

"Bedbugs and cockroaches came over with our best families on the Mayflower—and our best families still have them," scientists agreed at the convention of the National Association of Insecticide and Disinfectant Manufacturers.

"The very rich as well as the very poor are afflicted with all sorts of insects and bugs," they said.

Founded 22 years ago, the association is now 15 times its original size. But during the same period, its members admit, bug and insect life in the United States has increased 1,000 per cent.

The "bugologists" talked of these thing:

The germs on your "clean" finger tips in 24 hours will number 500,000,000,000.

Bacteriological damage in the United States amounts each year to $2,000,000,000.

The total weight of the insect population of the world is more than 200,000,000,000 pounds, greater than the weight of the human population.

"A bedbug must bite a human being five times before it grows up," the delegates were told.

"A germ breeds one million offspring a day."

The Longest Play

Eugene O'Neill, who is working at a play in 30 acts, presumably hopes for a kinder reception of his work than was accorded another long-drawn-out dramatic experiment, "Oonah," by Edmund Falconer, produced at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, in 1866. The curtain went up at 7.30 p. m. and when the last of the audience withdrew, just after 2 a. m., there were still several scenes to be played. With the theatre empty, however, the weary actors refused to carry on and the curtain fell for the first and last time on what until now, seems to have been the longest play ever inflicted on the British public.—Manchester Guardian.

"The best fight I ever fought was one in which I never said a word—and that was with a woman."—Prof. Wikel, History, Purdue Univ.

"Fathers send their sons to college either because they went to college or because they didn't".—Dean L. I. Hendren, Univ. of Ga.

Nine Rules For Driving

(Fredericton Daily Gleaner)

A motorist who has driven an automobile for 34 years and has never had an accident, submits that he describes as "simple rules, which if followed all the time, will, in my opinion, prevent 90 per cent. of the road accidents." They are simple rules. Most drivers know them, but not all drivers apply them. They may be summarized as follows:

Always drive on the right hand side of the road.

Go slow on curves.

When going up hill on high, cut off and float over the crest ready for a quick stop.

Never cut out of line to pass a car unless you are sure of ample room.

Never pass on a hill or a curve.

Slow down for side roads and cross roads.

Never turn your head while driving.

Let the other passengers enjoy the landscape. . .

Slow down as it gets dark and keep below 30 miles an hour after dark.

$250,000,000 For Britain's Defence

London.—The Government announced last week that about $250,000,000 of the total sum realized by its previously announced $1,500,000,000 bond issue will be allotted to defence.

It is expected the first installment be granted to the Admiralty, so that the long-anticipated reconstruction of Britain's fleet may be undertaken immediately.

Informed circles here believe a succession of bond issues will follow. However, they are not likely to involve a sum as large as the issue just announced.

In addition to the sum allotted the Admiralty, financial circles here anticipate a lesser amount will be earmarked to finance industrial reconstruction in those regions which suffered most from the depression

A portion of the total will also be guaranteed future loans when the Government undertakes rehabilitation of the nation's railways, as forecast in the speech from the Throne to Parliament recently.

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If the inside of the oven is cleaned regularly, cakes and pies will not burn so easily.

One Pattern - - - Four Varieties

3362

It's modern to be old-fashioned in a soft shimmering satin "nightie shirt" pajama or "nightie shirt" gown (see small view!). Besides being so smart, they're so comfy and warm with their little boy collar and cuffed sleeve.

And then for variety, you can make a French gown or pajama (see small view) as Paris would have it with deep open V-neck and sleeveless.

Four different nights, quickly and easily made.

Style No. 3362 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18 years, 36, 38 and 40-inches bust.

Size 16 requires 3½ yards of 39-inch material with 1¼ yards of lace for gown; the pajama requires 4⅝ yards of 39-inch material.

HOW TO ORDER PATTERNS

Write your name and address plainly, giving number and size of pattern wanted. Enclose 15c in stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap it carefully) and address your order to Wilson Fatten Service, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto.

SCUTING

Here - There Everywhere

A brother to every other Scout, without regard to race or creed

Latest census figures for the District of Toronto show a total of 9,-766 Wolf Cubs, Boy Scouts, Rover Scouts, Sea Scouts and Scouters.

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A new permanent Scout camp site has been presented to the Trinity Church Scout Group of Saint John, N.B., the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac E. Northrup, in memory of their son, a former member of the troop.

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An old English village, including castle, lych-gate and maypole, was the setting of the Ulster Boy Scouts' Bazaar, at King's Hall, Belfast. Her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn was Chairman.

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Nearly 400 Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides, Rovers, Rangers and Scouters and Guiders attended a special Sunday afternoon service in St. John's Church, Kitchener, to witness the presentation and dedication of the colours of the 6th Kitchener Troop and to participate in a service of worship led by Rev. J. M. H. Willis.

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Next year's district Scout Jamboree planned in England include a Northern Counties Jamboree, to be held at Raby Castle, the seat of Lord Barnard, County Scout Commissioner for Durham.

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"Scouting develops a reliable and efficient citizen. In these panicky days Scouts will be needed — men who are prepared and can meet unusual and resourcefulness." — Lord Somers, former Governor and Chief Scout for Victoria, Australia.

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The Scout Bronze Cross, given for gallantry at serious personal risk, was awarded a Jamaican Scout, Martin Watkis, aged 13, of the 15th St. Ann (Mount Zion) Group. Scout Watkis entered a burning house and rescued a crippled woman 90 years of age, whose presence in the building had been overlooked until the house was aflame from floor to roof.

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A further tribute by the Chief Medical Officer to the work being voluntarily done in the quake-destroyed city of Quetta by Indian Rover Scouts: "Yesterday I went in the morning to watch a group of Rovers who were carrying a body from a house. The sweeper had been an outcast, yet the Rovers, high caste Hindus and Mohammedans, did the work which the authorities did not desire to ask the soldiers to do. It was a magnificent effort on the part of the Scouts." Photographs of the Rovers at work show them, in gas masks, carrying bodies from the wreckage, digging graves for hundreds of victims and giving a last salute to the unknown dead.

NEW ROYAL BANK APPOINTMENTS

H. L. Mitchell, James Muir and Harold G. Hesler made Assistant General Managers

Appointment of Mr. Burnham L. Mitchell, Mr. James Muir and Mr. Harold G. Hesler, as Assistant General Managers of The Royal Bank of Canada has been announced.

Mr. Mitchell, a native of Merigomish, N.S., and since 1934 Supervisor of Ontario Branches, becomes Assistant General Manager following a long and extensive career with the bank in many parts of Canada and Newfoundland. He joined the Union Bank in 1906, serving as a junior at the New Glasgow branch. When the Union Bank was absorbed by the Royal Bank of Canada in 1910, Mr. Mitchell was transferred to Halifax and two years later became Accountant of that branch. In 1915, he was appointed Manager of the St. John's (Nfld.) branch, following two years' service as Assistant Manager there. Between 1919 and 1925 he served successively as Manager at Halifax and at Vancouver; in 1919 he was appointed Manager at Toronto; and was later Supervisor of Ontario Branches. As Assistant General Manager, Mr. Mitchell will continue to supervise Ontario branches from headquarters at Toronto.

Mr. James Muir, for the past four years General Inspector of the Royal Bank of Cuba, is a native of Scotland. Like Mr. Mitchell, he has been engaged in the profession of banking since boyhood, and has served the Bank in the Dominion and New York. Mr. Muir joined the Royal Bank of Canada at Moose Jaw in 1912, after serving three years with the Commercial Bank of Scotland, Ltd., and one year with the chartered bank of India in London, England. In 1916 he was transferred to the Inspector's Department at Winnipeg, and later in the same year became Accountant in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange Branch. In 1917 he was transferred to the Credit Department, Head Office, and appointments as Inspector, Supervisor's Department, Winnipeg, and as Assistant Supervisor at New York, followed in quick succession. His location in New York as Assistant Supervisor of the bank's business in Central and South America extended over three years. In 1928 he returned to Winnipeg as Manager. His appointment as General Inspector, with headquarters in Montreal, followed in December 1931.

Mr. Harold G. Hesler, Secretary of The Royal Bank of Canada, was born in Humberstone, Ont., and joined the Welland Branch of the bank as a junior in 1910. He served in various capacities in several branches throughout Ontario until 1915, when he was transferred to Winnipeg. After enlistment in 1916 and service overseas, he rejoined the bank at the Havana Branch in July 1919, and shortly after was appointed Accountant at Cienfuegos, Cuba. The following year he was transferred to the Supervisor's Department, Havana, and in 1923 became Joint Manager of Havana Branch. In 1930, Mr. Hesler was moved to Head Office, Montreal, where he has since been closely in touch with the bank's foreign business, having visited personally many of the bank's foreign branches as well as the more important offices across the Dominion. He was appointed General Inspector in 1931.

The appointments of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir and Mr. Hesler become effective immediately.

Farmers vs. Farmers

(By "Irish Cobbler" in Port Arthur News-Chronicle)

We farmers often cuss and swear about the prices we get for things we buy, but seldom do you ever hear a farmer berating another farmer for services rendered. I often wonder why so little is made. Long arguments often take place over the sale of a horse, or a hog or a beast, as to price, and it ends in a take it or leave it, or a compromise, both sides giving way on a fifty-fifty basis. But when it comes to threshing, or bushing wood or grinding grain, jobs that some good farmers take on as sidelines, often wonder there is not more grumbling. Take threshing, for instance. It is a thing that has to be done, but whether it get fifty cents a bushel for grain or a dollar, it makes no difference to the price I pay for threshing, and threshing is a costly affair. Threshing clover seed is a slow business, but the owner sticks strongly inexorably. I am paying five cents a minute for threshing, and the seed may bring three cents a pound or thirty cents. I suppose the only reason about it is that the law of averages works out in the long run, and that what I lose this year I gain the next. The same unfeelingly holds good of grinding that grain for feeding on the farm. I must have chop for the stock, and whether the barley is worth forty cents or ninety cents a bushel, I must pay two bits for each two sacks I take down to the grinder. Here, however, I can get a bit of my own back. I know I have to pay twenty-five cents for each couple of bags, but why fill wheat sacks or flour sacks when bran and crushed oat sacks hold so much more. I guess I am not better than the other fellow. We all want as much for a nickel as a philosopher would want for a dime.

Now let me wind up this crack at the farmer by relating a story as it happened during the war. The farmer in question came into the blacksmith's shop with a share to sharpen. Whilst the smith was doing it, the farmer regaled him with his latest exploit. He had sold half a dozen hags. He had expected at the best ten dollars a piece for them, but, he added, "I knew he—the butcher—had to have them so I charged him thirty dollars a piece, and he had to take them or leave them." The share sharpened, the smith handed it to the farmer. The latter said: "How much?" "A dollar and a half," said the forgeman. "What!" roared the farmer. "You thieving rascal, it is only fifty cents usually." "Yes," said the blacksmith, "but I have to buy some of that high priced pork you have just sold to the butcher."

HAVE YOU HEARD

THE WAY OF A MAN

He picked the peacherinos, the blonder, the fay brunettes,

He wagered he could make them all, and won a lot of bets;

The maidens with the painted lips were prone for sweet romance,

He liked a slender platinum for rhumbas at a dance;

But when it came to marriage that was a different tune,

And he who favored peaches fell for a little prune.

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At a fashionable restaurant during the Christmas holidays a girl had just finished luncheon and was preparing to light a cigarette, when the waiter shoved an elderly lady to the table.

Newcomer (acidly) — I do hope you won't mind me eating whilst you are smoking?

Girl (readily) — Not at all, so long as I am able to hear the orchestra.

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It is very difficult for a woman to keep a secret, especially in a modern bathing suit.

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They were discussing the North American Indian in a rural school when the teacher asked if any pupil could tell what the tribe leaders were called.

Bright Lad — Chiefs.

Teacher — Correct. Now can you tell me what the women were called?

There was silence, and then a small boy waved his hands.

Teacher — Well, Junior?

Junior (proudly) — Mischiefs.

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Correct this sentence — "When we start something to help the community, those who have the most, give most".

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Canvasser — Is the master of the house in?

Young Father (wearily) — He's upstairs in his cradle.

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Some of these city slickers visiting on the farm soon learn there is more to milking a cow than simply draining her crankcase.

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Physician — Are you ill? Let me see your tongue, please.

Patient — It's no use, doctor. No tongue can tell how bad I feel.

THE STEIN SONG

There's a notable family named Stein,
There's Gert and there's Ep and there's Bin.
Gert's verses are punk,
Ep's statues were junk.
And no one could understand Bin.

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Mose — Once Ah had a circus lion dat had broke out ob his cage take a notion and eat me for' blocks. Dat's de wurst scared Ah ebber was een ma life. When wuz yo' de wust scared een yo' life, Sambo?

Sambo — Lamme see. Oh yea. De wust scared Ah ebber wuz een ma life was when ma wife lost her job.

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The fellow who "does it now" has time to do something else while the other fellow is still thinking about it.

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The Spectator — I can't understand anyone missing a putt as short as that.

The Golfer — Let me remind you that the hole is only 4¼ inches across and there is the whole world outside it.

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The chief draw back to twin beds is that you have no fellow sufferer to get for an extra blanket.

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Helen — What's Franklin's business?

George — I think he's a bookkeeper. At least, he never returned the book he borrowed from me last winter.

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The behavior of mankind seems to prove that we never need doubt the patience of heaven.

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DRUMHELLER, Alta.,—It should be a Merry Christmas in this coal mining district this year. The biggest payroll in five years was distributed last week, $137,000. Some of the 30 mines have been working at full capacity.

Those Leisure Hours

Why Not Employ Them Profitably? Specialized training leads to Increased efficiency. Increased Efficiency means Increased Earning Capacity. Overcome Inferiority Complex; develop mental power, and equip yourself for better things. Study leisurely in the quiet of your own home. Write for particulars of fascinating correspondence courses —

The Institute of Practical and Applied Psychology
219 Confederation Building
MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Some Grounds For Crowing

Observes the Montreal Star: "We have grown so accustomed to a Canadian winning the trophy for the best wheat grown on this Continent at the annual International Grain and Live-stock Exposition at Chicago that the repitition of the feat this year may be accepted more or less — and perhaps too much — as a matter of course. Both the Grand Champion-ship and the Reserve Grand Championship have once again come to this country. It is interesting to note that the latter award went to a sample of durum wheat from British Columbia instead of from one of the Prairie Provinces, the usual breeding ground for "extra-special" specimens. Year by year the frontiers of Canada's wheat areas are pushed westward and northward as the patient experimenting of breeders and students develops stronger and quicker ripening varieties. Should the high hopes of those who have been working on wheat diseases be fulfilled and a type which will be immune to rust be put into farmers' hands — something that is reported to be on the eve of accomplishment — an enormous increase in the potential wealth of the country will result.

It is when we turn from the wheat awards, however, that we have especial reason to cheer for the Canadian farmer. Our wheat-grower may have certain natural advantages of climate and soil which aid him materially in winning championships but in barley and oats, in which growing conditions here and in the United States are more nearly equalized, our grain-growers did equally well. Perhaps the most interesting of all the awards for field crops is that for soya beans. In this comparatively new venture an Ontario grower took first in the grain and hay show. It will be interesting to see whether, with this encouragement, there is any increase in the acreage of this crop in the future. The soya bean has been described as the most valuable product of the soil yet discovered in the sense that it may be used for more and more widely varied purposes than any other food plant grown by man. Research into the remarkably diverse uses to which the soya bean and its very numerous products and by-products can be put is being carried on in more than one laboratory in this country at the present time, and the decision of the Chicago judges that the Canadian beans exhibited there were of the highest quality is assurance that we have the best possible raw material to work with, provided we can grow it profitably against the enormous Oriental production.

As usual, we have grounds for pride over the repeated success of Canadian sheepraisers. Ontario once again sent sheep that could not be matched. With the blue ribbon for sheep coming so often to Canada against the best exhibits of the huge Chicago show, we are clearly in a position to take care of our own needs, should a revival of the long-depressed wool market call for an increase in the depleted Canadian flocks.

With this country taking 50 out of the 87 prizes at the international show, a certain amount of crowing by Canadian farmers is excusable. Our agriculture — like that of all the rest of the world — has been having a hard time of it, but it is not for lack of trying or of keeping the standard up.

TEN BEST-DRESSED MEN IN U.S.A.

Big Business Leaders Set The Pace For Sartorial Perfection — Only One Actor in The List

NEW YORK—The sartorial pacesetters of United States are its business leadres, a group of New York's leading tailors agreed last week in picking a list of ten best-dressed men.

Hollywood contributed only one actor—nimble-footed Fred Astaire.

The ten leaders, drawn from a composite selection by recognized style authorities:

Edsel Ford, Detroit auto manufacturer; William Rhinelander Stewart, New York real estate operator; Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, New York and Philadelphia society figure; William Goadby Loew, New York broker; Adolphus Busch II, of the St. Louis Brewing family; Marshall Field, Chicago merchant; Isaac Newton Perry, Chicago financier; Richard K. Mellon of Pittsburgh, nephew of Andrew Mellon; Walter P. Teague, New York industrial designer and Fred Astire, the dancer-actor.

Astaire's high rating is attributable to his recent pictures, especially "Top Hat" one, tailor said. "He has done more this year to encourage the wearing of tailcoats than anybody else."

Astaire, however, also is a careful dresser out of pictures. He has a yen for neckties, with hundreds of them in his wardrobe.

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When Potatoes Breathe

In the storage of potatoes, it has always to be remembered that the potato is a living organism and that there are two periods when respiration may become of practical importance. One of these is immediately after digging, and the other a period of several days following a sudden rise in storage temperature. To prevent sweating, special attention should be given to the ventilation of potatoes handled in bulk immediately after digging, and also after sudden rise in temperature following a period of steady cool storage. The lower the storage temperature, the higher will be the initial rate of respiration at a sudden higher temperature. Sudden rises and falls in storage temperatures are to be avoided always. The early fall is the time to provide all possible air circulation by keeping ventilators and doors open until there is danger of freezing. On windy days doors should be closed and opened only at night when the air is cooler. The amount of ventilation required is that which will keep the potatoes dry. From early December onwards all ventilators and doors should be closed and protected to prevent the potatoes from being frozen.

Women, Forty And Over

(Janet Jameson, in the Toronto Mail and Empire)

To every woman who has been busy around a home until she has passed her fortieth birthday there comes a day when her duties grow less and for the first time in her life she has spare hours. She has never been a member of any clubs; there was always too much to do, and if a kind friend takes her to one, she feels rather a misfit. She isn't up on current events, and she doesn't know who's who in musical circles. Miserably she wishes she had stayed at home.

Then there is the great soul who has spent years nursing an invalid. Release comes, but it does not bring happiness to the sweet-faced, middle-aged woman. Her hands are empty, her days dreary. In a darkened room she sits and weeps for the yoke she bore so long.

My fortieth birthday came and went without causing me a pang. I was busy with my family and content with life. One day the youngest, with the callousness of youth, informed me that the "kids" would be much more comfortable if I would go out somewhere on the nights he had them in. With a feeling that my family had outgrown their urgent need of me. I was being shelved with the other forty-and-overs.

It happened on the street car. I sat down beside an elderly woman, whose chin was quivering ominously. I feared she might not have a ticket, and the conductor did look cross. I asked her if I could help, but she shook her head. Then evidently feeling the need of a confident, she told me her trouble. She lived with her son and his wife; the girl was the acme of modern efficiency; "she doesn't want me mudding about her kitchen." What a tragedy! And yet the story had its use. I had a little extra money. My new friend is a good knitter (which I am not). Result: Four pairs of mittens for little hands that otherwise might be cold this winter, and two forty-and-overs taken off the shelf.

Japan Purchases Foxes From P.E.I.

CHARLOTTETOWN. — Eight Prince Edward Island foxes purchased by the Japanese Government for experimental station have left Charlottetown on their long journey. The special pedigreed mink animals, shipped in two crates, will cross Canada by rail and be put aboard a liner for Japan.

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