

Fresh Fragrance of Blossoms

"DRINK THE GREEN TEA"

"Fresh from the Gardens"

Amusing Anecdotes Of Famous People

A popular author gets all sorts of letters and usually isn't surprised at any. Hugh Walpole received one that indicated the trend of his contemporary novel. It was understood from comments in the Press, read the letter, that you are at work on your new novel. I am writing to inquire as to the fee you would charge for inserting a favorable portrait of myself in the above work. I am ready, I may tell you, to pay a very modest sum. The conditions are that my portrait must be recognizable to my friends, relations and most especially to my enemies. I need not say that it will be complimentary or otherwise.

One of Arnold Bennett's little peculiarities, recalls E. V. Lucas in "Reading, Writing and Remembering," in restaurants or in other people's houses, was to look at the menu from which factory in the F. Towns they had come.

When H. G. Wells' two sons were small boys, George, the elder, after another Mr. Lucas writes this letter to his brother—Mr. Lucas says, "I don't think Frank—I hope you will not think me selfish, but I am in great need of a small present—Your loving George."

Mr. Lucas tells a precious story about Robert Bridges, the late poet laureate, a "downright man, school with a handsome fighting beard. Having settled down at Yattendon, Berkshire, Dr. Bridges, in his real or church music and led the Yattendon hymn." Later, the Rev. H. C. Beech and author of "Parody" of English poetry was presented to the living of Yattendon.

"At first all went well," says the author, "but Beech, who is a precision man, but incapable of punnery, too, seemed to be taking a large share in the proceedings, there was a row, culminating one Sunday in bridges leaving the church in the middle of the service with all his boys behind him. Thereafter he was no more, but on Sunday morning the parishioners not to go."

In the days before David Graham Phillips, the novelist, had made a name for himself, relates Isaac F. Marcovitch in his life of Phillips. He was asked what he had done in his stories that had been rejected. I affix a new ticket on them with a greatly increased price mark and after I have made a real hit ask for a story and they are going to get back the manuscript they declined and pay four or five times what they could have it for."

A sweet revenge—when it works out that way. But don't forget that most editors were only too glad to pay four or five times the price for a story by David Graham Phillips, the well-known novelist, than for one by David Graham Phillips, the unknown author.

Yes, sir, names do count. Mentioning that Phillips' handwriting was "fairly clear but almost microscopic, which made it difficult to read," Mr. Marcovitch adds that "John Buchan once told me that if his (Buchan's) Scots typeset ever died he would be obliged to stop writing, no other person in the world could decipher his manuscripts."

Horrible thought!

Which recalls a story about Warwick Deering, the popular novelist, told by Coulson Kernahan (in "Columbiad").

"The only writer known to me whose penmanship is worse than mine," says Kernahan, "is that wretchedly gifted medico writer of romance, Warwick Deering. I have seen the Territorial Army, with distinction in the World War when I was writing a little book for the Territorial Army, and I wonder whether he realizes any of his own handwriting."

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ASK NO QUESTIONS!

By BELDON DUFF

Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Bank of Montreal was marked by very interesting and far-reaching addresses by Sir Charles Gordon, President, as well as by W. A. Bog, Joint General Manager with Jackson Dods.

Sir Charles Gordon, in his address to shareholders, pointed out that there is no need for a central bank in Canada. For all practical purposes such an agency already existed under the Finance Act, which for eighteen years had admirably performed its purpose. Furthermore a monopoly of the note issues by the Government would not increase by a single dollar the amount of currency in the hands of the public unless the notes were irredeemable and recklessly emitted.

Mr. Bog, in looking to the future, declared that he was not at all pessimistic. He said that he had experienced a great deal of the new tariff act, but he believed that it would be a help to the country. He said that he had seen the dollar rate in the United States and that it was a help to the country. He said that he had seen the dollar rate in the United States and that it was a help to the country.

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WITH THE ONE SCOUTS

Sunday School Lesson

January 1. Lesson I—John Prepares the Way for Jesus—Mark 1: 1-11. Golden Text—Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight—Mark 1: 3.

ANALYSIS.

I. THE HERALD, Mark 1: 1-3. II. STROUPE TO CONQUER, Mark 1: 9. III. THE SUPREME ENDOWMENT, Mark 1: 10, 11.

INTRODUCTION.—The six months' series of lessons beginning today presents the life of Jesus as given by Mark, the earliest Gospel writer. The church had no written record of his life or teachings of our Lord. Living so near the event, looking for his return immediately, they did not write down his words. It was, however, the new faith spread into pagan countries, as the hope of an early return gradually died, that a record became necessary. Paul, it is true, had been writing his letters to his churches—his epistles. Peter (I Peter) and James (James) had also written their epistles. Mark's Gospel was the result. It was written at Rome, near A.D. 70. The writer was a young man, a Jew, a native of Jerusalem (Acts 12: 12). He was a companion of Peter, who was with him in Rome. Mark was well qualified for his task.

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When you study these attractive collar and cuff sets, you'll see they are charming and youthful.

You can make your last year's dress appear quite up to the minute by wearing one of these little collar and cuff sets or one of the plastron fronts. They require the minimum of making and a small amount of material.

Taking Refuge on the Farm

WELLAND PORT COLBORNE TRIBUNE.

Eight young men, members of the Winnipeg Cane Club, all sons of prominent Winnipeg business men, have gone to the farm to escape the winter. They have found it a most interesting and profitable experience. They are returning to their old-time occupations.

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Farm Queries

Henry G. Bell, B.S.A., Dept. of Chemistry, S.A.C. Address All Letters to Farm Editor, 73 Adelaide St. West, Toronto. All Answers Will Appear in This Column. If Personal Reply is Desired, Enclose Stamped and Addressed Envelope.

W.A.R.—I have forty acres of rough gravelly land which I am very anxious to get seeded. It is quite rolling and a long way from the manure pile. I have taken off a crop of oats. I want you to tell me the best way to handle it.

Answer—We would recommend early spring plowing of this land. Give it a top-dressing of barn manure if you can spare it and then apply 2-2-6 fertilizer at the time you are sowing your crop. You can also use 2-2-6 fertilizer at the time you are sowing your crop. You can also use 2-2-6 fertilizer at the time you are sowing your crop.

M.S.—Would be glad of your opinion as regards to a point about fertilizing for potatoes. I cannot get sufficient manure, but can get a certain quantity of straw of different sorts. I am using the following: During the winter I spread a depth of about six inches of straw and winter, then cut up the straw and mix it with the soil. I am using the following: During the winter I spread a depth of about six inches of straw and winter, then cut up the straw and mix it with the soil.

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