# Jill of the Fields

A ROMANCE

By Kennaway James

SYNOPSIS

Motherless Jill Merridew becomes on the death of her father, owner of a farm. She counts on Mark Hanson, the head man to help her. Mark resents the presence of Phillip Barbour who professes to be investigating the history of old country families. On returning to London he meets two foreigners. The reason for Phillip's interest proves to be a chemical fertilizer discovered by Jill's father, which he had not made known to Jill.

Phillip finds Jill upset over Mark who has declared his love for her.

A body of man is found in one of the wheat fields. A lighter is found under the body which proves to belong to old George. Barbour raises Jill into an engagement. She receives a letter from Mark giving notice. Jill is furious that her engagement is announced in the papers. Barbour and Mark meet crossing the fields.

CHAPTER XI

"Any developments?" he asked.

"I'm afraid I don't understand you" said Mark.

Phillip noted the hostility but ignored it.

"I mean with regard to Stone Town—the murder and so on," he said pleasantly, loathing Mark all the time.

"None that I know of," said Mark. "The only developments that I've noticed were in one of the papers this morning."

Barbour laughed. "You mean my engagement to Miss Merridew," he said. "Of course, that is a development!"

"And if this conversation's going on it's the only development we are going to talk about," said Mark with a grim expression.

This was something which Barbour could not ignore. There was a definite challenge in the other's eyes.

"Very well then," he said, "we will talk about it."

Then he slowly crossed the stile and stood facing his enemy.

Chapter 11—COMBAT

As Mark Hanson and Phillip Barbour stood facing each other by the stile on that grey November day, each man knew that the meeting was going to be one of importance. Mark, who had kept his rage pent up with such difficulty during the last few days, now found difficulty in keeping it under control for even a few minutes. He felt an almost overpowering urge to seize his man and thrash him if not kill him.

Barbour, on the other hand, was more cool, and to give him his due, felt that he an interloper on the scene of Stone Town. True, the land was free, and Jill was equally free, but there is always a sensitiveness on the part of any man with a claim to decency when he finds himself in antagonism with another man to whom the soil on which he stands is theoretically his home.

For this reason, if for no other, Barbour wished to avoid a quarrel. He stood awaiting Mark's first words which were slow in coming. At last Mark spoke:

"Look here, Mr. Barbour," he said, "you have caused a great deal of trouble since you came over here."

"I am not aware of it," said Phillip "I cannot think of anything I have done wittingly that can have given any trouble to anyone. Prhaps you will be a little more explicit?"

Mark hesitated. It was not easy to put his complaint in so many words. Moreover, when angry, Mark was not good at expressing himself.

"Well, you see," he began rather clumsily everything was peaceful here until you came, and Miss Jill and I were running the farm quite comfortably."

"Ah," said Barbour, "I rather thought she came into it somewhere. Tell me, now, how I have upset things?"

"You know well enough," said Mark "You've made love to her and have worked your way until she's promised to marry you."

"To me it seems a perfectly normal method of courtship," said Barbour suavely, flicking a tuft of grass with his stick.

"Circumstances alter cases," said Mark. "In the first case you did not come here to make love to her. You came for something else."

Mark, had nothing but old George's words on which to base this innuendo, but he had the satisfaction of seeing Barour bite his lips.

"I'm saying nothing about that," came Barbour's reply, "for even if I did come something else, it is no concern of yours."

"I'm not so sure about that," said Mark, feeling that he was not making out the case which he had in mind if only he had seen old George first and given him the cottage, he might have been in possession of information which would confound the fellow Barbour's voice interrupted him.

"And so far as Miss Jill is concerned, though I'd rather we left her name out of it, I should like to know what the devil that also, has got to do with you. I've heard stories in Denbridge, that you were expected to marry her, but there seemed no signs that you were getting nearer forward. And if I can't come and make love to a girl I'm fond of without finding out everyone else who might like her, well the world isn't what I thought it was."

"It surely isn't what you thought it was," said Mark acidly "not in these parts anyhow, as you'll find out soon. Anyhow, we'll miss all that for the minute, and come down to something definite. You know the countryside's laughing at Jill, as well as thinking her callous?"

"You must blame the newspaper, for that," said Barbour.

"I blame you," retorted Mark, his eyes blazing with venom. "It was you who was responsible for all that terrible stuff being in it, and you know it."

"Go easy, Hanson," said Barbour, rousing himself at last. Nevertheless he knew that Mark was barking up the right tree, and it was fairly obvious that he had been speaking to Jill about it. This was what he had suspected and he felt anger rising within him.

"I shall not go easy," said Mark, "not 'ill I've said what I want to say anyhow. I may as well tell you that I've loved Jill Merridew for a long time. I may have gone the wrong way about it, but I've loved her all the same, and if a man loves a girl she belongs to him in his own mind, at any rate. And that being so, he's going to protect her in the same way as I'm going to protect Jill Merridew."

"From what?" asked Barbour.

"From any sort of harm," replied Mark, "from the kind of harm this damn silly nonsense in the paper is doing her, and from the kind of man who's let her in for it."

"And how do you propose to protect her from him?" asked Barbour, still quietly.

"By giving him a damned good hiding," snarled Mark, "and now you can take off your coat, Mr. Barbour, and get what's been coming to you for a long time."

"Just a moment," said Barbour, "I should like to tell you....

"Not a moment," said Mark, who had already taken off his coat. "Not a moment. Wait! There's only one thing that can save you."

"And that is?" said Barbour, who was also removing his coat.

"If you tell me honestly what it was that first brought you to Stone town then I'll let you off."

"Let me off?" Barbour laughed as he echoed Mark's words. "Bit optimistic, aren't you? Anyhow I refuse to take any notice of your impudent suggestion, so let's get on with it."

And thus came the moment for which Mark Hanson had been waiting. The Lord had delivered his enemy into his hands, he thought. As the two men stood, there was little difference in their height. If anything, Barbour was slightly taller, but for this Mark made up in build. His open-air life, combined with an amount of manual labour, had hardened his muscles until those of his arms seemed like steel beneath his brown skin. Barbour's arms were as pale as those of a girl, and Mark regarded them with disdain.

Mark, being the challenger, was the first to strike a blow. It was merely a "range-finder," but it served to open the battle proper. He followed it up with a vigorous left hook which only just missed Barbour's jaw. There was a flicker of a smile on the latter's face and Mark noticed it. He must give Barbour credit for courage, despite his pallid arms.

This thought had scarcely passed through his mind when he himself stopped a blow such as had just missed Barbour. He staggered back a few paces and shook his head as does a dog on coming out of the water. Mean while Barbour tried to follow up the advantage with a body blow under the heart, but his timing was wrong and the blow was spent when it reached Mark's ribs.

Nevertheless it warned Mark that he must be careful. This fellow from London was not the nine-pin Mark had taken him for. He was springing nimbly on his toes, dodging apparently without difficulty, the onslaught that Mark made as a return for the blow on the jaw. That he was so much lighter on his feet disturbed Mark, for he had found the greatest difficulty in reaching him. The fellow seemed to be all over the place.

At last Mark seemed to get Barbour in his power and managed to land some devasting blows to the body, each of which brought a gasp from his opponent. Barbour, however was able to guard off every blow aimed at his face. This annoyed Mark, for he felt that if, at this moment, he could only find the other's jaw, the fight would be won.

What Mark did not know was that Barbour was fighting scientifically as against the some-what rough-and-tumble methods of himself. He began to appreciate this however, a moment later, when Barbour's right shot out in a quick little stab and caught him full in the right eye. As soon as he had landed the blow Barbour danced lightly out of reach.

"You'll carry that one for some little time," he said, panting. "I could have made it harder if I'd wanted to. Care to—care to chuck it up?"

"Will I hell," cried Mark as he came for Barbour again. Then ensued some really hot fighting. Blows were given and taken with a rapidity which would have sent a village boxing crowd into a frenzy. But not a decisive hit was there among them.

Mark had received one or two more blows in the face, but, so far, Barbour had managed to protect himself and was now looking much the fresher of the two.

"You wait," Mark gasped as he suddenly brought round a right swing which caught Barbour full on the side of the head. A blow like that from a fit man, of Mark's built was like a kick from a horse, and Barbour after staggering back, a few paces, went down upon the ground.

"Now perhaps you will chuck it," said Mark in a voice combining glee with malice. "I'll count for you. One.

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## 'Hydrocarbon' Farming Urged

For Use as Power—Iowa Scientists See New Era for Growers

New York—Immediate start of a new type farming, with fields growing the "hydrocarbons" of coal and oil for use as power, is urged by three Iowa scientists in a report issued by the Chemical Foundation recently.

A congressional hearing where they are invited to give their findings is announced to begin April 15. The hearing is on the farm relief plan to mix 10 per cent of corn alcohol with gasoline for motor fuel.

The Iowa trio hopes to show that instead of being simply a temporary relief, this use of "power alcohol" will inaugurate the great agricultural revolution predicted by scientists for the last 20 years. This is the growing of chemicals as well as food on farms.

The report is written by Drs. Leo M. Christensen, Ralps M. Hixon and Ellis J. Fulmer of the Iowa State College, at Ames. Coal and oil, most of man's present power source, they explain, are hydrocarbons. All the farmer' harvest crops are carbohydrates.

Chemically, the crops and the coal and oil are all made of the same prime elements, carbon and hydrogen. The atoms of carbon and hydrogen are differently fitted together, and chemists have discovered how to interchange them, so as to change a plant into a hydrocarbon, a fuel which will burn and explode.

## Grain Feeding

In all grain feeding it must be kept in mind that the product being used is an expensive one and can under no circumstances be used in the feeding, or finishing of low grade or indifferently bred animals. Not only must the animals be of approved types, but experience has clearly shown that certain kinds of farm animals greatly excel others in their ability to utilize the feeds provided. Especially is this true in connection with the feeding of grains. Poultry would probably head the list in this regard, with the pig standing a close second in its ability to manufacture feed grains into meat economically. The dairy cow, be cause of her ability to give off from her body immense quantities of milk during a long lactation period, would rank third, followed by beef cattle and

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## Her Husband Dies Actress Plays On

London.—The comedy "The Wind and the Rain" at the St. Martin's Theatre, W., became a tragedy one night recently. But only one woman knew it.

That woman was Miss Margaret Moffat, who plays the part of Mrs. McFee, a humorous role.

Throughout the evening the audience laughed and applauded, and her co-players acted with her. They did not know that her husband, Mr. Sewell Collins, the dramatist manager, of Madeville Place, W.1., had died a few hours previously.

Mr. Collins, who had been suffering from heart trouble, collapsed and died while lunching with friends.

Miss Moffat was told by telephone, but bravely decided to go on with her part.

## Flagging Interest In Tower in London

London.—When William the Conqueror built the Tower of London he little dreamed that it might last 800 years, and never certainly that it would require a publicity agent. Yet such is the sad news from the grim old palace, fortress, and prison, as it has been in turn. The upkeep of the Tower is defrayed out of the sixpences of sightseers, and recently there has been a marked decline in numbers. Actually there were nearly 100,000 fewer in 1933 than in a normal year. The blame is laid partly on John London, who is told that if the Tower were 100 miles away he would take his paper bag of buns and go in thousands to see it; and partly on his American cousin, who has been hit by the slump and refuses to go and see where Raleigh founder of Virginia, languished, and where William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, wrote "No Cross, No Crown." Of late they have put a band of music in the (dried-up) moat, and by Easter a children's beach on the riverside in front of the Tower will be ready.


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Winnipeg.—"Practically all tion in the past five years ced up against the farm planting is an establish Robson Black, national co Canadian Forestry Asso here on his arrival fr "Farmers," he said, "are the best possible gua recurring disaster from emies."

## Brevities

Few busier things tha Don't tell your favo often.

Doubt makes mountai moves them.

Persons of least merit in others.

Who feels for the poo in his pocket.

Bank referees are no borrow trouble.

Good resolutions are employment or spoil.

The less a man knows takes him to tell.

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# Woman's World

By Mair M. Morgan

### Cookies

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se for a moment and con- arieties we may choose

ies belong to stiffer drop box cookies and rolled midway between the soft ughs.

cookies may be of the but- erless type. In each case is just stiff enough to ll spoonfuls on to a grease here they must hold their st spreading — wherefore st that they are heavier ual drop batters.

### Preparation

rules for cake-making — oosing of ingredients, pre- cooking (by getting ready e all the ingredients and paring tins and cake cool- hold in a general way for

perature may on occasion r small than for large ey will have baked through ly and should not be cook- y as to dry them out. Be en bakes evenly, and avoid e door too often during this lowers the oven heat p the cooking. And don't okies — many doughs that the oven soft, become crisp

### AL ROLLED COOKIES

shortening, 2¾ cups flour , 2 teaspoons baking pow- , ¼ teaspoon salt, 2 table- k, ½ teaspoon vanilla.

e shortening an. blend in gradually, and beat until fluffy. Add the well-beaten milk. Sift the flour, meas- sift with the salt. Stir gra- ly into butter-sugar-egg mix- ing the baking powder with measure of flour. Mix to a ly stiff dough. (A little more r may be required). Flavor. Roll h thickness between layers of er, cut out with a floured cut- on a greased sheet in a mod- e 375 degrees F., until brown 15 minutes.

### CAL ICE-BOX COOKIES

shortening, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon bak- der, ½ teaspoon salt, ¾ tea- anilla.

rolled cookies, adding flour t to make a soft dough. Chill owl in which dough was mixed m enough to shape Form into d desired thickness, wrap in per and chill for 12 hours or ght. (If the dough flattens the bottom of the roll, re-shape in chill) When very firm, slice thinly with a sharp knife. Bake ungreased sheet in a moderate 375 degs. F.) until lightly brown- to 15 minutes).

### ations for Either Mixture for Cookies

Rolled Cooky Dough or Ice Box may be varied.

ns — Add ½ cup washed and eedless raisins, before the last n of flour.

— Add ½ cup chopped nut meat, for raisins.

anut — Add ½ cup shredded nut as above.

apple — Add ½ cup very well pineapple as above. (Omit the ).

— Sift 1½ teaspoons cinna- 3 teaspoon ginger, and 1-3 tea- each mace, cloves and allspice he flour.

olate — Melt 2 squares choco- er hot, but not boiling water, to butter-sugar mixture before egg.

ge — Flavor with 1½ table- orange juice. In Rolled Cook- bstitute orange juice for milk.

Cookies — Cover cold baked with a thin layer of suitable

### Oatmeal Cookies

discussion of rolled cookies is te without a few words about l cookies. The recipe which follows is of the very simplest kind — and is, moreover, a most inexpensive one.

¾ cup shortening, 1 cup white sugar, 2 cups flour, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon baking soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ cup sour milk. 2 cups rolled oats.

Cream shortening separately and thoroughly; blend in sugar gradually. Sift flour, measure and re-sift with salt, soda and baking powder.

Add sour milk and rolled oats alternately to the batter and sugar mixture, then gradually stir in the sifted dry ingredients to make a soft dough. Chill until very firm. (This will require about 12 hours.) Roll to 1-6 inch thickness, using a lightly floured board, cut out with floured cutter, and bake in a moderate oven, 350 degs. F., until lightly browned (10 to 15 minutes).

### Cheese Snacks

Butter thin slices of bread, then remove crusts. Place a slice of cheese sprinkled with relish between each. Press slices firmly together. Fry in a little hot bacon fat. Serve on a hot dish garnished with parsley, with fried tomatoes or mushrooms.

### Ragout of Veal

Heat 1½ cups brown sauce, ½ teaspoon relish and one teaspoon minced onion in a pan until they boil, then add ½ lb. cooked green peas, and ½ lb. chopped cold roast veal. Make piping hot and serve with new potatoes and cauliflower.

### Potato Cheese Moulds

One pound of cooked potatoes, 1 pound cheese, 1 egg and seasoning.

Beat the egg and cheese. Mix the cheese and potatoes and moisten with the beaten egg. Mould into shapes and place on a greased tin; bake in a hot oven for ten minutes till nicely browned. Serve hot or cold.

### Yorkshire Polony

Mix 1 lb. lean minced beef, ½ lb. lean ham or bacon with one cup bread crumbs, one egg and seasoning. Pack this mixture into a buttered jar, cover with buttered paper and steam for 3 hours. Serve with a salad, egg mayonnaise or devilled eggs.

### Stuffed Heart

A heart stuffed and baked makes an appetising and inexpensive dish to vary meals, which are apt to become monotonous at this time of year.

For a large family a beef heart is most suitable. Here is an easy recipe:

Well wash the heart, removing gristle and membrane, and soak it in warm water for two hours. Drain and dry with a cloth.

Make a forcemeat by mixing ½ cup together each of breadcrumbs and shredded suet, a pinch of salt, pepper a tablespoon mixed herbs the grated rind of half a lemon and a beaten egg.

Cut through the middle of the heart to make a place for the forcemeat, then stuff and secure with tape or a needle and thread. Rub over with seasoned flour, place in a baking tin and smear with dripping.

Bake in a moderate oven from two to four hours, according to size, basting frequently with the fat. When cooked drain away the fat, pour a cupful of stock over the heart, then dish up and serve with red currant jelly.

### Kitchen Kinks

Fresh lime kept in the cellar absorbs moisture and freshens the cellar.

A glass washboard is better than one made of zinc and it will last much longer.

To make a hearth brush out of an old broom, soak the old broom in hot water and trim it short.

Carbonated water will clean mirrors quickly and without streaking.

To improve the flavor of French dressing, add a little onion juice.

Doughs that contain baking powder should be handled as little as possible.

### Aground!

The Norwegian motorship Tai Yin which grounded at Point Reyes, 30 miles north of San Francisco, in a fog is shown here just before a derrick and tugs refloated it.

To open a glass bottle with a glass topper, light a match near the topper. The bottle will open immediately, and very easily.

Paint and mortar spots may be removed from windows with hot vinegar. If they are stubborn use turpentine and sand.

Beware of too much bluing in the water in which you rinse your white goods. It will yellow them in time.

## Walt Cryderman's Horse

The Toronto Globe carries a special despatch from Thamesville on its front page recently, to the effect that a 20-year-old horse, owned by Walter Cryderman of that town, can pump itself a drink of water, and that reliable witnesses have seen it perform.

To the average individual this reads like a tall story, but to those who know Thamesville and also Walt. Cryderman, there is nothing wonderful about it. Thamesville has put itself on the map on many occasions. During the war it did anything and everything that was asked of it, even to entertaining a whole battalion to supper in the skating rink on five hours' notice. Its star performance, however, was in connection with the 1917 Victory Loan. The canvassers started out at one minute after midnight the morning the campaign opened and routing citizens out of bed. At one o'clock they had telephoned to the Toronto morning papers that they had already doubled their allotment.

Walt. Cryderman has been village clerk, auctioneer, race horse authority and general counsellor to the village for well over a quarter of a century. He loves animals and training them is a hobby with him. Years ago he had a dog that could smoke a cigar, tell the time, go for the mail and do many other wonderful things. The 20-year-old horse that can pump itself a drink of water used to be well-known on the tracks of Ontario and Michigan, and won many a trotting race against hot competition. Knowing Walt. and knowing the horse, we are not surprised that it pumps itelf a drink of water, but we are rather disappointed that it does not get into the horse trough and bath itself, comb its own hair, and plait its own tail. Walt. is either getting lazy or the old horse too stiff.

## Persian Philosopher Says We Carry Too Many Responsibilities

Kansas City, Mo.—Women in America are too busy to be beautiful, R. Avron Kartyshal, Persian philosopher, declared recently.

"They allow themselves too little time to develop their personalities," he opined. "They have too much responsibility to be truly happy, and this affects their appearance."

## G. B. S. Trapped

Asks Leave to Use Name for Patent Medicine and Gets Reply

Detroit. — George Bernard Shaw, engaged in battle with an American autograph hunter and, came out loser, it was revealed here.

Senneth R. MacDonald, Detroit resident who has been collecting autographs for years, wrote a polite letter requesting an autograph. No reply came. MacDonald became angry. After a few days of thought, he wrote a letter relating that MacDonald had organized a company for the sale of a new vegetable compound, a cure for digestive troubles. After asking Shaw's permission to use his name in marketing the compound, MacDonald said that failure to reply would be taken as assent.

The autograph hunter did not have long to wait. Within a week a hot letter, written in longhand on an oblong white card was received from Shaw. The letter read,

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th ult., if you attempt to use my name in the manner proposed I shall certainly take every legal step in my power to restrain you, and to warn the public that I know nothing of your remedy.

Faithfully,

(Sgd.) G. Bernard Shaw.

MacDonald wrote a letter of thanks for the coveted autograph.

## Hanging a Door

I watched him as he set about his work—
A quiet man, with an ordered air of skill;
He planed the door and made the edges true;
The several tools he used to set the hinges firm
That they might smoothly turn to welcome in
Those things which come to me, and close against
What need not enter my secluded room.
All day, he planed and trimmed, and cut the wood
To take retiring squares of bronze held fast
With stable screws; with deft exactness drilled
The slender inner box that holds the lock.
All day, he cut and smoothed and shaped—
And at my desk, in fresh humility
And peace, I meditated on my task;
And cut and planed and filed, that other doors
Might safely open wide and firmly close

....Nellie B. Mace.

## Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11 (14).—April 8. The Child and The Kingdom.—Matt. 18 : 1-6, 12-14; 19 : 13-15. Golden Text.—Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 19 : 14.

TIME—Summer of A.D. 29, the third year of Christ's ministry; also March of the following year (the second incident.)

PLACE—The first incident in Capernaum, the second in Persea.

PARALLEL PASSAGES— Mark 9 : 13-50; 10 : 13-16; Luke 9 : 46-50 18 : 1517.

"In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus" The reference is back to the incident of the temple tax which Christ had paid by working a miracle.

"Saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

"He did not go to the world's wealthy, or the ecclesiastically prominent, but to the humble fisher folk, the publicans, and sinners and otherwise common people. From these he selected the men whose names would be the first in the kingdom of God in all ages to some."

"And he called to him a little child" It must have been the child of one of these men and playing about in its own home and quite accustomer to being noticed by Jesus.

"And set him in the mirst of them" Releasing the little one, Christ then placed him in the centre of the angry inquiring men.

"And said, Verily I say unto you." Verily is literally amen. It is Christ's common way of calling attention to an utterance of special importance.

"And become as little children." The world has always been waiting for the childlike mind and heart to save it from itself.

"Ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." The kingdom of heaven very seldom, in the Gospel means glory. It is the real, inner spiritual, church-state, of which heaven, commonly so called, is the climax and the final development.

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." The beginning of the ministry of Christ, as also the beginning of the church of Christ, had something of the charm of childhood.

How completely indeed are the children of God described in Scripture as representing the character of childhood fully developed, and with mature strength, steadiness, and constancy added to the quick sense of sin, the strong wish for pardon!

"But whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble." Hinder his progress in the Christian life, There are many ways of doing it, by sneers at religion, by setting a bad example, by suggesting doubts, by living a careless life, as well as by definitely leading the boys and girls to do evil.

"It is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea." The Jews used two kinds of millstones, one, a small one, turned by the hand of women, and the other, a large one such as Christ here mentions, so heavy that it must be turned around on the lower millstone by an ass driven in a circle.

"How think ye? Or rather What think ye? "If any man have a hundred sheep." A large flock, as is Christ's, but not too large for the Shepherd to have individual care. "And one of them be gone astray." This one thought—lost! runs like a sad undertone beneath all of our Lord's earthly ministry.

"Doth he not leave the ninety and nine?" Leave them in the care of under shepherds or in the safe fold.

"And go unto the mountains, and seek that which goeth astray? Rich as the shepherd is with his safe-folded ninety and nine, he must seek the solitary lamb which has strayed away

"And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you." Another of Christ's emphases, showing the exceeding delight in heaven over the redemption of a single lost soul.

"He rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray." The greater peril one has passed through, the greater the joy over his ultimate safety.

"Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." Christ has projected into history, into religion, into the ministry, the commanding, alluring figure of the Good Shepard.

"Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should lay his hands on them, and pray." It appears that it was customary for Jewish infants to be taken to the synagogue to be blessed by the rabbi.

"But Jesus said." Perhaps with a look of indignation directoward the meddlesome disciples, certainly with a glad smile of welcome for the parents and their children. "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me." Our Lord is so earnest in the matter that he puts it both positively and negatively. "For to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven." To such—to those who are humble, simple and innocent, like little children.

"And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence." His work was done, when he blessed the little children. He may have come to work some great miracle or perhaps some sublime discourse, but in touching the souls of those little children, and implanting there the love of God, he had preached the mightiest of all sermons

## Diet Which Kills Germs Discovered

St. Petersburg, Fla. — Discovery at the Mayo clinic of a diet which the human body uses to manufacture its own germ-killing chemicals is reported to the American Chemical Society by A. E. Osterberg, M.D.

These "home-made" germicides are the same as healing drugs, but are more effective because they originate within the body, where it is difficult to reach with medicines.

These particular diet germicides limit their healing action so far as now known to one tract of the body. They begin work in the system which starts with the kidneys and extends down through the bladder.

## Gigantic Argentine Oil Deal Is Reported

LONDON.—One of the biggest oil deals in years is about to be completed between the Royal Dutch Company and the Argentine Government, involving millions of pounds sterling, it was learned reliably last week.

If the deal, the deal, the Royal Dutch is to take over the entire Argentine state-owned oil fields known as the "Yacimientos Petrolliferos Fiscales," as well as huge new concessions in Northern Argentina.

It was understood that the plan includes the payment of a huge lump sum to the Argentine Government by the Royal Dutch concern in return for the concessions, which will be operated on a 50-50 profit-sharing basis.

## Budget to Confirm Or Settle Election

Ottawa, April 14.—Rumors of a general election this year will either be confirmed or set at rest, it is expected by the Rhodes budget to be presented soon after the Easter recess. The introduction of so much advance legislation at this session, and the promise of more, has strengthened the opinions of those who believe an election is imminent.

## Chips Supply Gas Makes Them Carbon

EUGENE. Ore.—A new method of making charcoal, which works on the principle of both "keeping your cake and eating it," was announced recently at the University of Oregon.

A stream of chipped wood is fed into a new type of rotating cylinder. Heat drives the gases out of the wood and these gases are burned to make the cylinder hot enough to carbonize the wood.

A little "starting" heat is required but most of it is supplied by the wood chips which are turning into carbon. The process was invented by Prof. O. F. Stafford, head of the chemistry department.

Paris. — While France's imports have fallen to $291,000,000 for the first two months of 1934, a decrease of more than $65,000,000 from the total for the same period last year, her exports totalled $261,000,000, a sum less than $1,000,000 below the figure for the same period in 1933.

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