"The Leashed Guns of Circle L"

by Perry Westbrook

SYNOPSIS

Slim Loyale is paroled from prison after serving 18 months for a crime he did not commit. He returns to his Circle L ranch to find his father dead and sinister forces at work, trying to make him violate his parole so that he can again be railroaded to prison.

The Brockwells and their gang are plotting to gain possession of Circle L ranch and the property of Mona Hall, a neighbor and lifelong friend of Slim Loyale.

Slim discovers that Sheriff Starbuck has joined the plot against him. With the help of Dakota Blue and his cowboys, Slim Loyale defies the land-grabbers to do their worst.

CHAPTER XXI

Flying Lead

Lead whispered over me and around him, one slug kicking his eyes full of dust. Still he held his fire gambling that without Starbuck to lead them the remaining members of the posse would break and run for it.

In this he was also right. Realizing that their leader was down, the posse gave back faster and faster, then finally turned and thundered away into the night. For a time Steve Owens and Charley Quinn warmed them on their way with the Winchesters. But presently Slim's voice, calling out, stopped all shooting.

Slim came through the darkness warily. "Dakota, yuh all right?" he called.

"Sittin' pretty, Slim," was the laconic answer. "They've all sloped. Bring the boys out, I've got Starbuck."

Slim exclaimed in surprise. "Leo Brockwell's back in the corral," he vouchsafed, as he came up. "Tisdale stopped a slug somewhere, but it can't be very bad; he's still cussin'." He raised his voice to a shout. "Hi, gang; come on over. They've pulled out."

Tisdale was the first to reach them. "Got a furrow from my wrist plumb to my elbow," he exclaimed with profane punctuations. "She's bleedin' some, but I've got my neckerchief wound around it. It'll keep for a time."

Steve, Charley and Oscar reported, unhurt, except that Oscar had had one boot heel shot off. He walked with a queer hitchity-hop that caused Steve to chuckle. "Ole step-an'-a-half Oscar."

"I'm Done For"

As Dakota scratched a match and bent over Starbuck, he was surprised to see that Starbuck's eyes were open. The sheriff groaned. "Listen close," he whispered. "I'm done for so I know it. Don't hold it agin yuh, Blue, yo're a pretty good man.

"Time was when I was a square-shooter myself. But the glitter of money an' a lot of slick talk made a sucker outa me. However, I am to get some of the dirt off my shriveled soul. I ain't got long, but I'll do my best.

"Loyale, yuh were railroaded on perjured evidence. Arthur — George Arthur, he's got all the dope. Get holt of him an' make him talk. He's a coward, an' he'll come clean. An' yuh better skip out to town. Sarg Brockwell an' some more of his crowd are aimin' to rob the bank tonight. Arthur's idea—to keep yuh from loanin' money to the Hall girl.

"Arthur an' Brockwell been runnin' this thing. Schemed to make a cleanup on them Big Bend herds. But they made a mess of things, an' got me into it. Leo Brockwell's the man who's been holdin' up the Vasco stage." His voice turned drowsy and plaintive. "I'm cold—cold as hell. Get me a blanket, somebody."

Steve Owens, subdued and a little awed, ran into the bunkhouse. But when he returned with a blanket there was no need for it.

Slim Loyale made swift decision on the information Starbuck had given before he died. The bank hold-up did not exactly surprise Slim; for that matter, none of the information did. But it rendered his position all the more secure, to know that his conjectures had been right.

To Wipe Out the Stain

He had guessed that an attempt might be made to loot the bank. For that reason he had detailed Roy O'Brien and Stoney Sheard to guard it. But he knew the odds would now be greatly against them. They would need help, ferocious fighters though they were. So Slim turned to Dakota.

"Yuh an' me go to town, as quick as we can get there, Dakota," he snapped tensely. "Tisdale, yuh stay here an' let Oscar fix up that arm of yores. Steve an' Charley, get some lanterns an' clean up things around here. But keep yore guns handy. There's no tellin' but what that crowd, bein' desperate, might make another try. Grab a bronc, Dakota."

Dakota's own horse was dead, but he soon secured another, as there were several riderless ones stamping and snorting around. In a fast, ground-eating gallop, he and Slim headed for town.

Slim knew human nature, and he knew that unless this full exoneration was made, there would always be some who would believe his incarceration had been legitimate. The only way to completely wipe out that stain against him was to get that confession from Arthur. Slim's face was grim as he considered it. He'd get what he wanted if he had to resort to Apache tricks to do it.

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Newness That Slenderizes!

PATTERN 4025

By ANNE ADAMS

Most heartily you'll agree that slimness is a matter of lines and not pounds . . . once you try on this new Anne Adams afternoon frock! See—the panelling extends from the very hem to the shoulders, thus giving an illusion of greater height. To this most flattering of effects is added the most becoming of trims — soft ruffles! And you can imagine how gracious the bodice gathers will be, placed as they are at and near the bust line. Moreover, all this prettiness is stitched up with great ease, since the few pattern parts are quickly assembled, and the Sewing Instructor offers such worthwhile advice!

Pattern 4025 is available in women's sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 takes 3 7-8 yards 39 inch fabric and ¾ yard ruffling.

Send Twenty Cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this Anne Adams pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number.

Send your order to Anne Adams, Room 425, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto.

Fashion Flashes

Contrasts of colors such as yellow on black or navy and rose or flame red with white or black are to be good this season.

Plain chiffons in pleated, shirred and tailored styles will be seen in street length afternoon dresses for spring wear.

Coats and suits will be softer this year and shoulders will be smoother.

Slim and straight are both dress and coat of a Molyneux tweed ensemble in the deep brick rose called tanagra red. The fabric pockets are slung from the belt and the top of the bodice is fitted by darts in the fabric. Horizontal tuckings mark the coat. The felt hat is brown.

Fashions for spring for little girls say "There will be plenty of pleats."

Novelty Jewelry Brightens Frocks

NEW YORK.—For that frock that looks too dark in February, for the lapel of your tweed suit or coat, consider the newest novelty jewelry.

You can get enormous, delicately tinted simulated pearl clusters in necklaces, pins and bracelets. There are real, tiny sea shells, tinted yellow made into long, long necklaces, three-stranded bracelets and clips.

Colored tin makes the petals of other cluster jewelry—necklaces, pins and bracelets—in such colors as red, blue, purple, pink, rose or white.

Beauty for YOU

The Secrets of Good Looks

by Barbara Lynn

WHY GROW OLD-LOOKING?

The dread of "looking old" is a very real one to women, as my readers probably know from personal experience. And the desire to look youthful is equally vivid. Fortunately, there is not one of us but can take years off our appearance, by devoting a little more care to certain vital factors. Here are some points to study in relation to your own appearance.

MOUTH. Lines around the mouth often come from distorted facial habits. Avoid pouting. Apply a touch of rich tissue cream daily. And try this treatment—often. Close lips, fill your mouth with air and blow hard. A simple but remarkably effective method to keep mouth lines at bay.

EYES. Bright sparkling eyes speak of youth, and to keep yours clear and shining, use a drop or two of Murine every day. This will cleanse and relax your eyes. Each night smooth the skin around them with tissue cream, patting it in gently. Avoid undue eyestrain.

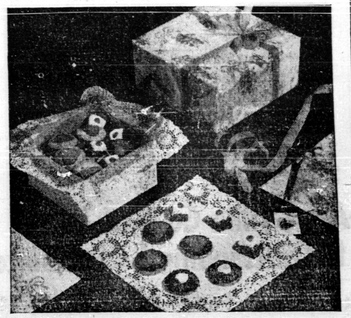
FOREHEAD. Scowling and frowning quickly weave a pattern of "ageing" lines. Perhaps your eyesight is none too good, or your feet pain you? Check these points. Curb any nervous habits, such as undue eyebrow-raising. When massaging with cream use a firm pressure—up and out.

FEET. An elastic walk shows youthfulness. Wear shoes that are large enough, and forswear pointed toes! Cramped feet develop corns. If you have corns, don't be a martyr, but get a good corn plaster.

Next week's article will outline other points to watch to avoid that "ageing look." In the meantime, write for confidential beauty advice. The following leaflets may be obtained by sending a 3c stamp for each one required: Facial Care; Bust Development; Superfluous Hair; Feet Care; Underweight; Slimming; Reducing in Spots; Fascinating Eyes; Hand Beauty; Glamorous Hair.

Please address your letter to: Barbara Lynn, Room 421, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto, Ont.

Of INTEREST to WOMEN READERS



"I LOVE YOU" WITH COOKIES

Here is a charming way to say "I love you" on St. Valentine's day. Home-made cakes and cookies, attractively packaged will reveal your true feelings and carry your message in a most practical manner.

Frosted brownies crowned with small cinnamon candies, old-fashioned cookies topped with bittersweet chocolate and decorated with heart-shaped cookies or little heart-shaped candies make an ideal and economical gift.

Brownies

3/4 cup sifted cake flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
1/3 cup butter or other shortening
2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
1 cup sugar
2 eggs well beaten
½ cup chopped walnut meats
1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and dash of salt and sift again. Add butter to chocolate and mix well. Add sugar gradually to eggs, beating thoroughly; then chocolate mixture and blend. Add flour and mix well. Bake in greased pan, 8x8x2 inches, in moderate even (350 deg. F.) 35 minutes, or until done. Remove from pan and cool on cake rack. Spread with boiled frosting. Cut in squares. Makes two dozen brownies. Place cinnamon candy on top of each square.

Seven Minute Frosting

2 egg whites, unbeaten
5 tablespoons water
1½ cups sugar
1½ teaspoons light corn sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine egg whites, sugar, water and corn sugar in top of double boiler, beating with rotary egg beater, until thoroughly mixed. Place over rapidly boiling water, beat constantly with rotary egg beater, and cook seven minutes, or until frosting will stand in peaks. Remove from boiling water. Add vanilla and beat until thick enough to spread.

St. Valentine's Cookies

2¾ cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup butter or other shortening

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add vanilla. Add flour and blend. Chill 10 to 15 minutes. Roll ⅛ inch thick on slightly floured board, cut with large floured cutter. (Cut about 1/3 of dough with heart-shaped cutter). Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake in hot oven (400 deg. F.) 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 2½ dozen cookies.

For the St. Valentine's gift, spread Bittersweet Coating on tops of round cookies, pressing heart-shaped cookies or heart-shaped candies into chocolate before it hardens.

Bittersweet Coating

2 squares unsweetened chocolate
2 teaspoons butter

Melt chocolate and butter over hot water and blend. Cool slightly and spread on tops of cookies.

How Women in Their 40's Can Attract Men

Here's good advice for a woman during her change (usually from 38 to 52), who feels she'll lose her appeal to man, who worries about hot flashes, loss of pep, dizzy spells, upset nerves and moody spells.

Just get more fresh air, 8 hrs. sleep and if you need a reliable "WOMAN'S" tonic take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made *especially for women*. It helps Nature build up physical resistance, thus helps give more vivacity to enjoy life and assist calming jittery nerves and those disturbing symptoms that often accompany change of life.

Pinkham's is WELL WORTH trying.

For Eczema -- Skin Troubles

Make up your mind today that you are going to give your skin a real chance to get well. Go to any good drug store and get an original bottle of Moone's Emerald Oil—concentrated, antiseptic, penetrating.

Just very first application will give you relief—the itching of Eczema is instantly stopped—eruptions dry up and scale off in a very few days. The same is true of itching toes and itch, Barber's itch, Salt Rheum and other skin troubles.

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Orange Pekoe Blend "SALADA" TEA

Teach Your Children To Love Nature

Parents Are Advised to Prepare Offspring For Life In World of Machines

Children should be taught to know and love nature, Dr. Charles Clarke, of the Faculty of Arts of McGill University, declared this week.

"The world today is mad," said Mr. Clarke. "It is madder than we have ever known it. It is at its maddest. On this side of the Atlantic, while there is comparative peace, there is the worship of machinery and efficiency. In the East and the West, the passion for domination and racial aggrandizement. For what seems ages we have seen Spain torn to shreds. China is in the same position.

"Don't Let Them Be Cowed"

"The relentless drive and competition, the cooling and hardening of sentiment and the loosening of which obligations are held, are driving us to the machine age," he added.

As a remedy, Mr. Clarke suggested that children be saved from being caught up in the cogs of the machinery. They should be taught to admire nature, he said, and their literature should be made accessible to them.

How Hitch-Hiker Meets The Queen

Canadian Works Way to Britain, Joins R. A. F., Attends Reception

Leonard J. (Bill) Anderson, 22, of Moose Jaw, Sask., is the hero of what should be called "Hitch-hiker meets Queen."

In June last, Bill threw up his job as an engineer and set out for Ottawa to join the Royal Air Force. Turned down owing to a minor eye defect, Bill and Roy Holton, of Ottawa, who was also rejected, hitch-hiked to Montreal, and then "punched" cows on a cattle boat to earn passage to the Old Country.

Bill worked as usher in a London theatre while Roy took a job in the London fire brigade.

Now A Pilot Officer

While awaiting an opening in the flying force, at Canada House in London young Anderson met Lady Princess Ryder who took him under her wing as a protege and some time after being posted to the R. A. F. depot at Reading he received an invitation to attend a reception at Seaford House, Belgrave Square.

There he was presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, who inquired graciously how he liked the flying service and whether he was returning to Canada when his term of engagement ended.

It was a real thrill for the erstwhile hitch-hiker and usher. He is now a pilot officer and will shortly proceed to Egypt for flying service.

Royalty Can't Visit Quints

If the Dionnes' Guardians Wish The Quintuplets to Be Seen By King and Queen, They Must Go to Sudbury.

Canadian government authorities have revealed that no provision has been made in the royal tour for a stopover at Callander or at the home of the Dionne quintuplets.

Reports reaching Ottawa from London said that the Queen had expressed desire to see the quints, but external affairs officers pointed out that the itinerary, which already has been approved, does not include such a visit.

If the quints' guardians wish the quints to be seen by Their Majesties they will have to visit Sudbury, it is understood.

Nervous? Headaches?

WOMEN who are nervous, weak, or have headaches or backaches may need Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It calms the nerves, benefits the female organs, improves nutrition.

Mrs. Harry Simon, 9 Walter St., Brantford, Ont., says: "I was weak, didn't sleep soundly and at times my stomach would become so upset that I could hardly eat. I would have nasty headaches and be so nervous sometimes that I could cry. But Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription made me feel like a new woman. It stimulated my appetite, I had no more trouble with my stomach and regained my normal weight and strength." Get it in liquid or tablets from your druggist today.

First Aid To Cold Sufferers

These Pictures Tell You What to Do for Amazingly Fast Relief

Just Be Sure You Get "Aspirin" Tablets. You'll Feel Better in a Hurry!

The simple way pictured above often brings amazingly fast relief from discomfort and sore throat accompanying colds.

Try it. Then—*see your doctor* if you probably will tell you to continue with "Aspirin" because it is a fast *fast* to relieve discomforts of a cold. And to reduce fever.

This simple way, backed by scientific authority, has largely supplanted the use of strong medicines in colds and cold symptoms. Perhaps the most effective way yet discovered.

Demand and Get "ASPIRIN" TRADE-MARK REG.

News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

JAPAN AND US: We are willing to wager that if a poll were taken of Canadian public opinion it would be found that 90 per cent. of the people of the Dominion are dead against Japan in its "undeclared" war on China, and have the utmost sympathy for the harried Chinese. What do we do about it, though?

Speaking in Toronto last week, Pearl Tehwei Lin, daughter of a general in the Tenth Chinese Army, charged that Japan got 90 per cent. of its nickel from Canada in 1938; that 17 per cent. of all her war materials were imported from Great Britain and 81 per cent. came from the democratic nations of the world.

And now Japan goes and sends us shaving brushes infected with anthrax germs! A nice return for our help . . .

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"POLITICAL VICTORY": David Lloyd George said in London last week that Italo-German forces will remain in Spain until Great Britain and France have granted demands of Germany and Italy.

Almost simultaneously with his words came a declaration from Mussolini's mouthpiece Virginio Gayda, at Rome, that Italian troops will not leave Spain until a "political" as well as a "military" victory has been assured General Franco —in other words till Spain has definitely been made into a Fascist state; until France has been blackmailed into surrendering pieces of her territory to Italy.

The Fascist position: Italy occupied that chattered bit of rock and barrel the strategic island of Majorca in the Mediterranean. German guns back admire nature, he said, and their Algeciras dominate Gibraltar, ready at any time to threaten shipping in the Mediterranean "life-line". Four German submarine bases have been established on Spain's northwest coast. German submarine bases on the Canary Islands could threaten Britain's route to the East around Africa. Italian and German airdromes are located only a few miles from the Franco-Spanish frontier.

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TRIAL BALLOON: Why did President Roosevelt allow three days to elapse before denying that he had said "America's frontier is in France?" There is more in it than meets the eye, we opine.

It is our idea that even though the President may not have uttered such words at all, those are his sentiments nevertheless. But he has yet to educate and prepare public opinion in the U. S. to accept a new foreign policy when the time comes to announce it. (His denial, of course, let his opponents with little to stand on.)

In the meantime, too, the ruse served to shut Mussolini up, whose scheduled speech (demanding something from the democratic nations, no doubt) did not come off.

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RUMOR DEPARTMENT (not to be depended on, of course): It is whispered in some circles that former Prime Minister of Canada, R. B. Bennett, may shortly seek election to the British House of Commons. Later to be taken into the Chamberlain Cabinet as Secretary for the Dominions.

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THE WEEK'S QUESTION: Why will Lloyd's no longer insure [illegible]? Answer: The British Government frowns upon it, since, if people insured heavily against war, they would stand to gain big sums if a war came, and therefore they might agitate for no [illegible] war in order to get this money.

Keep Your Canary Singing, Active

If You Wish Him to Remain Healthy and Happy — Suitable Position For Cage Is Important.

If you have a canary bird, it is very important for the health of the bird to keep it in a suitable position. The outward signs of health in song birds are activity and song. A mopey bird is a sick, miserable pet.

It is a great mistake to hang a cage at a window where the inmate is subjected to draughts and coldest changes of temperature.

A cage access away from the window in a direct line between the window and door—should not be used and the cage should be placed on a table within a few feet near the ceiling of the room, as in this position the bird is subjected to excessive heat and a vitiated atmosphere.

Proper feeding of birds is also of importance if they are to remain healthy and to give of their best with their sweet song. Few people take the trouble to inquire into feeding when purchasing a new bird.

Do not kill your birds with kindness by giving them slices of cake, pears, bananas and other indigestible foods.

Hordes of Spanish Refugees Poured Over the Border Into France

A pitiful scene which was reproduced at least five-thousandfold, showing women and children refugees of war non-combatants, since they fled Catalonia Province, which had been taken by the victorious armies of General Francisco Franco.

Advantages Of Electric Fence

This Type of Fence Is Being Adopted More Widely In Canada Because of Its General Range of Usefulness.

The introduction of the electric fence into Canada has been received with much interest and it is gradually becoming more widely adopted for fencing pastures. This type of fence has many advantages, but at the same time caution is necessary in establishing the equipment. Research and further investigation will, no doubt, improve the safety features, its efficiency and general range of usefulness. The advantages of an electric fence are briefly enumerated as follows:

1. Reduces the cost of erecting temporary fences.
2. Reduces expenditures for wire, posts and gates.
3. Reduces injury to live stock.
4. Especially adapted to winding coulees or temporary pasture areas otherwise impractical to fence.
5. Enables the use of untillable land in fields that otherwise might be wasted.

Aluminum Foil Butter Wrappers

Canadian Butter Exporters Are Given Advice On How to Compete Successfully With New Zealand In The British Market.

Canadian butter exporters who wish to compete successfully in the British market with New Zealand exporters should wrap butter in aluminum foils, with parchment on both sides of the foils, Dr. F. R. Hood of Ottawa told a meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association convention. Dr. Hood is chief of the Dairy Research division, Science Service, Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

Such foils are a sure protection against surface deterioration, which in the case of some 56-pound cubes examined by the department, had been found to penetrate to a depth of ¼ inch, he said.

Should Not Store The Surplus

W. C. Cameron, Ottawa, associate chief of the Grading and Dairy Products Inspection Service, reported a total of 265,839,599 pounds of creamery butter was produced in Canada during 1938.

This figure was the largest in the history of the industry, he said.

Canadian producers should not store quantities of butter during the season of heavy production with the hope of exporting to Britain at a profit in the fall, warned J. F. Singleton, Ottawa, associate director of Marketing Service, Dairy Products division, Department of Agriculture.

Spray Controls Potato Sprouts

Prevents The Growth of Buds On Tubers In Your Cellar

Farmers who have spent many long hours in the potato cellar in the spring, pulling the sprouts from potato tubers no longer dormant, can breathe a sigh of relief.

Potassium naphthalenecetate will end all this. Dr. John Gunthrie of the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Boston, says that chemical prevents the growth of buds and no sprouts are produced. It causes the old potato to act just as though it were dormant or freshly harvested.

If the tubers that have been so treated are again sprayed with another chemical, ethylene chlorohydrin, the "dormancy" is broken and the sprouting of the buds is again possible. Obviously these findings will mean much to the farmer who wants to control bud growth in the winter and stimulate it to renewed activity at planting time.

Central Ontario Exhibition Dates

F. Wessels of Wooler was elected president of the Central Ontario Fairs' Association at the annual meeting in Belleville last month.

Fair dates chosen by the directors were: Campbellford, Sept. 26-27; Mountain View, Sept. 23; Madoc, Oct. 3-4; Brighton, Sept. 13-14; Picton, Sept. 28-29; Tweed, Sept. 21-22; Bancroft, Sept. 14-15; Stirling, Sept. 19-20; Marmora, Oct. 16-17; Coehill, Sept. 20-21; Centreville, Sept. 15-16; Belleville, Aug. 29-Sept. 1; Wooler, Sept. 28-29; Warkworth, Oct. 5-6; Napance, Sept. 6-8; Roseneath Oct. 12-13; Mohawk (Deseronto) Sept. 13; Shannonville, Sept. 16.

Highland Orphanage in Inverness, Scotland, has offered to place several German refugee children with its 60 Highland orphans.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

FREE SPEECH

In Canada you can say anything you desire and not be arrested for it! and in your home you can say anything you wish and no one will pay any attention to it.—Brandon Sun.

THE FARMER'S FRONT DOOR

A never-ending puzzle is why some farmers bother about placing front doors in their houses when they are never opened and when, indeed, no steps lead to them.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

MINISTERS' WORRIES

This is the season of annual church meetings when ministers find out how really difficult it is to get all of the people coming and giving all of the time, instead of some people coming and giving some of the time. — Fort Erie Times-Review.

MOST PEA-CULIAR

As an authority on anatomy in a noted agricultural district the Chatham News is hard to beat. It says that cabbages have heads, corn has ears, celery has a heart, grapes have skins, potatoes have eyes and squashes have necks. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

DOWN WITH DIPHTHERIA!

A doctor points out that, due to the use of vaccination, many physicians (he himself included) have never seen a case of smallpox. The time will probably come when, thanks to toxoid, many members of the profession will be able to say the same thing of diphtheria. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

DO WE WANT NATIONAL UNITY?

Whatever political and other leaders may do, it is possible for individual citizens to accomplish much in the way of strengthening Canadian unity. They can learn the language of their fellow-Canadians, or at least visit them in their native province. They can forget prejudices and drop ancient grudges. Above all they can subscribe to the idea of a nationalism which is no longer racial in its basis, but which is based on a devotion to Canada as intense as that which our neighbours to the south feel towards the United States.—London Free Press.

The chairman repeated in a few appropriated words.

Knitting First Was Denounced

In England As a Scottish Importation — First Became Popular In Reign of Good Queen Bess.

The origin of knitting has often been disputed. In mediaeval days all hose was made of cloth or skins of animals, and it is generally believed that knitting was invented in Scotland during the fifteenth century. Certain it is that knitted stockings found their way to France from Scotland about that time, and became so popular with the fashionable French ladies that in 1564 a Guild of Stocking Knitters was established in Paris, who chose for their patron the saint Fiacre of Scotland.

Knitted Hose, Curiously Wrought

In England knitting was viewed with distrust, probably on account of its Scottish origin, and it was not until the reign of Queen Elizabeth that it became popular. The Virgin Queen was presented one Christmas with a pair of hand-knitted black silk stockings, the handiwork of her wardrobe woman, who had learned the art from a Scottish friend. Her royal mistress was so pleased with these novel stockings that from that time she wore no other kind, and her Court ladies followed suit.

The fashion must have spread rapidly through all classes, for less than twenty years later, when a foreigner was visiting London during the reign of James the Second, he was amazed at the craze for knitted stockings, "so curiously wrought, with open seams down the legs, and clocks about the ankles, and sometimes interwoven with gold and silver thread as is gorgeous to behold."

Knitting ranked in importance almost equal to sewing in the education of girls, and right up to the end of the last century every little girl was taught as a matter of routine to knit her own stockings.

Electric power used by the gold mining industry in Canada during 1937 was valued at $4,617,217.

Total production in the wood-using industries in 1936 reached a value of $74,728,115, an increase of almost $10,000,000 over the preceding year.

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LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

"That butler's been in his family for forty years."

WONDERLAND OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

Guph spoke out as the First and Foremost had commanded. He tried not to pay any attention to a strange rustling sound that he heard as of an unseen multitude drawing near to listen to his words. His eyes could see only the fierce bear-man and to him he addressed his speech. First he told of his plan to conquer the Land of Oz and plunder the country of its riches and enslave its people, who, being fairies, could not be killed.

Then he told them of the tunnel the Gnome King was building, and said he had come to ask the First and Foremost to join the gnomes with his band of warriors and help them to defeat the Oz people. The General spoke very earnestly and impressively, but when he had finished the bear-man began to laugh as if much amused, and his laughter seemed to be echoed by a chorus of merriment by an unseen multitude. Guph began to feel a little worried.

you?" asked the First and Foremost. "The Whimsies," replied the General. "Any others?" "The Growlsywogs," said Guph. This set the bear-man laughing anew. "What share of the spoils am I to have?" was the next question. "Anything you like except the magic belt," replied Guph. "Oh, these foolish gnomes," laughed the bear-man. "How small they really are." Suddenly he seized Guph's neck with his hairy paws and dragged him out into the open.

Here he gave a curious wailing cry and, as if in answer from all the rock huts on the mountain tops came flocking a band of Phanfasms, all with hairy bodies, wearing the heads of various animals, birds and reptiles. All were ferocious and repulsive looking to the deceived eyes of the gnome, and Guph could not repress a shudder of disgust as he looked upon them. The First and Foremost slowly raised his arms and an astounding thing happened.