

straight ah ad, as if famished for

by moonlig'. When the wagon

was partly around the bend, he snatched at the reins in Chet Maxon's hands, stopped the team

and hungrily gazed down the bit of valley that was visible.

an oak grow!" He touched Ellen's

hand. "A small beginning - but

hand. "A small beginning — out fast, steady growth. In time I hope to own the whole valley! That man, Russ Bartle, who sold us our piece of land, is a fool

to sell any of Deep Water Valley. If I owned all he does out here,

I know I wouldn't sell a foot of

it. With such soil and climate

promptly agreed. He glanced at

Weber. "Clark, why are you al-

ways thinking about fortunes, and a kind of a kingdom of your own?

Three times you've staked every-

* * *

from the distance they heard the

hal: muffled back of a gun. And

then, the next moment, they fac-

Where the apparition that con-

fronted them had come form, or

how, none of them knew. But

sudden as death he was at the head of the team—a man so glit-

dor of old that Weber and the

eat, I'll be satisfied."

'There it is!' he breathed. "The

oter XX: The two riders find the body of a 19-year-old boy sus- a sight of the promised land, even pended on a cross. Juanita starts out on the trail of the killer's horse. Michael comes across a wagon of three westerners, headed for Deep

Chapter XXI

Settlers! Probably about to get heir first glimpse of the valley by moonlight, and so anxious to get to their promised land that they had not waited until daylight, but were traveling on by night. And bitterness against the fate he could read their futures for them tell them tales of other families which had come to this Deep Water Valley in hope that Don "Coming straight to the haunt

of Satan," grit'ed Valdez. "And He mounted, ready to be on his way. But the woman, or girl, was singing alone now-a song so appealing to his Celtic-Latin soul, full of peace and the content-

besened Valdez's gloved hands on valley at that moment he did not know. But t what his startled eves saw there, an instantaneous decision was ade. He wouldhe must-tell these hopefuls the r into now!

For below, far to the south, a pillar of flame and smoke had shot suddenly up toward the night sky-one that told Michael Valdez a plain story. In a moment saw that the blazing structure was a tobacc drying shed-and knew in that instant that all the tales of arson and murder he had were on the d sky ahead where

heard were true.

Abruptly he sent the blue roan tearing through the night. He would make that bend in the trail before the wage, made it, run the risk that always attended El Caballero Rojo's every contact with other human beings. Bu he must ed a greater shock. see these people. He would say what he mu t say to them, and let the newly arriving settlers make their own choice as to whether they would remain here or

Right around the bend in the Mission Ridge tra'l stood a wa-gon drawn by a double team of horses. The ugon was piled high with farm tools and household goods. The young woman who out wheezingly. "That's that El Caballero Rojo I've heard tell sat on the front seat was worried. before was n forgotten. She sat like one who had expected a caress, and instead had been given a harsh slap.

El Caballero Rojo saw the trouble at once, from his unseen distance. A lame horse! That was a calamity, for not yet had they even entered Deep Water Valley. The man who sat beside the girl puffed on quietly. His hands were clasped over his knees.

Another man was out of the wagon, at the head of the left lead-horse. He had lifted the horse's hoof an was struggling to get it bet een his knees and into th moon's rays. Success brought an exclamation of relief, a laugh of thankfulness. "Told you!" he cried. "Only" a

tone wedged in beside the frog. I'll have it cut in a minute." The animal jerked its foot free. The men jumped side, narrowly escaping an angry lash of the steel-shed he f. But without hesitation or any sign of wrath he tried again to lift the animal's

"You get own there and help on said sharply to the man beside her. Clark Weber, the man who had

man, sharp-nosed, loose-mouthed.

led this little expedition into Deep Water Valley country, from far scowled. grumbled. "Wir, it's-there you Chet Maxon climbed back to his seat and the wagon moved on. Ellen and her brother exchanged rueful glances, but they said nothing. After all, had it not been for

siveness, they would not be headand they were much too conten ed with the prospect to bother about how Weber behaved. vou stav!" Clark Weber was a heavy-eyed

Deep Water Valley?"

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Sunday School Lesson

the territory was a second to the second

John 20:30-31; Acts 16:11-15; I John 5:1-5.

It is frequently said, "It doesbaking soda. He died in spite of John points out that the mir

acles were signs recorded that "ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." In this scientific age some have difficulty in believing miracles. But these are not stumbling blocks to faith if we remember that the fact that Jesus walked on the sea, fed there's a fortune in the tobacco | multitude with a lad's lunch, healed the sick and raised the dead The blue eyes of the girl—the are not the deeds of a mere man eyes of a day-dreamer - were but evidences that the man Jesus was the Son of God. Believe in trained ahead "Fortune?" she said musingly. was the Son of God. Believe in Him and receive life and you will "Who cares about that? If we have no difficulty believing the find peace here, and enough to record of His miracles.

"Same he e," her brother Good beliefs are not sufficient. Paul exhorts Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doc trine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee? thing you had on try to double Doctrine is only effective as it your money — and lost it all.

When we started for Deep Wa
When we are born of God, we love

of God. He that is born of God over-"Ambition runs in my family, I guess," snapped Weber, mov-I guess," snapped Weber, moying restlessly. "Anyhow, all I expect to do here will be done for Ellen's sake, and . . Well, let's get on. I'm anxious to see how the house looks — whether it's the house looks — whether it's good. Financially, he has the same with Regula's description. anything like Bartle's description promise, "My God shall supply of it or not."

A hundred feet of trail went under the wheels. Then three faces changed, three bodies stiffened, and three pairs of wide eyes sparks shot up from a blazing Even as they stared at that unin every way.

> Handwriting Identification

two Maxons blinked unbelieving-As I sit in the theatre watching "Great glory!" Weber squeezed about as sure as you're alive!" Even back in his Eastern home he had heard of El Caballero Rojo. He had heard more in the saloon back in the town of Gold Creek while Ellen and her brother had been struggling to load the wagon, and he had listened avid-ly. Instantly row his nimble brain was recalling how he had been told that 'ie red-headed, gaudily bedecked Catallero was worth a small fortune, dead or alive. The man in the coacha-trimmed hat that hid most of his features walked his mount beside the horses and stopped so close to the trembling girl that he could have touched her hand.
"Settler?" he asked, his voice surprisingly soft. "Moving into "Y-yes," the girl quavered. He looked at her pityingly. "Change your mind, senorita," h advised, his tone low and insistent. "I know it will hurt for you

to give up your plans, but if you which may be the means of "crackstay here you will get hurt much ing" a puzzling crime. Ellen Maxon had expected the scarlet-masked man to behave like makes complete evidence after the road agents she had heard about. Gun out. A harsh order: forged cheques, altered documents, "Hands up! Shell out!" But this age of ink, identification of writman seemed only to want to help them, to advise them about some thing of which they did not know.

And there was a gentleness in his very that the documents, the validity of suit cide notes, love letters, and other written evidence which may be necessary in court to prove innoman seemed only to want to help voice that eased her fear.

"Around this bend "is Don Attero's Cross," he said "A man is nailed to it—as a warning. That fire below is another warning that farmers are not wanted here. The cowmen are getting restless because so many outsiders are coming into their valley. There's trouble here, senorita. "But we couldn't turn back now!"

Ellen Maxon cried. "We'd lose-" "You'll lose your lives, maybe, if (To be Continued)

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren

Golden Text-Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him .-I John 5:1.

n't matter what one believes as long as he is sincere about it."
This is a grave error and would be laughed out of court in any field except religion. For example; the man was quite sincere when he swallowed arsenic thinking it was his sincerity. place to plant an acorn and watch

ter Valley you said you were cured."

When we are bold to command-ments. We also love the children

cometh the world. The Christian poise, calm when all is stormy about you, victory both within and without, believe on Jesus Christ, the Son of God and experience the new birth. It will help you

Your Handwriting and You Alex S. Arnott

cannot help but smile at the melodrama which takes place with the young hero tracking down hood-lums and gangsters single-handed, or perhaps I should add with the assistance of his lady love. The detectives involved in the picture are apparently baffled and are not clever enough to apprehend the crooks and are consequently help less to do anything until our hero, after discovering numerous clue eventually corners the culprits which he gives over to the police. This is done only after a wild chase, an exhibition of gunplay or possibly a fist fight to finish our a rousing good thriller. It is positively amazing the police ac complishments these movie heroes are able to attain without the assistance of criminal technicians. As a matter of fact, in every day life the detective is a particularly clever person, well-trained in his job of crime detection, so much so in fact, that he does not hesitate to call upon the criminal experis for advice and special tech nical work in following up clues

In many criminal cases, the handwriting identification expert checking all questions involving cence or guilt of the person or

experienced in their profesion, make up the staff of the modern police force. Without the assistance of these specialists the work of bringing criminals to justice would be very difficult.

Anyone wishing a more complete analysis please send self-addressed stamped envelope to Box B, room 421, 73 Adelaide St West. Toronto There is no charge for this service



Time-The Great Healer-Three years have passed since terror-stricken Suzanne young survivor of a flying bomb blast in London, sobbed miserably in the arms of her rescuer. air raid warden Florence Kelly, as pictured at left. Time has erased the tragic fear from their faces, permitting them to smile happily when (right) they were reunited at the recent wedding of Miss Kelly to a former infantryman.

handling her own money. It will

provide a discipline which most girls

of her age can very well use, and

it will help teach her how to get

along with people of different tem-

enough to take a course in one of

the arts, or sciences, or world af-fairs, too. That will keep her well-

balanced and interesting, and devel-

Entering into a four-year engage-

ment is a strain on both people.

Either may fall out of love with

the other, for several reasons 1)

an engagement exists, it is apt to b

too confining, for the very vows

they exchange can become irksome.

know each other better through let-

ters and occasional meeting. To cul-

tivate the best in both, study the

other's temperaments, get acquainted

with innate prejudices and prefer-

ences, learn how to compromise

pleasanty. They are free to stay i

love-or not. It is better so. There

are excepions, of course. But young

minds are at once so stern and so

to change them if they want to, with

. . .

Stay in love, but don't bind your

self to a long engagement. Anne Hirst's counsel will help. Write her

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To "PUZZLED G.": When a

* boy doesn't date you over the

* weekend, you can be pretty sure

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impulsive that both are best left free

op her personality and character.

beraments. Perhaps she'll be energetic

ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor -

Long Engagements Are Hard On Both

MOTHER ASKS my opinion about her daughter's being en-* gaged. The young man is entirely acceptable, bu



career. Like most arden ed her to wait for him. What. * The girl should say no.
* If she consents, she will feel duty bound to play fair. She'll not feel it proper to date other young men. She will become absorbed in her dreams of the uture and she'll neglect her friends, spend her leisure hours in building air-castles. She will cut herself off from many activities she has been part of, pouring out all her energies and

frequent meetings as the two can arrange. She is apt to become a very dull number indeed. And in the process of becoming dull, she · may grow less interesting to her · PLAY SAFE

emotions in love-letters and as

These are the years that present her best opportunities for meeting other men and making friends in general. She is 19. She should be dating more than one lad, having fun, enlarging er social interests and

* date he asks for. That should * wake him up. XXF school, she should be getting some TO "WORRIED": If you are business experience to help her un-* not engaged to the Navy lad, I derstand the male boint of view end give her a practical idea of

* don't understand why your mo • boys. Explain to her that you • don't care for him anyhow, and • you miss the fun your friends
• are having. I think she'll un derstand. . TO "PUZZLED READER"

* Stop letting this lad drive you

home, and refuse any week-day

* You are right. Such a note could only be in the worst possible taste. If the girl wants to med this boy, let her teil a mutual * friend.

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Early in 1948 pure aluminum foil, made in Canada, will be for sale in 10-inch widths in Canadian stores. Its uses are many and varied. Paint brushes can be cleaned and wrapped in the



airtight foil to keep them soft and flexible; for lunches or picnics it keeps sandwiches fresh and soft drinks cool. Packaging is easy, as no string or fasteners are needed.

ooms Indoors CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM the Year Round

There is a way, I have found, to have beauty in my kitchen and living rooms the whole year through, writes G.A.S. in the Christian anyway a few weeks before Christmas there was a great amount of

Science Monitor.

Autumn leaves and late fall
flowers, carry me well through October. By November the small root of myrtle and late petunias in the garden have grown and are

outdoor greenage of cedar and ever-greens. Also the pepper plants I started last spring are really thriv-ing and add a touch of gaiety as the belidays draw near At Christmas an e annual poinsettia from the

New slips from my old fuschia and geraniums should be blooming in January and February and these are backed up by the colorful be-

for my rooms. Branches from the trimming of the cherry and apple trees are brought in, placed in water in large, open-mouthed jars and given a good strong light each day. We watch the wonderful transforand soon the branches are a of fragrant bloom, Spring has brought indoors a few weeks

When the honeysuckle vines are mmed in the early spring, I care-lly save each branch and force them in a sunny window for early beauty indoors. We have been thrill-ed to have our rooms filled with the reen outside. The dark green foli-age of the honeysuckle keeps well for weeks indoors and is a delightful columbine.

ers and roses supply all our

needs and they are gorgeous

utiful throughout the warm

may be that the Federal Government is out to get them. So they throw has a perverted sense of humour, out a dragnet, as it were, but when they haul it in the little fish have no trouble at all in slipping through. registered mail awaiting farmers at the various post offices throughout But the big fish—they are really caught! Only sometimes it turns out this county.

It would be interesting to know that the fish that look so big have really very little meat on them after

. . .

make—and keep.

how many farmers—or their wives—made a special trip down town to December is taken care of with pick up this unexpected registered mail—and after they had signed for the bad been handed ens. Also the pepper plants I ted last spring are really thrivand add a touch of gaiety as the days draw near. At Christmas an itional bit of glamour is given by annual poinsettia from the All in the middle of Christmas pre-

parations; slap-bang at turkey and goose picking time, and when every-one was olmost too tired to think straight along comes that reminder from the Government that when the poultry is ready for market they want a share of the picking. But that isn't the worst headache. The real trouble lies in the fact that so few farmers keep any books at all

more's the pity. And just to look

The Department of Agriculture, most of the banks, and the Hydro Electric Commission all have little booklets published, free for the askat those income tax forms gets most of us bewildered. And to have to deal with them when we are tired... . . . ing, and, if followed, give a clear and concise picture of farm finances. They are not intended for day by day Of course we have ourselves to blame-but why? Because for so many years farmers couldn't even make ends meet so that income tax, bookkeeping but rather for monthly summaries and deal only with exthey felt, was one thing that did not concern them at all. The governpenditure that is allowable on income ment knew this and left them to sink or swim according to their ability. make these summaries, daily or weekly accounts are also necessary of honeysuckle weeks before But during the war, and for some time after it, farmers were doing better; they were able to catch up on their debts and to enjoy some of the privileges customary to their city cousins. During the war the government let well alone-it was more conthe time but such items added up over a twelve-month period can make all the difference on the expense side of a farm account book. And yet cerned in keeping the farms pro-

ducing than in collecting income tax. But now it's a different story. The Department of National Revenue knows there are some farmers who how often they are forgotten.

Two New Breads It may have been coincidence or it | should be paying income tax and it

> 2 cups sifted enriched flour 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon soda all. Just a big frame and that's about all.

1 cup rolled oats (quick or regular, uncooked) Well, if the farmer wants to prove 1 tablespoon grated orange ring
1/3 cup chopped nutmeats he is not a big fish the only way he can do it is by his own showing of income and expenditure. Of course % cup seedless raisins
Cream shortening; gradually add

it is too late now to catch up on 1946 honey, creaming thoroughly. Add egg and beat until light and fluffy. Sift together flour, salt and soda records and be really accurate, but there is another year coming and in a few months returns should be made for 1947. Why not see to it at the and add to creamed mixtured alter nately with the milk. Add rolled proper time? For 1947 that, too, may be largely guesswork unless there are records to go by, but this is the beginoats, grated orange rind, chopped nutmeats and seedless raisins, stirring only enough to combine. Bake ning of another year and it is not too late to make a real effort towards in a greased paper lined bread pan (4½ x 8½ inches) in a moderate keeping accounts for 1948. That is one new year's resolution we should oven. Cool thoroughly before slic-

*Corn syrup may be substituted for the honey.

Chicken Corn Bread

14 cup corn meal 11/4 cups sifted enriched flour

1/2 teaspoon salt tax returns. Of course to be able to 1 teaspoon celery seed 1 beaten egg 3/4 cup milk and for that purpose the little black

34 cup melted fat Melt the two tablespoons fat in a 7 x 11 inch baking pan. Spread chicken evenly over the bottom of this pan. Sift ingredients into bowl. Add egg, milk parsley, stirring lightly; fold in the 1/4 cup melte fat. Pour batter over chicken. spreading evenly. Bake in a hot oven (425 dg. F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Invert on platter. Garnish with parsley and pimiento. Serve im-mediately with chicken or giblet

for summarising accounts but every-one who does any shopping should know what he or she spent insofar as farm expenditure is concerned otherwise how can any record be with seasoned cream sauce. preperly kept?

But remember, sisters, this doesn't

apply to what we womenfolk spend on the house, the table or on cloth-ing! The government isn't the least concerned with our personal expenses. But remember this also — all such expenditure must come from net income — that is what is left from farm income after expenditure is de-ducted. And since a married man is allowed only \$1200 untaxable income it doesn't leave much margin in which to play around. ____

As You Wish Fastidious Customer: "But I always like to see my bacon lean." Assistant: "Certainly, madam. Backwards or forwards?"

One person should be responsible

TABLE TALKS

Orange Honey Bread

2 tablespoons shortening 1 cup honey*

3/4 cup sour milk or buttermilk

very minute many people are suffer-ing the tortures of having loved ones

2 tablespoons chicken fat or other 1 to 2 cups diced cooked chicken

1/4 cup sugar (optional) 3 teaspoons baking powder

gravy.
*Tuna fish, salmon or canned luncheon meat may be used. Serve

> Rubber Gloves After you have worn rubbe

gloves doing various household chores your hands may swell or perspire from the exercise. The gloves are then often hard to roll off. A quick, simple way to looser one without damaging the rubber in any way is to hold the hand under the cold water faucet and let the water run under the glove cuff into the palm of the hand. This im-mediately shrinks the hands and loosens the glove. It is then easy to turn back over

the hand and slip off. Once removed, hold the glove up to drain the water out. But it is better to wait until it is dry to turn the glove

skates. When questioned about it, he admitted that his folks had no

group was struggling along with an old broken hockey stick. He had no For Next Christmas Christmas poinsettias may b saved after the "flowers" have died and, with a little care, will bloom the following Winter. The withmoney for such things for him. Well, the first poor boy put on the new skates; he flew around the ice three skates; he flew around the ice three or four times, then went and took them off. He handed them to the second poor boy whose eyes pearly bulged out of his head. "What's the idea?", he asked. The first boy turned his back, and biting his liberated hid back the tears and trying swallow the lump in his throat be replied, "Aw, I hate skatin'" and off home he went.

And a fathead like me has the gall to complain because the oranges in my stocking were not as large as last year's.

ered "flowers" are cut off and the amount of water reduced. From the first of February until May the plants are not watered.

In May, when the weather is settled and all danger of frost is past, the poinsettias are pruned back hard and repotted in a mixture of loamy soil, sand and a very little bonemeal, and placed in a shady place for the summer. They are pruned again before the first of August, if too much growth is made. ered "flowers" are cut off and the or four times, then went and took them off. He handed them to the

TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

believe there was a chance in the pulled the tree over trying to plug

Well, I'm awfully sorry if I'm greedy. Especial-

he almost bawled. He wanted those

skates in the worst way, but he didn't

world of getting them. His family were very, very poor—that was the reason he didn't hope to have a new

pair of skates. The day after Christ-

mas he went down to the local pond with a gang of kids One of the

ranging to have their numerous out-lets remain open evenings for the

Christmas and New Year's holidays.

So again we say, now ain't that

just too ducky for words? I wonder how many of those holiday deaths

could be traced to drunken drivers? We'll probably never know. But this

suddenly taken from them, and many of them in the cruelest manner. If

only we could say what we felt like

saying, there wouldn't be a politician in Canada that wouldn't be suffering

The New Year

Last year I decided not to mak

any new resolutions and, as a result,

I didn't break any. It's to be the

same thing this year. However we

have plans that we hope to carry out

For example: Some time ago we told

you of a surprise we had for you.

We still have, and hope to see the

little plan go through very shortly.

We would also like to extend a

personal invitation (by this medium)

to each and everyone of you, who

read this column, to write a newsy letter to Teen-Town Topics. Now the idea is simply this: We feel that

there are a lot of interesting things happening to you and around you that would make interesting reading.

If you happen to have a correspon-

dent for this column in your town,

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CENTRAL

from scorched ears.

into something like this: A small

boy we know, of about 8 years

him or her; but there are many towns where this column appears that have no T.T.T. reporters. We

are anxious to hear from you and hope that you will favour us with a letter about some nowsy event in

your locality.
Our sincere and most grateful

peppermint candy canes. Some we ate, some we used to decorate the

in the lights. Quiet please! We know what you are thinking. Once again—

Keep Poinsettias

found a brand thanks to the many kind friends who new pair of sent cards at Christmas. They were

skates under his christmas tree. swell. Oh yes, and a great big thanks to the friend who gave us two dozen

The cuttings, too, may be plant Now Ain't That Ducky? ed, as they often root easily if kept It was with a great deal of asmoist and will make blooming-size plants in a short time. tonishment that we read recently that the Liquor Control Board was ar-

Add a little salt to the first water in which spinach is washed. It will not have to be washed nearly so many times.



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