In The Colossal Tradition—Hollywood's adjectives seem to affect canines, too, for Gregory Peck's Alsatian police dog recently put on quite a prodcution of her own Her 13 puppies merited some nursing aid from the actor, who admits he can't produce pictures as fast as his dog produces puppies.

SPORTS
by A STRAIT CRITIC

A reader of this column has drawn our attention to the fact that we have not, so far, ventured to predict the outcome of the current Big League hockey race, or maybe it should be "endurance contest". He says "you were 100% correct in your baseball and race track forecasts, so maybe you are quitting when you are ahead!"

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It is so long—almost ten months—since we made the forecasts alluded to, and at first we thought that our esteemed customer must have blown his top. However, on looking up the files, we found that we had predicted that the Philadelphia Phils and the St. Louis Browns WOULD NOT win top honors in their respective baseball leagues; that the Kings Plate would fall to a colt or filly foaled in anfall to a colt or filly foaled in Canwinner would be three years of age, no more and no less.

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So the customer, as in all well regulated establishments, is right. That is calling them 100%—and we only wish we could have found a bookmaker who would have laid a price against the selections.

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Now, much heartened by these almost-forgotten triumphs, we dust off the old crystal ball and peer into the depths to try and discern what is going to happen in the National Hockey League.

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And unless our skill as a seer has clean departed, here is what the future has in store, hockey-wise: No matter which two teams survive the lengthy grind—Maple Leafs and Red Wings is as good a guess as any—by the time they reach the end of that 70-game schedule, they will be slowed down to such an extent that they are liable to play the Stanley Cup series on hands and knees.

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Might be, at that, fully as interesting as some of these "classics" that have gone before. Speed, after all, is a comparative thing; and a contest between two evenly matched cockroaches can be fall more exciting than one between CITATION and a thousand-dollar plater.

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Anyway, those who take their hockey via the ether route need have no fears or forebodings of a dull winter. Even if the puck-jugglers are slowed down to a walk, the microphone-maestros will manage to make it sound as exciting as though it were the CHARGE OF THE SIX HUNDRED with the original cast. As for the lads whose task it is to describe the games for daily newspaper readers—well, they have added a neat touch recently by detailing the exact number of stitches necessary to close the wounds of the various hockey gladiators.

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This last, we think, is something which will bear, and probably get, further development. In fact, we shouldn't be too much surprised to see scoring statistics reading something like this:

	G	A	SR	SG	Total
Ezinicki	10	7	25	32	72

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The "SR" and "SG"—just in case you're worrying about it—would stand for "Stitches Received" and "Stitches Given"!

Cold Cure

Changes in weather frequently start colds in the best of us, so here's another remedy you can add to the list. It comes from Texas, and is reputed to work four times out of five.

When you feel a cold coming on, before you go to bed, drink a glass of grapefruit juice, either fresh or canned, with a tablespoonful of baking soda added. Repeat the dose the following night. When you awaken on the second morning the cold should be gone.

Sounds simple enough.

THE FARM FRONT
by John Russell

Probably most of you have read about this outstanding event already. Perhaps some of you were personally present. But just in case some of you missed either reading about it or witnessing it, I'm going to pass along a brief description of what happened near Brooklin, Ont., one day in September.

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That was the day when more than 8,000 people watched a dilapidated 140-acre farm converted — almost as though by magic — into a first-class producing unit by means of modern agricultural science.

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Prior to its rebirth, the farm was in a miserable state. The buildings were sagging and weatherbeaten and unpainted for years. Wind erosion had played havoc with the top soil. Springy spots made cultivation difficult or impossible. Deep gullies cut through the fields.

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Then the miracle happened! Giant bulldozers and other powerful machines moved in. Undesirable scrub growth was uprooted. Large trees were blasted with dynamite Sloping land was laid out for contour cultivation and a four-year rotation. Terraces were built to prevent gullying by run-off water.

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A reforestation project was launched in an area infested with buckthorn and some other scraggy growths. Some 27,000 tiles were laid to drain boggy sections. Spray painting gave a new lease of life to the unsightly buildings. The farm wife's antiquated kitchen was fully modernized. A virtually useless piece of property bloomed out into a paradise . . . in a single day.

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This experiment with the Brooklin farm should make Canadians sit up and think. Hundreds of deserted, unproductive farms are strewn across the country. Many others are offering a meagre existence to their owners. It has now been proved that such wornout land can be restored. Perhaps not in one day as was the case with the Brooklin farm, but through co-operative efforts of governments and individual farmers over a period of time.

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And now here are some facts about crop losses which are really astonishing. We all know that the ravages caused by pests and plant diseases are great, but probably did not realize their full extent. Anyway, at the recent meeting of the International Congress of Crop Production, held in London, Eng., it was estimated that 50 per cent. of all the crops grown, harvested and stored are ravaged by plant disease and insect pests.

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According to authorities of the Food and Agricultural Organization of U.N.O., annual losses of world grain crops alone to insects and diseases amount to 65,000,000 tons. Yearly losses from potato blight were given as 10 per cent. of the entire crop. Even after the crops are harvested, an additional loss of eight per cent. is suffered.

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During and since World War II, knowledge concerning the control of pests and diseases has been gradually expanding. Research has brought forward many new and highly effective insecticides and fungicides. But these are not the final answer, state international agricultural experts. Their solution to the problem as a whole would be to convince farmers that gains equal to those derived from fertilizer applications can also be obtained from use of modern crop protection methods.

Modern Art

For 11 days artists and critics studied admiringly an abstract painting called "Composition" at a local art show in Leeds, England. Then a more observant viewer discovered it was hanging upside down—with the painter's initials topsy-turvy in the upper left-hand corner.

Artist Alfred Common was pleased to hear it.

"I regard it," said he, "as a compliment on the coherence of the design."

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Some say beards are not hygienic. But a recent survey among stonemasons refutes this, since hairy faces serve as a filter, keeping out dangerous dust. It was found that clean-shaven masons frequently contracted silicosis. Those with moustaches suffered less from the complaint, and those with moustaches and beards were found to be practically immune.

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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
Grandoline D Clarke

A heat wave in October . . . that is really a little too much! But it is what we are getting. At this very minute the thermometer stands at 80 degrees—and in Haliburton it is 85. Dear knows what the humidity may be. Anyway, there was enough dampness in the air this morning to give plenty of trouble. The ground fog was so thick our neighbor couldn't find his cows. That meant he didn't have his milk ready when the truck called so he said he would take it down later. When he was ready, he loaded his car with the milk cans—and then the car wouldn't start. He came over to ask Bob to give him a tow. Bob was quite willing and left his ploughing to lend a hand, but neither his big truck nor the little pick-up was the least bit co-operative. Fog is pretty hard on spark plugs. However, by means of cranking and a few other tricks that Bob seems to know, the pick-up finally consented to start; then it pulled our neighbor's car along the road until it, too, began chugging away; by this means, the milk was finally delivered and everyone was happy. Sounds rather like the nursery story, doesn't it, where "the pig finally got over the stile and the old woman got home in time to make her old man's dumplings." Remember?

However, this worm weather was certainly ideal for those away for the holiday week-end. Daughter was home and was enjoying it. But Partner was suffering because he was wearing lightweight woollen underwear and was afraid to take it off! But this morning was a little too much so I was rudely awakened by a querulous inquiry: "What have you done with my summer shorts?" The chances are by the end of the week weather conditions will change and the same voice will be asking, "Where are my heavyweight longs?"

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Just imagine, we have been living here, at Ginger Farm, for 26 years! And for 26 years I have looked towards "the Mountain" and watched its every mood. I have seen it dark and forbidding; I have seen it bathed in sunshine; I have watched alternate light and shade enhancing its beauty—in fact, the Mountain changes so often that there are rarely two days in succession when it looks the same. And always I have heard of the marvelous lookout from part of the Mountain known as Rattlesnake Point, but as yet I have never been there. Twice I tried to find it, but failed quite succeeded because I could not find the trail through the bush. But yesterday at noon Bob said, "If you really want to go over to the Point, I'll take you." He didn't have to ask twice. Daughter and I both went —Partner stayed home to listen to the ball game—the World Series, I mean.

So, after climbing the Mountain in the car, and then following the trail through the bush for about half a mile on foot, I was at last able to look down from the Point instead of looking up, as I had been doing for so many years. And the view was grand. The day was not quite as clear as it might have been so that we couldn't quite see the lake, but the autumn colors were plainly visible in all their glory. Bright green wheat fields and dark brown ploughed land were in sharp contrast, each showing up the beauty of the other—almost in the same way that a blonde and a brunette often look so well together. We must have been viewing some wonderful ploughing because the fields looked just as if someone had gone over them and drawn straight lines with a huge ruler.

Maybe it is a silly idea, but I feel I have accomplished something by going to Rattlesnake Point. It seems to me one should know as much as possible about the surrounding country wherever one happens to live. I felt it was almost a disgrace to have lived around here so long and yet have to confess that I had never been to the Point. After all, it is one of the beauty spots in Halton County and has been a landmark for generations. And then, too, as I looked down from its dizzy, rocky heights, I wondered what secrets belonged to its past. Did the Indians use it as a look-out? Was tribal warfare waged on its slopes? How easily, and with what dreadful success, a surprise attack could be carried out from its rocky heights upon any unsuspecting tribe in the valley below. And what about the name . . . Why Rattlesnake? Is it because the trail to the Point twists like a snake, or is it because that area was known to be infested with poisonous reptiles? Probably many oldtimers are familiar with stories and legends of Rattlesnake Point that have been handed down from one generation to another—stories and legends which I should like very much to know.

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TABLE TALKS
Jane Andrews.

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It may be that yours is one of the families that doesn't like — or THINKS it doesn't like — parsnips. So today I'm passing along three recipes which, if you give them a trial, I think will help to change that family belief. First there's

Parsnip Patties

6 medium-size parsnips
½ cup light cream
2 tbls. flour
1½ tsps. salt
Pepper.

Method: Cook parsnips in boiling water until tender. Cool, peel and mash. (If the parsnips have woody cores, cut in half lengthwise, and strip out the tough fibres). Should make two cups. Stir in cream, flour, and seasonings; shape into patties. Brown slowly in small amount of butter or drippings to get nice crisp crust. Makes 8 patties.

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Next come parsnip chips, and just last winter, these were sampled by several people who said they were "parsnip-shy" — and they simply gobbled all that had been prepared.

Parsnip Chips

6 large parsnips
Ice water (or very cold)
Deep fat
Salt.

Method: Peel parsnips and slice as you would potatoes. Let stand in salted ice water (1 teaspoon salt per quart) at least two hours. Fry in deep fat (365° F.—hot enough to brown an inch cube of bread in 1 minute) until crisp and golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Sprinkle with salt and serve. Makes enough to serve six.

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Then, of course, there's parsnip soup. Some folks think it's just about the best there is, especially when made as

Cream of Parsnip Soup

2 tblsps. chopped onion
2 tblsps. butter
4 large parsnips
Celery stalk chopped
1 tsp. salt
Pepper
2 cups chicken stock (or 3 chicken bouillon cubes dissolved in 3 cups boiling water)
1 cup light cream
2 tblsps. chopped parsley

Method: Cook onions in butter until soft and yellow. Peel and slice parsnips. (Can use cooked parsnips). Add with celery, seasonings and stock to onions. Simmer 20 minutes over low heat. Put through sieve; add cream and heat through. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Makes 6 bowls of soup.

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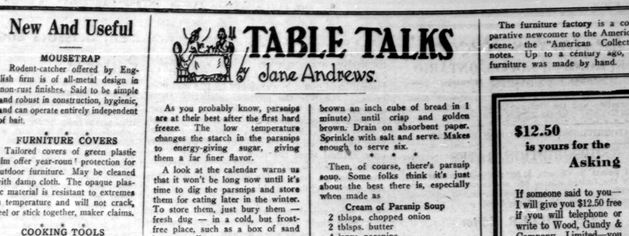

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The campaign is appearing in magazines and newspapers published in various languages and circulated throughout the world. The peoples of many lands are told about the quality of Canadian products and see Canadian scenes illustrating these products.

The advertisements are in keeping with the belief of The House of Seagram that the future of each business enterprise in Canada is inextricably bound up in the future of Canada itself; and that it is in the interest of every Canadian manufacturer to help the sale of *all* Canadian products in foreign markets.

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A campaign such as this not only helps Canadian industries but also puts money in the pocket of every Canadian citizen. One dollar of every three we earn comes to us as a result of foreign trade. The more we can sell abroad the more prosperous we will be at home. It is with this objective that these advertisements are being produced and published throughout the world.

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