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What weather! Night before last we couldn't sleep because of the high winds, rain and thunder. Last night the weather forecast was for zero temperature - but it only got down to 8 or 10 above in this district - which is far actter than having it so unhealthily mild. Anyway we don't think we have anything to grumble about - not when we turn on the radio and hear reports, from other parts of the world, of earthquakes, hurricanes and an avalanche. By comparison we are lucky except that even here we have one volcano to worry about - World War III. We know it is seething and boiling on the inside - will it erupt and send its scorching lava to all parts of the world? That is a question that no one seems able to answer right now. But we all know that when a volcano shows signs of activity within it generally ends up with an eruption. There are also times when the trouble inside quietens down and remains quiescent for a long, long time.

Well, I have a promise to fulfill. Because of the extraordinary interest shown in the Boer War song, I told you if I ever did get the whole thing I would include it in this column. Now I have it - and how I got it is most interesting. One of my readers sent it - she had it among her clippings - and it had been cut from the old Toronto Globe at the time of the Boer War! Not only is the poem interesting but so also is an editorial on the back of the clipping - apparently there were plenty of armchair critics even in those days. It says-"Ladysmith is not defensible at all since Boer guns can be mounted from high ground in three concentric circles and brought to bear against the British camp. Neither Ladysmith nor Glencoe ought to have been occupied but some position south of Tugela and nearer the seas the British Staff has exposed itself to the risk of serious defeats - now a force of 150,000 men will be required before the two republics can be conquered and held." There was more than that but all pretty much along the same line - all of it critical. But now for the poem-

"THE ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR"

"When you've shouted Rule Britannia, when you've sung "God Save the Queen. When you've finished killing Kruger with your mouth Will you kindly drop a shilling in my little tambourine For a gentleman in khaki ordered south? He's an absent-minded beggar and his weaknesses are great, But me and Paul must take him as we find him; He is out on active service wiping something off a slate And he's left a lot of little things behind him. Duke's son - cook's son - son of a HUNDRED kings

Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay Each of 'em doing his country's work, and who's to look after the Pass the hat for your credit's sake and pay - pay - pay!

There are girls he married secret asking no permission to, For he knew he wouldn't get it if he did; There is gas and coal and vittles and the house rent falling due And it's more than rather likely there's a kid. There are girls he walked with casual; they'll be sorry now he's gone, For an absent-minded beggar they will find him: But it ain't the time for sermo

We must help the girl that Tommy's left behind him. Cook's son - duke's son - son of a belted earl, Son of a Lambeth publican - it's all the same today; Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after Pass the hat for your credit's sake and pay - pay - pay.

There are families by thousands far too proud to beg or speak And they'll put their sticks and bedding up the spout, And they'll live on half o' nothing paid 'em punctual once a week, 'Cause the man that earned the wage is ordered out. He's an absent-minded beggar, but he heard his country's call, And the regiment didn't need to send to find him. He chucked his job and joined it — so the job before us all Is to help the home that Tommy's left behind him. Duke's job - cook's job - gardener, baronet, groom -Mews, or palace or paper shop - there's someone gone away.

Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after Pass the hat for your credit's sake and pay - pay - pay! ** * * *

Let us manage so as later we can look him in the face And tell him - what he'd very much prefer -That while he saved the empire his employer saved his place And his mates (that's you and me) looked out for her. He's an absent-minded beggar, and he may forget it all, But we do not want his kiddies to remind him That we sent 'em to the workhouse while their Daddy hammered Paul

So we'll help the home that Tommy's left behind him. Cook's home - duke's home - home of a millionaire -Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay Each of 'em doing his country's work (and what have you got

Pass the hat for your credit's sake and pay - pay - pay!" RUDYARD KIPLING

So there you have it, friends - and judging by the length it's little wonder no one could remember it all. Incidentally you will notice is "Son of a HUNDRED kings" An here is an interesting item. One correspondent tells me that Kipling wrote the verses specially for some organization that was trying to raise money for the folks "the absent-minded beggar left behind him." It was recited with great effect, by one of the leading actresses of the day, at a big meeting in London. The musical setting

So now I think that takes care of "The Absent-Minded Beggar"



ves on Cook's Island in the Florida Keys, takes to another kind of keys as she types her life story. After all, wasn't H. Allen Smith's novel about a baseball-playing cat a huge success? Lady Bunny plans to title her great American novel "Bow," in

ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor -

"Dear Anne Hirst: This is an social goes against their code; they had exxpected you would be S.O.S. from sisters 16 and 18, "Two years ago, we fell in love * I know that in many comwith boys of another nationality and and faith, whom munities young girls start dat-ing earlier than in others. Even that, though, does not alter the Our grandparwe live, forbade them our house. 18, take a long chance that wha

We have been

cland est inely

since, and cor-

responding

through friends. My mother

knows, and while not exactly pro-

noting the friendship, she has con-

our grandparents are putting my

ister, my brother and me through

school. We have a lovely home and

favorite subjects. They have been

"Now they have found out about

the deception. . I, myself, feel quite

guilty . . . The boys have no vices

that we know of. They go into

"Would you consider these dif-

erences between us a likely bar to

happiness, a hazard to the prestige

of our children as they mature

father? You see, we are even more

concerned about their welfare than

Now, Anne Hirst, advise us.

If you girls marry these boys

for our own immediate happiness.

Shall this go on, with the ultimate

aim of matrimony?
THE ANXIOUS TWOSOME"

after the war, your personal

happiness and the social pres-

tige of your children are unpre-

Customs change fast in this

great country. In your grand-

were usually frowned upon;

Your mother is modern enough

to more or less accept the idea.

* As your children grow, the * prejudice will probably lessen

But the fact remains that for

you to consider such marriages

has shocked your grandparents

It is likely that they, too,

have weighed the importance

of the difference in faith, and

the social future of the children

that may be born to you. Also, they are wondering how wel-

come you two will be in the families of these lads, and

whether you will be forced to adopt their customs and tradi-

* tions and bring the children up * accordingly. (Have you met

First of all, of course, your

the boys' parents?)

BAR TO HAPPINESS?

"We live in a college town, and

rived at the scheme.

tacked as it will be by the differences involved. Since the boys leave for ser-* vice soon, wouldn't it be better not to see them again? Or

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MAGIC cakes!"

grandparents are grieved by the deception which you two have gift ideas. A free pattern is print-

been practising for so long. That | ed in the book.

Magic Ice-Box Cake

Combine % c. melted shortening and 1 c. light cornsyrup. Beat in 2 eggs. Sift together 2 c. sifted all-purpose flour, 4 tsps. Magic Baking Powder, ½ tsp. salt; add alternately with % c. milk and 1 tsp. vanilla extract to first mixture stirring well after each addition. Bake in 2 greased 9" layer pans in 350° oven 25-30 min. Cool, halve each layer lengthwise making 4 layers.

LEMON FILLING: Blend 4½ tbs. flour with ½ c to make smooth paste, Add ¾ c, water and 1/2

you feel is really a love that will last through the years, at-

reason to praise it. In the steamy heat of the Burma jungle where trucks could not pass and horses died from heat exhaustion, the mule plodded on, carrying ammunition and vital supplies. To-day the mule is dying out. The tractor has taken over its-

The statement that "a mule will do the work of six horses" may be true, but a tractor will do the work The mule is a hybrid, a cross

deceiving them.

It will also give

may realize that your love is

In which case, it is not like ly that your grandparents will

disapprove too forcefully—if they are satisfied that the boys' fam-

ilies favour the marriage too. From what you tell me of them,

Or, if you realize later on

that this whole affair has been a

mistake, there will be less harm

recaptured in large measure the

If you will play fair now,

enating your grandparents from

Mule Stuff

mule will not work unless stimulat-

was rejected during the war when

men of the 14th Army had good

which you betrayed.

New Toronto, Ont.

between a horse and an ass. Male donkeys are called jacks and female donkeys are called jennets. The cross between the jack and the horse mare produces the mule, while mating a stallion and jennet produces a hinny. A mule resembles its father i

appearance and its mother in size. food but will thrive under conditions that would kill a horse. He will find enough to eat where any

starve to death. and prove how much you regret Straw, the old bark of trees, oots, grain sacks, old shoes, news apers, felt hats all go down the these boys are away—which is only fair to everybody concern-

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they would not, in spite of all their generosity and goodness to you, expect to govern your



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Korea's Great Gifts To Our Gardens

Writing in 'Horticulture,' Lee more Bingley, tell about Korea's gifts to gardeners. One of them is the hardy spirea blooming like a floral fountain, which graces many an Ontario lawn in spring—the Korean bridal wreath. And with larger flowers and more spreading growth than the Chinese variety, two of our best forsythias, opulent with golden blossom, also origin-

ated in Korea.
In 1902 a plant hunter exploring Korean waysides came upon a flowering shrub with rose-coloured buds and waxy, pure-white flowers. Its fragrance was clean and spicy, the essence of spring ducing the plant into North Ameri ean gardens where it seems to have taken kindly to soil and climatic conditions. It is the mayflower viburnum (Viburnum carlesi). In his book on Plant Hunting, Ernest Ison says that if Korea had given us none other than this lovely plant, that land would merit the lasting graittude of gardeners.
"Let me state emphatically,"

adds, "the species is a native of Korea only, and unknown in China stently referred . . . It ha accepted our soil and our climate, added beauty and fragrance to our lives, but, in the beginning, the Power which distributes plants to mankind ordained that this particular bit of loveliness should grow wild only for those people who lived in the Land of Morning

One of the gems of the barberry family is a native of Korea, and can be recognized by its leathery leaves, sometimes reaching a length of three inches. It produces flowers inch-long racemes and it berries are a radiant red to brighten autumn days in the garden. Waysides and gardens in milder zones south of the border and in British Columbia, have their spring

days glorified by masses of rho dodendron blossoms. English lane and hillsides are adorned with the great flowers produced on the same lofty shrubs. Many of the best varieties originated in Korea. One of them, distinguished by its pure pink blossoms, was found by the earliest of Korean plant hunters, Baron Alexander Schlippenbach, in 1854. He found the shrub which has been named for him growing in tens of thousands on the lowe slopes of the Diamond Mountain Another gorgeous rhododendron with fragrant flowers of rosy-purple

delighted plant hunter J. G. Jack when he discovered it growing on 1905 Seed was collected in quantity and taken to the United Sta where it flourished. Korea in peacetime is a rich Ernest Wilson writes glowingly of ime, which for many gardeners

and flower lovers is the crowning glory of spring, owes much to Korea. It was Wilson who introduced the earliest of our lilacs to bloom (Syringa oblata dilitata) fragrant, distinguish it, and it has foliage dark and leathery which in for it colours brilliantly.

most gratefully, have been gay of hybridizer Alexander Cummings to stumble across a wild Kerear species with white, daisy-like flowers, which became a receptive and pliant species for breeding. This Korean daisy became the dominant parent in the development of f many recent hybrids. But the list of Korean originations in other plant varieties could go on indefin-

Speaking of our debt to Korea, Cummings writes: "Korea, assoden material of today, looms large

Make Your Spring Hat a Spring Tonic

In spring a young woman's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of hats.

But the wisest of women direct their attention towards the often troublesome matter of selecting headwear long before the first daffodil pokes its head above the ground.

A hat can make or break your spring outfit. It must at once suit your personality, tie in with the color of your ensemble, flatter your features and enhance your general appearance.

Too often women are swept off their feet by a single virtue in a hat. For example, while the color may be a perfect match or contrast, the shape of the hat may leave much to be desired.

Picture hats, for instance, are particularly complimentary to



Hats with horizontal lines, like the one at lower left, are a boom to unusually tall women but a liability for women who are short. On the other hand, turban-type hats aid high heels in coming to the rescue of women who wish they were a little taller.

In choosing the color of your spring hat, don't trust your memory. If you want the hat to match your outlit, take a swatch of material

with you on your hat-shopping trip.

And, above all, ask yourself how long you will truly look forward to wearing the hat. When you try it on, does it seem to give

an added lilt to your step?

Remember that altogether hats are the perennial butt of jokes by the male of the specie, they are as much of a spring tonic as sulphur and molasses. There is nothing like a hat to provide some relief from a winter of dreary landscapes or a month of drab domestic

So when you buy a hat, take a deep breath of courage and take a hat that will make you want to hold your head high.

out a gardener trying something new in the line of plants or their

care. Any method which poves successful from the viewpoint, of

a better display or saving time is certain to become a part of his regular practice, writes E. L. Farrington in the New York Times.

New varieties of roses in the 1951

catalogues remind me that I mulch-

ed my beds of this flower rather

spring. The results were highly

peared and there was little need for

cultivation. Town restrictions reduced the amount of water I could

quate moisture as one of the es-

heavily with coarse compost las

New Ideas About New Light On Question Of What To Wear In Cold Weather Fertilization

ing comfortable. Piling one layer on other layers doesn't do nearly as much good as cloth do not give twice the insulation value of one layer, but only much. According to Barker, there is little difference in the insulation value of a piece of cloth whether it is made of wool, cotton, rayon or any of the synthetic fibers, so long as the thickness, structure, color and density are the same. He assumes that the cloth is dry and degrees. This heat must be dissithat there is no wind. Heat loss through damp fabrics is from two to five times as great as from the

In ridiculing the notion that many layers of fabric are preferable to few, well chosen, Professor Barker pointed out that Eskimos wear only two relatively thick layers of clothing weighing together about ten pounds. On the other hand the Army, to get the same insulation value, uses approximately thirty pounds in some seven layers. Professor Barker nevertheless approves of the Army's idea for the reason worn, it is much easier to shed some garments and thus adjust the insulation to the amount of heat that must be lost during periods of that must be lost during periods of exercise. Besides, the insulating ly than thickness, up to about one-

Compromise Needed Barker holds that the well-dressed outdoor man should establish a good and warmth. This can be achieved with moderate - weight, closely woven synthetic fabric for underclothes; a really closely woven thick wool' cloth (24 ounces) for shirt and trousers; a thick quilted coat of mixed wool and feathers, and an outer windbreaker in the form of a parka of two layers of water-repellent cloth.

The windbreaker should be made

How to FIX-IT HAROLD ARNETT

GARDEN SHOES STORED STORE GARDEN

SHOES AND RUBBERS ON PEGS IN CORNER OF GARAGE ...

Prof. M. E. Barker of the Uni- of cloth so woven as to stop ordinversity of Arkansas dispelled widely held beliefs as to what makes clothcloth layer next to the warm skin. becomes damp, the heat loss is we think, he finds. Two layers of | nearly as great as if all the clothing were wet. On the other hand, a wet outer layer has much less efabout one and one-half times as | fect in increasing heat loss? Keep underclothing dry and you will be comfortable, is Barker's admoni-

engine which can generate enough pated. The average adult human body has approximately twenty square feet of surface from which 80 per cent of the heat energy must be cast off regardless of outside

must be closed to exclude thermal

convection currents, and the out-

closely woven cloth with a smooth

surface, yet it must permit but-

roses, the plants did not seem to suffer. All in all, the coarse but not wholly disintegrated compost proved as good a mulch as any ma-terial I have ever tried. Difference in Temperature The rate of heat loss is influenced by the difference in tempera-A neighbor who was committed ture between the body surface and to organic gardening to the ulti-mate degree had grown sweetcorn the outside air and surroundings, the insulating value of the clothing the wind velocity to which the body successfully under a sawdust mulch for several years. Last summer his is exposed and the amount of moistcorn refused to grow. The plant food needed to meet the demands ure to be evaporated on the surface of the skin. There are also such brought about by additional bac-terial activity was undoubtedly not minor factors as the compression provide the only mulching material which does not need to be suppleto prevent stray air currents from mented by extra feeding. pentrating the space between the Whether or not my unusually

layers of clothing that surround the good yield of tomatoes resulted from my use of aluminum foil as a body, the thickness of the individ-ual layers of fabric that compose the clothing, the composition, emisyears, I have mulched with grass sivity and structure of the cloth. clippings, which I considered good practice, but the aluminum foil may have special advantages. "To be comfortable in windy, cold weather outdoors," says Barker, "you must wear dry clothing in comparatively thick layers; the ankles, wrists and neck openings Last summer, too, I picked more

blueberries than usual. In past seasons, the birds got more than all the scare-away devices I could in effect the simple plan of covering ward diffusion of water vapor from the body." thirty bushes with a great tent under which I could walk and work. The tent was made of dis carded tobacco cloth in two 30 by 40 foot sections bought for a song.

The cloth was stretched over wires held in place by water-pipe posts six feet above the ground Clotheslines were stretched from post to post at ground level and the tobacco cloth fastened to them with clothespins. The result in terms of crop was perfect. To be sure, the hurricane which came along in late summer ripped the cloth into strips but the picking season was over then and I can buy cloth for next year. be breached to make room.

In fourteenth-century England

Early digging or plowing under of the cover crop is important. A neighbor who planted winter oats use and although I regard adelet them grow until they resisted all his efforts to turn them under the soil. A power cultivator was the last resort. Cover crops may not be as satisfactory for the garundoubtedly retard warming up of the soil in spring. Yet I continue to sow rye, perhaps because I like to look out on that pleasant patch

> Even Chance: A store in New Jersey has two large safes. One contained \$4,000 the other was empty. Thieves worked for hours on one, finally opened it-and drew

plants should stand a foot apart in he row if they are to head well. In order to gather lettuce all summer, I grow it in a coldframe, which is not covered but does give protection from hot winds.

when a prince or noble brought his Whether fall plowing or seeding with a cover crop is the better bride home, a beautifully decorate bed was prepared by special offipractice is still an open question. One or the other is needed if the cials. After the wedding night, this bed was given to the officer who garden slopes, for winter snow and than is commonly realized. Plowhad got it ready.

Beds have often been a source of inspiration. Alexander the Great probably destroys many insects, they have been dug under in the lay on his couch to issue strategical spring.

did Mr. Churchill. In bed, the famous barrister, F. E. Smith, wrote most of his books

Milton thought out "Paradise Lost" worked on their musical scores. ample set by these great men.

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For "Magical" Bed

A bed fitted with a motor, which

in the morning pounds the mat-tress until you are thrown out on

to the floor, is now being made in Chicago. But novel beds are not a modern invention.

The main property in an immense fraud was Dr. Graham's "Celestial Bed," made by him in 1779. Costing \$60,000, it was supported by twenty-eight glass pillars and from its depths came the trainer of years and instrumental

married couples would have heirs

as a result of sleeping on it, and for this privilege he charged the

Beds which must have given

thier occupants nightmares were

designed by the ancient Egyptians,

who sculptured their couches in the

form of animals.

One such bed is half in the shape

of a hippopotamus and half like a crocodile, with menacing teeth made

Bad dreams must also have been

the lot of those who slept in the bed-chamber built for Metternich,

Two beds represented a grotto

on which lizards, toads and bats

were modelled in gilt wood. Placed

in an alcoo, they were lit by a lamp in the form of an owl, the

light shining eerily through the

Eastern monarchs used to have

beds supplied for the use of more

than two people, and so, surpris-ingly, did some of our own an-

The Great Bed of Ware, built

in 1400 to the specifications of Warwick, the King-maker, was

a half feet in height. When it

Ware for a time, as many as 12

Sometimes beds have played an

mportant part in public life. Car-

the bed, which was so enormou

people at once used to hire it.

the European statesman, in 1820.

One cold morning the native was seen, dressed in his nightshirt, vigorously chopping kindling. His neighbour, amazed at the brevity severe weather, asked, "How

dressed by a fire, and I'll be dad gummed if I'm gonna stop now.



Nice Boost for Hospital-After making a tour of the new Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, members of Rameses Shrine presented a cheque for \$6,000 to R. A. Laidlaw, chairman of the hospital board. This brought the total contribution of the Shriners to this institution over \$110,000. Left to right are Shriners Alex Brown, Bill Corman, Bill Gallow, Potentate S. Titchener-Smith, Shriner Jack Ramsden, Mr. Laidlaw and Shriner Murdoch L. Martyn, K.C.















