#### CHRONICLES GINGER FARM

will have heard, or read, of the "twister" that struck the Hornb district last week. Hornby is about our first news of the terrible dam age was by radio. We had no ink ling of it because even though t ind and rain were pretty ba age-except for the rain beating the ground-and that may be dam

Thursday afternson we went over to Hornby. The havoc was almost unbelievable. Thousands dollars damage to three farms, and seriously injured. It was a miracle Details have been given in all th papers but a few oddities have e aned notice For instance, on the Marchment farm-better known the district as "the old McCurd farm"—there was a great numb of fine old trees. Many were to up by the roots; others remained standing and in these trees you could look up and see huge strip of steel roofing lodged in the forks of the trees or wrapped around th

The massive bank barn set back quite a piece from the house, yet huge timbers, torn from the barn, were sent hurtling over the housetop and dropped in the field beyond. Beams that would take sev-

eral strong men to lift.

The C.B.L. Transmitting Station is right next to the Marchment farm, but as far as we could programmes were not even interupted. Naturally the CBL property has a good, strong wire fence around, yet the next morning a calf was found on CBL property. It certainly couldn't have jumped the fence so one can only suppose it was carried there by the wind. Equally miraculous was the escape of Hornby United Church, within a stone's throw of the path of the

unhappy—a tremendous lost of chattering and chirping was going on among them. One tree, ripped in half, had exposed a flicker's nest and two little fledgelings were yipping away like a couple of lost

on the Russel King farm, perched on one of the barn stringers from which the roof had been lifted, there was one lonely pigeon and a little bantam hen, sitting disconsolately side by side. Other hens and chickens appeared quite happy, picking their way among the debris, more than likely delighted at being allowed so much liberty. When the storm struck the pullets casualty list on that farm was not

Across the road Harry Newton was not so lucky. There was noth-400 capons-and very few of

So far as we know none of the farmers carried wind insurancetoo bad wind insurance is so often regarded as an unnecessary expense. It seems to be just one of arise then the compensation is worth all the premiums that were

After we got home that day, Partner made a few observations that had not occurred to me. He was comparing the effects now to what it was 20 years ago. "At that time," said Partner, "a farmer was practically dependent on his barn. He couldn't carry on without it. But now, with his buildings gone, a farmer's field work need not stop. He can bale his hay and stack the bales. He can combine his crops, sell the grain and bale the

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#### Handyman Can Make Efficient Door File

CUCH labels as "scatter-brained" and "inefficient" have

been tagged on women for generations. Housewives forget their appointments, lose their bills, foul up their bank accounts. Women, charge their husbands, simply have no mind for business.

A more accurate conclusion would be: women have no place for business. The average home is simply not set up for fingertip organization. The milk bill gets thrust in the kitchen door; the gas bill arrives in the mail, but the baby grabs it for play; receipts and important papers get stuck in with recipes or lingerie because there's just no other place for them.

Most women have neither the space nor the time for an elaborate filing system, but here's an idea for a simple-to-make, easy-to-use file that may be hung on the back of the kitchen door for easy availability.

This file, which is planned as a calendar system, is divided into 35 individual pockets—one for each day of the month plus four extra divisions for miscellaneous use

IT'S suggested that homemakers file their bills under the dates they should be malled. Since most firms now use staggered bookkeeping systems, homemakers receive bills all month long. Sometimes, because there's no concrete reminder, the writing of checks in payment gets shoved aside. By slipping your bill into the due-date pocket, however, you will find it easy to remember to deal with it

Such a file is also an aid in keeping up with social appointments. Memos jotted down just after you've received a verbal or a telephone invitation may be placed in the proper slot. By checking papers tucked into the current day's file each morning, you will have a

tucked into the current day's file each morning, you will have a permanent. memory-joiter.

If your husband is handy with tools, it will be an easy job for him to construct a calendar file for you. The materials he'll need are: a 42-by-25½-inch piece of pressed wood; 17½ inches of wood parting strip, one-half inch by three-quarters of an inch, to be ripped for eight vertical and six horizontal dividers; half-inch brads, numerals, priming paint and enamel, screws and curved washers for mounting.

With the calendar file pictured here, the busy homemaker can keep track of her bill-paying as well as of appointments, parties and priming paint and enamel, screws and curved washers for mounting.



straw. It isn't even necessary to put up another high bank barn, as, with the use of modern machinery, hay and grain crops require less room than they did 20 years ago.

A big barn nowadays has too much space-and that in itself is a

wind hazard." Sunday we went back to Hornby again and saw a striking example of what can be accomplished with the cooperation of good neighbours. Much of the debris had been cleared away, men had been busy with

roofed. We saw a young housewife, hurrying over with home-baking to those who had lost the comforts of home. We heard of an old gentle man, over 80, who had been busy all day Saturday fixing things here and there on one farm, and then, after supper, when everyone thought he had gone home, he was discovered on top of a garage, helping to re-shingle a new roof that the wind had lifted. No matter where you live, neighaxes and cross-cut saws. A house | bours are wonderful people.

#### ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor -



duddy, Anne Hirst," protests considered quite modern. But I am troubled because our men today seem to

"Has the quality of our men sunk so low? Or is it the girls who have brought this about?

"WHY MARRY THEM?" "I am at a loss to understand. marrying such a girl

\* has racked her brain over this \* question.

\* Brought up in a cultured fam-\* ily, she sees men of equal birth \* and breeding make fools of them-\* selves over a flashy fema'c who

## \* modern times. A few, beóazzled \* by the girl's very difference, make \* the mistake of marrying—and \* find themselves tied to a coarse old fuddy-

tedly repugnant.

It is not, however, as common

as this writer seems to think.

who is lured by the show of shee

animal spirits and misled by the

unrestrained emotional exhibi

\* tion. "My," he exclaims to him-\* self, "this girl is more fun!" And

\* he proceeds to sow his first wild

oats in ignorance, if not defiance,

to prove he is at last a man.

Later, of course, his innate re-

finement opens his eyes, and he

sees the girl for what she is. Re-volted and ashamed, he gives her

\* It is no wonder that nice girls

\* like this one who wrote me are

\* discouraged and alarmed. Neg-\* lected by the nice men they \* meet, they exaggerate the situ-

is more common than it actually

Uncouth manners and lewd

\* minds have existed in every \* population, but they are by no

\* means in the majority. The re-\* laxed barriers of modern social

\* life have made this type seem \* ubiquitous. Girls who rightly re-

sent their apparent hold on de-

people like themselves, who ad-

\* here to high standards and con-\* fine their social activities within

To "A. M. C.": There are lots

\* the quick brush-off.

be attracted only by the cheap sort "Why does she make such an mpression? With her raucous laughter, her vulgar actions, her filthy stories—why do the men cluster about her? The intelligent, refined and cultured girl who would never make such a display is left out, even though she may be lovely

"How horrible to live with an empty little mind! There are so many wonderful things to see and to enjoy! It certainly doesn't take any intelligence to make a cheap exhibition of oneself. "Who has brought this about?"

proper bounds.

\* acter-and you will wonder why you ever thought they were A girl cannot be too careful in her choice of friends. Cultivate

give a door?" "Two, my boy," was the reply.
"Then if you give it three coats," said the lad brightly, "it would be an overcoat?" "No, my lad," retorted the painte

grimly, "it would be a waste coat."

\* and gaudy creature who within \* a few months becomes disgus-

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You have no idea, maybe, of the trouble they have been having with Yard, but the yard long. Most of us are content to dismiss it as just 36 inches and go gaily on our way regardless. Regardless of the fact that recently when they cornered it one yard was not 36 inches at all. It was exactly 35.998669 inches. And that, my friends, was just 0,000008 inches longer than it had been 10 years previously, writes John Allan May in The Christian Science Monitor. "They" are the folk who keep the vard tidy, the metrologists of the

is kept at Sevres, near Paris, which

kilometric sign derives its meaning from one or the other," the NPL live in eternal uncertainty about the last millionth, at least, of an inch or a centimeter were it not for a development to be described later." This fate may not seem all that but we have to think of others. "Parliamentary copies of the im-

is immured near the staircase lead ing to the committee rooms of the House of Commons," perhaps for the benefit of members who if given an inch are wont to take a mile.

### **Exactly How Long** Is One Yard?

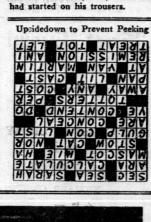
By agreement with Canada and the United States Britain's Ministry of Supply discloses how a nuclear reactor of the latest type is constructed. The heart of a big "pile" or reactor is a huge block of graphite into which spears of ura-nium are inserted and which is enclosed in a jacket of steel and re-inforced concrete. Among the hun-dreds of different materials that go-into the reactor are 5,000 tons of graphite, 3,000 tons of concrete, 600 tons of steel and forty tons of ura-nium. More than 1,800 channels are bored into the huge graphite cube. National Physical Laboratory here at Teddington. They have no sine-

The yard was made legal back in 1878 by act of Parliament. It is neutralize the atomic reaction. in 1878 by act of Parliament. It is the distance between two lines on The surrounding graphite reflects a metal bar, deposited in London with the Board of Trade, when the temperature of the bar, and pre-sumably of the board, is 62 degrees

Fahrenheit.
An international prototype meter "Ultimately every milestone and

declares. "If they are lost, we should appalling to those who don't even notice what the last milestone said,

perial standard yard are kept at the Royal Mint, the Royal Society, the Royal Observatory, and the Board



by the outer casing, a shell made

The keeper of the elephants at a circus at Bielefeld, Germany, slept in their enclosure one night. When

he awoke he found that his charge

had eaten his hat, coat, wallet and

cast-iron plates six inches thick.



Famous Paining At Toronto Art Gallery-The world famous paint ing "The Artist in his Studio," painted by the great Dutch artist, Jan Vermeer, about three centuries ago, is included in the 80-million dollar exhibition of Art Treasures from the Vienna Collection in the Art Gallery of Toronto, August 5 to September 16. This is the only Canadian showing of this fabulous collection

pares these copies and the original.
"It will surprise the layman," they say, "to learn that two members of the staff worked the equivalent of six months during 1922 to complete the task," and they are right. It does surprise the layman.

In 1922 the NPL also "took the opportunity" to compare the yard and the meter. They found the actal ratio did not agree with the legal ratio. It was way out, by 0.000034 inches. They've scarcely dared look

in 1947 in 'strong evidence that the imperial standard yard and its original copies had gradually shortened during the past 52 years by nearly two parts in a million." Ouch! Metal, of course, does all sorts of queer things. It even "creeps." But a new high in eccentricity has been reached by an NPL standard bar that has been found to measure ently in France than in England. "No satisfactory explan was found," they say. It doesn't surprise me.

Then in 1948 along came the American National Bureau of Standards with the gift to NPL of a lamp of mercury transmuted out of gold in an atomic pile. Its waves prove to be "the ideal measure of length." That's talking!

If today metrologists still can legally measure only the same im perial, or jumping, standard, I gather they now at least can meaately: "One day we will have a law passed making this atomic light wave our standard measure. The yard will then be stable. That will be in 100 years, I imagine." I was mighty relieved to hear it.

#### Really Big "Pile"

River of Grass There are no other Everglades in They are, they have always been, one of the unique regions of the earth, remote, never wholly known. Nothing anywhere else is like them; their vast glittering openness, wider than the enormous visible round of the horizon, the racing free saltness and sweetness of their massive winds, under the dazzling blue heights of space. They are unique also in the simplicity, the diversity, the related harmony of the forms of life they enclose. The miracle of the light pours over the green and brown expanse of saw grass and of water, hining and slow-moving below, the neutrons that would otherwise grass and water that is the meaning and the central fact of the Everescape from the central core. Ra-diation inside the pile is blocked

> The English from the Bahamas charting the Florida coasts in the early seventeen hundreds, had no Brahm, the surveyor, may have gone up some of the east-coast rivers and stared out on that endless, watery bright expanse, for on his map he called them "River Glades." But on the later English maps "River" becomes "Ever," so it is hard to tell what he intended.

glades of Florida. It is a river of

map of 1823 was the first to use the

The word "glade" is of the oldest English origin. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon (glaed," with the "as" diphthong, shortened to "gla." It meant "shining" or "bridge," perhaps as of water. The same word was used in the Scandinavian languages for "a clear place in the iky, a bright streak or patch of Dictionary gives it.

But most dictionaries nowadays and a definition of them with the sualifying phrase, "as of the Florida Everglades." So that they have hus become unique in being their way, and only, best definition.—
From "The Everglades: River of Grass," by Marjory Stoneman

# by A SIXBIT CRITIC

anything we see in public print is going to surprise or shock usno, not even if Colonel Bertie McCormick of The Chicago Tribune

Stretching was done to the extent with the instead of getting three sellout gates they now grab off five.

Which might be an idea, at that, for our hockey moguls who object should start printing a picture of King George at his masthead, or The Toronto Globe and Mail should hail the Hon, C. D. Howe as the greatest Canadian living or dead. For, believe it or not, we have

Love Finds A Way\_Four-year-old Judy Ann Goral loves her Grandpa. He's her pal and has spent

most of his leisure time building her a swing, a playhouse, a merry-go-round and she has for-gotten how many toys. So, when he had to go to the hospital on the eve of his 62nd birthday,

Judy was upset. She tried many times to visit him, but her age barred her. Finally she went home and, with an assist from her mother, worked out her inspiration. With it she rushed back

to the hospital and, as seen at right, was able to wish him a happy birthday after all. Looking down at her from the hospital-room window Grandpa said: "That's my girl."

just finished reading an article in an English journal of wide circulation in which the sacred sport of CRICKET is most severely criticised. Cricket, mind you! Why, that's mutiny, that's what it is! Or firing on the guards! Or something! Writing about one of the current Test Matches between South Africa

and England, the author, one Jef-frey Wyndham, says "The crowds will go because of the natural attractions of a Test Match and the The present name came into knowledge that every player is a general use only after the acquisi-tion of Florida from Spain in 1819 by the United State: The Turner be a good physic for county treasurer's sick balance sheets, these five-day marathons are ruining

egad! Wyndam may be an English name, but we suspect the man must be a Sinn Feiner at heart.

worst. Brother Wyndoman's merely warming up, "Five-day matches are a modern fetish," he goes on to say. "They were started because England and Australia, scared of losing to each other, declined to show boldness in play . . . The only means so far devised of finishing a game was to stretch playing ing a game was to stretch playing hours." - . . .

(Here we might say that the

#### player, who is obsessed with the idea that he is engaged in a life-or-death struggle for his cricketing reputation. But spectators who pay to see a cricket match are not interested in a player's personal amplitude. But that is by no means the terested in a player's personal ambitions. They want to be enter-tained—after all, they do pay enter-tainment tax in their admission

Cricket offers either the most delightful relaxation or the most boring spectacle. I know one cynic who frequently declares that counators to drink and so increase the bar takings!

to playing overtime. When the re-gulation 60 minutes end in a tie, tell the customers to kick in with

the price of another admission and

But back to Brother Wyndham.

"When this happened the first prin-

ciple of cricket was cast aside—that it's the game, not the result,

that matters. Soon other cricket playing countries regarded them-selves as slighted unless they, too, were given five-day Tests."

come to regard them as an exten-sion of their lease of the wicket. In-

stead of making sure they finish the game, they try to stay in as long as possible."

Now the warm-up is over. Mr.

Wyndham is out of the bull-pen and starts really flinging. Hearken!

stop to see the finish.)

last much longer. The most patient will evventually realize that they can get a cheaper drink outside the ground and save admission money as well.

At heart, practically every Briton likes to watch a game of cricket, whether it is played in the sanctity of Lord's, the smoke-grimed atmosphere of Manchester or Sheffield, a tree-fringed village green, or just a huma nitch in a public or just a bump pitch in a public

but it is the batsman who really matters from the spectator's point of view. Everyone can see what he does; but even with binoculars is trying.

cricket writers are supposed to be

## leagues have often breathed a fer-vent "Thank gcodness he's gone!" when a particularly stodgy batsman has at last been removed.

The crowd go to see runs scored,

The crowd go to see runs scored, or else in the main they won't go at all. They will applaud the classic strokes like the majestic off-drive, the graceful cut, or the almost contemptuous pull. But they will also applaud a snick through the slips or a blackcmith's swipe.

It may be sacrilege to suggest that the public are mainly interested in seeing runs scored—but it is very near the truth. For confirmation, look to the prosperous league clubs in the Midlands and North, where, even if small grounds do make fours easy to get, the PROMPT delivery on chicks and turkeys.
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Crowds went to see men like Hobbs, Woolley and Bradman because they knew they would score plenty of runs, and usually get them quickly. Woolley, from whom, in the eyes of many small boys, anything less than a six was a mishit, was the most graceful batsman in modern memory. Hobbs also was a supreme artist. Bradman cared little about the arts, but he got the runs—and quickly. We still have Hutton and Compton, who are first-rate craftsmen as well as ground-filling entertainers.

Men like these are rare indeed Men like these are rare indeed. But players with far less talent will quickly get a crowd-pulling reputation just by trying to look enthusiastic and going for the quqick singles that so many orthodox battmen disdain.

Call it tip-and-run cricket if you Call it tip-and-run cricket if you like, but that is my remedy for cricket's ills. Quick runs at almost any cost, even if we have to lower the standard of batsmanship. As a lover of the arts of cricket it is against my inner wishes to say so—but rather lively decadence than a centrel corner.

five days to know a match result.

Three should be ample even for a Test. There may be ways to enliven cricket by artificial means, but for a start let's try more keen-

players.

A cricket ground is no place for bored players or bored spectators. If clubs remember that and act accordingly they will be a long way towards solving their problems. rord\*prv\*.rr/\*orriter

ject for the time being. More than sufficient, probably, as we know that our readers' hearts must have been wrung, even as ours was, at such a sad tale. Just to think that there are cricketers who actually "Five-day Tests are defeating their own object. They were devised to bring about results and maintain interest, avoiding the frustration of a draw. But players have imagine that their personal batting averages matter a tinker's dam!

Just to think that there are cricket writers who consider that the cash writers who consider that the cash customer—the guys who keep the game going—are deserving any consideration! Still, if the top brass of cricket

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It may be had on the bowler, but it is the had many the really

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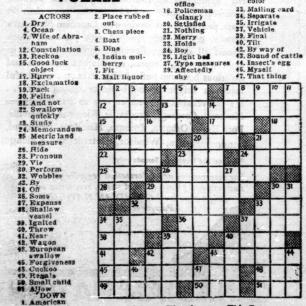
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