THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

● This column being all in favor of bestowing credit where the same is due, we take this opportunity to belatedly doff the chapeau in the general direction of far-away Australia.

It's an oldish story now that the forces from Down Under won the Davis Cup, emblematic of world tennis superiority, so that at least one major sports triumph went to the lean credit side of the British sports ledger before 1951 closed out.

But that isn't exactly the point we had in mind. What we wanted to say is that the over-all Australian Davis Cup record is almost miraculous.

From a scant population (somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,000,000) it has for 50 years developed some of the greatest tennis players in history — Anthony Wilding, the all-time No. 1 southpaw, Sir Norman Brookes, Gerald Patterson, James Anderson, Pat O'Hara, Adrian Quist, John Bromwich and now, in the last couple of years, Sedgman, McGregor and Rose.

Despite a comparatively meagre population to draw from, Australia has during the period since 1900 sent 20 of its teams into Davis Cup challenge rounds and its players have won nine times.

The United States, provided with talent from the great California tennis mill, has participated in 33 challenge rounds and of these has lost more though it has won. The score is: U.S. 15, Opponents 18. In ratio of population, Australia tops them all in tennis success.

The Aussies defeated powerful British teams twice and the United States squads seven times, with Brookes and Wilding doing the racquet swinging for the Aussies on four occasions.

Australia was not knocked out of the picture by the first war or by World War II either, despite staggering losses of manpower. Its players made the challenge round 13 times, from 1919 through 1951, lost twice to Great Britain, nine times to the United States partly due to the reign of the famous "Big Bill and Little Bill" (Tilden and Johnston) combination.

How long they can hold on is another matter in view of the quantity production in the United States. But they won it against the best the United States could produce, even though there was nothing in the 1951 series to compare with one of the most famous matches of Davis Cup history. That was in 1914, when Australia's Brookes and Wilding played together for the last time. America's "Comet" McLoughlin and Brookes were opponents in a terrific match, the first set of which went 32 games, the longest in Davis Cup history for many years. The Comet finally won in straight sets.

The Aussies, however, won the title, 3 matches to 2. Both Brookes and Wilding then went to war and Wilding was killed with thousands of other Anzacs in the Gallipoli campaign.

So, this observer believes, a rousing cheer, a verbal pat on the back, and a hearty nod of appreciation is due to the hardy Australians, who produce quality despite a lack of quantity.

Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

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Topnotch Toddler Trainers—Sixteen-month-old Donnie Davis gets expert assistance from former world heavyweight champ Ezzard Charles, right, and Judge Vincent Carroll at the opening of a new Police Athletic League center. Looking on are PAL officials who helped in the dedication.

SPORTS &c

by A Sixbit Critic

"Anyone can get the ball over the plate," he said scornfully. "It's learning to nick the corners that makes such a big difference. Control comes only from experience and from work. Most young pitchers make the mistake of exceeding their gait, which means throwing too hard. They lose control. You have to find what your proper gait is and stick to it. Then, when you have the batters used to your proper gait, you can slow down or speed up, perpetually keeping them off balance."

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These are words which any young gaffer with dreams of becoming another Christy Mathewson or Grover Alexander should treasure, for they come from the lips of the gent who—on his record in 1951 and up to now in 1952—knows more about the art of hurling than any present-day moundsman.

We refer, of course, to none other than Sal "The Barber" Maglie, pride of Niagara Falls, Ont.

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"I'd say that five of seven pitches I throw are curves," continues Mr. Maglie. "Yet I might throw nothing but fast balls at a batter, merely to cross him up. I watch every hitter. If I catch him leaning over the plate, waiting for a curve, I'll fast-ball him. If he's standing back for the fast one, I'll hook him. Of course I've studied every batter and never give him what he likes to hit—if I can help it, I mean."

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The Barber admits that he learned most about pitching while playing for that wily master of the art, Dolf Luque, both in Mexico and Cuba.

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"He taught me to bear down on every pitch, to remember the hitters and to keep constantly in mind where they hit me. Because my curve couldn't break too well in the rarefied atmosphere at Mexico City, I concentrated on putting the ball exactly where I wanted to put it, thus gaining control. Usually I'd just show my curve to get 'em cautious and then come in with the fast ball. Another trick I picked up was the manner in which I threw my curve.

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"I had been in the habit of letting it go high on the downsweep of my arm. But now I throw it from in front of me so that it comes out from my uniform. The batter can't see the ball until it's on top of him.

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"How many types of curve do I throw? I guess the count is three. I break one like a slider. I have one that goes down, an old-fashioned drop. I have a third that breaks down and away, an outdrop the old-timers might call it. But all come at varying speeds. Oh, yes, I also use an occasional sidearm curve that isn't a bit fancy. It's just an ordinary curve."

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Just the other day, according to Arthur Daley in The New York Times, Dutch Ruether was talking about Maglie.

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"He reminds me more of Grover Cleveland Alexander than any modern pitcher," said Ruether. "He never makes the same mistake twice. The first time I ever batted against Alex was in 1917 and I smashed a wicked line drive. I hit against him for the next nine years and I never saw that same kind of pitch again."

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Unaware of that fragment of conversation, Sal speedily confirmed it.

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"The new fellows give me the most trouble," said the Barber. "I couldn't get rid of Merson of Pittsburgh for the longest time. But it won't happen any more. I know him now." His jaw jutted grimly.

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"Naturally I have certain difficulties with Stan Musial and Jackie Robinson," he added with a thin smile. "Who doesn't? They don't guess. They hit with the pitch, pulling an inside pitch and slicing an outside one to the opposite field. But that's why they are such great hitters. Pee Wee Reese bothers me more than he should. I know he's a high-ball hitter, but I never seem able to get the ball in low enough on him.

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"There are days, though, when my curve isn't worth a damn. Sometimes it's when the atmospheric conditions are bad. For instance, when the wind is blowing in, the curve won't break properly. Other days I just don't have it. However, I always know right away and I also know I'll be getting an early shower bath."

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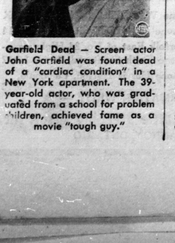
Other teams say that they have to get to Maglie in the first two innings or they won't get to him at all. It usually works out that way.



Garfield Dead — Screen actor John Garfield was found dead of a "cardiac condition" in a New York apartment. The 39-year-old actor, who was graduated from a school for problem children, achieved fame as a movie "tough guy."

The Profundity Of May

Apple blossoms are pink and white in the orchards, and the bees are working overtime. Violets bloom in the lowlands. Dogwood whitens in the woodland, and along the grey stone walls the windflowers blow, the bloodroot still blooms and jack-in-the-pulpit and Trillium open big, new leaves and prepare exotic blossoms. The brook runs bank-full; the pond laps at its high-water mark. April's rains are past and May is, initially at least, full of growth and sunshine.

And there is the profundity of May. There is a notion that anything with a depth of meaning must be hard to understand, must be written in an obscure language and reserved for the few. Yet here is May, a time of tremendous fundamentals and miraculous matters, all of them spread before us, flagrantly demanding attention. Its language is as simple as a new leaf or a buttercup flower.

Here is the fundamental of life, the whole process of germination and growth. Here is flowering and fertility and life preparing its own renewal. Here are sunlight and water being turned into food, photosynthesis, an even more profound process than atomic fission; and it goes on in every blade of grass, every tree leaf, every weed in the gutter, no more secret than sunlight. Here is abundance, and growth and beneficience, so much of it that the world seems hard put to contain it all. It constantly spills over, outreaching itself in abundance.

And there is another of the simple profundities of May. One of the fundamental laws of the world itself is plenty, not scarcity; production, not destruction; growth, not stagnation.

—From The New York Times.

14 Minutes Without Single Word Spoken

The play Madame Butterfly belongs to an age in which theatre-goers believed that Japan was inhabited by a meticulous people redolent of cherry blossoms, where every child was able to quote saws, where every man walked with a mincing gait, hiding his hands in the sleeves of his kimono, and where every woman bowed low and was ready to sacrifice all for love. In the early part of our century, Japan was a country the literary possibilities of which were being discovered by writers of various caliber, ranging from John Luther Long up to Lafcadio Hearn, who possessed the singular distinction of knowing something about the locale which he was depicting. The East was good, the West was crass, much to the enjoyment of the public. It longed for "all one sees that's Japanese," as Mr. Bunthorne says.

Madame Butterfly started in life as a story by John Luther Long which, though not very different from other stories in which true-hearted girls were betrayed by wayward Westerners, made an uncommon impression on the American magazine-reading public. David Belasco promptly turned it into a one-act play. He gave it the customary Belascoe magic. Before the curtain rose, there were to be seen at the Herald Square Theater novel "picture drops," a series of painted curtains showing various views of Japan, a rice field, a flower garden, a snow-capped volcano illuminated by a setting sun. The scenery was authentically neo-Nipponese, the cherry blossoms were copious, the lighting imaginative; and, helped by these, Blanche Bates wrung fountains of tears from the audience. It was such a success in New York—where it opened on March 5, 1900—that Belasco immediately took it to the Duke of York's Theatre in London. Scenes 1 and 2 of the play were connected by the scene of a butterfly's vigil, which played for fourteen minutes without a word being spoken. Butterfly prepared for Pinkerton's return, attired herself and her little child in fine array, decked the house with flowers, and lighted the Japanese lanterns; then, with the child and her maid, she took up her post at the window, watching through the night. Belasco showed the darkening sky, then night, the stars—at first barely visible, then brilliantly bright, then gradually fading—with the lighted lanterns flickering out one by one. Dawn came and Butterfly still stood, still gazed down the road, as the first rays of the sun flooded the room and the morning song of the birds was heard in the cherry grove. Belasco said in his memories that he conceived this scene as a challenge to himself. It is a tribute to his skill that he was able to bring off a fourteen-minute-long pantomime. — From "Puccini," by George Marek.

New Ways of Caring For Your Furniture

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When washing woodwork, use a well-soaped toothbrush or percolator brush to coax soil from those hard-to-get-at window frame corners and door grooves. Try adding a little starch to the soapy water when washing the kitchen floor. This is said to give a nice gloss to linoleum, and also to keep it clean longer.

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The man renewed his plea and appeared almost at the point of bursting into tears when the banker interrupted.

"Did you know that I have a glass eye-" he asked.

"Why no, I didn't," the man replied.

"All right, I'll make you a sporting proposition," the banker continued. "If you can guess which one of my eyes is artificial, I'll approve the loan."

The man peered intently into the banker's face for a moment. "I think the left one is artificial," he said.

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What is the correct way to wear a senior class ring?

A. There is no established rule, but most of these rings are worn on the third finger of the left hand, and they are correctly worn so that the initials are upside down to the wearer.

Q. How should a drinking glass and a coffee cup be held?

A. A drinking glass is held a little below the center between the thumb and first two fingers. The handle of the cup is grasped by the thumb and first two fingers, the third and fourth fingers bent toward the palm.

Q. After a death in a family, should the calls of sympathy be returned?

A. Such calls are not returned, since the family is in mourning and is not making social visits.

Q. What are the duties of the bridegroom's parents before the wedding?

A. Nothing special, outside of paying a call on the bride's parents, after the engagement has been announced, and to buy the bride as also a wedding present as possible. It's nice, too, for the man's family to invite her and her family to a gathering sometime before the wedding.

Q. Is it proper to name a boy John Jones II, rather than John Jones, Jr.?

A. The "junior" is the only proper suffix if a boy is named for his father. "Second" means nephew or cousin, and never refers to the son.

Q. I have just been invited for a weekend visit. Would it be proper for me to bring a gift to my hostess?

A. Yes, this would be a very nice gesture on your part. The gift need not be valuable, but should show care in selection. And, of course, this does not excuse you from writing that "bread-and-butter" letter as soon as possible after you return home.

Q. When attaching one's card to a wedding gift, is it necessary to write the bride's name on the envelope?

A. No, it is not necessary, although it is quite all right if one wishes to do so.

Q. In what manner should friends be invited to a christening?

A. By telephone or informal note.

Q. Is it proper to take a present to a "farewell party" for a friend who is leaving for the Army?

A. If you are a very close friend of that man and are able to give him a gift you know he can use, such a gift is all right. But this is not expected of you.

Q. How much of the hand should be dipped into the finger bowl?

A. Only the fingertips, one hand at a time.

A HELP

A coffee salesman was travelling through Alabama and he had waited for a train he chatted with a lazy-looking Negro idling on a seat at the station. "Ever drink coffee?" he asked, with an eye to stirring up interest in his line.

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"Fifty cups a day! Doesn't it keep you awake?" inquired the salesman.

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"Gardeners may be gloomy; but they have hearts of gold. It is because they have hearts of gold that they are gloomy; became otherwise they would either kill themselves or run swiftly from their gardens into industry, where their skill and patience would be invaluable."

—Frank Swinnerton.

ANSWERS TO INTELLIGENCE TEST

1—horse. 2—Superior. 3—Greece. 4—Chaucer. 5—a guide book. 6—Quebec. 7—(A) France; (B) Britain; (C) Portugal; (D) United States.

Silly Days Step In With Panty-Pilfering

Despite official efforts to keep it undercover, there are more than scanty reports that spring fever has inspired the collegian to father a new fad, the lingerie foray. Object of the game, which has won the campus yet more notoriety than did goldfish gulping in the 1930's, is, in brief, to raid girls' dormitories and see who can acquire the most unmentionables. At top, Columbia University students wave trophies garnered in a foray on Barnard College dormitories. Similar raids at other universities have sparked debates as angry as the housemother of a besieged "dorm." Essence of arguments condemning and condoning the new fad is pictured below.

THE FARM FRONT

by John Russell

"A system of forced ventilation can make many stables healthier for livestock and better places to work," says J. A. Dalrymple, animal husbandry expert of the Kemptville agricultural school.

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Ventilation of the 30 feet by 90 feet dairy barn at the school always presented a winter problem, as the conventional wooden chimney system did an unsatisfactory job of removing foul moist air.

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With at least 25 cows and 10 to 21 calves in the building, the walls and ceiling were frequently wet and dripping. Dampness made the stable unhealthy for calves, caused the paint to peel and the wood to rot.

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A system of forced ventilation was installed in the fall of 1949. To draw off moist air, an electric fan was placed in the west end of the stable in an unused doorway.

A duct was carried from the fan to within 15 inches of the floor, so that foul air was withdrawn from that level. An additional opening near the ceiling was made and this can be opened to allow drawing off air from both the hoor and ceiling during the warmer weather.

Fresh air ducts were installed, otherwise efficiently operated industry.

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Carelless feeding is possibly the greatest cause of feed wastage, an done way to avoid it is to use feed hoppers of proper size and type, says T. M. MacIntyre of the Experimental Farm, Nappan, N.S.

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Often feed hoppers are used which are too small—particularly for growing stock. In order to avoid frequent feeding there is a tendency to overfill these hoppers, with the result that the birds often "bill out" as much as a quarter to a half of the feed.

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With feed at five cents a pound this represents a real loss to producer and in the final analysis to the poultry industry as a whole. If the estimated 70 million domestic fowl on Canadian farms each wastes a quarter-of-a-pound of feed in its lifetime, the feed loss would run to 8,750 tons. At today's cost of feed this is a considerable overall loss to the industry.

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Much of this loss can be avoided by using hoppers of proper size and designed so that they need not be overfilled. They should be placed so that they are level with the bird's backs.

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Watch carefully the temperature in the brooder house, advises F. J. Higginson, Acting Poultry Commissioner, Alberta Department of Agriculture. Chicks are sensitive to sudden changes in temperature.

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For day old chicks the thermometer should be hung about two inches from the floor at the edge of the canopy, and should register about 95 degrees. Above or below this range can cause overheating or chilling.

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These symptoms, which are all too common, can result in lung trouble, piling up, and digestive disturbances. A set-back at this stage is serious, and results in poor growth and poor feathering.

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The temperature may be lowered about five degrees each week until artificial heat is no longer required. A temperature of about 70 degrees is desirable in a brooder house.

Five of these small ducts were evenly spaced on each side of the barn.

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The ducts are built so that the fresh air come in 12 inches from the ceiling and is directed at it. Dampers were installed on these air intakes so they could be adjusted to weather conditions.

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According to Mr. Dalrymple, when the fan is operating signs of excessive moisture are stopped, stable odours reduced and working conditions are improved, as the air is dry. The cows seem contented with temperatures between 47 to 50 degrees, even maintaining production at colder temperatures.

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The system is very satisfactory so long as the fan is operated continuously. To check its effectiveness, the fan was shut off at times. Within half an hour, the walls and ceiling would become wet, and dripping would start shortly after. Thus, in stables where dampness is a problem, Dalrymple feels that investigation of a forced ventilation system would be worthwhile.

Information on the installation of such systems is contained in Ontario Department of Agriculture Circular Number 109, entitled "Exhaust Fan Ventilation for Dairy Stables."

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This can be obtained from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, the Kemptville Agricultural School, Kemptville; or, the Statistics and Publication Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

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The amount of feed wasted by Canadian poultrymen probably runs into many thousands of dollars annually. It arises no doubt from a lack of appreciation of how rapidly feed wastage builds up until it represents a serious loss in an

Double-Header—Giraffes that don't know whether they're coming or going belong in the same category as pink elephants and little men with sugar-loaf hats. It's a relief to know that the weird-men with sugar-loaf hats. It's a relief to know that the weird-looking animal above is (are) really two giraffes enjoying the sun at the London Zoo.

While a thermometer is, in most cases, a very good guide for heat requirements, the best indications are the chicks themselves. If at night they form in a ring around the outer edge of the canopy, you can be assured that the temperature is right.

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If they huddle together, more heat is necessary; if they are spread out all over the floor it's usually a little too warm.

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Baby chicks require ventilation just as much as do laying birds, but the amount of ventilation will depend upon the time of the year and the age of the chicks. A continuous supply of fresh air must be provided at all times. Be careful, however, not to expose the chicks to a direct draft. If you do, chilling and mortality may result.

The SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. R. B Warren, B.A., B.D.

Persons and Property
Exodus 20:15, Luke 16:1-12
Memory Selection: Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15.

The right of persons to hold personal property is recognized throughout Scripture. Of course this doesn't deter Communists for they do not acknowledge the Divine authority of the Scriptures anyway. But it must be admitted that in our so-called Christian lands much of our homage to God's word is more lip-service than practice.

At a Washington, D.C., Parent-Teacher Association meeting, there was a discussion of the character education experiment being carried on in the schools there. A father from one of the government offices spoke against the plan thus: "What they need to do is to teach the children comman honesty. I bring home pencils from the office for the children to take to school. I don't care, because the pencils don't cost me anything, but my boy no sooner lays a pencil on the desk until someone steals it. Just let the schools teach common honesty, and we won't need character education."

This man is typical of multitudes. Stealing from the government is particularly excusable in the eyes of many. The large scale thefts from Canadian military establishments is a recent tragic example of present-day standards.

The disclosure of the cooperation of gamblers and politicians shocked the American people. Deputy attorney general Nelson Stamler of New Jersey, made it unmistakably clear through references to actual cases that such forms of gambling as bingo are supported for the purpose of softening the public. He cited a case in one county where a jury refused to convict a "bookie" when the evidence was overwhelming. In reply to a question about the verdict, a woman juror expressed the opinion that what this man was doing was little different from her own practice of playing bingo whenever the opportunity arose.

Public opinion has already been so softened that law enforcement is difficult. It would seem that the churches might begin by making clear to their people the immorality of gambling.

How true are the words of Jesus, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

The GREEN THUMB

by Gordon Smith

Lots of Time

For every plant or seed lost through late planting there are probably a dozen that perish through being put in too soon. There is nothing to be gained by getting in a dither. True, certain grass seed, peas, our ry stock, and such lovers of cool weather, can hardly be put in too soon. But with the great majority of the flowers and vegetables we grow in Canada there is no terrible rush. The main growing period, speaking generally, will be June and early July and often those things which are planted a week or two later than the first will catch up. Of course, with most vegetables experienced gardeners advise planting not once but several times and at about a fortnight or three-week intervals. This brings them along in succession, spreading the harvesting or good-eating season over weeks instead of days. To extend that season still further it is also advisable to use at least one early and one late maturing variety of each sort.

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Spread Out

Except where the summer is unusually hot and dry one can go on planting beans, beets, carrots, lettuce and such vegetables and some of the quick-growing annual flowers too, right up to mid-July with good chances of getting a crop of bloom. In a few sections of the country where first frosts do not usually arrive until October, and summers are cool and moist, one can also plant early spring type vegetables like lettuce, peas and spinach along in late July or early August with fair chances of success.

For New Homes

Scores of thousands of Canadians will have just moved into new homes. Usually the ground is in pretty rough or raw condition. About all one can expect the first year in permanent work is to get things levelled out for the lawn and a layout made on paper. Even under these conditions, however, one does not need to go without some pretty satisfactory decoration. Of course we can't have trees, shrubs and perennial vines overnight. We can't expect to have all the roses, peonies, iris, etc., we would like the very first year. We can't have real hedges. But it is amazing what one can do with annuals alone, and in just a few weeks. The best plan is to get in early whatever nursery stock and perennial flowers are available and financially possible. Then in between these we can use all sorts of annuals which will soon look as if they had always been there. There are big, bushy annuals like cosmos, dahlias, cannas, castor oil and spider plants, ornamental sunflowers or helia chus, African marigolds and giant larkspur that can be used in the place of flowering shrubbery. We can also make temporary hedges or screens of these. Then there are quick-growing climbing plants, scarlet runner beans, morning glories, climbing nasturtiums, sweet peas, hops and such for covering trellis or fence. And as for solid beds, edging and whatnot we have at least a hundred annual flowers from which to choose.

TEST YOUR INTELLIGENCE

Score 10 points for each correct answer in the first six questions:

1. A mustang is a:
   —feline animals —horse —buffalo —bird
2. The largest of the Great Lakes is Lake:
   —Superior —Erie —Huron —Ontario
3. The Parthenon is in:
   —England —Albania —Spain —Greece
4. The author of the Canterbury Tales Was:
   —Shakespeare —Lord Byron —Chaucer —Southey
5. A Baedeker is:
   —an arch supporter —a guide book —a boat —an exotic dish
6. The Canadian Province having the largest land area is:
   —Ontario —British Columbia —Quebec —Manitoba
7. Listed below are four islands or island groups and opposite them, mixed up, the countries which own them. Match them scoring 10 points for each correct answer.
   (A) Corsica —Britain
   (B) Zanzibar —Portugal
   (C) Azores —United States
   (D) Aleutians —France

Total your points. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.