

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

Isn't this been a wonderful spring for forsythia? Everywhere you go there are lovely bushes of golden bells. Some bushes and little bushes — it doesn't seem to make any difference — they are all in bloom, even our own little shrub, transplanted last year from Ginger Farm. Yesterday I was at a grand old home which was approached by a winding drive banked on either side by bush after bush of forsythia, spaced between stately shade trees. It was beautiful. The house, too, was something to remember, over a hundred years old and positively steeped in history. Until recently there was also a small cottage on the property and it was in this cottage that Manzo de la Roche lived in retirement while writing the first of her famous "Yama" books. Now the cottage has been demolished — because it stood in the way of an expanding subdivision. Our regular W.A. meeting was being held at the old house to be there during the afternoon there was a terrific wind, trees were swaying, dust blowing, but inside the house there wasn't a draft anywhere and not a window rattled. Then I came home and of course on my way I passed hundreds of new, ultra-modern homes, and do you know there was hardly a house that didn't have shingles lifting in the wind. We could have done without that high, drying wind very nicely. Rain, that had been predicted but didn't come, would have been far more welcome. Seeded fields and gardens need rain so badly — to say nothing of the wells. There has been little growth of any kind in spite of the few pleasantly warm days we had. Or should I say deceptively warm days? Any way about a week ago the temperature was very busy setting out geraniums, foliages and a few other winter house plants. She wouldn't believe me when I told her she was taking an awful chance on getting them frozen; that old-timers, familiar with the Canadian climate, always claim bedding plants should not be set out until after the 24th of May. Occasionally we do get a spring without a late frost but by and large the old rule still seems to hold good. Well, I am still pretty busy.

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with baby-sitting. Sometimes Bob and Joy bring Ross here, sometimes I go to their place at Oakville. But the end is at last in sight as they move into their new home at Milton tomorrow — exactly a year and a day since we moved away from it! It would have been easier for them had we still been there that. Coming events don't always cast their shadows before.

Last Tuesday while in Oakville I had quite an interesting day. While I had Ross out for an airing I wandered into a well-known pioneer cemetery. There I got into conversation with the elderly caretaker, discovered he came from Wiltshire where many of Pater's aunts, uncles and cousins still live — and where we spent part of our honeymoon. Old Oakville townstones led us to a conversation

Modern Etiquette

by Roberta Lee
Q. What is the proper time for the host and hostess to take their seats at the dinner table?
A. The hostess always seats herself first, this being the signal for the guests to seat themselves. The host always is the last to seat himself.
Q. After bridge has been played, and the hostess is setting the bridge table for maid and dessert, requiring only a fork and spoon, where should she place these pieces?
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Home Of The 'Bums'

The cabdriver turned around and scowled. "Where ya say ya wanna go?" he asked.
"Ebbetts field," the cabbie said.
"You're trying to make a living. Stop with the jokes."
Ephing had come with a rush, flooding the city with sunlight. Last week nobody went to Ebbetts field in Brooklyn. Out in the park where Beer, Red Hot Franks, were shut. The streets around the ball park were deserted. On Bedford Avenue, the street that sportscaster Red Barber made famous as a landmark place for home runs, a luncheonette had gone out of business. Ebbetts Field, born 1913, seemed about to go out of business, too.



SHRINKING WORLD?—According to the sign post it's only a short ride from New York to Boston, but here's the catch, the picture was made in England. This New York is a tiny hamlet situated some 10 miles from a slightly larger hamlet, Boston.

The Clue Of The Tattered Rug

Sprawled full length, caretaker Eph Littlefield peered under the door of Dr. John Webster's laboratory. All he could see was the doctor's feet moving between the table and the furnace. All he could hear was the soft shuffle of the doctor's shoes and water continuously flowing from the tap.
But there was something else... a faint but rather frightening smell... the pungent, repellent odor of burning flesh.
Eph had never known the furnace to be lit before. But now it was so hot that at one part of the building it could be felt through the wall. For a week Dr. Webster had hardly emerged from his rooms. And through all that week another of the Harvard University professors, Dr. George Parkman, had been missing without trace.
In the distant year 1849 Harvard rocked with the riddle. At noon on a foggy November day, lean Dr. Parkman had been seen walking rapidly towards the medical college on his way to a business appointment with some person unknown... but it was as if he had been whisked off the earth.
The police searched through the college buildings. They dragged a near-by river. They littered the town with reward bills. Lured by a witness who thought he had seen Dr. Parkman in the neighbourhood, they scoured a wheat warehouse and practically emptied it of grain.
And all the while Dr. Webster remained in his laboratory, engrossed in his experiments. When he emerged, locking the door carefully behind him, a tubby, beetle-browed little man gazing blandly through steel-rimmed spectacles, he was able to throw very little light on Parkman's movements.
But he admitted that he was the business contact whom Parkman had been going to see. He had owed Parkman a large sum of money, he explained, and had undertaken to repay it. At noon on November 22nd Parkman had duly called, had received the money and had accepted the deed of mortgage.

GO INTO BUSINESS

Webster. "Go and buy one—and change it to me."
Fill that moment Eph had advanced the doctor as the nearest medico in the world. What lay behind this change of heart? Scratching his head, Eph tried to visualize every detail of the scene earlier that day as detectives searched the laboratory. There was a key tiny detail that had not seemed important at the time.
Eph sighed with chagrin when he realized that the forgotten detail was even more unremarkable than he imagined. It was nothing more than a tattered old rug, which he had not seen before, that covered part of the floor.
The next morning, his eyes aching, Eph ran to tell his wife of his discovery. Beneath the laboratory was a vault which had long been closed and sealed. And with horror Eph remembered that one day, months before, Dr. Webster had asked him casually whether the vault was in good repair.
What was worse, the only entrance was through the floor of the laboratory by the trapdoor Webster kept covered with a rug.
Then Eph realized there was another way in. He took spade, pick and chisel, and tried to narrow his way through the solid wall.
His wife kept watch but Eph was interrupted so many times that by the end of the day he had moved only a few bricks. Next day he made faster progress and finally the last stone was moved.
Shining a light into the vault Eph discovered the horror he had always feared. The lamp glowed on the severed legs and torso of a man.
Dr. Webster was clapped into jail within the hour. In a medical school, however, it was not unprecedented to find a dismembered corpse, and the police knew they would face a tough task in proving it to be that of Dr. Parkman.
In the furnace were found other grim relics—splinters of charred bone, a fused and damaged set of false teeth. Dr. Webster had tried to ensure that no vital clue to his crime was left. Having thrown the set he recovered from the vault, he had been slowly disposing of them. He had got rid of the hands and skull; but painstakingly the scientist tried to piece the other fragments together.
By careful measurement they could only say to the infelicitous that before he could say the name of about Parkman's height and weight.
But it was Eph Littlefield who successfully wound up the case. Hearing of the discovery of the teeth he went to the local dentist. And the dentist at once recognized them as a set he had made for Dr. Parkman.
The teeth still exactly fitted the original mould in his possession. A deep irregularity on the lower side of Dr. Parkman's jaw had made the teeth difficult to make but made them all the more readily recognized.
Dr. Webster confessed to his crime. The devil doctor had been defeated by the dentist.
NONPLUSED ALIBIER
The guy fancied himself as a litter and he always came up with an alibi when he struck out or popped up to the infield. One day after whiffing three straight times, he took a vicious cut at a pitch and succeeded in pushing the ball about a yard out in front of the catcher. He was tossed out by twenty feet.
He came back to the bench muttering. But before he could say anything a teammate beat him to the punch.
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ALL RESIDENTS OF ONTARIO ARE ELIGIBLE
Enrolment will be open to every resident of Ontario — regardless of age or physical condition — either through a group, or individually on a Pay-Direct basis.
Non-residents of Ontario will not be eligible.

HOW YOU ENROL
COMPULSORY ENROLMENT — If you are a resident of Ontario employed where there are 15 or more on the payroll (including the employer) you are subject to compulsory enrolment through your place of employment.
VOLUNTARY ENROLMENT — If you are a resident of Ontario and not employed where there are 15 or more on the payroll, you are eligible to enrol through any of the following means: —
(a) Voluntary Groups. Persons employed where there are from 6 to 14 on the payroll (including the employer) may be enrolled as a group, if the employer applies for approval as a Mandatory Group and all employees participate.
(b) Collector's Groups. Organizations such as professional associations, medical co-operatives, craft unions, credit unions, etc. may apply for approval to act as collectors of hospital insurance premiums on behalf of their members.
(c) Pay-Direct enrolment. If you are not eligible to participate through a group, you may apply to pay directly to the Commission. See "When You Enrol", below.
(d) Recipients of public assistance who are covered by the Medical Welfare Plan through the Ontario Department of Public Welfare will also be eligible for hospital insurance benefits. It will not be necessary for them to apply for enrolment or pay a premium.

THE ONLY BASIC HOSPITAL INSURANCE — On and after January 1, 1959, the Ontario Hospital Services Commission will be the only agency offering standard ward hospital insurance in Ontario. No private insurance company or prepayment plan will provide benefits covering standard ward hospital services after December 31, 1958.

WHEN YOU ENROL
To have protection effective January 1, 1959 and also qualify for the two months' free coverage:
GROUPS must submit lists to the Commission by August 31, 1958, and begin payments in December, 1958.
Notice to Employers: This week the Commission is mailing to Ontario firms with 6 or more employees, the required forms and instructions for registering their employees.
ANY EMPLOYER WITH 6 OR MORE ON THE PAYROLL WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE THESE FORMS BY JUNE 1, SHOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE COMMISSION.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS
All group premiums will be payable monthly in one remittance to the Commission beginning in December, 1958. Individuals remitting to the Commission on a Pay-Direct basis will pay as follows:
One month's premium at the time of application on or before September 30, 1958 — and after that on a quarterly premium basis beginning in January, 1959.
PREPAID 'CUSHION' — The first payment of one month's premium by groups and individuals registered prior to the closing dates stated above, will cover a benefit period of three months from January 1, to March 31, 1959. This will set up a "prepaid" period to maintain benefits during times when a person may be laid off, changing jobs, or temporarily out of the province.
THOSE REGISTERING AFTER CLOSING DATES
Groups and individuals not registered by the closing dates stated above under "When You Enrol" will not only fail to qualify for the two months free coverage but will be required to wait three months following application before benefits become available. For example, a resident applying in February will not have protection effective until May 1.

INDIVIDUALS applying for Pay-Direct enrolment must make application by September 30, 1958, and pay one month's premium at the time application is made.
PAY-DIRECT APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOT BEING MADE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. A province-wide enrolment campaign will be conducted in August and September when these forms will be widely distributed.
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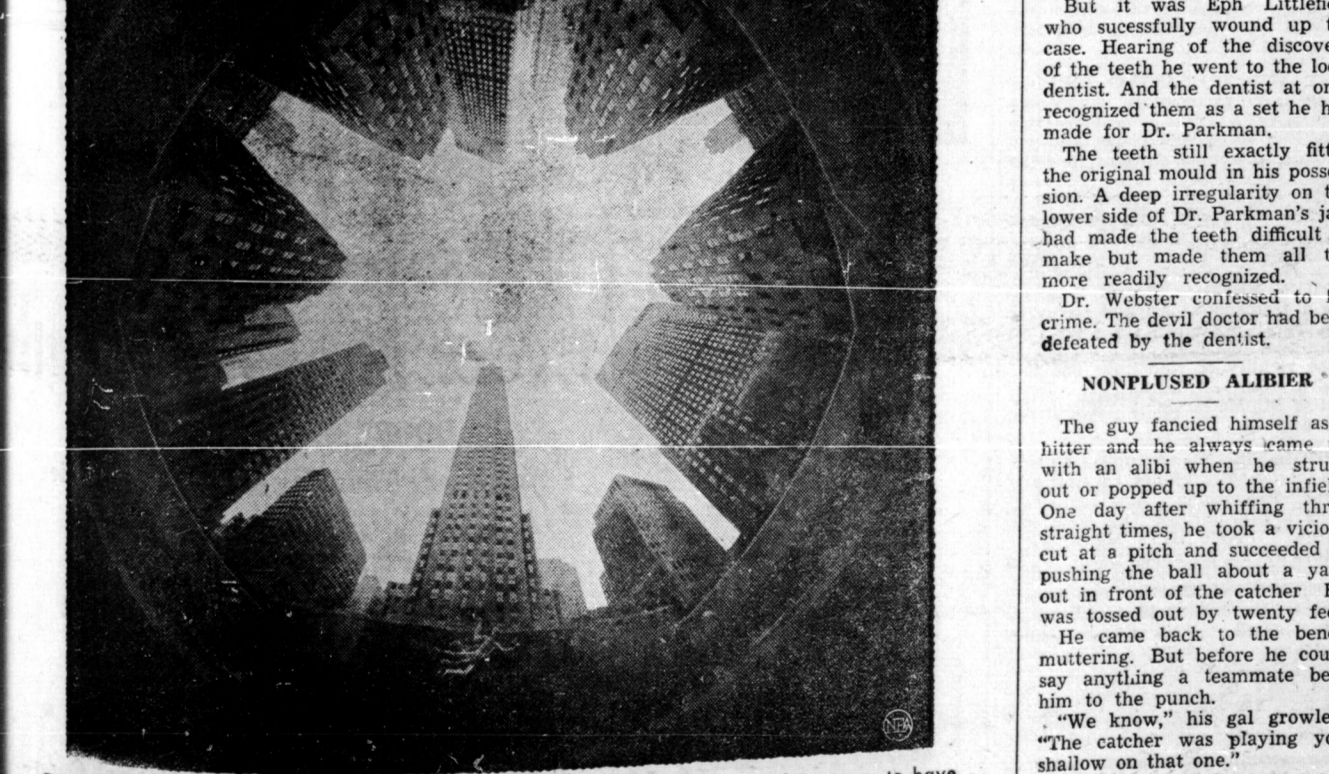
ONE MORE SHANTZ

Wee Robby Shantz (his only 8' 6" cousin) Japan with an All-Star team a couple of years ago. Upon his return, somebody asked him what he thought of Japanese ball players.
"They're not so bad," Bobby grinned. "But they're too small for the big leagues!"

MERRY MENAGERIE



"Not for a change, he took a small airmail route!"



ROUND VIEW—This spectacular view of New York's Rockefeller Center, which appears to have been taken from a hole in the ground, is actually the product of a new camera which takes circular photographs. The camera, devised by optometrist Dr. Eugene Trachtman, took this picture from the ground. The camera rotates while making a picture. Using a 4 x 5-inch negative, it photographs a view which is greater than a full circle on a horizontal plane—about 420 degrees—and takes in about 200 degrees on the camera so that it will take in only 360 degrees.



AT THE READY—A new method of providing instant protective measures in the case of fires or other emergencies is this vehicle announced by the Lofstrand Co. Small and maneuverable, it can scoot through the aisle spaces of factories. Placed "at the ready" in strategic locations, it carries all necessary safety equipment, such as extension ladders, first-aid kits, resuscitator, gas mask, stretcher and fire extinguishers.