

NOSE USURPING THE PLACE OF THE EARS



The picture in the center is of a woman who has made for herself a mustache of beads. Some of the surrounding pictures are of women and some of men. Can you tell the difference?

CANADA'S BIG CROP

Official Statement of Grain Harvest Issued by Government.

\$100,000,000 Surplus is Going into Farmers' Pockets for Wheat, Oats, and Other Grains—Record Yield.

Ottawa, Ont.—An official statement of the grain harvest of Canada has been issued by the statistics department of the dominion government. It gives the estimates of production, computed from the reports of a large staff of correspondents, and although the totals are less than those of a month ago for wheat and barley, they show that Canada has reaped an immense harvest.

The wheat crop is put down at 168,386,000 bushels, giving an average of 22 bushels an acre, and barley at 57,600,000 bushels, or 31 bushels an acre. The yield of oats is given as 355,000,000 bushels, or 38 bushels an acre. Harvesting operations were practically concluded at the end of August, except in Quebec and the maritime provinces, and although there was a scarcity of labor in the northwest, the fine weather there made the cutting of grain practicable in good condition. The wheat yield for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is more than 149,000,000 bushels, and oats 187,700,000 bushels.

One thing is assured, that Canadians have reaped the biggest and most profitable grain crop the country ever has produced and, with the prices now obtaining, they will have an enormous sum of money added to their spending powers. It is estimated that a surplus of upward of \$100,000,000 will be into the pockets of the farmers and grain growers.

The grade of wheat produced this year is said to be the best in years, so that Canadian farmers will not only benefit directly by cash receipts for the season's crop, but will have an enlarged reputation for quality that will give them a steady market for the increased volume of wheat they may be expected to produce in the coming years.

After years of experiment and labor, an Ottawa preacher has succeeded in perfecting a device for pulling flax which may revolutionize the linen industry. For the last six years Rev. Charles H. Vesnot, pastor of St. Mark's French Presbyterian church in this city, has been working on a device whereby flax could be pulled by machinery instead of by hand as at present.

Every firm manufacturing binders in Canada, and probably in the United States, has had expert designers endeavoring to solve the problem of a machine that could pull flax, but without avail.

Rev. Mr. Vesnot, however, has an invention which takes the place of the teeth and knives on an ordinary binder, and pulls the flax and binds it as fast as the regular machine can bind grain.

Corn Salve is Axle Grease. Morocco, Ind.—Farmers southeast of there have lost faith in corn salves in general and in the patients kind in particular. Recently when a corn doctor appeared among them, offering for sale a salve guaranteed to yank out by the roots the most stubborn corn without pain, they bought largely. After using the salve for a week without any apparent results it was examined more closely, and was found to be common axle grease.

MUMMIES DUG UP IN JAPAN

Bodies Buried 251 Years Ago Discovered in Good State of Preservation in Big Jars.

Tokyo, Japan.—Recently a number of embalmed or mummified bodies in an excellent state of preservation have been found in the Fukagawa graveyard of the Kaifukuji temple. One of them was that of Honda Awajino-kami Tadasada, who died 251 years ago. He was the feudal lord of Sumoto clan, Awaji province, he himself being a descendant of Honda Tadakatsu, one of the "four Devis kings." The embalmed body was found in a sitting posture, with a rosary in its hands. It was inside a big earthenware jar, which itself was inclosed in a wooden coffin, and was buried over ten feet under the ground. Another similar find was made later, this time the corpse being that of a boy, some 12 years of age, who proved to be the son of Awajino-kami. The body was also in a large earthenware jar, but without a coffin. A large quantity of fragrant spice was found in the jar, which was covered with a thick copper plate in order to keep out moisture and air. When brought to light the body appeared to be a boy sound asleep; no one would have supposed it had been buried 180 years. The skin was perfectly preserved, and even the cerebra were not decayed. Beside the body were found a toy bow and arrows in a wooden box and several other playthings.

RECTOR WINS FIGHT ON RATS

Members of Choir Protest Against Hair Adornment Ecty, But Wearers Must Obey.

New York.—There are no longer "rats," puffs or other forms of artificial hair in the choir of the Church of the Ascension, Fifth avenue and Tenth street, and the rector, Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, has won his fight against such feminine decorations so far as the choir is concerned, although it took him a year.

The 23 women and girls kept on wearing the adornments after his first suggestions. He dropped their after hint, but all fell on deaf ears. When the choir was getting into its vestments for the Clyde Fitch funeral the choirmaster issued an order embodying Mr. Grant's former suggestions, in the form of preceptory instructions. If the women wanted to stay in the choir they must obey. All wanted to stay, so the order carried.

It became known that the order was permanent, and there are murmurs of discontent, but the only ray of hope seems to be that fashion will decrease sleek, well-combed hair the mode and relieve the distress of the fair singers.

Dodges Two-Faced Death.

Pottstown, Pa.—Falling nearly fifty feet from a scaffold at the Anchor wasery, upon which he was rigging some machinery, Harvey Miller, aged 25 years, plunged headlong into a concrete pit, striking a sheave wheel attached to a scraper line, and sustained fatal injuries. Helpless, he rolled into a body of water, and would have drowned, but assistance arrived in the nick of time.

Old Men's Club Unique.

Lewis, Del.—This town possesses one of the most unique organizations in the state in the Old Men's club, composed only of men who are 70 years old or over, and despite their years, its members have as much fun as any club in this section. Banquets are frequent and songs, speeches and even dances form part of the programs.

THE MODERN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Writer Advances Arguments Against Idea of Making Things Easy for Children

To let the improved system, says a writer in the Atlantic, do the teacher does all the hard work and does it in a hurry. The ideal is to make a child, including the school period, a prolonged play sport. But he is not to be a case, to program anything which renders life happier for any class of human beings, but ease and happiness always synonymous terms? The champion of the new system insists that the old one was economically wasteful, since to walk over a well-cleared path conserves force which would also be profitably expressed in hazing one's way through a jungle (Grant); and by the same token is a shocking waste in our ordinary mode of eating and drinking, so why should not the whole race subsist on concentrated tablets and quench its thirst with vaporizers? Show me the person who has made such an experiment in scientifically sifted alimentation and I will present him as a "horrible example" to illustrate the other side of the argument. When Dr. Tanner went a step further, and proved that a man could live for 40 days with no food at all, he did so at the cost of a set of teeth, and some other sacrifices which few of us are yet prepared to make. If the end sought is the reduction of the problem of living to its simplest terms, why not model upon the wild Indian and be done with it?

OPPORTUNITY FOR A SHOCK

Churchgoer Thinks Sensation is Invited by Present Method of Announcing Hymns.

"Last Sunday evening and the Sunday before that I went to church," said the gray-headed New Yorker. "I went to a different church each time. I noticed that the years I have stayed away from church have wrought many changes in the service, but the change that impressed me most was the manner of announcing the hymns. Formerly the minister said, 'Let us sing' or 'We will now sing hymn No. 478.' Now he puts it in the form of an interrogation and says, 'Shall we sing hymn No. 478?' At any rate, that is the way the hymns were announced where I went to church those last three Sundays. I wonder if the fashion is universal now, also I wonder what the minister would say if some temerarious soul should speak up, 'No, we will not sing that hymn, I don't like it. Let us sing No. 567.' Of course it is hardly conceivable that anybody ever could develop so much rambunctiousness, but it is interesting to speculate on what would happen if somebody should."

THE TRAGEDY OF THE STEW

Hungry Curriers Found Their Expected Meat Under Water and Food for the Fishes.

Among the many Americans who spend the winter regularly at St. Moritz, the luxurious snow-mantled Swiss village 6,000 feet above the sea, no one is more popular than William J. Orthwein, the noted American currier. Mr. Orthwein, at the last meeting of the St. Moritz Curling club, told an amusing story of an Irish stew. "We were playing Darts," said the ruddy and robust American. "I told the men not to bother about lunches or snacks; I would have a superb Irish stew sent down from the Kilm. The Kilm, you know is famous for its Irish stews. "Well, the stew arrived before the match was finished and to keep it warm three or four top coats were laid over it. "Then play ended, and we all hastened toward the great pot of fragrant stew with joyous hearts. But alas! on lifting the coats we found nothing beneath them but a round hole. The pot had melted its way through the ice, and lay hidden under two feet of cold water."

BRITONS CAPTURE BUSINESS FIELD

British capital practically has captured the South American commercial field and American business men will have to exert the most strenuous efforts to overcome the lead the Englishmen have acquired in that section of the world. This is the warning issued by Alfred A. Winslow, United States consul at Valparaiso, Chile. He reports to the department of commerce and labor that the amount of money invested by Britons in South American industries has reached the enormous sum of \$2,209,023,200. Prospects for business there are unlimited, but American manufacturers and business men must seek it earnestly and furnish better goods than their European competitors to capture it.

WOMAN IN CITY COUNCIL

Miss Eleanor Rathbone was recently elected a member of the city council of Liverpool, England. Miss Rathbone is said to belong to one of the oldest and most respected families in Liverpool. For several years she has devoted her time to public work and is now the secretary of the Liverpool Woman Suffrage association.

NEVER SATISFIED

"How do you like this system by which you deposit your fare instead of waiting for the conductor to come and collect it?" "First rate," answered Mr. Groucher. "But why don't they go a little further and put in a treadmill so that the passengers can furnish their own power?"

HIGHEST TYPE OF GENTLEMAN

He Whose "Manners" Have Become "Manner" Through Common Practice of Courtesy.

Good manners serve to liberate the cox and boating of the social machinery, but in the case of the expert practitioner of acts of courtesy and deference all good manner, by and by are merged into a common product, which is no longer called "manner," but merely "manner." This is a great deal more than mere politeness. It comprehends all that man or woman can do in the way of thoughtful, unselfish, good humor, tact, insight and sympathy. It is the very essence of graciousness without conscious effort. It makes the poor man forget his patched and shabby clothing. It puts one who is not at home in strange surroundings perfectly at his ease; it obliterates caste distinction between one who has nothing and one who has everything. It rides no horse so high that it cannot dismount to play the good Samaritan. And withal, there is serene unconsciousness on the part of the person whose manners have become manner that his unvarying gentility is anything unusual. He studiously avoids advertising himself as the epitome of a gentleman. His acts of generous kindness seem as natural and as simple as walking or falling asleep. He makes it seem as though his beneficence was bestowing the favor and not himself, and he is unwilling to admit that by anything he has done he has placed any man under an obligation. The mannerless man believes all minor courtesies superfluous. He believes in being downright, direct, brusque, or, as he calls it, "business-like." To his way of thinking time saved is money saved, and he gets more done, as he supposes, by his abridgement of ceremony. He thinks there is something masterful, Napoleonic, and impressive to other men in his curt monosyllables and clipped ejaculations. Suavity and urbanity seem to him to involve a confession of weakness.—Philadelphia Ledger

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GIVING THEM FAIR WARNING

Intoxicated Woman Madly Alarmed, Considering the Character of Her Companions.

Clara Hendry, of London, during her visit at Yale, was a student of New Haven. In her consideration of the American system it was taken by her as the most classy school. At Hanbury a half-dozen young Methodist ministers one board of a third-class smoker were on a frowsy woman smelling of beer. The young ministers had been attending a ministerial conference in their black gowns, and had come to the train for a fourth-class car. The frowsy woman had no doubt in her corner. As the train approached the long tunnel, the woman roused herself. She pinned back a lady's tail of hair that had fallen on her shoulder and she fixed her glassy eyes on the six pale black clad divines. Then she took from her pocket a large bow-knife. Making a few unsteady flourishes and lunges in the air with the knife she said firmly: "Don't none of you boys try none of yer tricks on me in the tunnel, mind or I'll open yer."

KAISER HAS LADY DRAGON

She Guards Emperor William's Court Against the Entry of Feminine Undesirables.

There is at Kaiser Wilhelm's Berlin palace an official master, a lady who has been described as a court chamberlain in particular, who has to make personal acquaintance with every lady before she may attend a court. A hail at the Berlin court is an affair of much ceremony, but curious to say, there are no cloak rooms in the palace and all wraps have to be left in their owners' carriages. The imperial couple do not dance, but they watch with interest the promiscuous of their subjects in the waltz, and they delight in the graceful minuet dancing, for which there has been a furore in Berlin these two seasons past. The courts in Berlin are conducted with even more state than in England. The ladies wear no tiaras, it is true to these courts frowns, but it is expected of them to spend lavishly on their clothes, to don magnificent jewels and never by any chance to wear black and black by the way, is also disallowed in St. Petersburg. At a Berlin court they have an odd way of separating married women and girls. Wives and daughters are marshaled off to separate rooms before the fun of the fair begins.—Gentlewoman

QUEEN'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Greece which is booming just now largely in world politics, on account of the Cretan question, can boast of a queen who is one of the most accomplished linguists among European monarchs. Queen Olga, who was a Russian princess, being a daughter of the Grand Duke Constantine, is, like most of her compatriots, excellent at languages, and speaks not only French, English, and Italian, but also the tongues of her adopted country, Greek and Albanian. The queen also enjoys a unique prerogative among the rest of her sex, for she is probably the only woman who has ever had the dignity of admiral conferred upon her—an honor bestowed on her by the late czar of Russia. Like the present empress, her Greek majesty has a passion for flowers, and always has her rooms profusely decorated with them; and she is likewise a keen philantropist.

SOCIETY GIRLS IN GOOD WORK

Miss Helen Frick, the 18-year-old daughter of Henry Clay Frick, the Pittsburgh multimillionaire, gave an elaborate luncheon Sunday at Stillman farm, in East Wrenham, Mass., to the working girls of Boston, Lynn, Lowell and Lawrence, who have been her guests at the farm during the summer. More than 100 girls attended. Miss Seifer of Pittsburgh aided Miss Frick in receiving.

KAISER AND A BRITISH SWORD

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This was not the first lone star flag that was flung to the breeze in Texas however. In May, 1830, Mrs. Sarah A. Dawson of Harrisburg, Tex., presented a very similar flag to a company organized at that place and commanded by Andrew Robinson and that banner flew in the forefront of many of the fiercest fights for Texas liberty.

Many dauntless hearts in other states heard the first Texan bugles blowing, and Georgia in particular hurried her sons to the war for independence. At Mason, Ga., on November 12, 1835, a battalion was organized under the command of William Ward and by the twentieth of the same month it was at Columbus, Ga., on its way to the front. At the latter city the command was presented with a plain white silk flag bearing a single five-pointed azure star, by Miss Traylor, a lady of Knoxville, Ga. Ward, the gallant leader of this little band, perished at the massacre of Goliad, and the battalion fell to the last man.

OF THE SUCCULENT PUMPKIN

Merited Words of Praise for Delicacy That is Distinctly and Absolutely American.

Behold the first piece of pumpkin pie. How dark and brown and healthy it looks. It is deep too, and shows considerable class. No, it isn't like another used to make, because every thing has changed. The stomach that used to carry off the ruddy member made would have hard work now to carry off a near-hot-milk sandwich. Even the appetite has changed. The appetite of the Old Days was the real thing, the appetite of today is only a "Think appetite." The sight of a little food drives the "Think appetite" to the ropes, where it is soon counted out.

A piece of cheese accompanies the Pie as a body guard. The Pie is safe in the company of the Cheese because the cheese is active and strong. Pumpkin pie is a forerunner of Winter, let it come. Also another piece of Pie. P. S.—A young and willing piece of Pie should never be turned down. If you can't do anything for it perhaps your next-door neighbor can. If one piece of Pie will produce a crop of indignation, how many are willing to let others do the Farming?—Boston Herald.

SUBSIDIZING AUTOMOBILES

Germany has improved upon the ship-subsidy plan by subsidizing automobiles. The German government is now paying \$2,312 to owners of automobiles of certain types which can be sold in time of war following five years from the date of purchase and which can be utilized in military operations. In order that none but the German army can benefit by this subsidy, the provision is made that the subsidy will cease when such automobiles are shipped outside the empire. The subsidized machines can be acquired only by the purchaser who binds himself to turn them over to the government whenever occasion requires. Aside from this, however, the government pays a certain indemnity to the owner of such automobiles, the indemnity to be fixed by a board of military appraisers, and to be paid when the machines are taken for the use of the army.

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