

Breaking in Shoes.
Frederick the Great had tender feet and used to have an old double who broke in new boots for him. Hot weather is a mad time to break them in. Every one should keep old shoes on trees for wet and hot emergencies.

False Pretense.
Mrs. Hyup—"I was so disappointed in Dr. Pullom!" Mrs. Hyer—"In what respect?" "Mrs. Hyup—"I understood he was a great bridge expert, but he was only a dentist!"—Puck.

Applied Learning.
See the man!
Oh, yes, the man is swearing rapidly.

Now he is putting his thumb in his mouth.
That is why he has stopped swearing; not because his thumb has stopped hurting.

How did he do so?
Do you not see the book on the floor?

It is entitled "Every Man His Own Carpenter."

Yes, the man was holding it in his left hand and reading the instructions for driving nails while he tried to follow them with his right hand.

Now he has removed his thumb from his mouth and is saying some more things.

Ha, ha!
We should not laugh so heartily had we not smashed our own thumb once or twice.

We learn from this that in the onward march of time we often learn that from our misfortunes of today we glean our joys of tomorrow.

Is not that helpful?

Let us watch the man. Maybe he will attempt some more hammering and we will be helped even more.

Brownies.
A small boy's ideas of brownies: "They live in very hot countries. They eat with their fingers and wash their teeth with sand and water. Some are like savages, hunt for their prey and they worship idols. Some boys and girls who have never seen these brownies think they are fairies, but of course they are not."

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Succinctly Put.
"He dances beautifully," said the summer girl, "but he hadn't been here a week before he was engaged to be married." "Ah!" replied Miss Cayenne; "he two-steps better than his side-steps."—Washington Star.

A Practical Youngster.
"Why do you think your baby is such a clever child?" "Because," answered the sensible woman, "he just laughs and plays and has a good time instead of thinking up smart sayings for us to repeat to the neighbors."

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NAVAL AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT



Lieutenant Commander Leigh H. Palmer, U. S. N., who has succeeded Lieut. Willard S. Simms, as naval aide to President Taft.

TARS ARE LACKING

Navy Short 1,500 of Sailors Now Authorized by Statutes.

Force Will Not Be Large Enough to Man New Warships Unless Old Ones Are Laid Up—Injure Young Officers.

Washington.—The navy department is confronted with a probable reduction of the enlisted force through failure to re-enlist on the part of seamen and engineers now in the service, as well as the pronounced decrease in the number of new enlistments. This condition the authorities attribute to the increasing demand for moderate as well as high-priced labor occasioned by the rising tide of business activity throughout the country.

The present authorized strength of the navy's enlisted force is 44,500. The naval authorities had contemplated urging to congress an increase of 5,000 in the next report of the department. It is questioned whether a request for even half that number can receive executive approval.

At the present rate of falling off in enlistments and re-enlistments it is practically certain that there will be less than 40,000 sailormen wearing Uncle Sam's livery on January 1, 1910. Already the navy is 1,500 shy of the authorized strength and the reduction continues day by day.

According to the naval officers, there will not be a sufficient number of men to man the new ships now approaching completion without reducing the crews of the minor cruisers or putting several of the older ships out of commission altogether. They do not approve of laying up the new ships. As fast as completed they will go into commission and into active service.

It is said that even the newest ship when placed "in ordinary" deteriorates much more rapidly than when at sea. This is particularly true of their engines. The only course open to the navy is to send the veteran ships back to the navy yard to be partially dismantled and laid up until the state of the national treasury justifies further increase in the cost of maintaining the navy and the projected increase in the enlisted personnel.

Those most hurt by the enforced retirement of a part of the fighting force are the younger officers of the grade of captain and commander. There will be fewer chances for them to exercise the command rank that has been the ultimate aim of all the hard work up through the grades from midshipman to lieutenant commander.

The vessels most likely to be removed temporarily from the active list are the veterans Oregon, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Iowa. This will relieve the pressure by reducing the necessities of the line of battle fleet in the matter of seamen by over 2,600.

The placing of four or five of the

smaller cruisers out of commission would give opportunity for further economizing to the extent of about 1,800 men.

RISKS HIS LIFE FOR GOAT'S

Man Jumps in Front of Train to Save the Children's Pet Which Had Wandered on Tracks.

Chester, Pa.—At the risk of his own life Charles Dougherty, a young man of Leiperville, jumped in front of an approaching train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to save the life of a goat belonging to his neighbor, which had wandered on the tracks. Seeing the animal's danger, Dougherty grabbed the goat from the track as the train was within a few yards of him.

The goat is a general pet among the children of the neighborhood, and knowing that the little ones would be grieved if "Billy" was killed, Dougherty performed the daring act.

Twice Father of Twins.
Cleveland, O.—John Resolf, 23 years old, caused much surprise in Judge Phillips' court the other day when he said that, although he had been married but six years, he was the father of eight children.

"Four of the children were born in two sets of twins," Resolf explained when the court expressed surprise at the large number of children.

Resolf applied for naturalization papers. The examiners said they were proud to make him a citizen.

Pest Spread by Squirrels

Experts Discover They Are More Dangerous in Spread of Bubonic Plague Than Rats.

Washington.—Marine hospital service experts who discovered that ground squirrels are an agent in the spread of bubonic plague on the Pacific coast assert that they are even more insidious and difficult to deal with than the rats that for a time threatened San Francisco and the other large cities.

They seem to have become particularly infected in Contra Costa county, and if given the chance, it is feared, will spread the infection throughout the west.

The ground squirrels have been long a nuisance on the Pacific coast and at various times have caused great damage to crops. The squirrels have been regarded as good eating up till recently. In the regions where they most abound people have sited them down in large quantities for winter, and have regarded their meat as a staple article of diet.

It was discovered during the earlier part of the crusade against plague-infected rats in San Francisco, that the ground squirrel could be infected

ROBE FOR AMERICAN

Shah's Missing Pearl Garment to Go to Miss Anita Stewart.

Europe Has Mystery in Announcement That American Girl is to Receive Missing Treasure When She Marries Miguel.

London.—Europe has a mystery in the announcement that Mrs. James Henry Smith has purchased the missing pearl robe of the former shah for her daughter Anita. This is a marvelous garment composed of thousands of pearls, and no trace of it can be discovered in Persia since the shah ceased to rule. The story goes that Mrs. James Henry Smith heard the erstwhile monarch was anxious to dispose of much of his personal property in jewels rather than that they should go to his successor, and that she promptly sent an agent to interview him on the subject, as she desired Anita to have some wedding present the like of which no bride of this century was ever able to display.

The story also says that the gem, the "World of Light," is also in the possession of the mother of the future princess. This she proposed to have set in the center of the amazing tiara which is to be one of the scores of gifts this adoring mother will give to her daughter.

At Tulloch castle, where the bride-elect and Mrs. Smith are now entertaining Dom Miguel, the fiance, there is a host of French artists in frocks and millinery designing the trousseau. They have brought with them from Paris exquisite silks, satins and brocades, not to speak of specimens of priceless laces and embroideries, hats and cloaks. Mrs. James Henry Smith and her daughter decided that they would not break up their house parties by rushing to and from Paris for the trousseau, so they arranged to bring Paris to Scotland instead.

One whole wing of Tulloch castle has been set aside as show rooms. Mother, daughter and fiance run through every morning to inspect the fresh "creations" which have arrived, or to give an order. Several hours each day have to be given up to fitting by the prospective bride. She says she is weary of it and will be thankful when the wedding is over, if only to escape from the tyranny of the dressmakers, whom she considers veritable martinetts.

Mrs. Smith is now more reconciled to the marriage than she was at first and she is throwing herself heart and soul into the preparations. According to present arrangements, the wedding is to take place in London. Although the reigning house of Portugal has been at daggers drawn for years with the family of Dom Miguel of Braganza, young King Manuel and the future bridegroom are the best of friends, and it is expected that the ruler will be present.

The bridal dress is being made after the style of those worn by royal brides with a semi-low cut neck and short sleeves. Lace which belonged to Marie Antoinette and was purchased by the late James Henry Smith for his wife when they were on their honeymoon will compose it.

WESTERN CANADA

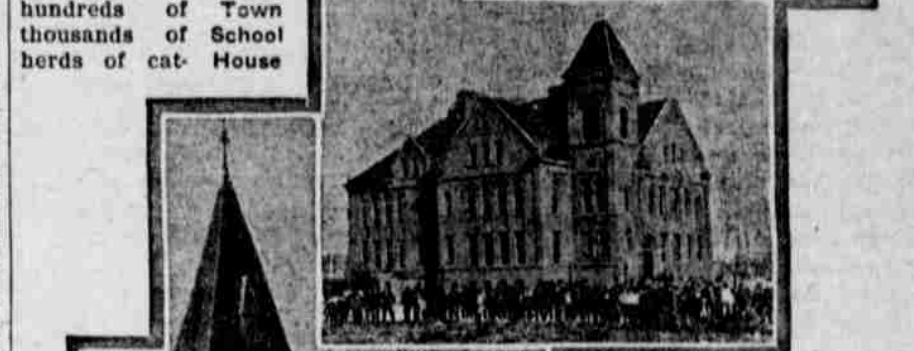
During the early days in the period of the growth of the grain crop in Western Canada, as well as throughout the ripening and garnering period, there is a yearly growing an increasing interest throughout the United States, as to the results when harvest is completed. These mean much to the thousands of Americans who have made their homes in some of the three Provinces that form that vast agricultural domain, and are of considerable interest to the friends they have left behind.



A Central Canada Farmer Finishing Cutting His 70-Acre Field of Wheat at 30 bushels per acre, winter wheat at over 40 bushels, and oats exceed 50 bushels per acre. Barley also has proved an abundant yield. What will attract the reading public more than volumes of figures will be the fact that those who have been induced through the influence of the Government to accept of 160 acres of free grant land; or, by the persuasion of friends to leave their home State of Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska or the other States from which people have gone, have done well. Financially, they are in a better position than many of them ever expected to be, and in the matter of health, in social conditions, they have lost nothing.

One person who has just returned from a trip through the Lethbridge District, where winter wheat has a strong hold with farmers, says:

"We saw some magnificent sights. The crops were, in fact, all that could be desired." In a few years from now these great plains over whose breadth for years roved hundreds of Town School herds of cat-House



He then crossed the Saskatchewan river to the South town, or Battledore proper, and continues his report: "Conditions around the old town are as good if not better than those to the north of the river. This district has much the best wheat crop prospect of any I have inspected this year, considering sample and yield. The weather conditions for the whole season have been ideal and the result is what might easily be termed a bumper crop. A sample sheaf brought in from the farm of George Truscott was shown to me which spoke for itself. This farmer is said to have sixty acres which will yield 45 bushels per acre. In stating an average for the district of South Battledore I would say that the wheat will yield 36 bushels per acre. The oats will yield about 45 and barley 35 bushels per acre."

A correspondent summing up a trip over the Canadian Northern Railway, from Dauphin to Battledore, says: "As I inspected the crops in the va-

rious districts I found the farmers and other citizens without exception filled with expectant enthusiasm over this year's prospects. No district was found which could not boast of fields of 35 bushels per acre wheat, or 50 to 60 bushels per acre oats, and of 40 bushels per acre of barley." It is not an unusual thing in many parts of western Canada for a farmer to have 10,000 to 30,000 bushels of wheat. In the Rouleau district it is said that there are several farmers who will have 20,000 bushels of oats any many fields will return one hundred bushels to the acre.

It takes an army of men to handle the Western Canada crop, and it is estimated that 30,000 people have been brought in this year to assist in the great undertaking; there being excursions from the outside world nearly every day for the past six weeks.



A Specimen Group of Elevators That May Be Seen in Many Towns in Central Canada

This is pioneering I don't for the life of me see what our forefathers had to complain of." He didn't know, though, for the pioneering of his forefathers was discomfort and hardship. The opening up and development of western Canada, with its railroad lines to carry one to almost the uttermost part of it, the telegraph line to flash the news to the outside world, the telephone to talk to one's neighbor, the daily and weekly mail service which brings and carries letters to the friends in distant parts; the schools headed by college-bred and highly certificated teachers; the churches manned by brilliant divines; the clubs; the social and festive life; what is there about any of this to give to the man who goes there to make his home the credit of being a pioneer? Nothing! He might as well be in any of the old middle-west States. In other