

A MINNESOTA FARMER DOES WELL IN CANADA.

Virde, Manitoba, 18th Nov., 1899.
Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada.

Sir—Thinking that my experience in Manitoba might be both useful and interesting to my fellow-countrymen in the United States who may be looking to Manitoba and the North-West with the intention of settling there, I have much pleasure in stating that through information received from Mr. W. F. McCreary, Immigration Commissioner at Winnipeg, I was induced to visit Manitoba in February, 1898. When I called upon Mr. McCreary he spared no pains to give me all the information, &c., in his possession, the result of which was that I came here with a letter of introduction from him to the Secretary of the Virde Board of Trade. That gentleman provided me with a competent land guide and altho' there was considerable snow on the ground, I had no difficulty in selecting three homesteads for myself and sons. Having made the necessary homestead entries at the Land Office in Brandon, I returned to my home in Lyon County, Minnesota, and came back here in May following accompanied by one of my boys, bringing with us two teams of horses, implements, &c. Our first work was to erect a temporary shanty and stable, after which we broke and levelled 75 acres and put up 30 tons of hay. I went back to Minnesota about 20th July, leaving my son here. I returned in October bringing my family with me. I found that the land we had acquired was of good quality being a strong clay loam with clay subsoil. Last Spring I sowed 100 acres in wheat, 50 acres in oats & barley (75 acres of this grain was sowed on "go-back" plowed last Spring.) My crop was threshed in October, the result being over 2700 bu. of grain in all. Wheat averaged 13 bu. p. ac. and graded No. 1 hard but that which was sown on land other than sod ("go-back") went 24½ bu. p. ac.

To say that I am well pleased with the result of my first year's farming operations in Manitoba does not adequately express my feelings, and I have no hesitation in advising those who are living in districts where land is high in price to come out here, if they are willing to do a fair amount of work. I am 10 miles from Virde, which is a good market town, and 9 miles from Hargrave where there are two elevators. This summer I erected a dwelling house of native stone and bought a half-section of land adjoining our homesteads for which I paid a very moderate price. There are still some homesteads in this district, and land of fine quality can be purchased from the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. at \$3.50 p. ac. on liberal terms. Good water is generally found at a depth of from 15 to 20 ft. I have 175 ac. ready for crop next year.

The cost of living here is about the same as in Southern Minnesota. Some commodities are higher and others lower in price, but the average is about the same.

I remain,
Your obt. servant,
(Signed) Jacob Reichert.

A Trap of Her Own Setting.
We have all met people whose pride in their possessions is so great that they can see no charms in those of others. A young botanist was showing a party of ladies and gentlemen through a conservatory of some of the choicest plants. Among the visitors was a would-be young-looking, middle-aged lady who at every description volunteered the statement that the plants and flowers she had at home were quite the equal of anything here or indeed anywhere.

Just as they were passing a giant cactus she was heard to exclaim:
"Well, this is nothing extraordinary. I have a cactus at home that is still larger. I planted and reared it myself."

"Heard it yourself?" the professor gently observed. "How remarkable! This specimen is 63 years old, and if yours is still larger—"

The lady did not stay to hear any more, but executed a strategic movement to the rear.—Philadelphia Press.

A Meddlesome Amateur.
"Uncle Bill, what is a political love feast?"
"Well, it is when a big lot of politicians get together and pledge themselves to keep orders from getting on to their scraps."—Indianapolis Journal.

New Wife—"I wish to get some butter, please." Dealer—"Roll butter, ma'am?"
New Wife—"No! We wish to eat it on biscuits."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

"A Miss is As Good as a Mile."
If you are not entirely well, you are ill. Illness does not mean death's door. It is a sense of weariness, a "tired feeling," a life filled with nameless pains and suffering. In 90% of cases the blood is to blame. Hood's Sarsaparilla is Nature's corrective for disorders of the blood. Remember
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FISH AT \$200 A POUND.

The "Celestial Telescope" and His Surprisingly Optimistic Manner and Habits.

The ordinary housekeeper, who would consider 25 cents a pound an excessive price to pay for fish, may be more than contented by the knowledge that some kinds of fish are sold here which would bring hundreds of dollars if valued by the pound.

One of these fish is now shown in an uptown aquarium store. It is called the "Celestial Telescope," and though less than four inches long is priced at \$12, without accessories. A four-inch fish weighs a trifle less than an ounce. At \$12 an ounce, then, these fish would be worth \$192 a pound, which is probably the highest price charged for any kind of fish in New York.

"The celestial telescope" is a fancy variety of goldfish, and gets its name from its enormous goggle eyes, which are set nearly or quite on the top of its head. It exemplifies perfectly, in fact, Edward Everett Hale's advice to "look up and not down." Most fish whose eyes are thus situated, the angler or the flounder, for example, are inclined to hug the bottom closely, and thus avoid the possibility of any unseen danger from below; this one, however, has never outgrown the free-swimming habits of its ancestor, the common goldfish, and generally keeps near the surface of the water. In this position it can see practically nothing except floating objects, and it often misses the most tempting morsels if they happen to be floating below it.

Besides its extraordinary eyes, the fish possesses most of the other peculiarities sought after by the fish fanciers. In fact, it is the most "fancy" fish produced, and is intended to differ as much as possible from the natural goldfish. It has an enormous double "fan-tail," so fine and dainty as to be almost useless for swimming purposes; an extra large size of scales, and a color varied by irregular patches of black, none of which features are natural attributes of a goldfish.—N. Y. Post.

STRANGE PROPHECIES.

Molay, the Grand Master of the Templars, and Others Predicted Truly.

Clement V. and Philip, procured the condemnation of Molay, the grand master of the templars, to the stake. As he was led to execution Molay cited his persecutors to appear before God's throne, the king within 40 weeks and the pope within 40 days. Within those respective times both died. Rienzi, the last of the tribunes, condemned to death Fra Moriale. When he had pronounced the sentence the culprit summoned the judge to meet death himself within the month, and within the month Rienzi was assassinated.

In 1575 Nanning Koppozoon, a Roman Catholic, tortured to death during the religious strife in the Netherlands, recanted his extorted confession when on the way to the scaffold. A clergyman, Jurian Epezzoon, tried to drown his voice by clamorous prayer. The victim summoned him to meet him within three days at the bar of God, and Epezzoon went home and died within that time. While at the stake Wishart openly denounced Cardinal Beaton: "He shall be brought low, even to the ground, before the trees which have supplied these fagots have shed their leaves." The trees were but in the bravery of their May foliage when the bleeding body of the cardinal was hung by his murderers over the battlements of St. Andrews.—Chambers' Journal.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.	
CATTLE—Beef steers.....	\$4 00 @ 5 90
Stockers	3 20 @ 5 00
Texas	3 40 @ 4 75
HOGS.....	3 60 @ 4 72½
SHEEP.....	4 10 @ 4 80
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	70 @ 6 71
No. 2 hard.....	62½ @ 64
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	28½ @ 29½
OATS—No. 2 mixed.....	23½ @ 24
RYE—No. 2.....	30 @ 30
FLOUR—Patent, per bu.....	3 10 @ 3 20
Straights	2 80 @ 3 00
HAY—Choice timothy.....	3 00 @ 3 50
Fancy prairie.....	7 00 @ 7 25
BRAN (sacked).....	62
BUTTER—Fancy to extra.....	18 @ 23
CHEESE—Full cream.....	11½ @ 12
EGGS.....	13
POTATOES—Home grown.....	35 @ 45
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beeves.....	4 00 @ 6 70
Texas	3 30 @ 4 95
HOGS—Packers	4 50 @ 4 75
SHEEP—Muttons	75 @ 5 10
FLOUR—Extra fancy.....	3 10 @ 3 15
WHEAT—No. 2 hard.....	62½ @ 65
CORN—No. 2.....	31 @ 32½
OATS—No. 2.....	24 @ 24½
RYE—No. 2.....	32½
BUTTER—Creamery.....	20 @ 25
LARD—Prime steam.....	5 82½ @ 5 95
PORK.....	10 25 @ 11 87½
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Beeves.....	4 10 @ 6 50
Mixed and butchers.....	4 55 @ 4 80
SHEEP—Wethers.....	4 50 @ 5 00
FLOUR—Winter patents.....	3 40 @ 3 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	67 @ 68
CORN—No. 2.....	31½
OATS—No. 2.....	23
RYE—May.....	52 @ 53½
LARD.....	5 82½ @ 5 95
PORK.....	9 25 @ 10 67½
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Steers.....	4 80 @ 5 55
HOGS—Common to choice.....	4 85 @ 5 00
SHEEP—Common to choice.....	3 25 @ 5 15
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	70½
CORN—No. 2.....	40½ @ 41
OATS—No. 2.....	29½

The Craving for Stimulants.

This question has lately attracted a great deal of attention from the medical profession. The use of stimulants seems to be increasing. This clearly shows an exhausted condition of the nerves and blood, which may be remedied only by strengthening the stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will do this for you. It brings all the energy of a stimulant with no injurious effect. It cures dyspepsia, constipation and nervousness.

English as She Is Spoke.

Mrs. Brown—Our language is full of misnomers. For instance, I met a man once who was a perfect bear, and they called him a civil engineer.
Mrs. Smith—Yes, but that is not so ridiculous as the man they call a "teller" in a bank. He won't tell you anything. I asked one the other day how much money Mr. Jones had on deposit, and he just laughed at me.—Collier's Weekly.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomachs receive it without distress. 1-4 the price of coffee. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Sold by all grocers.

Alcoholic or Not.
Customer—My room is full of rats, and—
Drug Clerk—Yes, sir. Do you want broom or strychnine?—Philadelphia Press.

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Does your head ache? Pain back of your eyes? Bad taste in your mouth? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, headache, dyspepsia, and all liver complaints. 25c. All druggists.

Want your stomach or bowels a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use the **BUCKINGHAM'S DYE** for the hair.

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HIS MISTAKE.

An American Girl Gives an Englishman a Little Light on Ladies.

A Louisville girl, who was recently in Germany, met a young English officer who was in the same city, and, in fact, in the same house with her for two months, studying German for his promotion. Like most Europeans he had the usual absurd ideas about the girls of this country, who, in the minds of the untraveled foreigner, are rather hoyden creatures who smoke and have other masculine traits.

After dinner one day, in the early acquaintance of the couple, the officer offered the Louisville girl a cigarette, and, upon her refusing it, he said:
"Why, I thought all the girls in the United States smoked."
"So we do," replied the girl, "but never cigarettes; only pipes. If you will get that pipe off the mantelpiece in the next room I shall be charmed to smoke with you."

Not suspecting the joke she was playing on him, the officer brought the pipe and filled it, and it was not until he saw the wry faces his friend made in attempting to carry out the joke that he appreciated the situation. He was continually telling the American in a tone of surprise that she was just like the girls at home in England, and her rejoinder was:
"Lieutenant, don't you think a lady is a lady the world over?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

NEEDED THE SOAP.

The Antailability of Women Shoppers in a Bargain Store Rush Is Truly Fetching.

It was at a department store bargain counter for odds and ends. Women squeezed and elbowed and shoved to get alongside the counter. Frequently two of them happened to pick up the same bargain at one and the same time, and then they both retained their clutch on it and looked daggers at each other until the stronger of the two won the victory or the bargain was sent into ribbons.

A haughty matron with an electric seal coat picked up a box containing three cakes of imported soap for eight cents at the same moment that a humble-looking little woman in a faded tan coat had fastened her grasp on the box.

"I believe I was the first to take hold of this," said the matron in the electric seal coat, freezingly.

The humble-looking little woman held on for a minute, studying her antagonist, then she slowly relaxed her hold on the box.

"Well, you can have it," she said, amiably. "You look as if you need the soap."
The bargain counter is the place to observe how they love one another.—Washington Post.

Facts For Sick Women

First—the medicine that holds the record for the largest number of absolute cures of female ills is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Second—Mrs. Pinkham can show by her letter files in Lynn that a million women have been restored to health by her medicine and advice.

Third—All letters to Mrs. Pinkham are received, opened, read and answered by women only. This fact is certified to by the mayor and postmaster of Lynn and others of Mrs. Pinkham's own city. Write for free book containing these certificates.

Every ailing woman is invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham and get her advice free of charge.

Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY! gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. Dr. H. H. GREEN'S SON'S, Box D, Atlanta, Ga.

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WHEN WRITING TO ADVERTISERS please state that you saw the Advertisement in this paper.

Something for Mothers to Think About.

EVERY CHILD born into the world with an inherited or early developed tendency to distressing, disfiguring humors of the skin, scalp, and blood, becomes an object of the most tender solicitude, not only because of its suffering but because of the dreadful fear that the disfiguration is to be lifelong and mar its future happiness and prosperity. Hence it becomes the duty of mothers of such afflicted children to acquaint themselves with the best, the purest, and most effective treatment available.

That the Cuticura remedies are all that could be desired for the alleviation of the suffering of skin-tortured infants and children and the comfort of worn-out worried mothers has been demonstrated in countless homes in every land. Their absolute safety, purity, and sweetness, instantaneous and grateful relief, speedy cure, and great economy leave nothing more to be desired by anxious parents. Evidence is found in the mass of letters received from grateful parents, testifying to the incalculable benefits they have derived from the use of these preparations in the treatment of infantile skin and scalp disorders. There is a ring of truth and sincerity about the testimonials here submitted that stamps them genuine, and when a mother writes, as does Mrs. E. Butler of 1289 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., in simple, grateful language, of the good Cuticura has accomplished in her home, parents everywhere must regard these remedies as household necessities. Mrs. Butler says:—

"My oldest boy, age nine years, was troubled with sores on different parts of the body, especially on the leg, about twenty-four in all. They were about the size of a five-cent piece, and would fester very much and eject pus. They were very painful. After my former experience with the cure of my little girl with CUTICURA remedies, I did not bother with the doctor in this case, but gave him the CUTICURA treatment which completely cured him in four weeks. As a rule, my four children are very robust and healthy, these two, the baby and the eldest boy, being the only ones ever troubled with anything like this I mentioned, but thanks to CUTICURA remedies they are all now in perfect health."

What can be more convincing to a mother than the following graphic letter from Mrs. J. C. Freese of 300 South First Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.:—

"My baby was about four weeks old when he began to suffer from that terrible disease, eczema. I tried every remedy I thought would do him good. I even called in the doctor, but I used his medicine to no account. I did not know what to do with him. He cried all the time and his face was equal to a raw piece of meat. It was horrible, and looked as if there never was any skin on it. I had to carry him around on a pillow. I was fairly discouraged. I was then recommended to use CUTICURA remedies. The first time I used them I could see the change. I used about half a box of CUTICURA Ointment, and not one half cake of CUTICURA SOAP, and at the end of one short week my baby was entirely cured. There has never been a trace of it since. To-day his skin is as smooth and soft as a piece of silk."

Another remarkable instance of the effectiveness of the Cuticura remedies is found in the terrible experience of the baby daughter of Mr. R. A. Lapham, 111½ West Side Square, Springfield, Ill. Mr. Lapham writes as follows:—

"Our little daughter was troubled from her birth with eczema. Her face, arms, hands, and neck would break out with red pimples which would swell and become terribly inflamed, water would ooze out like great beads of perspiration, finally this would dry up and the skin would crack and peel off. She suffered terribly. Had to wear soft muslin on her hands to keep her from scratching. We gave two of our leading physicians a good trial, but neither of them helped her in the least. I purchased CUTICURA SOAP, CUTICURA Ointment, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT. She improved at once and is now never troubled, although we used less than one bottle of RESOLVENT, three boxes of CUTICURA, and CUTICURA SOAP."

In a few forceful words, Mrs. C. Brand of Conesville, N. Y., vividly portrays an experience common to many mothers, and her letter, which follows, is full of comfort and encouragement for anxious parents:—

"Two years ago this winter my boy began to break out with a scaly rash. I nearly covered his back and calves of legs. I heard glowing reports of CUTICURA remedies and thought to try them. Three cakes of CUTICURA SOAP, two boxes of CUTICURA Ointment, one bottle of CUTICURA RESOLVENT cured him. I think them wonderful remedies."

The economy of the Cuticura treatment is shown by the letter of Mr. W. M. Nichell, of Lexington, Okl., who spent one thousand dollars with doctors, specialists, and medical colleges in a vain attempt to find relief for his little son. A friend recommended the use of the Cuticura remedies, and he gives the following account of the cure:—

"My son, when he was six weeks old, had a breaking out on the top of his head. It spread all over his head, and then his arms broke out from shoulder to wrist. Around his body and around his legs from his knees to his ankles, was a solid scab. My family doctor treated him for eighteen months, but no good was accomplished. I tried four more, and then a medical college in St. Louis six months. No good yet. Spent not less than a thousand dollars in money and time. Old Mr. Barney Clap insisted on my trying CUTICURA remedies, telling me he had a spell like my child's himself. By the time my wife had used the CUTICURA Ointment up, he began to improve and got so he could sleep short naps, and gave me and my wife some rest. Thank the Lord, he is now well, fat, hearty, and stout as any boy, after six long years of itching, crying, and worrying. CUTICURA remedies cured him."

Three children in one household suffering simultaneously from eczema. Such was the distressing condition of Mrs. Annie Ring of 515 East Thirteenth Street, New York City, who tells her experience in these words:—

"My second child got eczema when seven months old. Three months later my first child got it, and following him the last one, two years old, fell a victim. For twenty months they suffered fearful agony. Their whole bodies, especially their faces, were so sore and raw that the little ones were blind half the time. No words can describe the suffering of my second child, whose whole body was one bloody mass. He was constantly crying, could get no sleep, and he actually did not look human. I tried doctor after doctor, but none afforded the slightest relief. I decided to try CUTICURA. The first application brought relief in each case, and after fourteen days' treatment with CUTICURA SOAP and CUTICURA Ointment, the worst case was cured, and the whole neighborhood is surprised at the wonderful effect of CUTICURA."

One of the most wonderful of cures is that of the little daughter of Mrs. G. A. Conrad of Lisbon, N. H., whose sufferings from eczema were so intense that her hands had to be tied to keep her from tearing her flesh. The mother writes:—

"When my little girl was six months old, she had eczema. We had used cold creams and all kinds of remedies, but nothing did her any good; in fact, she kept getting worse. I used to wrap her hands up, and when I would dress her, I had to put her on the table, for I could not hold her. She would kick and scream, and when she could, she would tear her face and arms almost to pieces. I used four boxes of CUTICURA Ointment, two cakes of CUTICURA SOAP, and the CUTICURA RESOLVENT, and she was cured, and I see no traces of the humor left. I can truthfully say that they have saved her life."

It will afford us pleasure to have parents whose little ones are afflicted with any form of skin, scalp, or blood humor, write to any one of the above addresses for corroboration of the facts given, and we have no doubt that such an appeal will elicit still stronger testimony regarding the wonderful curative properties of the CUTICURA remedies. The full set, for complete external and internal treatment, costs but \$1.25, and consists of CUTICURA SOAP (25c.), to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle; CUTICURA Ointment (50c.), to instantly allay itching, irritation, and inflammation, and soothe and heal, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT (50c.), to cool and cleanse the blood. A single set is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring skin, scalp, and blood humors, rashes, itches, eruptions, and irritations, with loss of hair, when the best physicians, and all other remedies fail.