

# MME. MELBA'S FIRST ENCORE

Her Concert Was a Big Success, But Little Playmate Saw Her Garter.

When six years of age Helen Mitchell (Melba) appeared at a school concert, organized by her aunts in Richmond, Melbourne, the suburb of her birth. At this entertainment she sang "Shells of the Ocean" with such effect that the audience asked for an encore, and the child on her reappearance, created a still greater impression by her singing of "Comin Through the Rye," for which her grandmother had taught her the Scotch accent.

At the earliest opportunity she hurried to her favorite playmate, who lived in the same street, and breathlessly waited for reference to the entertainment of the evening before, but the little comrade was adamant and ignored the whole subject. After many attempts to introduce it, Nellie at length found herself unable to wait longer, and exclaimed excitedly: "But the concert, the concert! I sang last night and was encored." And she looked with eagerness in the face of her friend, who answered witheringly: "Yes, and Helen Mitchell, I saw your garter." Little Miss Mitchell had been particularly pleased with her neat attire, and the unexpected shaft coming in place of the looked-for compliment, in an instant blotted out the memory of the intoxicating encore, and drew the little singer from the seventh heaven of her brief delight to his bo.—Detroit News-Tribune.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

To Check Disease Among Indians. It has been reported that the disease known as trachoma, or granular eyelids, has been spreading rapidly among the Indians. To check this trouble congress appropriated \$12,000, placing it in the hands of the commissioner of Indian affairs, for the immediate investigation and treatment of the disease and to check its spread.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. It great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

"I am convinced," said the proprietor of the jeweler's shop, as the plate glass window shivered into a million fragments and the chauffeur and his machine began to nestle behind the counter, "that the taxicab has come to stay."—London Globe.

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirt-waist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a starch that does not stick to the iron.

Cobblestones for Baltimore. The Brooklyn Standard Union says that "those people from the rural regions who jeer at Manhattan's horse cars may take note that the Baltimore city council is preparing to pave a street with cobblestones."

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# THE WAGWORKER

By W. M. MAUPIN LINCOLN, - - NEBRASKA

The earth is one big, hard, uncharted rock to the crippled aviator.

When the army balloon corps is organized high privates will be in demand.

Don't hesitate to tell the census taker your age. He has sworn to be discreet.

It is estimated that out of a population of 40,000,000 in Great Britain, 12,000,000 are either under or on the poverty line.

The world over Americans have a reputation for doing things. That's why the foreign aviators at Rheims accord Curtiss so much respect.

Society must be improving since the various scorching denunciations it has received. The news comes from Newport that there is a lobster famine there.

People may not be able to explain rationally the popular sympathy with a jury that declares a man insane who recites poetry, but the sympathy is there, all the same.

Women who have won farms in the government lottery can if unmarried doubtless get all the help they need for harvesting their crops without applying to the employment agencies.

The scramble for social prestige at Newport has caused a French visitor to revive an old Gaelic witticism: "I doubt if the people would take anything like so much trouble to get into heaven."

It has been estimated that 40 per cent of the children under eight in the public schools of London drink alcoholic liquor "more or less regularly." And yet American children are called precocious.

The latest calculations on the course of Halley's comet, approaching the earth, exhibit no point of peril for aspiring aviators. Still, comets and flying machines both have been known to do things out of the day's run.

In Chicago they have started a school for tubercular children. Most of the sessions are held in the open air, and the children are said to act as if they were having a picnic. Their routine work takes in systematic care of the teeth, breathing exercises, gymnastics and the shower bath.

There is something very pathetic in the picture of the little shah of Persia trying to kill himself because, frightened at his lonely grade, he wants his parents. The emptiness of high royal honors in these stormy times strikes even to the soul of a child, when he has to pay for them with his human needs.

It might have been supposed that California had enjoyed her share of earthquakes; but now while Mexican cities are partly in ruins and Spain is reporting tremors, California will feel herself fortunate at having escaped with the shake of recent date, which was so gentle that there were people in San Francisco and San Jose who did not feel it.

In his brief experience of the business of ruling an awakened people, the Shah Mohamed Ali has probably learned that there are times when wise people do best to adopt the motto: "Anything for a quiet life." He has been offered a pension of \$75,000 a year if he will restore the national jewels. The likelihood is that he will take the offer and retire into Russia.

The work of arresting chauffeurs—when they can be caught—and fining them for speeding goes merrily on, but with no appreciable diminution in the speeding. A little change in principle might work a great change in custom in this respect. If the automobile were arrested and fined and held for the payment of the fine things would soon wear a different aspect.

A new use was promptly found for the new Lincoln pennies. It seems, according to a Washington account, that they are in great demand by congressmen to present to babies in their districts, as the first issue will become in time rare coins. This use of the penny is significant in pointing the fact that in spite of its great achievements this is the age of small things—especially babies.

A New York magistrate wants the establishment of the whipping-post on account of the great number of wife-beating cases in his district. It is a pity that there is not the like of official sympathy for ill-treated wives in this state, where the whipping-post has been established by law and practically nullified by the sympathy, for some occult reason, being given to the wife-beater instead of to his victim.

A curious source of wealth is reported by the French consul at Mongtze, in upper Tonkin. It lies in wood mines. The wood originally was a pine forest, which the earth swallowed in some cataclysm. They lie in a slanting direction and in sandy soil, which covers them to a depth of about eight yards. As the top branches are well preserved, it is thought the geological convulsion which buried them cannot be of very great antiquity. The wood furnished by these timber mines is impish and the Chinese buy it for coffins.

# 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 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. The year 1909 is no disappointment. The crops of wheat, oats and barley have been harvested and it is now safe to speak of results. Careful estimates place the yield of spring wheat



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 thousands of School herds of cat-House



He then crossed the Saskatchewan river to the South town, or Battleford 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 Battleford 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 Battleford, 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 20,000 bushels of wheat. In the Rouleau district it is said that there are several farmers who will have 20,000 bushels of oats 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.

# FOR WOMEN OF THE FARMS

BY JESSICA E. BESACK. (Director Department of Domestic Science and Art, National Corn Exposition, Omaha.)

Young men of the farms are learning to double the production in the fields, young women are beginning to study to eliminate all waste from the household; by careful selection of seed the men secure varieties adapted to almost any soil and climate and by the same care in the kitchen, the young women will be able to reduce the cost of living almost one-half and the cost of dress by an amount which will add millions to the wealth of the farming communities.

For instance the use of the "fireless cooker" is an economy. This device of Norwegian origin, has come to stay and is finding a place in nearly every modern kitchen.

Conservative housewives laughed at the so-called fireless cooker a few years ago. But it is like every other invention. It must pass through three stages: First, when everybody says it is impossible; second, when it is thought contrary to religion and third when everybody says it was known before.

All these the fireless cooker has passed and its use promises to be as universal as the "Dutch oven" of Colonial days.

The cooker is just as adaptable to cook a Christmas plum pudding as to cook a pot roast in July. It saves strength, time, fuel, heat, utensils, odors and temper. The cook need not fear her dinner will be spoiled by a few minutes' delay.

A cooker may be made of any tight box, old trunk or corner closet, providing a secure packing of hay is secured and the whole affair made to fasten tightly. In this the food may be cooked in as many utensils as it will hold, but each must have a tight lid.

Only two rules are necessary to insure success in the use of the cooker: The food must be transferred from the stove to the cooker after it has been brought to and while it is at the boiling point, and the article to be cooked must be covered with water when it is placed in the cooker's receptacles. One failure should not be allowed to discourage the housewife, however. Try cooking beans or stewing a chicken. It will be the most thoroughly cooked pot of beans ever cooked and the most delicious chicken. Either dish may be put in the cooker in the early morning while the housewife may then do other work or go to the city and return to find dinner ready—no burning nor boiling dry.

Enterprising manufacturers are making these cookers which are a great economy. Some have baking attachments which really bake.

This menu will serve as a suggestion for a fireless cooker dinner prepared in one of the devices with three compartments:

- Tomato or Bean Soup. Stewed Chicken. Rice. Egg Sauce. Riced Potatoes. Salad. Steamed Apple Dumplings. Coffee.

In almost all the short courses offered at farmers institutes; corn and grain shows or expositions, where a domestic science instructor is employed, a demonstration is given several times daily, in the use of the fireless cooker. The farmer's wife or daughter who sees how the cookers work and the things they accomplish, will not be without one another season.

### Limited Responsibility.

"Little Septimus had been very good and had recited 'The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck' with admirable feeling for the benefit of his Uncle Robert," said George W. Tasker of Philadelphia.

"He's a wonderful boy," exclaimed that gentleman enthusiastically, "and he deserves to be rewarded."

"So saying, he plunged his hand into his bulging pocket and with much difficulty—for he was rather portly—extracted a penny, which he offered with great importance to his good little nephew. 'Remember, my boy,' he said, 'that if you take care of the pennies the shillings will take care of themselves.'

"Poor little Septimus looked rather dubious. 'I do take care of the pennies, Uncle Robert,' he answered sadly, 'but as soon as they get to be shillings my pa takes care of them for me.'—London Tit-Bits.

### It Was All the Same.

In a Sunday school a little girl was questioned as to her repeated non-attendance.

"Why have you been absent so many times lately?" asked the teacher.

"Please, teacher," answered the girl, "mother thought I'd better not come to Sunday school, as my hat was dirty."

"But, my dear," objected the teacher gently, "it is not the outward appearance that we consider; it is the inward."

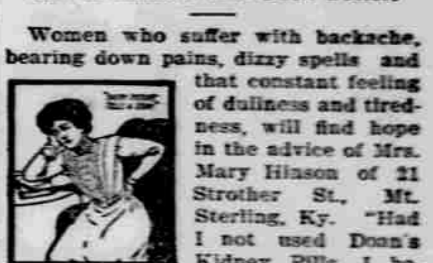
"I know that, teacher," was Maggie's reply; "but it's all the same; the lining was dirty, too."

### In Class by Herself.

The American woman is in a category of her own. She is sui generis. Our national institutions, the air of liberty which we breathe, the character of our people have made her so. But that as a class she is deprived, or blase, or hoydenish, or even spoiled, is not for a moment to be admitted. Max O'Reill once said that the eyes of a French country maiden are wide open like a daisy because her heart is pure. Will any one deny that the same reason applies to the frank and honest gaze of the American girl?

# NEW STRENGTH FOR WOMEN'S BACKS.

How to Make a Bad Back Better.



Women who suffer with backache, bearing down pains, dizzy spells, and that constant feeling of dullness and tiredness, will find hope in the advice of Mrs. Mary Hinson of 21 Strother St., Mt. Sterling, Ky. "Had I not used Doan's Kidney Pills, I believe I would not be living today," says Mrs. Hinson. "My eyesight was poor, I suffered with nervous, splitting headaches, spots would dance before my eyes and at times I would be so dizzy I would have to grasp something for support. My back was so weak and painful I could hardly bend over to button my shoes and could not get around without suffering severely. Doan's Kidney Pills helped me from the first, and I continued until practically well again."

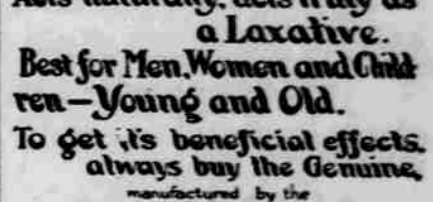
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