

NEWSY NOTES

By AGNES DOLLA

A WEED FROM UIGG

As intimated last week, I have received from Uigg a plant, which I identified as the Sun Spurge, Euphorbia Helioscopia. It is one of the most recognizable weeds on account of its curious and perhaps unique habit of growth. From the summit of a bright green stem, usually about 6 or 8 inches high, spring a few branches, radiating like the spokes of a wheel and bearing a cluster of small greenish flowers at their extremities. This mode of growth has gained it the name of "Chaunstaff" in England, the stalk and umbel resembling the "dasher" of the old hand-gaunt. The following is a brief description: Sun Spurge, Euphorbia Helioscopia Linn. Stem stoutish, erect, bright green, sometimes branched from the base, to 3.5 dm. high. Leaves spatulate, obovate, etc. serrulate, scattered. Umbel with 3 to 5 rays; flowers small, greenish; glands orbicular, stalked; pods smooth, seeds reticulated. An annual herb, with milky juice.

The dense milky juice (scientifically "latex") would, I imagine, yield rubber. The latex, the plant bears the name "Milkweed," given to it in some localities, and "Cat's-paw" or "Wolf's-milk," in others. The juice, being extremely acrid, was used to "burn off" warts, hence "wartweed." And, lastly, "Little-god" hardly requires an explanation. Against this, however, Nickell's "Botanical Ready Reference" states that the juice is cathartic to warts, cathartic, and antiparasitic.

LONGFELLOW'S "EXCELSIOR"

This used to be in all the school-books, but as Longfellow was first favorite with the present writer, he has read this poem long before he went to school (which was at the age of ten). "Excelsior" (Latin for "Higher still") is really a little story of that genius which foregoes comfort and low safety and even life itself in its efforts to reach its topmost goal. The chief photographic treasures of the Boston Athenaeum, in my younger days, were the first two drafts of "Excelsior" written by Longfellow himself. One of them is on the back of a letter to Charles Sumner, and had at its close "September 28, 1841, 3.30 o'clock, morning. Now in bed." Longfellow was then 34 years old, and in order to see his mind in the full glow of its creative fancy we must collate the variations and erasures of these early drafts. Readers who have, or have access to, the finished poem, will do well to compare the following discarded lines. Verse 1, third line: A youth who bore in snow and ice. A youth who bore a pearl of price. A youth who bore above all price. Verse 2, M. S. No. 1:— His brow was sad, but underneath Fashed like a falchion from its sheath His steel blue eye— M. S. No. 2— And I'll sing a silver clarion rung His sweet voice in an unknown tongue—

(In the printed poem the trivial "sweet voice" becomes the strong-sounding "accents.") Verse 3, third and fourth lines: And far o'erhead the glaciers shone His lips breathed with a stifled groan— Verse 4, fourth line: And clear his youthful voice replied— Verse 5, first line: "Oh, rest," the maiden said, "Thy head upon this faithful breast." A tear was in his pale blue eye— Verse 6, fourth line: A voice cried through the frosty air— Verse 7, first line: A voice cried through the clear air— Verse 8, third and fourth lines: And from the deep sky, faint and far A voice dropped, like a falling star—

On comparing the completed poem and these rough drafts, it will be seen that every change made by the poet added strength and beauty to the poem. In the original version there originally appeared these lines, afterwards condemned as superfluous:—

Alfred, Lord Tennyson, England's greatest poet of the Victorian Age, had this even habit of "boiling and re-boiling" his verses, but he often waited till he saw what they looked like in print, before making the alterations. This meant that the poet was excitedly alive, and in some cases a much-altered poem might, without great straining the language, be called

As above stated, one of the M.S. is on the back of a letter. When the curious reader turns over the leaf, he sees these words: "I have sent you the baggage wagon by pardon me, by the Cambridge van—a basket of champagne, which I pray you to— the word is missing, but doubtless refers to the use Longfellow was expected to make of the gladdening juice.

WHAT IS A CORVETE?

The term corvette is an old one probably ante-dating the Na-tional ship, built with square sails, and with a flush or level deck, instead of the more or less "elevated stern of the bigger ships. A single tier of guns, not heavy, a figure's two tiers comprising anything from 30 to 60 guns. One can imagine that the men of the smaller vessels, at a good deal of "ribbing" from their comrades in the bigger vessels. This fact, which comes from the Latin Corbis is Latin for "a basket," and "think of the Welsh coracle, a boat made of wicker willows, covered with hide. That was a basket indeed; and the comparison made have been odious enough to the men who sailed the corvette. The fish deck remains, gone but by the control bridge. The armament will astonish the old-timers if they are allowed to revisit this mudane sphere.

TIMBRIDGE WELLS

(CP) — A scrap iron dealer who allegedly used a motor van for a "own crew" was fined the equivalent of \$50, for illegally using gasoline.

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THE MOST VALUABLE TREASURE

Once I read in an old Latin history of a happening in ancient Rome. A earth shook, and a deep chasm yawned in the Forum; an important part of the City, where produce was marketed, and in those simpler times, where legal causes were tried in the open. Slaves were at once put to work to fill the abyss, but earth and stones sank out of sight without reducing the chasm. Perplexed, the City fathers consulted an oracle who answered that until the Romans' dearest treasure should be cast into it, the chasm would remain. Accordingly gold, silver, and other treasures were thrown in, but without result. A young nobleman, one Manlius Curtius, having thought the matter out, armed himself, mounted his horse, and rode boldly into the chasm, which thereupon closed of itself.

Such is the story as nearly as I remember it; whether it is founded on some old occurrence or is merely a kind of parable, we have no opportunity of judging. But it may well be taken as symbolic of the War, which demands the sacrifice of the best of our manhood, before it is brought to a close. With sorrow I have time and again re-marked this sacrifice in our own little island.

THE PIED PIPER

"The Pied Piper," has come to the fore again this time as the modern hero of a film. How many could tell us anything of the legend attached to the term? Here it is in brief. The town of Hamelin is in Hanover, Germany, and has records going back to the middle of the eleventh century. In the year 1284, states one of these chronicles, the town was so overrun with rats, that the town-folk talked of deserting it. One day, however, a fantastically dressed man, carrying a pipe or flute, appeared in the main square, and, playing a sweet melody, offered to charm all the vermin into the River Weser (on which Hamelin stands) by his piping, if he were paid a stipulated sum of money. The townspeople eagerly agreed, and the piper, playing without ceasing, traversed the streets of the town. Behold! all the rats on his route whenever they heard the piping, hastened to join the procession. Then he led them to the river, and by the charm of his playing, incited them to enter the water, which swept them away. He had fulfilled his promise but the towns-men outsmarted him: when he asked for his fee, they jeeringly pointed out that the rats were dead and could give no further trouble; moreover if he were saucy about them after, they'd have him up for witchcraft! He went away for a time but came back on the 26th June, and traversed the streets as before. As he played the entrancing strains, the children all trooped after him, even as the rats had done. This time the piper went out of town till he came to the Koppelberg Hill, in whose side a door unexpectedly opened and piper and children entered it, closed, and outside one lame boy who could not follow quickly enough, to lament all his life those joys of which he had but a brief glimpse. Nor could the strictest search ever discover the entrance to that happy place.

Such is the legend of the "Pied Piper of Hamelin," and the public documents of the town, for a considerable time, are dated from this strange event. There are sceptics however, who trace the origin of the story to the tragedy "Children's Crusade" in 1212. In that year preachers went through western Europe proclaiming that the Crusades had failed to deliver the Holy Land because the Crusaders were sinful men; if innocent children undertook the task Jerusalem would be freed from the Saracens. Over 50,000 children followed the preachers; many perished, but many more were taken captive and sold in the slave markets of the East.

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Young People's Convention

The annual convention of the Central Union of Young People's Societies, comprising delegates from about twenty unions was held in Preetown United Church on Thursday, Sept. 17. The president, Douglas MacFarlane of Bellevue, presided. The worship period was conducted by the Pleasant Valley Unit with Miss Isabel MacKay and Wilma MacKenzie participating. Delegates were welcomed by Leeman Campbell of Preetown. Response given by Rev. D. P. Hoddinott. Minutes and financial report given by the secretary-treasurer, Miss Jean Boswell. Committees were appointed as follows: Resolutions: Rev. John Jarvis, Mrs. D. P. Hoddinott, Miss Mamie MacConnell. Hon. Sec. — Miss Isabel MacKay. Hon. Treas. — Miss Jean Boswell. Hon. Sec. — Miss Isabel MacKay. Hon. Treas. — Miss Jean Boswell. Hon. Sec. — Miss Isabel MacKay. Hon. Treas. — Miss Jean Boswell.

The convention then broke up into discussion groups as follows: "Towards a Christian Canada," led by Rev. John Jarvis. "Leadership Training," led by Rev. Ward MacLean. "Missions," led by Rev. R. E. Vessey.

After the delegates re-assembled the findings of the groups were presented and discussed. Following this a delicious supper was served by the ladies of Preetown.

An evening session the Preetown Young People's Union conducted the worship period. Miss Ruth Simmons sang "Living for Jesus" and Mr. J. B. Lewis sang "Open the Gates of the Temple."

The secretary-treasurer, Miss Jean Boswell who attended the council of the Nation Young People's Union held at Bellevue, Ontario in July, gave a very interesting report of the doings of the convention. The guest speaker for the evening was Flight Lieutenant E. R. Woodside of R.C.A.F. at Summerside who delivered a powerful address on the theme the Conflict in July, gave a very interesting and sale of alcoholic liquors and sale of alcoholic liquors and sale of alcoholic liquors.

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The convention also endorsed resolutions of thanks to the Preetown ladies, guest speakers and soloists. Also recommendations regarding the change in Leadership Training courses, the central school to be discontinued. Also a resolution asking Department of Missionary Education for strip films on missionary work. Following is the slate of officers: Honorary President — Rev. John Sterling, Margate. President — Heath N. MacQuarrie, Summerside. Vice-President — Leeman Campbell, Preetown. Past President — Douglas MacFarlane, Bellevue. Secretary — Miss Jean Boswell, Victoria, re-elected. Conveners: Missions — Jesse Burns, Preetown. Fellowship — Mamie MacConnell, Margate. Citizenship — Arnold Henderson, Bellevue. Culture — Evelyn Bell, Cape Traverse. Leadership Training — Isabel MacKay, Pleasant Valley. Girl's Work — Jessie Leard, Truro. Boy's Work — David Murphy, Cape Traverse. Recreations — Rev. Mr. Jarvis, Summerside. Publications — Arthur Morrison, Brantford.

Some very important resolutions were presented by the resolution's committee which were unanimously adopted. Following is the text of these: Resolved that this convention go on record as not being in accord with the distinctly material trend of the curriculum in use at present in the day schools and high schools of the province and that this convention request the department of education to take immediate steps to have a course of religious training as well as satisfactory to all denominations included in the school curriculum as well as a suitable course in music. (Copy of this resolution sent to department of education.) Resolved that this convention go on record as being dissatisfied with the present attitude of our Federal Government in regard to the liquor situation, and that it is the opinion of this convention that this situation is detrimental to the physical, mental, and moral well-being of youth, therefore be it resolved that the Federal Government be requested to immediately take steps to curtail the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors and sale of alcoholic liquors.

(Copies of this resolution sent to Federal members from P.E.I. and to Premier King.)

Armoured Brigade In Action

In the afternoon we saw a whole armoured brigade go into action— tackling a supposed German para-troop invasion. It was the largest such exercise ever staged by Canadian armoured forces and embodied 442 vehicles—trucks, tanks, jeeps and carriers—and more than 2000 men, practically all with special trades. From our vantage point below the show, the vehicles lined up below were impressive in their might and numbers. When the orders came, scout carriers went into action to hunt out and destroy forward enemy anti-tank and machine gun posts; they raced up and around the rolling downs, scurried through gorse and cleared the way for the Armoured Regiment of Crusader, Ram and motorized infantry ambushed and followed, taking advantage of the cover of intervening woods. A light field ambulance advanced and set up a dressing station. Then as the forward units approached the enemy strong point, the enemy's strong point, and smoke shells laid down a screen behind which the tanks stormed the



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GARDEN WEDDING HOLDS ATTENTION OF MANY FRIENDS

In a pretty garden ceremony Saturday Claire Adylen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Abbot, was married to Mr. Kenneth L. MacFayden, only son of Mrs. B. R. MacFayden, and the late Mr. MacFayden of Calgary. The wedding was held at the west end home of Mr. and Mrs. Abbot, with the Rev. D. C. Ramsay officiating. While exchanging vows the couple stood under an arch of garden flowers. Given away by her father, the bride was radiant in a rustling tulle gown of medieval ivory, studded with long rows of molded lines, and braided length sleeves. The skirt falling gracefully to the floor was a cascade of misty illusion net over the tulle. Her veil, also of bridal illusion, was fingertip length. In her arms she carried a cascade bouquet of roses in tones of ivory contrasted with a deep burgundy red.

SWEDISH RUNNER DOES FAST MILE

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — (CP) — Gunder Hagen has cracked a world record almost every time he's raced in the last nine weeks. He's the greatest distance runner to come out of Europe since Pavo Nurmi's era. Hagen finished a fifth of a second off Sidney Wooderson's world mile record on July 1 with a 4:06.2 performance. And just the other day Hagen broke his own record with a 4:04.6 mile.

MAKES DARNING MUSIC LONDON (CP) — Bandsman Jack Langley wields a darning needle as deftly as he does his drum sticks. He entered a competition at an industrial exhibition and came first prize for the best darned sock.

Table Massed With Flowers

The bridal table, laid in lustrous white linen, was massed with colorful summer flowers. The three-tiered wedding cake was flanked by ivory tapers placed in candleabra. Leaving later with her husband on a short wedding trip to the mountains, the bride wore a suede jersey dress in rose blue, contrasted with black accessories. Over her arm she carried a topeast of natural camel's hair, with beige fox collar. On their return the couple plan to reside in Calgary. (The groom is a former resident of Kensington, P.E.I., his father being in the Drug Business there for a number of years. Old friends will remember Mr. MacFayden and will join very heartily with others in wishing him and his young bride many happy years of wedded bliss.)

Receiving at her daughter's reception, held in flower decked rooms, Mrs. Abbot was wearing a frock of original design, in apple green and ivory beige, the skirt featuring panels of the green and beige. Completing her ensemble, she wore chocolate brown accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Receiving with her was the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. MacFayden, smart in black and white, with Talisman roses, en corsage.