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SMOOTH—FRAGRANT—SATISFYING

WHERE PANCAKES COME FROM

Every boy who does not like pancakes and Maple Syrup: Hold up your hand! I don't see any hands. The one who does not is a rare exception. When you eat pancakes what are you eating? In other words, what is buckwheat not buckwheat? When it is a pancake!

Perhaps you would like to know some of the interesting things that are worth knowing about buckwheat, the flour from which is used in making your favorite breakfast.

Buckwheat is a plant, but quite different from the wheat plant that furnishes the flour from which most of the bread is made. It is a member of a plant family to which some of our common weeds belong, such as sheep sorrel and the yellow dock. The name of this family is the Polygonaceae. Don't forget that name! Ask your chemist, if you go to school, how to spell it.

While buckwheat is commonly grown as a grain crop and is sometimes called a cereal grain, it should be known that it is not a cereal in the true sense of that term. Only those grains which belong to the Gramineae or grass family are plants are true cereals. Hence, wheat, oats, barley, rice, corn, are the real cereals. But because buckwheat is used to make flour, it also is referred to as a cereal.

It is interesting to know the habits of different kinds of plants, and it is almost necessary to know them if we are going to grow the best kinds of crops. Some crops can be grown under quite different conditions from others. For example, alfalfa must have a fertile, rich soil, and well drained soil to do its best.

Buckwheat is one of those plants that is not very particular about the kind of soil it grows in. Here, again we are able to see the workings of Nature, in providing us with a series of crops suitable for all kinds of soil conditions.

Will Grow on Poor Soil.

If there is any one crop that will do well on an acid or soggy soil it is buckwheat. It will grow on poor soil and it usually gives a fair return. While this crop is generally grown as a grain crop, it is also used for other uses. On account of being able to grow in late in the season, it may be used to good advantage to another out-crop where soils are badly infested with them. A good thing to do in such cases is to keep the land cultivated until the middle of third week in June so as not to allow any of the weeds to grow. This is called fallowing the soil. Then when the buckwheat is seeded, it will grow so rapidly and vigorously that it smothered out the few weeds that try to come up in this way one is able to get rid of them.

While there are several kinds of buckwheat, the number of useful varieties is comparatively limited. What is known as Japanese buckwheat is perhaps the leading variety. It is the largest seeded of all varieties and ranges in color from a dark brown to almost black. The next important one is called Silver-hull because its hull has a silvery grey appearance. Compared with the first variety, it is smaller seeded and is inclined to weigh more per bushel than the Japanese. The crop also matures earlier. Then there is a variety that is intermediate between these two known as the Common Gray.

A Fine Bee Pasture.

But have you ever seen buckwheat growing? Here again, it is quite different from wheat. In fact, buckwheat means yellow wheat on account of the resemblance of the seeds to those of the wheat tree. The seeds are three-sided and three edged so that they look somewhat pyramidal in shape. The flowers are white to pink in color and they furnish a great deal of nectar for the bees and this is the reason why bees are able to produce buckwheat honey. When the plants are in full blossom, they are visited freely by the bees and so it may be that the majority of honey made for a certain length of time comes from the buckwheat flowers and so has a favor peculiar to buckwheat. The plants are biennial, which makes it a good bee pasture plant.

From three to five pecks of seed will be needed and it may be sown with the grain drill, or with the broadcast seed. The seeds will sprout quickly and it is not very long before the field is all green and with the right kind of weather following the crop will make a most rapid development. If one can plow the entire crop under, it does not want to thresh the seed, to furnish organic matter for the soil. This is quite a practical benefit and is one of the very reasons that are seeded to buckwheat that need organic matter to make them better.

NAPLES, A CITY OF MEN.

"I have come from a world of women to a world of men," said Jimmy Evans, a friend after his first visit to London, writes a correspondent from Naples, Italy.

"Do you know," he continued, "I used to sit for hours in the balcony of my hotel just watching the daily women and girls tripping about intent on their business or their pleasure. Their manner and movements so full of a glad independence, their glances so frank and free of all self-consciousness. Their whole demeanor revealed and splendidly self-reliant."

"You are very enthusiastic," I said.

"Ah, yes—why not? The sight so uncommon to me filled me with admiration. Your London streets are made sweet and lovely by the presence of the women—as ours are sad without them."

Then it was that I realized what I had always missed in this most beautiful sight of numberless women gaily walking here and there and everywhere, every girl of all ages in their bright, neat frocks—alert, smiling and seemingly self-confident—or their way to their work.

Wherever one looks—in street, shop or cafe—no matter how the absence of the feminine element.

Time among the busy crowd moves sturdily pleasant women, heavy baskets poised on their heads; but though they may be handsome enough, they are too commonplace in mentality to give that attractive element of refinement and femininity of the scene.

The Neapolitan in general considers himself a better judge of a "toiletta" than his womankind. The wives and daughters loiter about far more and grumble less, as he does the choosing and bargaining himself.

It is interesting to watch a middle aged father of grown up girls fingering filmy garments thoughtfully—his whiskered brow, the corners of his anxious speculation: "Will it wear and wash well?"

I turned to my friend, "And so you like a world of women?" I asked.

"Immensely," replied "And I look forward to the time when our women in this city shall go and live as freely a young country women. We men desire it. In former days it was otherwise. But now, with tradition dies hard with women, many of them still imagine that it is the "bizness" of a distinguished man to remain in his home, never venturing abroad unless accompanied."

THE WESTERN GUARDIAN

SHOP from Holman's Catalog. —10 BUTTONED GAITERS for \$1.00 on Saturday at SINCLAIR'S.

—PRICES UNCHALLENGEABLE—Sterling Hunter, Kensington.

—MEN'S AND WOMEN'S felt slippers for \$1.00 a pair at SINCLAIR'S on Saturday.

—ODD LINES, size 2 1/2 only, in Women's fine boots for \$1.75 per pair at SINCLAIR'S on Saturday.

—CHILDREN'S BOOTS, sizes 3 to 7 for \$1.00 a pair on Saturday at SINCLAIR'S.

—WE CLOSE on Saturday evening at 8.45 for the Soldiers' Memorial Benefit in Happyland Theatre. SINCLAIR & STEWART, LTD.

—SMALL SIZES in Women's good Oxford and Pumps 2 1/2 to 2 1/2, clearing on Saturday \$1.75 a pair at SINCLAIR'S.

—STREET COMMISSIONER Desreche, Summerside was busy Thursday and Friday, with a gang of men levelling the snow banks on Water and Central Streets.

—LARGE SIZES in Women's Common Sense house shoes and slippers 6, 7 and 8, selling on Saturday for \$1.00 a pair at SINCLAIR'S.

—SCHOONER REPAIRED—The schooner J. H. Ernest at Queen's Wharf, Summerside, and owned by Sampson Grady is being repaired and may be putting in a new mainmast.

—ENJOYABLE DANCE—There was another very enjoyable dance and whist social in the Knights of Columbus Home in Summerside on Thursday night, with a large attendance.

—TRAIL RANGERS RETURNED—The Charlottetown Trail Rangers who played the Summerside Trail Rangers at hockey and basketball returned home on Monday. The visitors consisted of W. Collins, B. Chandler, P. Melnis, J. Jenkins, A. Heustis, H. Harper and T. Matheson.

—BRIDAL SHOWER—Miss Betty Griffin was the bride on Thursday for some time left on Thursday for her home at Lot 7, where in the course of a few days she will be one of the principal in a very important event. A number of her lady friends called on Miss Griffin on Wednesday evening and tendered her a miscellaneous shower. Her many friends in town express best wishes in her sudden adventure.

—HOCKEY—The fifth game of the Prince County hockey league was played at Crystal rink on Tuesday evening and resulted in a victory for the War Veterans over the Pioneers, the score being 6 to 4. Mr. Hen Baker very satisfactorily acted as referee. The War Veterans have won two while the Pioneers have, as yet, none to their credit.

—EVANS' MUSICAL REVUE.—Theatregoers will be interested in the announcement that the famous Jimmy Evans Musical Revue is slated for a three day play in Summerside, playing at Happyland theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. This is one of the cleanest and most entertaining of all tabloid shows now being played in lower provinces, and played with great success in St. John, Moncton and Halifax.

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BOLD REPORTER HUNTS SPOOKS

ANTIGONISH, N. S., Feb. 9.—After two weeks' preparation, Harold Whidden a representative of the Halifax Herald, and Detective P. O. Carroll, Provincial Officer, departed yesterday for the alleged haunted house of Alex. MacDonald, at Caledonia Mills, in the wilds of Antigonish County. They are paid by the day, and expect to spend some time in the house, from which, it is alleged, the MacDonald family were scared away by the apparition of scores of small trees which blazed brightly on walls, ceiling and window blinds, and kept the family busy extinguishing them.

The MacDonald house is 25 miles from the nearest telephone, and no report of their first night's experience has been received here yet. Detective Carroll who has solved a number of murder mysteries, took along a pair of handcuffs. A magistrate, it is said, declined to give him a warrant to arrest the spooks on sight, but advised him that, if he captured the medium through which the spooks might be operating, he might hold a seance long enough to send for a warrant.

—GIVES FINE ADDRESS—Rev. Dr. Gauthier, addressed the members of the C.W.L. Tishin, in their meeting on Feb. 5th. His address was very interesting and was well received by the members. He spoke of the influence of the home school, and the work that might be accomplished by women in the various fields now open to them. He encouraged home life and industry among young people and asked the co-operation of the mothers to attain this end. He also spoke of the necessity of proper care and nourishment being given young and growing children, and said it would be well to follow them into their schools and see that sanitary conditions exist there. A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Dr. Gauthier at the close of his much appreciated address.

—ENJOYABLE DANCE—Quite a number of young people took advantage of the dance held in Emerald Hall on Tuesday night under the auspices of the C.W.L. Society. The musicians, as usual, were playing better in Kinkora, his home town, but those who attended the dance in Emerald Hall claim that "Jack" don't know what he is talking about. "Jim" is a professional and commends to be heard on all sides. Come again Jim! Coffee and cake were served and every one enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

—SNOW SHOVELLETS BUSY.—Workmen were engaged on the Summerside streets on Friday morning, moving the snow and clearing the gutters, a hopeful sign that the town fathers do not believe that winter will be with us always. During the early hours of Thursday morning and Friday morning, however, the householders were not so optimistic as the mercury persisted in inching to the ten below zero mark.

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—VARIETY SHOWER.—A host of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Charles MacDonald, Summerside on Tuesday night to tender a variety shower to Miss Laura Hammill, who will shortly feature in an interesting event. Many valuable presents were included in the gifts, including a silver tea set, a vase from the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. After luncheon was served, music and games rounded off a most enjoyable evening.

—KENSINGTON-SUMMERFIELD EXTENDS CALL TO MINISTER.—At a meeting of the Kensington-Summerfield Presbyterian Congregation on Jan. 30th a hearty and unanimous call was extended to the Rev. A. W. Robertson of Eureka, N.S. A salary of \$1800.00 with house and one month's vacation is guaranteed. A committee was appointed to call for tenders to dispossess of the old Manor and build a new Manse. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. M. Murchison, who is interim moderator.

—SEVERE STORM.—The fierce snow storm, which set in early on Tuesday morning caused considerable annoyance. There was no meeting room on Feb. 5th. The train from Dr. Gauthier's discourse was very interesting and was well received by the members. He spoke of the influence of the home school, and the work that might be accomplished by women in the various fields now open to them. He encouraged home life and industry among young people and asked the co-operation of the mothers to attain this end. He also spoke of the necessity of proper care and nourishment being given young and growing children, and said it would be well to follow them into their schools and see that sanitary conditions exist there. A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Dr. Gauthier at the close of his much appreciated address.

—ENJOYABLE DANCE—Quite a number of young people took advantage of the dance held in Emerald Hall on Tuesday night under the auspices of the C.W.L. Society. The musicians, as usual, were playing better in Kinkora, his home town, but those who attended the dance in Emerald Hall claim that "Jack" don't know what he is talking about. "Jim" is a professional and commends to be heard on all sides. Come again Jim! Coffee and cake were served and every one enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

—SNOW SHOVELLETS BUSY.—Workmen were engaged on the Summerside streets on Friday morning, moving the snow and clearing the gutters, a hopeful sign that the town fathers do not believe that winter will be with us always. During the early hours of Thursday morning and Friday morning, however, the householders were not so optimistic as the mercury persisted in inching to the ten below zero mark.

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—A NEW ATTRACTION.—Older residents in Summerside not quite up to the latest trend of fashion, are wondering why so many young women are parading through the streets with their over-shoes unfastened. A couple of them were talking about the matter on the corner the other day. "I know what it is," said Vetal Bruno, "it's a come-on signal for you to offer to fasten them for the wearer." "It's not that," said Placide LeGere, who used to be in the shoe repairing