

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

parts of the world the production of wheat is diminishing today; but as it diminishes Canada's will increase; therefore, it is safe to predict that in a few years from now a large part of the world will be looking to western Canada for its wheat supply, and especially will the United States. In many parts of western Canada it is possible to have a hundred-mile square of wheat, without a break. A writer says: "We were driven west and north of Moose Jaw through 20 miles of dead ripe wheat, acres of stocks and well-worked summer-fallows. One of these fields would yield 40 bushels to the acre, and another man had oats that would yield 90 or 100 bushels to the acre. In this district wheat will average 30 to 35 bushels. The conditions



A Central Canada Farmer Finishing Cutting His 70-Acre Field of Wheat

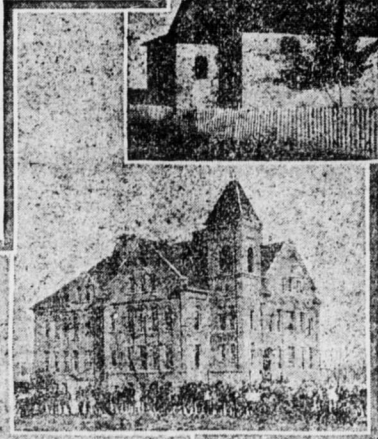
at 30 bushels per acre, winter wheat at over 40 bushels, and oats exceed 50 bushels per acre. Barley also has proved an abundant yield. What will attract the reading public more than volumes of figures will be the fact that those who have been induced through the influence of the Government to accept 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

County School House



City Church in Central Canada

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:



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

"As I inspected the crops in the various 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 46 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.

For the Hostess

Chat on Topics of Many Kinds, by a Recognized Authority

"Puzzle" Announcement Party.

Quite recently a hostess used puzzle pictures to announce the engagement of the guest of honor. The club to which the young couple belonged were invited and as no one suspected the news that was to be revealed, the affair was entirely successful.

Tables and puzzles were arranged so that four persons worked together, the hostess explained that when the six tables had completed their puzzles a very interesting story would be woven from the pictures; that a prize would be awarded to the one who first guessed the story. The first picture put together showed a boy and girl with a map upon which there were two states, Maine and Ohio; the second puzzle revealed a man and a girl dancing with the words "Yale" and "Vassar."

Then the third picture was a poser, for it was simply a cut of a White Star liner, the fourth puzzle was a Pullman train marked "California Limited;" the fifth was a scene in a park, with a couple sitting under the trees, and the sixth was a bride and groom walking up the aisle over which were the initials of the young couple.

The prize was a large box of confetti with which the pair were duly showered. Congratulations followed and every one was delighted. The hostess had painted some of the pictures, pasted them on thin sheets of wood and a boy friend cut them out on his jig saw. Post cards, advertisements and magazines furnished the others.

A delicious salad of canned asparagus, sprinkled with grated cheese and mayonnaise with a garnish of stuffed olives cut in halves. Cheese straws were passed with it, and lemonade, in which a bottle of ginger ale was added in the proportion of a bottle to every quart of lemonade.

Unique Thimble Party.

We belonged to a thimble club of ten members, and once a month one of us gave an afternoon to which each member asked a guest, making a party of 20. At the affair I wish to describe for your department readers the hostess had five tables with the following stunts to be accomplished: First, to see who could sew on the most buttons in the time allotted; second, to see who could sew on the most lace; third, the best buttonhole in five minutes; fourth, the best patch-work square; fifth, the neatest hem in the square of cheese cloth. We played partners, the two best progressing. We were all given wee baskets with silk bag tops attached and the markers were buttons, hooks and eyes, spools of thread, steel bodkins, etc. There were prizes of needle-books, scissors and spool cases filled.

Farewell Envelope Shower.

To a girl who was going away for a prolonged absence, a friend planned and carried out this acceptable shower. Her guests all entered into the spirit of the occasion and made it a success. Each person was asked to bring something in an envelope, as space must be considered when one is going to Europe. It was wonderful the way the envelope scheme developed; there was an envelope of denim

with strap handles for holding magazines, letter paper pad, pencil, etc. Then there was a nest of long envelopes tied together filled with all sorts of interesting clippings, anecdotes, articles of interest along the lines that the voyager was especially to study.

One envelope contained a wee deck of cards for playing solitaire, another held courtplaster; one had snap shots of home scenes and near friends; several large envelopes held hand illuminated mottoes, and, best of all, a rich bachelor uncle took this way of giving his niece some greenbacks. The envelope was labeled "Extras." One practical girl brought a set of envelopes marked "For Emergency;" there were buttons on a card, needles, safety pins, a card of beauty pins, hairpins of all sizes and an invisible hair net. It is impossible to enumerate all that this shower brought forth besides the regular steamer letters.

Marking Silver for a Bride.

An old custom, which is now a new one, is that of marking a bride's silver with the first initial of the bridegroom's first or Christian name, and the bride's two initials, with the initial of the bridegroom's last name, thus: Supposing the man to be John Smith and the bride "Anna Edgar," the flat silver would all be engraved "J." and "A. E. S." Silver marked this way is shown by a lady who will soon celebrate her fortieth anniversary, and she says it was the custom of the largest eastern jewelers to mark all wedding silver in this way unless specially instructed otherwise. Many brides of to-day seem to prefer their wedding gifts to be marked with the initial which they have every right to expect will be theirs for life. But all bridal linen, both personal and for household use, is marked with the bride's monogram or her initials. Will all prospective brides take this as a bit of personal information?

MADAME MERRIL
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IN VOGUE

The rose-pink, so much in vogue, is a most delightful color, when veiled with net or lace.

The newest dancing frocks for girls are being made of puffed malines over satin slips.

Irish crochet buttons and lace appear as trimming upon some of the crepe-lie tissues.

Raffia parasols, edged with tiny balls, are a pretty accompaniment for pongee and linen frocks.

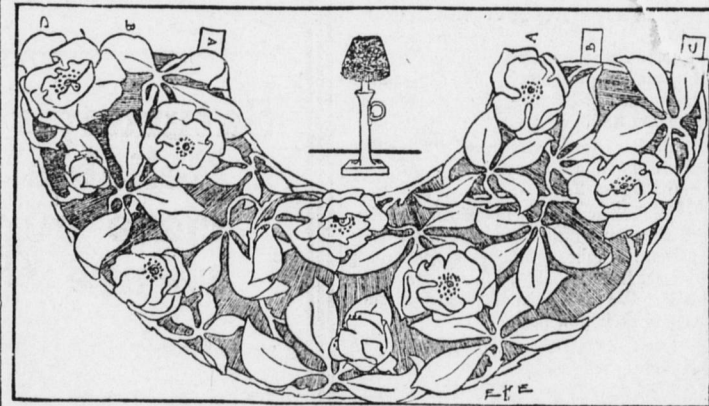
The shirt waist or one-piece morning frock with a collar of itself is coming into its own again.

Old blue linen, with tucks and frills of white mull, is very attractive in any of the present-day models.

There has been a notable increase in the use of printed materials with the advance of the new foulard rage.

The millinery coat will be prominent in tailored suitings this fall. It will be slightly bloused and belted.

Dainty Candle Shades



A dainty candle shade gives a pretty finish to table, mantel or dresser, and the new tinted flower shades mounted over colored silk are most attractive. The woman who is clever with her brushes may make no end of pretty things, but these shades may be imitated even by those who know nothing about painting, providing they put the color on in a neat, careful manner.

The first step is to trace the design on a piece of water-color paper, then color it, either shading, if one knows how, or using flat washes with pen and ink outline. In the latter case use waterproof ink, going over every line when the paint is dry. This wash and outline work is quite as effective as the more difficult light and shade. In either case use a light brown for the stems, two shades of green for the leaves, the smaller leaves the lighter, and the centers of the flowers yellow, with the inner petals of the roses deep rose and the outer petals delicate pink. This is mounted over a pink silk shade.

The design is planned so that the joining of the shade is imperceptible. The tab marked A slips under the corresponding letter on the opposite side, B and B, and C under the letter C. The tabs are to be glued in this manner. Before joining, however, the background of the design is to be cut out with small pointed scissors, leaving a delicate tracery of leaves and flowers. The effect of the silk under the flowers is very pretty.

The little shades may be purchased all ready to slip the painted shade over, and the design given is planned to exactly fit them. They come head-fringed in all colors for 50 cents, the best variety with silk outside and a lining of mica, a thin substance that will not burn. Then there are dainty little separate silk linings of different colors with a silk fringe to match for 15 cents.

The pink shades are, perhaps, the most effective with the wild rose design, but yellow is also pretty. If a yellow lining is used, then the flowers may be painted yellow. A light green lining is also pretty under the pink or yellow shade.

FALL PAINTING.

The majority of property owners are under the impression that spring time is the only painting time. But the fall of the year offers several advantages to the painter. One of the most important is that surfaces are almost sure to be dry, and there is no frost or inner moisture to work out after the paint is applied.

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MISSED IT.



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