

The Micmacs In Early Times

Excerpts from a work by Nicholas Denys, first Governor of Acadia, published in France in 1672 and translated by Dr. William F. Ganong for the Champlain Society. Continued from last Tuesday.

The frames of their snow-shoes were of Beech, of the thickness of those used in playing tennis, but longer and thicker and of the same form without a handle. The length of each was a rule the distance from the waist to the ground. They placed there two pieces of wood which ran across, at a distance from one another equal to the length of the foot. They were corded with Moose skin, dressed to parchment; this was cut into very long cords, both thick and thin. The thick were placed in the middle part of the snow-shoes, where the foot rests between the two sticks, while the thin were used at the two ends. Close against the stick in front there was left an opening in the middle of the snow-shoe to admit the end of the foot in walking. This was in order that the snow-shoe might not rise behind and that it might do nothing but drag. It was usually the women who did the cording.

Their lances were also of Beech, at the end of which they fixed a large pointed bone. They used them to spear animals when there was deep snow.

For making their canoes they sought the largest Birch trees they could find. They removed the bark of the length of the canoe, which was of three to four fathoms and a half. The breadth was about two feet in the middle, and always diminished towards the two ends, falling away to nothing. The depth was such that for a man seated it came up to his armpits. The lining inside for strengthening it was of slats, of the length of the canoe and some four inches broad, lessening towards the end in order that they might match together. On the inside the canoe was lined with them completely, as well as all along it from one end to the other. These slats were made of Cedar, which is light, and which they split in as great lengths as they wished, and also as thin as they pleased. They also made from the same wood half-circles

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I replace casters in a piece of furniture so they will not continually fall out?

A. Remove the caster, pour plastic wood into the opening, and as it begins to set force the caster into place. Allow this to harden thoroughly before placing the furniture on its feet.

Q. How can I take care of new shoes?

A. Wax the new shoes, similar to the surface of an automobile, and this will keep them looking like new for a long time. Rubbing the shoes with a cloth dipped in glycerine preserves and softens them.

Q. How can I freshen a soiled sponge?

A. Rub a fresh lemon thoroughly into the sponge and rinse several times in lukewarm water. The sponge will be like new.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is a woman always supposed to be seated at a table to the right of her male companion?

A. When practical, yes. The few definite rules about it include the seating of a guest of honor on the right of the host or hostess or chairman, and the military rule by which the senior officer walks as well as sits on his junior's right.

Q. When a marriage engagement has been broken, isn't a girl entitled to consider the gifts and engagement ring her former fiancé has given her as belonging to her?

A. No; good form requires that she return all these.

Q. Is it proper to mail out formally engraved invitations to a christening?

A. No; only the family and intimate friends are invited.

Q. How should one go about forming ribs, and gave them their form in the fire.

For sewing the canoe, they took roots of Fir of the thickness of the little finger, and even smaller; they were very long. They split these roots into three or four parts, that is the larger ones. These split more easily than the others used in making baskets. They made these into packages, which they placed in the water for fear lest they might dry up. There were also necessary two sticks of the length of the canoe, entirely round, and of the thickness of a large cane, and four other shorter sticks of Beech.

All these things being ready, they took their bark and bent and fixed it in the form the canoe should have; then they placed the two long pieces all along and sewed them to the rim inside with these roots.

To sew they pierced the bark with a punch of pointed bone and passed through the hole an end of the wicker, drawing and tightening the stick as closely as they could against the bark, and always encircling the stick with the wicker so that they were in contact with one another.

The sticks being well sewed on all along, they placed also the smaller pieces of Beech crosswise, one in the middle, entering at its two ends into holes made in pieces with which the canoe is trimmed, and three others in front of it, distant a half fathom from one another, which lessened in length with the shape of the canoe. Three others also were placed backward at the same distance. All these pieces entered also at their ends into holes which were made in the pieces sewed all along the canoe, to which they were so firmly attached on both sides that the canoe could neither enlarge nor narrow.

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A Country Garden

By Mrs. Gordon MacMillan

"SEPTEMBER"

Crickets are making
The merriest din,
All the fields waking
With shrill violin.

Now all the swallows
Debate when to go;
In the valleys and hollows
The mists are like snow.

Dahlias are glowing
In purple and red
Where once were growing
Pale roses instead.

Filled up leaves smoulder
All hazy the noon,
Nights have grown colder
The frost will come soon.

Early lamps burning,
So soon the night falls,
Leaves, crimson turning
Make bright the stone walls

Summer recalling
At turn of the year,
Fruit will be falling,
September is here.

—E. B. Reed.

September is the month to visit a garden of dahlias and last week I enjoyed the finest display of these flowers that I have ever seen at our Experimental Station. Notes were made of the varieties that were lovelier to this gardener than some of the other hundreds seen.

Five rows of beautifully grown dahlias that curved around the extensive lawn. Andres Orange is a beautiful shade of orange in a dwarf cactus variety, and a favorite of mine as they do not need staking, and bloom constantly all season. Yellow Pom is a lovely small Pom and another I liked was Coral Glow. Millionaire is a different orange Pom.

Fire Ball is a dwarf scarlet red, and Gersham is a beautifully shaped mauve Pom. Mrs. Brittain is a very tall mauve Pom. In the very large dahlias, Sherwood Peach is a large, large decorative, and Roslyn Straight is a beautiful large orange cactus. Bess Smith is a good white, and Gretchen Heine is another attractive Pom.

New Look is a lovely yellow in a decorative. Setting Star is a large cactus. Blue Horizon is very, very tall, Premier U. is a rosy pink large cactus, and Limestone is a lovely creamy white, cactus. Triloma and Masterpiece in a very large wine as is Gen. Eisenhower, Monarch of the East is an immense light orange. D. Day is a good color in a decorative pink and Irene is a beautiful large cactus. Sottin and Son of Satin are in light scarlet as you would know from their names.

It is a rare treat to see these lovely dahlias, and on account of its long flowering period the modern dahlia occupies an honored place in the garden, and no other autumn-flowering plant can compare with it in variety of form and range of color.

I saw some lovely window boxes with tuberous Begonias this past week at south windows, and the growth was wonderful. They make beautiful plants for boxes as they are inclined to hang down. If a few of the pendula variety are added they are very fine.

Change upon change—yet one change cries out to another, like the alternate seraphim, in praise and in glory of their Maker. Spring passes into summer, and through summer and autumn into winter; only the more surely by its own ultimate return to triumph over that grave towards which it resolutely hastened from its first hour... Which teaches us in our height of hope ever to be sober, and in our depth of desolation never to despair.

—John Henry Newman.

Pretty As A Picture



Miss Canada, Marjorie Alma Kelly, of Courtland, Ont., makes a pretty picture aboard her float in a parade at Atlantic City, where the Miss America festivities for 1951 took place. A lyric soprano, Miss Kelly won a special \$1,000 scholarship for the most talented non-finalist.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

CURRENT affairs may reach complete disruption, causing abandonment of all plans and creative purpose. There may be an overwhelming urge to "throw in the sponge," to fly from unpromising situations or to seek solace in a sudden journey or other forms of "celebration" or indulgence. Ill health or some form of personal calamity or separation threaten.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may be prepared for a sudden turn of events, with a crisis imminent in all the affairs. The impulse may be to "get away from it all," even from ties and obligations near and dear. Reactions on health and nervous system may be probable, and those disposed to assist may be alienated. Pause to consider such disheartening disruption or debacle. A child born on this day may be disposed to side-step its plans and creative abilities, running away from possible defeats or upsets, probably adding to its tension and distress.

Morning Smile

L. Was

"My friend," said the missionary, "are you travelling the strait and narrow path?"

In silence the man handed over his card. It read, "Signor Ballancio, Tightrope Walker."

Easy

Granny had volunteered to look after her four-year-old grandson while his parents went to the pictures. Tucking him in bed, she whispered: "Are you ready for your bed-time story?"

"Not tonight, please, Granny," he murmured.

"Then shall I sing you a lullaby?" asked the indulgent grandparent.

"No, thanks," said the four-year-old. "No lullaby."

Granny was perplexed.

"Then what can I do for you, my child?" she asked.

"Well," proposed the child, "suppose you take a walk and let me get some sleep."

Better English

By O. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "What do you think he did that for?"
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "excess"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Gorilla, gondola, peninsula, menagerie.
4. What does the word "recalcitrate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "b" that means "characterized by high-sounding words"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Why do you think he did that (omit for)?" 2. Accent second syllable, not the first. 3. Gorilla. 4. To kick back or against; hence, to express opposition. "When confronted by difficulties, he was inclined to recalcitrate." 5. Bombastic.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Given fair weather, Mr. D. shingles the barn but often of late showers have driven him to indoor work. The younger farmer fashions from the same web of material as his father, and as provident, already is buying tying-chains and whatnot to furnish the new stable only now taking form within.

Door and window casings are in place and the carpentry has made such excellent progress it is now on the home stretch to have in time another long dream of the place come true. "It was a grim sight the morning after the storm!" James remembered at supper this evening. "Feed and cattle and all open to the cold and storms of winter!" It's just a wonder the sight didn't discourage us altogether. "This will be 'bigger and better' if it did come to us in a disturbing and round-about way!" we commented. "And isn't it surprising that in time worries straighten away?" With the harvesting season, supper comes later at Alderlea. Indeed night is already spreading its shadows in the valley which so recently had been brimming over with the gold of the September sun. But now it was dim, and the wind that at afternoon had been playing on the waters of the pond, had retired up the creek to the west.

And a first harvest field is in stock, that which cupped by the woodland lies at the end of the

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS STRIKES YOUR FAMILY

When pneumonia or flu strikes, there may be no warning; similarly with polio (infantile paralysis). This is not usually true of mental illness. The patient himself may not be aware of any real change in his behavior but the family will notice changes, small at first, from his usual habits. Some sudden occurrence may apparently be the cause but the underlying make-up of the individual was always there.

In Public Affairs Pamphlet No. 172, "When Mental Illness Strikes Your Family," by Kathleen Doyle, we read that "mental illness does not attack without warning. Tragically, sudden change in fortune, financial reverses may bring on a breakdown. But they do not cause it. The seed from which mental illness grows is planted long before the symptoms are apparent to the untrained observer. No single crisis is every wholly responsible

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Adultery Is Poor Revenge

Neglected Wife Deliberately Plans Affair With Other Man

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: My husband goes out alone almost every night in the week. I'm on the verge of starting an affair with another man—a man who can give me the love and affection I long for. Can you give me just one reason why I shouldn't do it? I can't find any!

ANSWER: Yes, I can give you one very excellent reason for not embarking on this affair. It is contained in the words of the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." This and the other commandments of God have provided the moral code of living for thousands of years; they are not yet outmoded, in spite of the teachings of so-called modern thinkers. Adherence to them insures self-respect—the greatest factor in decent living—as well as the respect of others; it makes one's conscience something to live with instead of escaping from by any means at hand.

HAVE YOU FAILED HIM?

Your marriage is a failure. How much of its failure is your responsibility? Your husband is neglectful. Have you made any effort to pro-

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