

Community Letters

From News Correspondents

Independence

Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Reporter

Jan. 1.—Lieut. and Mrs. Willis Jewett returned to M. A. Bassett's Saturday after passing a few days in Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Clarke and Amelia returned to Syracuse Monday. They have been passing a week with his father, S. W. Clarke.

Mrs. Floyd Clarke was out Tuesday, after a three weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippincott of Battle Creek, Mich., accompanied Pastor and Mrs. Rex Burdick from Alfred Saturday.

The annual church meeting and dinner will be held at the parish house Sunday, January 6. The committee plans for potatoes, coffee and dessert. Please bring sandwiches and tureen.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nye took their baby daughter to St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, Monday for an operation on her throat.

She is gaining satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cornish were in Harrison Valley, Sunday, visiting his parents.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold their annual business meeting Monday afternoon, January 14th, at the home of Mrs. Cleon Clarke.

The Andover-Whitesville Telephone company and Cemetery Association will hold their annual business meeting Monday, January 14 at the home of Floyd Clarke.

Mrs. Carl Tassell is visiting her mother and sister in Georgia for a couple of weeks. Also her brother in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barney of Whitesville were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Greene.

The Young People's Club met with Miss Joyce Spicer at the home of Milford Crandall Sunday night.

Pvt. Carl Shutt was home on furlough from Aberdeen, Md., for a few days and Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bertrand of the Cuba hospital spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Greene.

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New Chemical Found For Mosquito Control

The commonest methods of chemical control of mosquitoes were to spray infested bodies of water with fuel oil, kerosene or crankcase drainings. This treatment is effective because mosquito larvae breathe at the surface of the water, and are smothered when their respiratory organs become filled with the surface oil.

The main drawbacks to the surface treatment are that on large areas, the oil becomes blown away by heavy winds or evaporates in warm weather. As a result, oiling must be repeated every 10 days or two weeks to insure the continuity of the surface film.

Quite recently, studies have been made of mosquito control with a light-bodied synthetic oil which is heavier than water. This product, which is applied in emulsion form, has been used successfully for controlling pest mosquitoes of the culex and culicini families. The larvae of these tribes feed on the bottom, and for unexplained reasons are attracted by the oil, feed upon it, and soon become poisoned.

Vital Coating Waxes

Derived From Petrolatum

From petrolatum — itself used in vaseline, butchers' wrapping paper, cosmetics, carbon paper, and as a waterproofing material for canvas and rock wool — comes the very valuable microcrystalline waxes.

These materials, resembling beeswax, are used in coating and impregnating electrical parts, and have great utility as waterproofing paper coatings, especially when blended with paraffin wax. Their production has been expanded enormously for wartime packaging of countless metal articles, precision instruments, foodstuffs, field rations, and small arms ammunition.

Microcrystalline waxes are employed in packing dehydrated and frozen foods, in making laminated papers, in lining metal containers to protect the metal against the corrosive action of the contents, in high-grade inks to prevent "skinning," and are ingredients of carbon paper, rubber, crayons and a host of wax compositions.

Sports Expenditures

A digest of the 1939 census of manufacturers reveals that sporting arms and ammunition and equipment for hunting and shooting accounted for approximately 39 per cent of the expenditures made by the American public for sporting equipment. The total expenditure for all sports equipment was \$121,855,304 at manufacturers' selling prices. This figure is, of course, much less than what the consumers actually paid. Of this amount sporting ammunition topped the field with a total of \$29,091,475. Next in line was sporting firearms, total \$17,268,915. Added to this was \$1,272,170 spent for hunting and shooting equipment, for a grand total of \$47,632,560 accredited to these two sports, or approximately 39 per cent of the entire sporting equipment dollar.

Mr. Padget: "You must be saving. Think of the future. If I should die, where would you be?"

Mrs. Padget: "I'd be all right. Where would you be?"

Collections Set Record For National Forests

Receipts collected on the national forests of the Rocky mountain region for the fiscal year 1945 totaled \$989,029.59, the largest amount since the predepression year of 1930, when they were \$1,029,137.42. Fees from the grazing of cattle and sheep on forest ranges amounted to \$569,472.24. Those from the sale of timber totaled \$366,198.66; from rental of land for special uses, \$4,319.78; for water power, \$5,783.11. The 12 national forests in Colorado collected \$572,697.43. The four forests on the eastern slope of Wyoming took in \$209,941.74. The two national forests in South Dakota collected \$180,503.03. The Harney national forest, in South Dakota, leads the region with receipts amounting to \$103,128.90. The White River forest, to which the Holy Cross was added on January 1, 1945, is second, and leads Colorado forests, with \$89,308.49. The Medicine Bow is third in the region and first in Wyoming, with \$88,050.21. The Black Hills, in South Dakota, is next, with \$77,374.13.

Tomato Processing

Tomatoes can be smoothly cut into slices plump with rich, red juice — but the knife that cuts them may turn black if made of ordinary steel. The knife is discolored by the acids in the tomatoes; yet one of these acids — vitamin C — is of particular benefit to the human body. Today, tomatoes are canned in great quantities, and many of the canneries use processing equipment made of stainless steel. The stainless steel will resist any corrosive effects of the fruit acids and it will not blacken or impart a foreign taste to the tomatoes. Juice is preheated in open stainless steel kettles at one packing plant and then piped to the canning rooms. Here fillers, equipped with stainless steel tanks, pour the juice into cans fed by gravity conveyor to the filling machines. After the cans are closed, processed and attractively labeled, the juice is ready to go on its way to the dining table.

Stain Removal

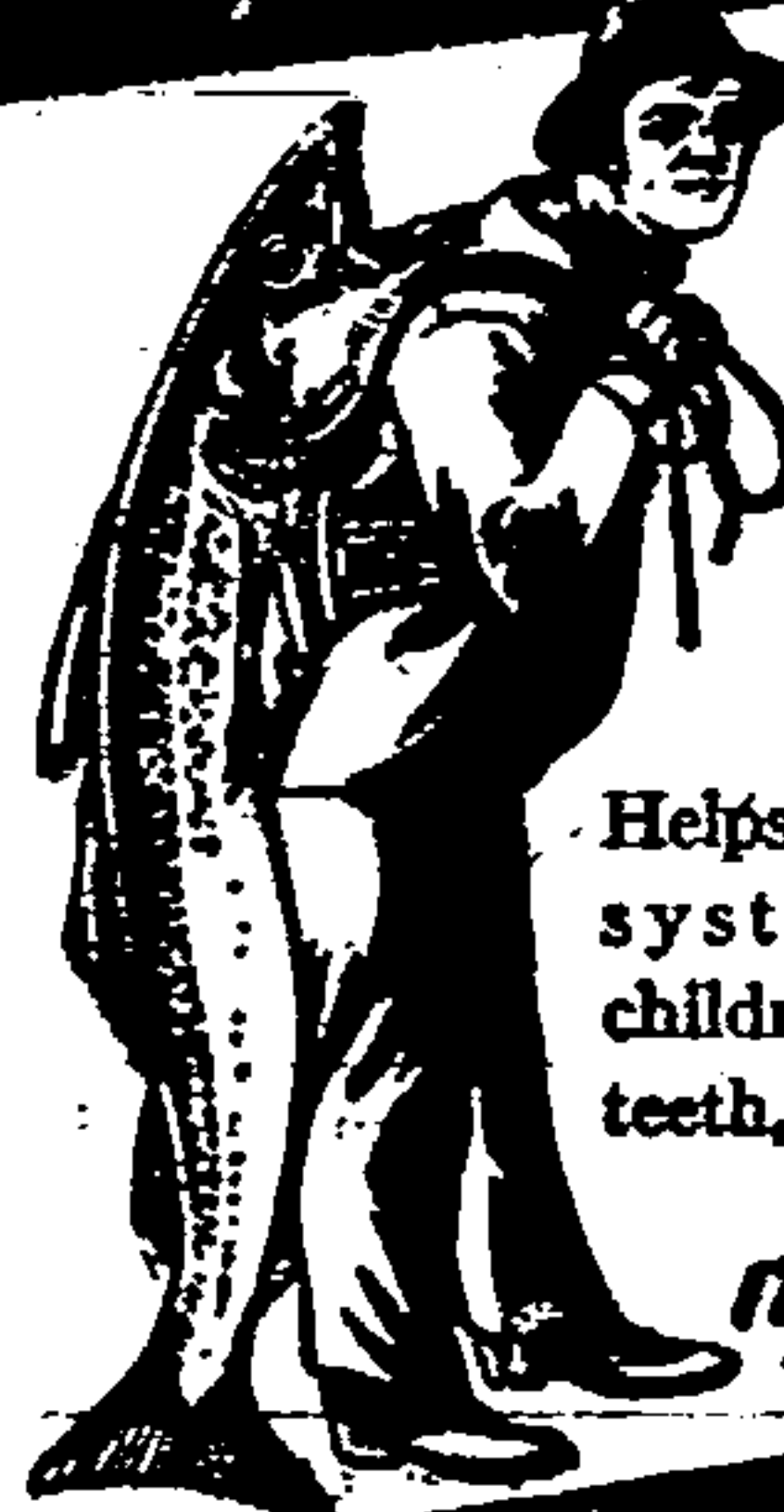
If you don't know what caused a spot on clothes or table linen, approach with caution, say clothing specialists. The first cleansing treatment a spot receives may decide whether it comes out or becomes a permanent fixture. Many stains can be set with heat — from hot water or an iron, or by alkali in soap or hard water. Never take a chance on an unknown stain and plunge the stained fabric in warm soapsuds. Never press fabric until stains are removed. The safe way to deal with a dubious stain is to sponge with a cloth moistened in cool soft water, if the stain is not greasy. If the stain appears to be greasy, sponge with cleaning fluid (grease solvent). Most common household stains will dissolve in one or the other of these safest solvents. Stains tend to become set with age, so stained garments should not be put away until some convenient future time.

Popular Juice

Most widely popular of homemade juices is that from tomatoes. It is easy to can by processing the jars of hot juice in a boiling water bath. Home-canned tomato juice sometimes separates, because the pulp is heavier than the light-colored juice so settles below it in the jar. The finer the sieve used for straining the juice, the less the pulp will settle. If tomato juice is packed hot the chances of keeping are much better. The vitamin C in juice and canned whole tomatoes is approximately the same. Some vitamin A and other nutrients may be lost, when seeds and pulp are discarded. Tests have shown that the easiest way of preparing the juice is the most saving of vitamin C. This is to simmer the tomatoes until the juice begins to flow. Sieve while the tomatoes are hot. Reheat just to boiling. Then add a teaspoon of salt per quart of juice, if desired. Pour into hot jars at once and process for 15 minutes.

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