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EDITORIAL

Dude Woman - - -

Peter B. Kyne, author of the Cappy Ricks stories, had not written a book for six years until this year when he came out with an American tale "The Dude Woman." It is not a very long story. In fact, it can be read in a fairly long evening by a fast reader and it is noticeable that most people who get started want to sit up until it is finished. It is a story of the cattle country of the American southwest. Curiously enough for a modern story it is free from dirt or even a suggestion of it. For any one who wishes to pass a pleasant two or three hours without any preaching, without any dirt and in a happy outdoor surrounding, we recommend "Dude Woman."

Spurious Literature - - -

Mayor LaGuardia of New York, chairman of the joint defence commission, is not only doing his best to defend this continent against the German and Italian forces. He is trying to defend the young people of his state against the bad effects of salacious literature. He recently arranged an interview with forty magazine publishers of forty-two magazines considered objectionable and in their presence he ordered the police to see that none of the filth was distributed in New York state. The mayor said he took action only after consulting with a juvenile court judge and after careful study of the whole situation and its effect upon young people.

Home Production - - -

As a result of the war the price of anthracite coal in Eastern Canada has been advanced from a dollar and a half to two dollars a ton. The rate of exchange is directly responsible for this.

There is said to be a large area of anthracite coal in the Groundhog section of British Columbia. All that is needed is a comparatively short spur line connecting with Kitwanga or Hazelton or through to Stewart. If the Alaska Highway should go through the Groundhog Valley it would be easy to develop the mine. The coal could be shipped east by water and the rate of exchange would not affect its price.

Cost of Living - - -

A survey made by the War-Time Prices and Trade Board for the first year of the war finds that the cost of living in that time has advanced 4 per cent. Part of this advance is in clothing and part in food. Rents have also figured in the survey, that being the reason for the order of the board covering the district from which complaints had been received. Prince Rupert was not included in the original order, possibly because house rents were very low before the recent advance. Should there be complaints of extortionate rents, action would undoubtedly follow.

Reason To Be Thankful - - -

Prince Rupert has every reason to be thankful. The city has not been bombed or subjected to direct warfare and there is no present likelihood of such an event happening. The city is prosperous as it has not been for a number of years. Surely if any place has reason to be thankful, it is Prince Rupert.

But there are some who have sons or daughters or close friends either fighting at the front or in the danger area. To these we suggest they should be thankful that they have been privileged to bear sons or daughters who have the ability and courage to take their places in the forefront of this fight for freedom. Mothers and fathers of such are to be envied.

We are not suggesting that Monday shall be kept as a solemn occasion. If the weather is suitable, games will be played, young people will dance, many will visit the picture theatre. What we ask is that all remember and be thankful for their wonderful privileges in this time of trial.

BRIDGE TO OPEN SOON

League Season To Get Under Way October 24—Cribbage Awaiting More Entries

With eight teams in competition, the Prince Rupert Bridge League will inaugurate the winter season's activities with opening of play on October 24. Teams entered are Prince Rupert Dairy, Ramblers, Musketeers, Sons of Norway, Grotto, Canadian National Recreation Association, Quatsinos and Cow Boys. Providing eight teams can be obtained, the Cribbage League will get under way on October 21. Five teams are already entered—Operators, Eagles, Falcons, Bears and Canadian Legion.

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SPORT CHAT

There aren't enough organized games in Canada and youthful British war guests don't get sufficient exercise. So a Toronto newspaper reporter discovered in conversation with the war guests themselves at a Toronto school where 63 of the new-comers, both sexes and all school ages, are in attendance. "That's a fact," declared Jean Norman. "Nobody seems to think of walking anywhere in Canada. You always ride. But you don't even ride a bicycle. I brought my bicycle with me and the little boys stare at it in wonder."

Jean didn't mean to be critical, for she hastened to add that otherwise Canada is a pretty good place. But the lack of exercise also bothered some of her pals. They rather thoroughly analyzed Canadian school and on the whole found them good. "Except that you have absolutely no games," said Jean Norman. "Of course, you don't have cricket," said Jean Cumming. "Cricket, goodness, who wants cricket? Such a slow game. I hate it," protested Jean Norman.

The reporter was shocked and said as much. Everybody in Canada knows everybody in England play cricket. "Because we have to," added another. "It was compulsory at the school I went to, and not too well liked. I never cared for the game." "That's because you never saw a good game—it's wonderful," retorted an English boy. "I never saw anything to it but men walking slowly between two wickets," the girl said.

"We used to play lacrosse at our school," Jean Cumming sighed. "The first day we were here we asked for a couple of lacrosse sticks and two of us batted a ball about at recess and six boys came and looked at us and said, 'Ho, ho, girls trying to play lacrosse. Lacrosse in England is a girl's game, but here boys play it, only not the same.' The girls have seen a baseball game and liked it and are looking forward to ice hockey this winter. They are already planning next season's tennis."

Local Man Now In Command of His Own Boat

Lieutenant James Bryant, who went overseas last spring, has completed his training and is now in charge of his own motor torpedo boat, one of the Wasp type, operating in the area between Britain and the European continent. His particular boat is the flotilla leader, he being the senior man in the group.

Lieut. Bryant says the men in charge of these boats are a fine lot of many nationalities but good mixers. It is understood that, in addition to torpedo work, these boats are engaged in rescue work, convoy work or any duties requiring speed. He says they are kept busy all the time except in very storm weather.

Stanley Saville left on last evening's train for a trip to Smithers. Mrs. Saville is already in the interior.

HALIBUT IN JELLY

New Preparation of Cheeks of Choice Fish Food

By P. A. SUNDERLAND

In our time halibut is regarded as one of the choicest food fishes but it was not always so considered. Thus about one hundred years ago when this fish was abundant off the eastern coast of the United States it had no market value, and cod fishermen there claimed that good fishing was often spoiled when the halibut drove the cod away from the banks. Strange as it seems today, in the earlier history of the halibut fishery only the head and fins of the fish were utilized, the rest being thrown away as undesirable for food. In 1896, halibut fins, a by-product of the smoked halibut industry, sold at about \$8 per barrel of 200 pounds. Thus there were certain portions of the body of the fish which were considered more or less of a delicacy. The heads and napes of cod, striped bass and other species were considered especially delicious.

The so-called "cheeks" or portions of flesh on each side of the head of halibut and salmon have a characteristic flavor and richness. This is well known to fishermen, fish curers and canners, and has been borne out for salmon through analyses. In white and red spring salmon the percentage of fat in the flesh taken from a slice near the head is about twice that of a slice taken near the tail of the fish.

The heads of halibut have been generally used for oil manufacture since 1870 and there are at present two reduction plants in British Columbia which utilize the heads for this purpose, according to information received. In some of our fishing ports varying quantities of cheeks are sold in the fresh state for local consumption, or frozen; while small quantities of heads are used as bait by crab fishermen. It has been claimed that much larger quantities could be more profitably utilized if the cheeks could be canned successfully and, as a result of several enquiries received during the past few years concerning the possibilities of such a venture, the writer began some experiments early this year. An acceptable product has been developed by means of the procedure about to be described.

Cheeks are obtained from selected halibut heads. After the cheeks have been cut from the heads the skin is removed and the cheeks are then brined after which they are spread in a single layer on galvanized wire trays which are stacked into a retort and cooked.

After a brief cooling at room temperature the cheeks are packed into ½-pound flat, enamelled cans and into each can is poured one ounce of a jelly solution, sufficiently hot to run through the fish flesh. The cans are then single seamed and exhausted. After double seaming the cans are processed for 80 minutes at 240 degrees F. and are removed from the retort after cooling under pressure. The jelly solution is prepared by dissolving 3 per cent of agar agar and 8 per cent of animal gelatine in water by heating. The agar agar is used because its jelly has the advantage of remaining firm at summer temperatures, whereas a moderately strong gelatine jelly may become liquid at 70 degrees F. The former gives a more transparent jelly, whereas the latter imparts more flavor. Agar agar

is the commercial name applied to the dried, gelatinous extract of certain species of red algae (seaweed), and has found wide application in the preparation of many foodstuffs such as dessert jellies, candies, soups, fish, meats, fruits, ice cream, etc.

When canned in this manner, halibut cheeks do not lose their color and characteristic delicate flavor, a loss which has often been the experience of those who have attempted to can halibut flesh in the past. The experiments have also shown that the cheeks may be frozen prior to canning them without any appreciably detractive effect on the final product. The freezing has in some instances caused a slight darkening of the flesh but offers an advantage in that the texture becomes even more tender. Since contact with air during cold storage causes the cheeks to discolor, care should be taken in protecting the product by employing moisture-proof cellophane or other suitable wrapping material. The invitingly white color, so characteristic of halibut flesh, is best preserved when fresh cheeks are used in the canning process.

KINCOLITH MARRIAGE

Miss Emily Smythe Becomes Bride Of William Stewart At Interesting Ceremony

A marriage of widespread interest to the native people of the Naas River took place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Kincolith when Miss Emily Smythe, daughter of Iowa,



Mr. and Mrs. Simon Smythe, became the bride of William Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Stewart. The marriage took place in the Anglican Church which was crowded by the people of the village as well as visitors from Greenvale, Aiyansh and other points. Rev. Norman Green, the resident missionary, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and the attendants of the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Barton. Beautiful wedding costumes were worn and there was music appropriate to the occasion.

Following the ceremony, there was a wedding feast in the village hall, the entire population and all the out-of-town people being invited. After dinner, there were speeches by Indian Agent James Gillett, Simon Smythe, Frederick Stewart, W. F. Stewart (the groom's grandfather), Charles Morvin and James Adam of Aiyansh. Chief Councillor Sam Lincoln of Kincolith, Charles Leeson of Greenvale and others.

The couple received numerous handsome gifts, including those from organizations with which they are identified.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cusack who arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert Thursday night from Kelchikan, left on last evening's train for a trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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