

Town Assessor Was in Position to

Plunge into the water. Martin Hobbs was a man of uncertain temper, but of such importance in his native town that the lack of his services was lamented by those to whom he grudgingly ministered in his capacities of ice man, plumber and janitor of the town hall.

AGRICULTURE

Skill in Draining Land.

It is only in modern times that land which has been reduced to a science and the modern engineer has been able to appear. Previously to this time it was thought that any fool could dig a ditch and drain a field and line it with stone or drain pipe and see it so the water would run in and out of it.

Noted Tasmanian Is Dead.

Dr. Jameson, noted Tasmanian, R. C. M. G., who has just returned to England in his sixtieth year, was political agent for Tasmania in 1861-1863 and secretary of the Tasmanian Agricultural Association, which succeeded in procuring the imperial government to establish a small service to Australia from the Red Sea.

Canada's Attractions.

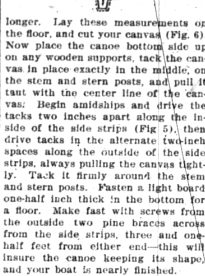
The Dominion Exhibition is one that attracts hundreds of thousands each year. This year it will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canada), and with the material assistance given it by the Dominion Government, it will be one of the most successful ever held. Besides the number of special exhibits that will be offered, there will be brought together an exhibition of the Agricultural and Industrial resources of Canada such as is rarely afforded by any country.

Little Mollie's Dream.

"Mollie," said little Mollie, "I've dreamed a dream, and I've dreamed it just now, and I've dreamed it right through the night."

THE CANOE COMPLETE.

To measure for the canvas, fasten a string on the under side of the side strip of the widest part of the canoe, and pass it under and around the canoe to the under side of the opposite side strip. This will give you the widest point in the middle. Measure your canoe in several places in the same way. Then measure the length of your canoe, allowing three inches

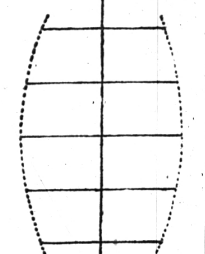


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Simple Home-Made Canoe.

Materials Are Cheap and Any Ingenious Boy Can Build One. The canoe of you who have never used it, seems as a big undertaking to build a boat of any description, but let

longer. Lay these measurements on the floor, and cut your canvas (Fig. 6). Now place the canoe bottom side up on any wooden supports, tack the canvas in place exactly in the middle, on the stem and stern posts, and pull it out with the center line of the canvas. Begin amidships and drive the tacks two inches apart along the inside of the side strips (Fig. 5). Then drive tacks in the alternate twelfth spaces along the outside of the side strips, always pulling the canvas tight. Tack first around the stem and stern posts. Fasten a light board one-half inch thick in a bottom for a floor. Make fast with screws from the outside two pine bariacs across from the side strips, three and one-half feet from either end—this will insure the canoe keeping its shape, and your boat is nearly finished. Now procure some empty cigar



2. The stem and stern posts are fastened in place by tacking pieces of light canvas completely over the ends of the canoe inside. Thus your canoe is made practically unshakable.

boxes, and fasten down the lid tightly all around, then cover them with light canvas, and give them a coat of paint, so that they may be water tight. They are now air chambers. Fill a space two and one-half feet in the stem and stern with the same material, holding them in place by tacking pieces of light canvas completely over the ends of the canoe inside. Thus your canoe is made practically unshakable.

Give the whole a coat of three coats of paint, and a name and an address, and fasten on intervals all around the entire canoe on the outside, and with very little effort you will have for your very own a charming canoe, exactly like the one shown in the illustration.

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Animal Partnerships.

We naturally think of wild beasts as having little to do with any but their own kind of animals, excepting when they meet their kind.

For instance, on the western plains prairie dogs, owls and rattlesnakes will often live in the same burrow. Of course, the prairie dog has the worst of the bargain in this arrangement.

But the owl helps to keep it clean, and is said to even relieve the prairie dog of the little insects that think the fir of wild animal a fine place to make a home.

In New Zealand a lizard called the tuatara shares its burrow with a certain species of petrel, or seagull. In rare cases the bird digs the burrow, which is about three feet deep, ending in a chamber about two feet square.

The lizard makes its nest on one side of the chamber and the petrel takes the other. The lizard, however, is the ruler, for the lizard lives on the remains of the fish brought in by the petrel and on insects attracted by the same.

In a case like this the partnership is voluntary and mutually beneficial. In the case of the rattlesnake living with the prairie dog, however, the snake favors the arrangement, and often he makes a meal of the tender little children of his frightened host.

When the cuckoo's cry is first heard it is said that folk should turn over their money they happen to have in their pocket at the time. A gold coin means plenty of cash for the next year; silver means the owner will always have ready money; copper means that he will never run short of money. If the bird is heard on the right, that is believed to be lucky; if on the left, unlucky. In Scotland the cuckoo is thought to address his first song to the farmers. In Denmark every girl asks it when she is to be married, and every old and foolish person when he will be freed from the burden of life, and the number of months the bird sings, "cuckoo," indicates the number of years in his case. This superstitious notion also exists in England, France and Germany. But the cuckoo's cry that the cry that is a sure sign that summer has come at last.

When Water Blooms. Any one who has ever been at any of the lakes in the middle and north of the United States will know that at a certain time of the year they are said to "bloom."

Fishermen are particularly well acquainted with this fact, for at such

times very few fish can be induced to take a bait.

In some lakes nothing can be seen when they are "blossoming" except by the natives, who know from the appearance of the water. But in other lakes the water becomes milky and yellow, seeming muddy or tawny in some parts and a clear gold in others.

This "blossoming" of the lakes is just what the same denotes, although many of the inhabitants of the lake shore do not know what it is and cannot explain it.

It is a very curious fact, however, that at a certain time of the year the lakes "bloom" in the same way.

The "blossoming" is a real flowering. It is due to the blossoming of a water plant which lives only on the surface all year long till the time for flowering, when it rises toward the top and forms a mass of small, white, waxy yellow spheres which all the water

Some trees are useful as well as ornamental, and the maple is one of them. It is a tree of great value, and is used for many purposes.

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Thirst-Allaying Summer Drink.

I believe I am the inventor of one of the best summer drinks that was ever invented. It is a drink that is not only refreshing, but it is also a good tonic.

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The Too Attractive Trap.

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Important to Mothers.

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