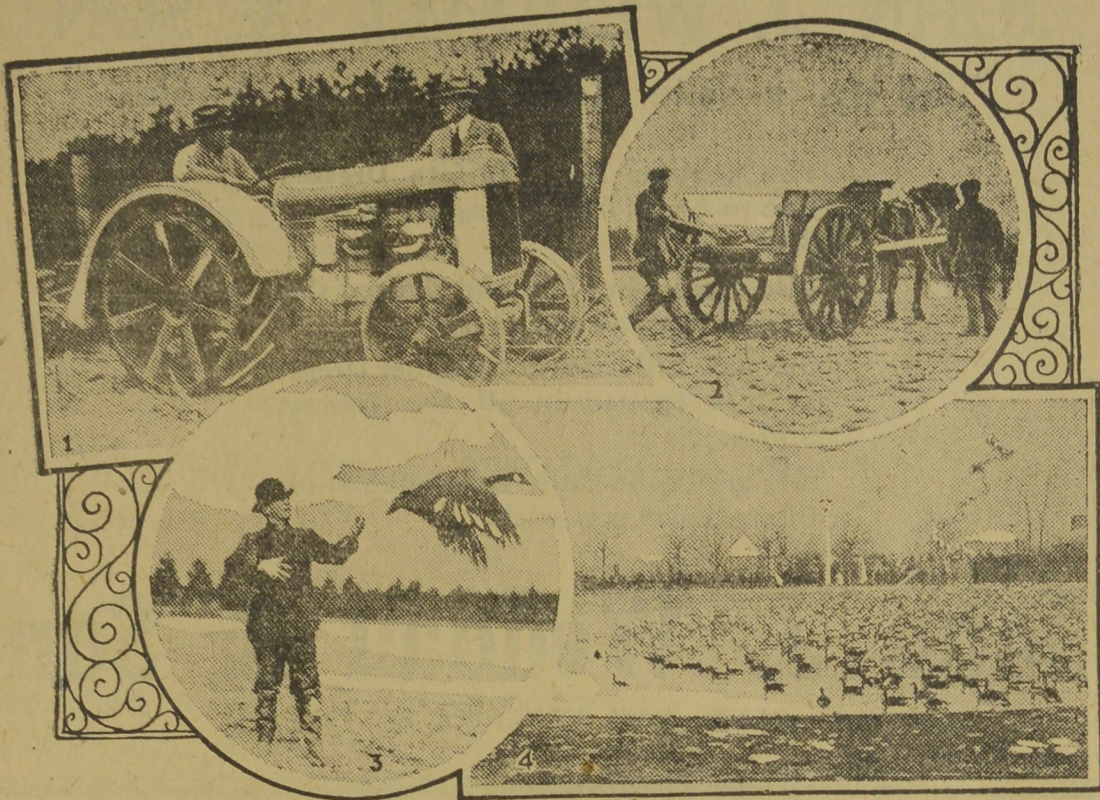


MODERN METHODS HELP JACK MINER



Jack Miner, the well known Canadian naturalist and bird lover, is probably the only man in the world running a farm for the benefit of birds. His sanctuary is known the world over, but few people know that the entire crop from two hundred acres is consumed annually by his feathered friends. Last year, to Canada geese alone, he fed some six thousand bushels of corn.

At one time the Canada geese, which migrate in the Fall from Labrador to South Carolina, passed over Ontario without an extended stopover. Now, thanks to the kindness of Jack Miner, they spend a month on the shores of Lake Erie in both Spring and Autumn.

The method first adopted by Miner to induce the geese to stay for a time in Ontario was simple in the extreme. He secured four of the geese from the provincial government, and these, with their wings clipped, were let loose in a pond on his farm. In due course some young geese were raised and in the winter these birds instinct-

ively migrated to warmer climes.

But they remembered the supply of excellent food served to them at Kingsville during their sojourn there and so on their flight northwards they revisited the farm with several strangers. In the fall a hundred or more geese visited the farm and stayed for a month. Every year since, the number of feathered visitors has been increasing and this Spring between ten and fifteen thousand swept down upon the ponds and marshes near Jack Miner's house.

But this year there was barely enough corn for them and Jack Miner became seriously perturbed. More geese than ever will turn up in the Autumn and for them he feels a certain paternal responsibility. Most other men, in similar circumstances, would have let the geese honk their way southwards without temporary sustenance—but not Jack Miner. He decided to produce more corn.

Increased production, however, was a problem in itself. There were forty acres in pasture which could

be broken up, but his son, who runs the farm, had his hands full already. Fortunately a friend heard of the difficulty and presented Jack Miner with a Fordson tractor. So the day was saved and next year there will be plenty of corn for all the geese which visit the farm.

1. Jack Miner is seen standing behind the tractor. "I ought to have bought one long ago," he said, "for I could have grown enough corn for another ten thousand geese." 2. Unloading corn for the geese at the edge of the pond. For the future, this work will be done with the help of the Fordson. 3. Jack Miner releasing one of the geese after placing a tag on its leg. Every year hundreds of the birds are tagged and in this way Miner is able to keep track of them. When a bird is shot in the north country the hunter turns in the tag to the nearest Hudson's Bay Company factor who, in turn, forwards it on to Kingsville. 4. A corner of the pond at Kingsville showing some of the birds which visited the farm this Spring.

SERENADING SENORITAS STILL
MEXICAN HOMBRES' CUSTOM

Laredo, Texas, May 26—Mingled here in the borderland where two races dwell and two civilizations meet are customs as old as romance and as new as jazz.

Music of the Soul.

The 20th century marches blaringly down to the bewitching Rio Grande del Norte and there it stops, for jazz has not yet leaped the barrier. On the other hand the 19th century flits up to the same great river of the north but does not altogether halt. The intriguing Latin tones of violin and guitar steal across to soften the din of brass and drum. The river separates two centuries but cannot bar the music of the soul.

Marriage, death, and love give a definite picture of life on the strangely moving border. These episodes become ceremonies when trimmed in old world moods and the breath of old world custom gives a different atmosphere to new world life.

Love-making for the young Mexican follows a habit centuries old. He may become enamored of a fair senorita but it is only after his father has explained the situation to her father that they may become formally acquainted. Fain would every Latin hombre pick elegance as his father's outstanding virtue.

Through Window Bars.

The wooing must be done through the barred windows of the senorita's home until the engagement is announced. But when the moonlight filters through the leaves, even though the formal announcement is not yet, the young senior may strum his trusted guitar under the beloved one's balcony and his recompense is a rose. Each day during the weeks just before the wedding, he passes the home of the girl and places a note beneath her door.

The "gran baile" (grand ball) is the piece de resistance of the marriage, and in its amorous lilt there is no room for modern tin pan music. Even

if the home have no flooring or furniture, the parents will manage to obtain lace curtains and they always will have a place for the "gran baile."

Fiestas are numerous but none rivals the "Jamaica" or Mexican fete of jollity. Decorated booths are erected along the sides of the plaza which is the public square. Each booth is in charge of senoritas, bedecked in colorful "chino poblano," a long dress of many hues, a mantilla of lace, and a rose in the hair. One booth will be a temple of justice, with a senorita presiding as judge; another will have "lawyers," and a third will be the "carcel" or jail.

Women "Policemen."

Then there are a number of young women "policemen," armed with be-ribboned hoops, and when they catch sight of a young "caballero," they slip the hoop over his head and he is brought captive to the judge, who promptly fines him, and then incarcerates him in the "carcel." At each step he pays a fine of 10 cents, and must square all accounts before he is released.

There is the custom of the grand promenade, where flirtation is done by wholesale. The girls and married couples saunter along in an outer line on the walks of the plaza, while on the inner line, going in the opposite direction, walk the young gallants. Should the eyes of two meet and should the girl cast a flower, it means that his acquaintance would be welcome, and he at once sets about to gain an introduction. These meetings frequently lead to marriage.

Jazz Out of Place.

Plainly, jazz is not the life motif of the Latin. The classical dances of Spain predominate. The "Jarabe-Tapatia" is to be seen in homes and theatres. It is danced by a lady in a long skirted "chino poblano" and a senior in velvet "charro," which fits tightly about the legs. "La Jota," the dance of the shawl, also is a popular expression of the love for soft rhythm.

REDS HAVE A
FAVORABLE
TRADE BALANCE

Moscow, May 26—Russia's foreign trade across European borders alone during first half of the fiscal year ending March 31 was valued at \$84,887,000 rubles, according to a statement just issued by the people's commissariat of trade. Exports amounted to 307,990,000 rubles leaving an unfavorable trade balance. The exports for March were valued at 57,404,000 rubles, giving a favorable balance of 412,000 rubles over imports as a direct result of the drastic curtailment of imports now under way. In order to adhere to the revised program it will be necessary for the Russians to export 100,000,000 rubles worth of goods in excess of the amount imported every month for six months. The exports for the month of March consisted chiefly of foodstuffs.

BRILLIANT
PLAIDS USED

Los Angeles, May 26—Brilliant plaids are being sponsored by motion picture stars and players.

Norma Shearer is wearing a very chic dark blue taffeta suit that features the plaid effect. Eleanor Boardman looks like a swashbuckling young princeling in her new spring cape. It is dark green and black plaid, and is worn thrown nonchalantly over the left shoulder.

Plaid hats are featured by Renee Adoree and Carmel Myers. These are tight, little chapeaux made of silk or taffeta, and are ideal for motoring. They are so small that the smart woman can have one for every suit.

"Darling, you don't need to ask papa."

"Why not, dear?"

"He suggested we—we—he suggested it."

ARDENT LOVERS ON NATURE
WOULD ORGANIZE DOMINION

(M. S. T. in Toronto Globe.)

The names of two of the greatest outdoor men—Izaak Walton and Audubon—still live on as great as ever, although these men have been dead many years, for two societies carry their names. However, Essex County—the county in which Jack Miner lives—has done something new, which is spreading all over the country, namely, starting and organizing The Jack Miner League of Canada.

Instead of waiting until Jack Miner had died to pay him such a tribute the league bearing his name has been organized while he is in the land of the living. Jack Miner was asked to write down what he stood for, and the league drafted its constitution around his principles. The object of the league is to make more people become interested in the study of natural history, plant life, reforestation, and conservation of the wild-bird life of North America.

The Hope of the World.

As Jack Miner points out, "the hope of the world is more love and education and less bayonet-point compulsion." He says if he can get a boy to build a bird-house no one will have to make laws to punish the boy for killing a song and insectivorous bird, because the moment he builds or starts to build a bird-house he becomes a conservationist.

Several bird societies which bore the name of a town or Province have already changed their names to "The Jack Miner League," and adopted Jack Miner's creed. A number of horticultural societies also have honored Jack Miner by changing their names, Jack Miner being quite as successful in the study of plant life as in bird life. It is hoped by the organizers of The Jack Miner League that the press of the continent will back them up, giving them and their object of better conservation all possible support.

Would Interest Governments.

They also want the co-operation of the Provincial and Dominion Governments in helping to organize Jack Miner Leagues in every county, city and town, the various chapters to be known as:

The Jack Miner League of Ontario.
The Jack Miner League of Quebec.
The Jack Miner League of Montreal.

The Jack Miner League of Kent County.

The Jack Miner League of Essex County.

The Jack Miner League of British Columbia.

The Jack Miner League of Victoria.

The Jack Miner League of Winnipeg.

The Jack Miner League of Hamilton.

and so on all over the Dominion.

This is no financial scheme on the part of any one. It is only to help, by the co-operation of others, to do as Jack Miner says: "Leave this world better than we found it, so our children's children can have a taste of the plant, forest and bird life study that their forefathers enjoyed."

The first President of The Jack Miner League is Forest H. Conover, Leamington, Ont.; and the first Secretary-Treasurer is Edward R. Kerr, Walkerville, Ont. It is suggested that all Government officials, town and city officials, other outdoor organizations, and horticultural societies wishing to co-operate in the organizing of The Jack Miner League should write for full particulars to the Secretary.

Teacher—The captain was singing during the battle. What do you suppose he was singing, William?
Little Willie—Show Me the Way To Go Home."

Boss—Did you show the customer any consideration?

Clerk—No sir; but I showed her everything else we have.

Girl (applying for chorus job)—Mother says I sing beautifully.

Manager—Bring me a recommendation from the neighbors and I'll give you a tryout.

Alice—Gladys has a position as detective in a big department store.

Grace—Well I don't envy her. Imagine being a plain-clothes woman.

Algernon—I say my good man will you drive me all around town?

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