

The Boys' Athletic Club

By WM. WALLACE JR.

In a little town in Maryland, there was an organization called "The Boys' Athletic Club." The ages of the club members ranged from 8 to 13 years, and they were as bright and wholesome a lot of fellows as one could wish for.

As the hot July days set in, the Athletic Club called a meeting of its members for the purpose of talking over the ways and means of providing the club with a tent and "equipments" for a camping expedition.

The meeting of the club took place in the old barn in the rear of an untenanted house. Middleton Parker, the president, called the meeting to order in a most original manner. Stamping his foot loudly on the echoing floor he cried out: "Kids, everybody sit down an' listen. Now, we've met to make some sort of arrangements to get hold of a tent so we can go camping next week. All in favor of this signifying by sayin' 'I'."

"I!" cried all the members, save one, in excited voices.

"Contraries, signify by sayin' 'no,'" added Middleton, stamping 'his foot for order.

"Nope!" came a weak voice from a far corner. All eyes turned on the master of the dissenting voice. "Say, Piggie Thomson, what you makin' a lick against the campin' out for?" asked "Long Tom"

out objection" and "to solicit cakes, ice cream, lemons, sugar, candy and fancy articles."

After a whole afternoon spent in conferring, the Athletic Club considered it had done a good day's business. On the morrow the committees would go to work and in the evening of the same day would report at the barn—the club's temporary headquarters.

And such success fell to the lot of the committees! The solicitors had in black and white the promise of five large cakes, four gallons of ice cream, dozens of lemons, pounds of sugar, boxes of fudge, peanuts in plenty, and such a store of fancy articles as would make your eyes bulge out! And the committee appointed to select—or find, rather—a site for the fete reported an unoccupied house with a fine spreading lawn about it. "All we've got to do is to cut the grass an' decorate with hunting an' flags," explained Art Jones, chairman of the committee on "arrangements."

"All-right," said the president, stamping his foot. "An' now we've got to advertise the fete, kids, for success depends on the number of people what come to see an' buy fancy articles. Let's every one of us get a piece of pasteboard an' print a sign on it an' tack it up on a tree somewhere. Then hundreds of people will read about the lawn fete as they go along the streets."

"Sure, that's the way," assented several of the sanguine members.

And that resolution caused the following

obliged to lend their help to Shorty. Then it was found that the insects that fly about in the summer air were extremely fond of diving into the jar of lemonade, and Piggie appointed himself chief bus-slinger over the jar to keep the intruders away. Taken all in all, the Athletic Club had their hands full with the lawn fete preparations and waited with a good deal of impatience for the crowd of visitors to come in the evening and buy and eat and drink.

At eight o'clock the candles were lighted and all was ready for the "fete." A table—provided over by Shorty's sister—held the "fancy articles" at five cents each. There were partly worn feather dusters, fishing lines, a cabinet picture of Shorty, a match safe, a pair of cuff buttons, a kite (Middleton's handiwork), a stuffed squirrel, an Easter egg, a pin cushion and a strand of glass beads. These articles had come from the homes of the club members, odds and ends from the boys' own rooms or from the household rag-bags of cast-offs. But they made a good showing and sold surprisingly well.

About 9 o'clock the lawn fete was in full swing. Middleton, at the ice-cream freezer, was giving vent to his lungs calling his wares: "Ice-cream, sweet and cold, finest that was ever sold! Everybody, come, partake; with each dish a slice of cake." And across the yard from him stood Piggie and Long Tom at the lemonade jar, singing a veritable duet in bass and tenor, their notes long drawn out at

Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



MOIRE SILK HATS ARE A NOVELTY.

Some of the smartest of the fall hats are covered with heavy moire silk. These silks are in tones that harmonize with the leading color of the costume the hat is to be worn with. The high crown and rather straight brim shape here illustrated is covered with a brown moire, and trimmed with a wide crushed scarf of the moire,

which ends in a broad bow in the front. In the center of this is set a fancy feather coloring in shades of brown with tips of dull blue. This hat would be excellent with any matching brown costume or with any of the new fancy striped broadcloths or sabbie serges in combination of brown and blue.

WILD WOMAN IN QUEBEC WOODS

Prof. Macauley, of Harvard, Relates a Queer Story of the Gatineau River.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17.—Professor Macauley of Harvard, who has come here after having spent a few weeks in the country surrounding Blue Sea Lake and Manitowaki on the Gatineau River, not many miles from Ottawa on the Quebec side, brings down with him a strange story of a woman roaming wild in the forest of that district.

He states that while hunting one day in the woods near the Gatineau, a rush and scurry in the undergrowth caused him to quickly turn his rifle in the direction of the sound.

To his surprise the wild face of a human being, tanned to a dark brown by exposure to sun and air, framed by masses of dark coarse hair, and unmistakably that of a woman, peered at him from the shadows. The hunter quickly approached her, but before he could speak she turned and fled.

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THE DATE FIXED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday October 31 is the Day Set—Elections Probably on Oct. 22.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—An order-in-council was passed today fixing Thursday, Oct. 31, for Thanksgiving day.

The supreme courts of the two new provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, are now complete. At a meeting of the cabinet today J. H. Lamont, attorney-general of Saskatchewan, was appointed puisne judge of the Saskatchewan supreme court and M. D. Beck, K. C., Edmonton, was appointed puisne judge of the supreme court of Alberta. The names of the chief justices and the other puisne judges of both courts were recently announced in this correspondence and the appointment of these two gentlemen fills all the vacancies.

At today's meeting of the cabinet the regulations for the new mint, which is a branch of the royal mint of Britain, were adopted. The silver coins to be turned out by the mint are the same as now in use in Canada, namely five cent piece, ten cent, twenty-five cent and fifty cent and one cent copper.

The question of fixing a date for holding the bye-elections for the dominion house was discussed at today's cabinet meeting and practically decided. The writs will be issued at once and voting will take place about five weeks from today. The actual date on which the contests will come off will be announced when the returning officers are communicated with tomorrow. It will be necessary to find out from them the time they require.

There are three vacancies—ones in London, caused by the resignation of Hon.

WHY WOMEN HAVE COARSE ROUGH, SALLOW SKIN

Because Poor Digestion and Improper Elimination Have Clogged the Stomach

Womanly beauty is largely the outward expression of Health.

Every woman with pale cheeks and poor complexion needs medicine—needs a potent tonic to regulate her system.

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If nervous and can't sleep your remedy is Dr. Hamilton's Pills—they search out the cause of your condition and you rise in the morning refreshed, strong, vigorous, ready for the day's work.

Dr. Hamilton asks every weak and debilitated person to use his Mandrake and Butternut Pills. They make old folks feel young, and weak folks feel strong. Their effect upon insomnia and languor is marvellous. Hundreds declare they can't sleep and quiet the nerves so that a good night's rest always follows their use.

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Charles Hyman; another in North Wellington, through the death of the late Mr. Martin, and the third in Northumberland, on account of the death of Mr. Cochrane. Two of the constituencies were Liberal and one, Northumberland, was Conservative.

A manifold casting at the Marsh bridge which distributes the water supply to certain sections of the low service will be tested this evening. Residents on the high levels are warned that a shortage of water will be experienced during the test.

In the event of no break occurring the normal supply will be restored early tomorrow morning. Should there be a break, however, it is likely that the high service will be reduced for some days, possibly until Monday next. Users of water on the heights are advised to lay in a supply.

Mrs. Geo. A. Henderson, Mrs. Oscar Gronlund, Mrs. James Myles, Mrs. C. R. Hickson, Miss Edna Bettie and Miss Jane Henderson, of St. John, are delegates to the annual meeting of the N. B. and P. E. Island conference branch of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church in the First Methodist church, Charlottetown, next week.

SCHEDULE OF SAILINGS FOR THE WINTER SEASON

C. P. R. and Allans Announce Their Sailings in the Liverpool Service--The Sand Point Berths.

Mail Steamers.	"B" Class Steamers.	Liverpool	St. John	Hallifax
Tunisian.	Thurs. 14 Nov.	Sat. 20 Nov.	Sat. 20 Nov.	Sat. 30 Nov.
Ireland.	Fri. 15 Nov.	Fri. 15 Nov.	Fri. 15 Nov.	Fri. 15 Nov.
Manitoba.	Sat. 20 Nov.	Sat. 20 Nov.	Sat. 20 Nov.	Sat. 20 Nov.
Victorian.	Fri. 6 Dec.	Fri. 6 Dec.	Fri. 6 Dec.	Fri. 6 Dec.
British.	Thurs. 26 Nov.	Thurs. 26 Nov.	Thurs. 26 Nov.	Thurs. 26 Nov.
Coriscan.	Thurs. 26 Nov.	Thurs. 26 Nov.	Thurs. 26 Nov.	Thurs. 26 Nov.
Champlain.	Wed. 4 Dec.	Wed. 4 Dec.	Wed. 4 Dec.	Wed. 4 Dec.
Ireland.	Fri. 6 Dec.	Fri. 6 Dec.	Fri. 6 Dec.	Fri. 6 Dec.
Allan.	Thurs. 12 Dec.	Thurs. 12 Dec.	Thurs. 12 Dec.	Thurs. 12 Dec.
Erie.	Thurs. 12 Dec.	Thurs. 12 Dec.	Thurs. 12 Dec.	Thurs. 12 Dec.
Tunisian.	Wed. 18 Dec.	Wed. 18 Dec.	Wed. 18 Dec.	Wed. 18 Dec.
British.	Thurs. 19 Dec.	Thurs. 19 Dec.	Thurs. 19 Dec.	Thurs. 19 Dec.
Manitoba.	Fri. 27 Dec.	Fri. 27 Dec.	Fri. 27 Dec.	Fri. 27 Dec.
Coriscan.	Thurs. 3 Jan.	Thurs. 3 Jan.	Thurs. 3 Jan.	Thurs. 3 Jan.
Ireland.	Thurs. 3 Jan.	Thurs. 3 Jan.	Thurs. 3 Jan.	Thurs. 3 Jan.
Allan.	Sat. 5 Jan.	Sat. 5 Jan.	Sat. 5 Jan.	Sat. 5 Jan.
Tunisian.	Thurs. 10 Jan.	Thurs. 10 Jan.	Thurs. 10 Jan.	Thurs. 10 Jan.
British.	Thurs. 17 Jan.	Thurs. 17 Jan.	Thurs. 17 Jan.	Thurs. 17 Jan.
Manitoba.	Thurs. 24 Jan.	Thurs. 24 Jan.	Thurs. 24 Jan.	Thurs. 24 Jan.
Coriscan.	Thurs. 24 Jan.	Thurs. 24 Jan.	Thurs. 24 Jan.	Thurs. 24 Jan.
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No decision by the board of works as to the allotment of berths has yet been made, but it is generally believed that the C. P. R. will occupy Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the Dominion No. 4 and the Allans No. 5, the berth

came up for serious consideration at the regular meeting of the board of works Sept. 24, when Hugh Allan is expected to be present in the interests of the Allan line.

INSANE MOTHER'S TERRIBLE CRIME

She Killed Her Three Young Sons and Then Cut Up Their Bodies.

Midale, Sask., Sept. 17.—Saturday afternoon Mrs. John Anderson, wife of a farmer residing about a mile from Midale, on the Soo line, took her three children, a boy, a girl and a boy, and there

knocked them on the head with a hammer, after which she cut them up in a horrible manner with a draw-knife. She is probably thirty-five years old. The police of Weyburn were notified and Constable J. W. Weyburn, who is insane. The woman shows no remorse for what she has done and expects to be hanged. She believes it was some kind of a blood sacrifice.

She also made a desperate attempt to kill her eleven-year-old daughter. She put

a rope around the girl's neck, but the child struggled bravely and, assisted by a dog, which attacked the maddened mother, escaped.

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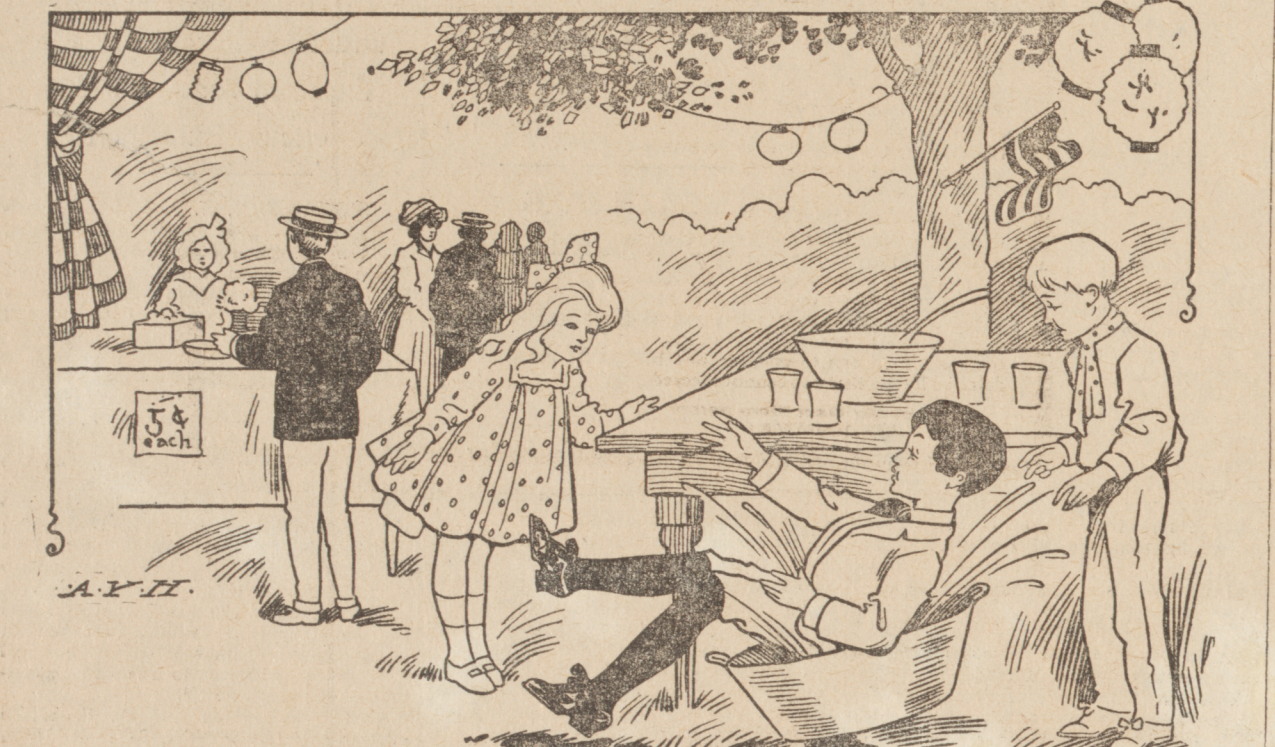
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During a moment of excitement Middleton sat in the dish-pan.

Grey, one of the big boys of the club, and at one time its president. He asked the question of a small boy who was perched on top of a crumbling old manger.

"Cause ma, she won't, low me to go off an' stay over night," explained "Piggie."

"Oh, if we've got any babies in this here club I vote to leave 'em at home with their mothers," said Long Tom with biting sarcasm.

"Second the motion," said Art Jones, the club's treasurer. (As each member of the club carried the record of its meetings in his own head there had never been the need of a secretary. Hence, the club boasted of no such officer, and the president and treasurer conducted the business with the help of the various members.)

"It's moved and seconded that The Athletic Club leave the babies at home," declared Middleton, stamping his foot by way of emphasis. In fact, Middleton's right foot played a lively part at the club's meetings, and its owner could scarcely have presided without its assistance.

"Well, I don't mind the rest of you fellows goin', even if I can't," declared Piggie, rising and standing on the perilous edge of the old manger. "I'll not vote against it again if you'll leave me stay in the club." Then Piggie, in endeavoring to sit on the manger again, lost his balance and found himself standing on his head in a mess of old straw.

An obliging and friendly club member assisted him to get righted up, and amidst the snickers and jokes of the club Piggie crept out of sight and the meeting was again called to order by the president's right foot and lusty voice.

"Well, we are ready for the question," ventured Art Jones, bowing to the president.

"Question!" vociferated a dozen voices. Middleton who prided himself on his knowledge of parliamentary law again stamped his foot, looked about on the members, then said: "The question is, how're we to get the money to buy a tent for campin' out. Any you fellows got a plan in your heads?"

Up went a dozen hands. The president looked about among the hands' owners; then singled out one by pointing his finger.

"Say, Shorty, what's your plan to raise money?" he asked of a stoggy little chap in blue blouse and red hair.

"A lawn fete," said Shorty, his face radiant with anticipation at the mere mention of "fete." "A ice-cream and soda-pop fete's my plan."

"Second the motion," cried Long Tom. And so it came to pass that Shorty's plan for a fete—a real lawn fete—was decided upon by unanimous vote of the club. Then the real business of the meeting was transacted; committees appointed to "find the lawn where nobody lived, and where they might hold the fete with-

sign to be tacked up on dozens of trees about the village:

"LAWN FETE TONIGHT. GIVE BY THE BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB. AT 100 DASH AVE."

And all that day the boys were as busy as it is possible for boys to be who have a dearly-loved object in view. The lawn that was chosen for the fete was neatly trimmed, and flags and scraps of bunting—remnants of the Glorious Fourth—were hung about the porches and festooned from tree boughs. One of the mothers donated a dozen candles while another loaned as many Chinese lanterns. So the lawn was not wanting in gay adornment and light. About the grounds were half a dozen small tables of various shapes and extent of dilapidation. These had been ransacked from attics and store rooms belonging to the homes of the club's members. Likewise the chairs that were to do service about the tables had been brought from any available source. Some were wanting backs, others were rockers, and many were minus a leg; but as the president remarked: "Any person what can't balance his self on a three-legged chair ain't fit to be out nights, anyhow."

At three o'clock on the afternoon of the "Fete" the lawn was ready for the festival. The tables were covered with newspapers, but each was gay with a bouquet of flowers. The club members' sisters had lent a hand at the decorating, which explained the bouquets. The soliciting committee worked diligently all afternoon till four o'clock gathering up the donations, and behind the big empty house the cakes, bonbons, lemonade and "fancy articles" were placed on the grass to be sorted over for the various tables.

"Well, kids, everything looks fine," spoke Middleton, the president, as he surveyed the fine supply of donations behind the house.

Art Jones, Piggie, Thomson and Long Tom were busy mixing the lemonade in a five gallon jar. They were substituting their hands for lemon squeezers and using a pine stick for stirring the water and sugar together. All of a sudden Piggie raised his eyes from his work to let them rest on the mouth-watering cakes so temptingly near. As he did so he exclaimed loudly: "Gee whiz, the ants are eating up the biggest layer cake we've got!"

And sure enough, to the consternation of the club they found one of their choice cakes well coated with ants, taking time by the forelock, as it were, and having their fete before the huge monsters of people began theirs.

"Oh, they haven't hurt it," explained Shorty, running to the cake's rescue. But it took more hands than Shorty's to get rid of the little army of cake-eaters, and three or four other club members were

the end of each line: "Lemonade made in the shade; stirred by a big, rusty spade; five a glass, so come an' try; and please do not pass us by!"

After hearing these vocal invitations none but the harvest of heart could refuse to indulge in both ice-cream and lemonade. Then there was the table of nuts and candies—the latter homemade! And these tempting sweet-meats went, as the club expressed it, "like hot-cakes." A dear little girl, by name Cecelia, presided at this table, and after the "fete" was over she drew from a mysterious corner somewhere in her sleeve a tiny paper bag which held the amount of her sales. "Seventy cents," she whispered confidently to the president as the money was being gathered together into one surprising pile.

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