

THE HOPE OF THE CONTINENT.

Western Canada the "Bread-Basket of the Empire."

The attention directed to the wheat fields of western Canada during the past year has caused thousands of settlers from different parts of the United States to make their homes there during the past few months.

The numerous elevators along the line, towering so far above the surrounding country that they may be seen for many miles distant, sufficiently indicate that the chief industry is the growing of wheat.

At Indian Head the representative of the Germania was told by a farmer that he was about to harvest his third crop of wheat from the farm upon one plowing given it the fall of 1895; the crops of the current year and of last year having been sown upon the stubble of the preceding crop.

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Last week Charley was very much discouraged. Grandfather Troup made inquiries as to the cause, and Charley told him he had hunted the country over for a farm to rent, but had failed.

"The people along the line of the railroad, however, assured us that we were still far distant from the northern limit of the wheat growing belt, and that 500 miles farther north, wheat and other agricultural products were cultivated with success.

"From this city (Calgary) our party was taken north 200 miles to Edmonton, a town of 5,000 people, situated on the north Saskatchewan river. The country at this point is beautiful, presenting very much the appearance of many sections in central and southern Wisconsin.

"The members of the association made the acquaintance of the Canadians of the northwest and learned something of the vast extent of their territory and of its great resources, which are destined to make it our most formidable commercial competitor in the world's markets for the sale of agricultural products.

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GRANDPA AND I.

Grandpa and I are beaus, Lillian has had hers over a year, and Harry has got one and calls her "dear."

Then in his arms he held me tight While I smoothed his hair so fine and white, And sang him a little lullaby song; And he thought and thought and thought so long.

And then a tear rolled down his nose, But grandpa and I are the dearest beaus. —O'Neill Latham, in Brooklyn Life.

A STORY FROM LIFE.

How Frugality and Virtue Were Rewarded in the Case of a Young Kansas Farmer.

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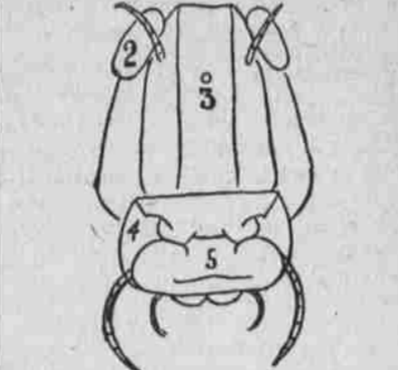
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THE GRASSHOPPER.

He is One of the Most Interesting and Lively Members of the Great Insect Family.

I have selected the grasshopper for this nature-study article because it represents a class of animals that, in some particulars, are very much alike. This class consists in part of locusts, grasshoppers, ants, dragon flies, bugs, beetles, fleas, flies, butterflies, bees and wasps.

The grasshopper is divided into three parts, head, thorax (chest) and abdomen. The thorax is composed of three rings and on each ring is a pair of legs, making six legs in all, the hind legs being adapted for hopping.



GRASSHOPPER'S MOUTH.

The mouth of a grasshopper consists of a lip (marked 5 in the accompanying picture), two broad jaws (4) adapted for biting, and two maxillae (6), which hold and arrange the food to be ground by the jaws.

One of the most peculiar characteristics of insects is that they breathe by means of a number of tubes, the air enters the tubes through a row of breathing holes in the side of the body.

The two large sacks at the base of the abdomen, just back of the hind wings, are the ears. Crickets and grasshoppers produce sounds by rubbing the base of one wing cover on the other.

In walking the grasshopper puts down his six legs alternately—that is, he takes the first step by moving forward legs marked 1, 3, 5, in the accompanying picture, and the next step by moving forward 2, 4, 6.

The female grasshopper has a tube at the end of the abdomen by which she bores holes in wood and earth, where she deposits her eggs.

In proportion to its weight a grasshopper is much stronger than a horse, as it can pull ten times its own weight, whereas a horse can pull but six-sevenths of its weight.

Enormous damage is sometimes done by grasshoppers. In four years the Rocky mountain locust destroyed \$250,000,000 worth of property.

When the locusts migrate they go in vast clouds, sometimes obscuring the light of the sun. When they alight they cover thousands of acres and destroy grass and grain so that the farmer has no grain to reap nor hay to feed his cattle.

The farmers' greatest aid in fighting the locust is coal oil; he is also assisted by the tachina fly, which destroys vast numbers of the locusts' larvae, or young.

In some parts of the world the natives pound the locusts into powder and out of the powder make bread. It is said by some that this bread is very palatable.—Frank K. Gerty, in Chicago Record.

An Odd Restriction. In the island of New Britain a man must not speak to his mother-in-law. Not only is speech forbidden to his relative, but she must be avoided; and if by chance the lady is met, the son-in-law must hide himself or cover his face.

California.

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Extremely "Fly." A gallant named Cobb met a maiden named Webby. And straightaway he sat down beside her, And quickly proposed in a manner so glib, That he won her as soon as he spider. —The Bits.

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Manners are largely deceit's own name for itself.—Detroit Journal.

THE MARKETS. New York, Dec. 12. FLOUR—No. 2 red... 3 25 @ 3 85. WHEAT—No. 2 red... 74 1/2 @ 74 3/4.

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Can You Solve This Puzzle Verse?

"A simple go-between am I, Without a thought; of pride: I part the gathered thoughts of men, And liberally divide. I set the soul of Shakespeare free, To Milton's thoughts give liberty, But Sidney speak with freer speech, Let Spenser sing and Taylor preach, Though through all learning swift I glide, No wisdom doth with me abide. If you can solve the foregoing, and send the correct answer to George H. Headford, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Old Colony Building, Chicago, together with a two-cent stamp, he will send you what it calls for.

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We never did; but we have seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it looked as if it had been out in a regular snow-storm.

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Nothing but wheat as far as the eye could reach on either side: what you might call a sea of wheat. It was what a lecturer, speaking of Western Canada said while returning to this country.

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