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came in and she told the neighbour. He said, "We'd better take a walk"--to my brother Willie. They went and they walked from one end of the mountain clean to the other. They came back and they said, "No, there wasn't a rock budged." People talked about it for quite a few days. She told everybody. Years went by. And the First World War, they made a new passage from Halifax to Gander, Newfoundland. And the first plane went right over our house. She said, "That's the noise I heard the time I thought the mountain ripped." That was the first plane she ever heard. The first she ever saw, and the first that ever went over that route?? And that was it. Of course, after that, there were planes and planes and planes all the time. (Did you yourself ever see or hear any? thing that you didn't understand?) I don't see or hear. It comes into my mind. It can be good--never anything bad. But I didn't understand it. After my brother Willie died--he lived alone, he was a character, you know. He got into bad company when he was young. He had a habit, you know, of having a little bit too much to drink. He was a likable fellow. He'd come back and say, "Lexie, I'm so glad to be back here, I'm going to kiss you." And he hated kissing--nothing shmush about him. That's the only time anyone got a kiss from Willie, was meo He'd be so glad to get back here • He didn't like it. He lived alone. And he'd get lonesome • He had a couple of old friends, and Cor. George/Townsend Provides Freshly Id Coffee, f Donuts, f'any )f Freshly Baked Oven Home Style Soups v'iilh lits, Deli Style Sand- SYDNEY s CO mister Doyiut they liked to drink. He used to love us kids and used to give us money for doing stints for him. That was all right. I for? got about that. And here this past winter, just a year ago, I discovered the Shake-and-Bake they had in the stores, you know--for chicken. I suppose you use it and have it. So I'd cook a chicken every week, sometimes twice a week, cook it up, bake it in the oven, put this Shake-and-Bake on it. So I took this terrible itch, went crazy, tearing my? self to pieces. Somebody said, "You always have bacon and eggs for breakfast--it's the bacon, cut out the bacon." I cut out the bacon. I cut out the eggs. And I was very fond of cream cheese--I cut out the cream cheese. I cut out everything, and the itch lasted • So here, about two months ago, I went to bed, fell asleep. I woke up--and I was in the house I was born in in The Glen. And it was just as it was the day Mother and I were the last two to leave.... But I didn't come in the front door. There was a pantry and flour barrels and things, and stairways going upstairs. I came that way. And the front door was like that. And all this side of that was solid people, so happy, laughing. And we had a sink--it was a wooden sink, you know--and there was a bench--we used to keep an extra bucket of water there. And this bench was there. There was one person sitting on that bench. She was dressed quite young, different to the others. And I stood looking at the happy people--and they were so happy and so, just, entertaining to one another. But this one on the bench rose and stood up and walked over to me, and she said, "You know, it's the Shake-and-Bake you're putting on your chicken that's giving you this itch." Everything vanished, just like that. Eastern Hobbies & Crafts Good Selection of Yarns, Including Patons Beehive, Jaeger, Lopi \* Knitting Accessories Grumbacher Oil



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