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INSURANCE TO BE COMPULSORY

CommissionReports would Mean State Supervision of Workmen's Compensation

The establishment of a system of compulsory state insurance for workmen sustaining injuries, a weekly half-holiday for shop employees, the inauguration of a fortnightly pay-roll and the regulating of sub-contracts on railroad construction work with the control of time cheques are the important recommendations of the Royal Commission of Labor, whose report was submitted to the Legislature early on Wednesday.

The commission finds against the proposal of a minimum wage law and expresses the opinion that the question of an eight hour day is a Dominion and not a Provincial measure.

The report provides a more radical and advanced programme of legislation than was generally anticipated. It is a closely typewritten document of nearly seventy pages, and is signed by all the commissioners, Mr. H. G. Parson of Golden, chairmen; M. A. M. Harper, of Vancouver; Mr J.A. McKelvie,of Vernon; Mr. R A. Stoney, of New Westminster, and Mr. John Jardine, of Esquimalt.

The commission examined 419 witnesses as well as making personal inspection of mines and logging and railway construction camps.

The report comments on the growth of trade unionism and the disappearence of all personal relations in the larger industries and further notes that British Columbia, in regard to unions, ranks higher in proportion to population than any other Province in Canada. The contention of employers that international unions are inimical to the industrial interests of Canada is noted but the commissioners find no evidence of such effect, and on the other hand the fact is mentioned that many large corporations employ managers and superintendents and are controlled by directors who are aliens. The commission recommends that any employer who discriminates against a workman merely because he is a menber of a labor union should be penalized, and on the other hand that workmen who work during times of strike should be protected against the use of abusive epithets such as "scab" "blackleg".

The commission does not favor compulsory arbitration but is in favor of the necessary amendments being made to the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act to enable the Minister of Labor in strikes involving public utilities to appoint a Board of Conciliation, as it considers in such cases the interests of the public to be paramount to those of the employer and the employee.

The Industrial Workers of the World are spoken of as being foreign to the economic conditions in British Columbia, and though many railroad laborers are members of this organization very little effort is made to carry into practice the pernicious principles of the organization.

The commissioners further noted the absence of violence and destruction of property among the foriegn railway laborers who were on strike at Naramata and Pentiction, and also the small percentage of crime, and expreses the opinion that as these laborers come to realize the opportunities of our Province the influence of the I. W. W. organization will disappear.

The commission finds that the private employment agencies are unsatisfactory and is convinced that in many instances the managers of these agencies and the foremen of contractors share the commission fee of the employment agency, the result being that laborers are often discharged in order to make way for new men- It recommends that it be made a penal offence to engage in this practice- It further recommends that it be made obligatory on all cities with a population of 10,000, or over, to maintain and operate municipal labor bureaus under the control of a superintendent, and that no fee be permitted to be charged to any applicant for work or to any employer. It is also in favor of national labor bureaus and the elimination of private agencies.

The recommendations of the Commission are as follows:-

Compulsory state insurance against accidents to workmen to be administered by a Workmen's Compensation Board.

Saturday half-holiday for all stores.

Fortnightly payday in coal mines and other industries.

Restriction of privilege of sub contracting on railroad construction.

Time cheques to be negotiable.

Eight hour day declared to be matter for Dominion legislation.

Minimun wage not favored.

Women inspectors for shops and factories.

Licensing of operators of elevators.

Descriminations by employers against members of labors unions should be forbidden by law.

Municipal empioyment bureaus obligatory in cities.

Scaffolding inspectors obligatory in cities,

Miners entitled to supplies at cost.

Mine operators compelled to establish wash houses for employees.

Collective bargaining favored as means of fixing wages for miners.

No change in method of appointing gas committees,

Asiatic exclusion favored.

Assisted immigration to be confined to farm laborers and domestic help,

Extension of provisions of Factories Act.

White women not to be employed by Asiatics.

Small holdings for workmen's dwellings.

OVER $100.00 IN PRIZES

Firemen Will Hold Grand Mask Ball on St. Patrick's Night.

Fifteenth Anniversary of the Firemens Masquerade Ball will be held in the Cumberland Hall on March 17th. The Volunteer Fire Brigade are making every effort to make this ball a huge success. A cordial invitation is extended to the Everybody Two Step Club, the Tango Two Step Club and all lovers of Dancing The price of admission will be Gentlemen $1.00 Ladies 50c List of prizes will be as follows:-

Best dressed lady	$15.00
" " gent	15.00
Sustained character lady	7.50
" " gent	7.50
National character lady	7.50
" " gent	7.50
Flower girl	5.00
Clown	5.00
Advertising Character	5.00
Best group of 3 or more	10.00
Topsy	2.50
Waltz	5.00
Two-Step	5.00
Tombola	5.00
	$102.50

Dress suits and previous prize winners debarred from competing

FOUND GUILTY

New Westminster. March 3—William Cummings of Nanaimo was found guilty today of both riot and unlawful assembly in Nanaimo on Tuesday, Aug. 12th, Cummings being remanded for sentence.

His Lordship, Mr. Justice Morrisons refused the application of Isreal Rubinowitz, counsel for the accused, who sought to confine the Crown to certain specified grounds, viz., that no evidence be admitted except that stated on the indictment.

Mr. Taylor informed the Court the crown would not consent to such an understanding.

Justice Morrison refused the application and in doing so stated that in all his career as a lawyer he had never known of such a request being made.

CORRESPONDENCE

(To the Editor of The Islander)

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper to express my sincere thanks to your medical faculty for their kind and skillfull treatment in my case. Also to the hospital staff for their kind attention, and I must say that I appreciate very much the kind visits of my many friends and near acquaintances.

THOS. PEARSE,
Cumberland, B.C.

All text books in public schools free.

None but British subjects to be employed on government or municipal work.

Provincial regulations governing electrical construction and appointment of assistant inspector recommended.

MR. SHEPHERD, M.P. ON LABOR TROUBLE

Ottawa March 3 M, Verville the member for Maisonneuve again introduced into the House of Commons a discussion of the Nanaimo labor trouble. He spoke at some length and closed with a motion of censure on the Minister of Labor. M. Verville said he was surprised at the nature of the correspondence, not so much on what it contained as at what it omitted.

The vote of censnre was defeated by 37 votes.

Mr. Shepherd, the member for Nanaimo, replied to the Oriental aspect of the labor question. Orientals were only employed at the Candian Collieries. There had been an explosion in Nanaimo in 1887 which was attributed to Oriental labor, and since then the men had refused to work with them. The employment of Orientals in the mines had been taken up by the province, but the legislation was tested in the courts and was declared ultra vires by the Privy Council. He could not believe that Orientals were being largely employed even in the mines of the Canadian Collieries. According to the provincial regulations a man had not only to prove to a board of examiners his thorough knowledge of mining but a workable knowledge of English. On this board of examiners the government was represented by an inspector who had to be satisfied that an applicant was qualified to take out a certif icate of competency.

Mr. Shepherd concluded his speech by a strong appeal for clemency on behalf of the miners now in prison on charges of rioting.

PROVINCIAL POLICE COURT

Before Jas. Abrams S.M.

A. Marshall appeared before his worship charged with being drunk and disorderly at West Cmmberland and was fined $5.00 and costs or 30 days.

Tony Chott for a similar offence was fined $10 and costs or 30 days,

John Hotca was charged with causing a disturbance at the Waverly Hotel and assaulting Tony Chott and was ordered to pay $5.00 and costs or 30 days,

Information was laid on March 3rd and warrants issued for the arrest of Edward Woods and Richard Grimes, charged with stealing timber at Royston. The accused have been supplying the Royston Wharf with piles and have taken them from private property without permission.

Charles Grundy was charged with vagrancy, in the city police court on Thursday and fined $5.00 and costs or 30 days.

Charles Simms of Courtenay announces that he has purchased the Courtenay jewelry business which he has managed for the past six months for Thos. D. McLean, jeweler of this city.

W.T. White, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, accompanied by his wife and family left on Sunday for Vancouver and returned Wednesday evening.

JUDGE REBUKES UNION LEADER

Mr. Justice Morrison Thinks Mr. Foster Interferes too much Two Convictions

New Westminster March 5—Previous to the opening of the trial of Alf Wardill, a Nanaimo striker' on charges connected with the rioting on August 12, Mr. Justice Morrison administered a severe rebuke to Mr. Foster president of the United Mine Workers of America, District 28, Vancouver Island, for what he termed interference in the strike trials.

The incident arose when Mr. I. Rubinowitz raised objections to the Crown bringing on cases without sufficient notice; he wantde two full days' no ice. Mr. Rubinowitz admitted that the Crown had informed Mr. Foster of its intentions, but only got that far when the presiding judge interrupted with the query: "Who is Mr. Foster?" Then indicting Mr. Foster; who sits at the right of the defence counsel in the trials, His Lordship said;

"He has no right to be sitting there. I have said nothing while Mr. Foster has been participating—not to say interfering—in in these cases, telling councel what to do and giving information. He gets his own way as to how jurymen may be expected to view these cases."

What uses Mr. Foster made of his privileges His Lordship did not know but he considered it a piece of unexampled effrontry on the part of the labor leader to occupy the position he did daily unless he was personally interested in all the cases.

The court presumed that Mr. Foster was acting under instruction from his organization, and, after asserting that it was abusing the judge's hospitality, Mr. Justice Morrison declared that the only reason he allowed Mr. Foster's presence was because he did not wish anyone to say that he had done any thing to hinder the defence in the trials.

Wardell was convicted on two counts, the jury only being out a few minutes.

Less than two hours were occupied in hearing the case against James Richmond, who was found guilty of unlawful assembly at Nanaimo on August 12. The prisoner was allowed his liberty after an admonition from the bench. The evidence of the Crown did not connect the accused with the serious part of the rioting, and the defence contented itself with the evidence of the accused, no other witness being called.

For Sale Cheap A five room cottage, on Penrith Avenue.—apply P. Acton, Ideal Store.

Day old chicks, White Leghorn $15.00 per 100. Hatches from March to May. Hatching eggs for sale $6.00 per 100.
Skinner & Blenkhorn,
Nanaimo B.C.

LOCAL NEWS.

Local News on back page.

Dr. Geo. K. McNaughton left by auto for Nanaimo on Friday morning

The Qualicum Inn will be formally opened with elaborate festivities on March 17th.

Dr. D.E. Kerr dentist will be in Cumberland March 24th and following days.

A.W. Barr, late of Regina has accepted a position as druggist at A.H. Peacey's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thornley of the Bevan Hotel returned from a visit to Nanaimo on Wednesday.

The West Cumberland Conservative Band will get down to practise next week for the 24th of May sports.

The Tango Two-Step Club gave a dance in the Cumberland Hall last evening. Admission was by invitation only which was requested at the door.

Application for the position of city constable will be received by the city clerk up to March 15th The successful applicant will get a salary of $80 per month and one suit of clothes per year.

Coroner James Abrams, left for Denman Island on Wednesday in connection with the drowning of Thomas Scott.

The total receipts of the Old Time Ladies Aid Meetings at Cumberland and Bevan, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church was $198.00.

The Comox Logging and Railway Company will reopen their camps on March 16th.

Mr. George Tarbell, of C. H. Tarbell and Son, returned from a business visit to Vancouver and Victoria on Tuesday

The millinery opening at Mrs. John Gillespie's, West Cumberland takes place to-day.

Every attention given maternity cases by Mrs. Edward Baldwin West Cumberland.

Mr. Richard Kirkham jr., late pianist of Criterion Theatre, Dudley, is prepared to take pupils for pianoforte, Apply Derwent Avenue or Box 112, Cumberland, B. C.

W. H. White recently appointed director of the West Cumberland Conservative Band left by Thursday morning's train for Vancouver to purchase the necessary instruments and equipment for the band. He expects to return on Sunday. The new band will then be able to commence practice next Tuesday evening.

Mr.J.S. Shopland and family will leave the Comox valley shortly for their large farm on the prairies. Mr. Hardy auctioneer of Hardy and Biscoe will hold an auction sale of their farm stock, dairy, cattle, sheep, impliments and household effects, on Tuesday March 10th 1914. Mr. Shoplan's stock is thoroughbred and some fancy prices will likely be obtained.

J. R. Lockard general manager of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd. left by auto on Thursday morning for Ladysmith.

LOVE CONQUERS ALL THINGS

(BY ARTHUR APPLIN)

Ward, Lock & Co., Limited, London, Melbourne and Toronto

(Continued)

Locked of course! It was not quite so easy to open as the drawer had been. Saluzo was disappointed; one bundle of letters apparently in a feminine handwriting tied with a blue ribbon, two or three loose notes in their envelopes. He glanced at the matter noting the post-marks and their dates. One from France, another from Spain, and a third bore the post-mark Taunton, the date September 7. He slipped that into his pocket. A sound in the hall arrested him. With one hand he took up the pen and commenced to scribble on a sheet of notepaper, while with the other he closed and locked the door of the little cupboard and slipped his burglarious bunch of keys back into their hiding place.

He continued to cribble for some seconds, the designs on the door. After allowing a decent interval to elapse he rang the bell, told the servant he couldn't wait, and asked her to inform Mrs. Soral that he had taken the liberty of looking over her flat and that he hoped when she left he would become the tenant.

An hour later he had locked himself in his room at the Carlton Hotel and was reading the letter he had stolen. It commenced and ended abruptly.

"I hope you received my telegram—sorry for the delay, but you'll understand, which I will explain when we meet. Though he has gone you are not really free, though you will be one way or another fairly soon. Hope this isn't very vague—must wait until we meet—probably to-morrow.

Yours ever,

"——"

The letter was signed with a single initial, and when Saluzo looked at it, he swore. It might have been 'O,' or 'S' with an elongated tail, or 'G.' It was certainly more like 'G' than anything else. The writing on both envelope and paper was shaky; obviously masculine, and it looked as though it had been written in a train or a motor-car, perhaps — probably with a fountain pen.

Taunton was in Somerset, not so very many miles from Bordleigh—and—a miracle had happened somewhere there!

Saluzo was satisfied with his afternoon's work.

There was still the blotting paper to be examined; he looked at it in the light, and held it up in front of a mirror—a signature, date, and some blurred figures. Carmen had evidently written a cheque, her banking account was in the name of Soral. A portion of the letter much blotted, hardly decipherable, apparently accepting an invitation to motor and dine and what seemed to be the last page of another letter. Again Saluzo swore. The first page had been blotted on another sheet, and the end of the letter was vitally interesting:

"—— He intends going back to South America but I still feel that he will alter his mind. I did everything in my power to make him promise the other night—but the man's a fool or else in love. Synonymous, you will say. Anyway he doesn't love me which if he were any one else would make him sufficiently fascinating for me to throw myself at his head. Fancy making love to your own husband!

Here followed something in Spanish vilely written:

I don't think he suspects any one but himself, but he's getting on my nerves. Supposing he discovers anything, or remembers anything? It's all right for you but I shan't have any peace until he has really sailed; still, I am making hay while the sun shines—and—thank heaven he is not mean! Be careful.

Yours,

CARMEN H.

There was something particularly bold and aggressive in the way she had formed her 'H.' Saluzo began to see daylight. Whatever Sir George had done in the past, his wife had deceived him—was deceiving him still—she wanted to get rid of him.

Then he remembered the gossip he had heard at Cranby village, the vision of a girl he had seen standing outside the cottage beneath the moorlands. Placing the letter and the blotting paper in his pocket, he went downstairs and inquired for Hetherington.

He left this morning, sir, the clerk replied.

When does he return?

He didn't say when he was coming back, sir.

And—he had left no address! But Saluzo found the porter who had been on duty that morning and from him he learned that Sir George Hetherington had driven with his luggage to Paddington Station.

The detective shook his head, and entering the smoking-room, ordered a big cigar and liqueur brandy.

At six o'clock he dressed for dinner, paying particular attention to his toilet. When he was ready he looked at himself in the mirror; not so old, not so ugly—a trifle bald, perhaps.

He wondered if he told Carmen that he loved her whether she would believe him. He had never said 'I love you' to any woman.

Sitting down before the telephone he rang up the exchange and asked for Albert Hall Mansions.

CHAPTER XVII

Nearly a week had slipped away since Sir George Hetherington's return to Cranby Hall from London. The village had welcomed his reappearance in its midst and made up its mind that he had returned to settle down for good and all. How the news got about that he was in love with Colonel Mehon's beautiful daughter and intended to marry her and make her mistress of Cranby, it is difficult to say. Desire was doubtless father to the thought; it was what the good people of Cranby desired. There was no one more popular than Peggy in the whole country. She personally knew every man, woman and child was interested in their affairs and they all loved her. With Peggy as lady of the manor, a new era of prosperity and happiness would be vouchsafed to Cranby.

The gossips started with: 'If only Sir George would fall in love with Miss Peggy!' A little later it became: 'I've heard that Sir George is in love and that Miss Peggy has practically accepted him.' Now the whole village knew, or thought it knew that their marriage was only a matter of time. Of course the first person to be questioned was Dr. Murray. Who should know better than he? The gossips little guessed what cruelty they were inflicting on the hard-working practitioner who had fondly dreamed that Peggy would one day be his wife. He could only reply that he knew nothing about it. But though he fought down the jealousy which burned in his breast for his rich rival, yet the dreadful uncertainty soured him and made him bitter and all the foolish things that were said and the pitying looks that were sometimes cast at him, rankled in his heart.

He had more or less patched up his quarrel with Peggy, but they had drifted apart and the barrier of unrequited love divided them. They met as acquaintances rather than friends. He was cold and she was kind; and—kindness from the woman one loves—there is nothing more difficult to bear.

Murray had hoped that on Sir George's return to the Hall, things would come to a crisis. He himself stood aside watching and waiting but he noticed with surprise that nothing happened.

Hetherington apparently avoided Peggy. He spent his mornings riding round his estate with the old bailiff; in the afternoon he was generally shut up in his study working.

Aye. He's in love right enough! the village blacksmith said. Sure sign of love when a man starts moping, although he ain't like an Hetherington. It was a look, a kiss and the wedding bells with them in the past.

The things which were said had even reached Hetherington's ears and had doubled his misery, making him feel sick and ashamed. He had come to say good-bye to the woman he loved; he could not do so without telling her at least part of the truth, confessing that he was already married. He did not believe that he was a coward any more than he could force himself to believe that he was a murderer. It was difficult to find courage not only to destroy the last ray of hope to which he clung, but at the same time to stab the girl who was more than life to him.

(To be Continued)

Good night, said Staylate. I have enjoyed myself immensely Now, next Sunday night I—er—expect to pass your house, and ——

That will be nice. Good night! And she shut the door.

Wheedler is Well Named

Gibbs—Did you succeed in raising the other ten you needed to pay your tailor?

Dibbs—Hang it all, no! I boned Wheedler for it, but before I could get away from him he'd borrowed the ten I had got from you.

Scared Him

We are not surprised that a man gets nervous at his own wedding. It is probably the first time he ever saw all the bride's kin lined up.

Bouncer—Can you tell me when butter is like Irish children?

Pedger—No, give it up.

Bouncer—Why, when it is made into little Pats, of course

HAIR ALL FELL OUT RINGWORM ON HEAD

Also on Neck. Big Bare Spot on Crown of Head. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured.

108 Chapleau St., Montreal, Que.—"When my brother and I went to school we got ringworms from the other children and our hair all fell out. We had them on our heads and on our necks. For months I had a big bare spot on the crown of my head the size of a fifty-cent piece. Mother tried everything, all kinds of ointments, to cure us but everything seemed no good until one day she saw an advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment. It was Cuticura Soap and Ointment that cured us." (Signed) Mrs. M. Blake, May 31, 1913.

ITCHY RASH ON HANDS

Fergus, Ont.—"Cuticura Soap and Ointment completely cured me of a rash on my hands. The rash was red like water blisters, very itchy and sore. Scratching made them sorer. The irritation was bad at night. I tried many remedies which did not do any good. I used Cuticura Soap as a wash in warm water night and morning with Cuticura Ointment and in less than a week it was all gone." (Signed) Mrs. Isabella Gibson, May 22, 1913.

The regular use of Cuticura Soap for toilet and bath not only tends to preserve, purify and beautify the skin, scalp, hair and hands, but assists in preventing inflammation, irritation and clogging of the pores, the common cause of pimples, blackheads and other unwholesome conditions of the skin. Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere. For a liberal free sample of each, with 32-p. book, send post-card to Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Dept. D, Boston, U. S. A.

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Cut out cathartics and purgatives. They are brutal—harsh—unnecessary. Try

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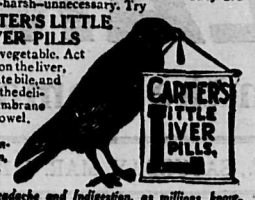

Cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache and Indigestion, as millions know.

Small Pill, Small Dose, Small Price.

Genuine must bear Signature

Brent Good

Chicago physicians declare that there is altogether too much surgery. An argument for homeopathic surgeons, as it were.

Highbrow discussions of children at play are easily reducible to a very short sentence: Let 'em play.

Your Hat, What's Your Hurry?

A flippant young woman remarks that her father can turn out bachelors a great deal quicker than any college and he doesn't do it by degrees, she says. He begins the graduation exercises promptly at 11 p.m., and they are always finished two minutes later.

A schoolboy home for the holidays wishing to inspire his little sister with awe for his learning pointed to a star and said:

No, 'taint! said his sister.

Do you see that little luminary? It is bigger than this wide world.

Yes, it is, returned the youthful scholar.

Then, why is it that it don't keep off the rain? was the triumphant rejoinder.

Native—Blessings on Mr. Carnegie sir. He gave us that fine free public library, sir.

Stranger—I am glad you appreciate it. You don't look like a reading man either.

Native—I ain't, sir, but I've got the job of looking after the building, sir.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

A Pill that Proves its Value.—Those of weak stomach will find strength in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, because they serve to maintain the healthful action of the stomach and the liver. Irregularities in which are most distressing. Dyspeptics are well acquainted with them and value them at their proper worth. They have afforded relief when other preparations have failed, and have effected cures in ailments of long standing where other medicines were found unavailing.

Fancy you grumbling about your food! I thought you said that your housekeeper cooked so well?

Yes, but I married her and now we keep a cook.

I'm the family doctor.

But I thought you were a veterinary surgeon?

So I am. But then, you see, their family consists of a French terrier, a St. Bernard and a Chinese poodle.

Court Humor

Judge—Have you ever seen the prisoner at the bar?

Witness—Never, your honor; but I have seen him when I have strongly suspected he had been at it.

Marconi's word carries 2,000 miles. More than that, it carries conviction

SELF DELUSION

Many People Deceived by Tea and Coffee

We like to defend our indulgencies and habits even though we may be convinced of their actual harmfulness

A man can convince himself that whiskey is good for him on a cold morning, or beer on a hot summer day—when he wants the whiskey or beer.

It's the same with tea and coffee. Thousands of people suffer headache and nervousness year after year but try to persuade themselves the cause is not tea or coffee—because they like it.

"While yet a child I commenced using coffee and continued it," writes a Western man, "until I was a regular coffee fiend. I drank it every morning and in consequence had a blinding headache nearly every afternoon."

Tea is just as injurious because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee.

"My folks thought it was coffee that ailed me, but I liked it and would not admit it was the cause of my trouble, so I stuck to coffee and the headaches stuck to me.

"Finally, the folks stopped buying coffee and brought home some Postum. They made it right (directions on pkg.) and told me to see what difference it would make with my head, and during that first week on Postum my old affliction did not bother me once. From that day to this we have used nothing but Postum in place of coffee—headaches are a thing of the past and the whole family is in fine health.

"Postum looks good, smells good, tastes good, is good, and does good to the whole body."

Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum now comes in two forms:

Regular Postum—must be boiled.

Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. Grocers sell both kinds.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.

What He Knew

Everything depended on the testimony of one particular witness, and of this the barrister was duly conscious.

Now, he said, shaking a finger warningly, we want to hear just what you know—not what you think, not what you have heard, or what someone else knows, but just what you yourself know. Do you understand?

The witness brightened visibly, and by a happy smile showed that he fully understood.

Well, sir, he began, it was like this ere. Old Bill Grubbs said to me that Thomas John's wife—at any rate, so he heard from Tom. Payne—told Sid Lewis's best girl that her husband—

The witness got no further. For a minute it seemed that nothing could save the judge from an apoplectic fit.

Happily he just managed to control himself. The witness was ordered to stand down, and the case proceeded.

He Knew all About It

The counsel for the defence in a case of assault was questioning a witness for the prosecution. Now, you say you saw the quarrel between the two men?

Yes, replied the man who happened to be a carpenter.

How far away from them were you?

Just four yards, two and one-half inches.

What do you mean? shouted the lawyer. You don't mean to say that you can measure distance that accurately with your eye?

No, said the carpenter quietly, but I knew some fool would ask me, so I measured it.

A Shocker

A party of four, just returning from the theatre, called in at a fashionable restaurant. The trim old maid who was the guest of the evening was charmed with everything—especially the music.

While the waiter was standing by the table, she asked him to find out the title of the piece the orchestra were playing. And the waiter willingly agreed.

But other duties claimed him for a time, and when he returned the lady had completely forgotten her request. When he bent towards her and softly whispered something in her ear, she recoiled in horror.

Then recovering from the shock, she turned cold, relentless fury upon the hapless man who waited.

How dare you! she cried. How dare you! and it took the terrified waiter quite a time to explain why he had merely breathed the title of the piece so softly.

What can I do to make you love me?

It was the hour of the spelling lesson, and the teacher was pronouncing the words while the small persons in front of her laboriously wrote them down. According to the usual custom, she called for volunteers to define each word as it was written down.

Lunch, she said. Now, who can tell me what lunch means?

There was a long period of silence and then a hand went up.

Well, Johnny you may tell us what lunch is.

A lunch, said Johnny, is what you have for dinner when your father is away.

Kerosene as a Drudgery Lightener

Few housekeepers really appreciate the cleaning properties of kerosene A rag saturated with it will clean stationary washstands, bathtubs and kitchen sinks. A little used in cold water for wiping up floors will remove the dirt and leave a nice polish. It is good for floors made of southern pine, and it keeps them in good condition Proportion, a tablespoonful to half pail of cold water. It is also excellent for cleaning linoleums and can be used either with or without water and in the water for cleaning woodwork.

If it is once tried by a housekeeper she will never be without a bottle or can of it kept where it is accessible.

She was angry and her face revealed the fact.

What is the matter, dear? said her husband, as he entered the kitchen.

You see that? she replied vehemently, as she raised a mixing bowl in which she had just broken an egg. That is the second bad egg I have found today. I believe Jim Fletcher keeps all the bad ones he gets in his old store for me!

Well, you shouldn't get angry about it, Nellie, said her husband soberly. You ought to have more sympathy.

Sympathy! she echoed. What do you mean? Sympathy for Jim Fletcher?

No, for the eggs? he replied. Think how long they must have been trying to be good.

Rules for Good Teeth

If you wish to avoid decay of the teeth observe these rules:

To children up to two and a half years of age all starchy or sugary food, except milk, should be given in a firm, or fibrous form to stimulate mastication. Bread and rusks should never be soaked in milk.

If soft, starchy or sugary food has been eaten the mouth and teeth should be cleansed by food of a detergent nature. Thus fresh fruit should be eaten after milk puddings, jam rolls, cake, sweet crackers and bread and jam.

Three meals a day.

Sweets, chocolate or crackers and milk should never be taken between meals or just before going to bed.

Plenty of Room at the Top

Knicker—There's plenty of room at the top.

Bocker—Yes, but your wife lets you have only the bottom drawer.

A little in one's pocket is better than much in another man's purse.

Sometimes Lurk Leadedness

It is often impossible to distinguish silence from wisdom.

Naturally! Because it is often the same thing

The High Calling of Motherhood

demands the utmost precaution in maintaining health at high efficiency.

It is doubly important and nothing in the world is *so needful as Scott's Emulsion*, good cheer and sunshine. **Scott's Emulsion** makes the blood rich and pure. It contains the vital flesh-building and bone-building properties and insures abundant nourishment. It strengthens the nerves and creates energy and vitality during this period.

Expectant and nursing mothers always need Scott's Emulsion.

YOUR DRUGGIST HAS IT 13-81

Parisian Street Barbers

The French capital, like that of China, has its street barbers. In Paris the perambulating tonsorialist carries a little box containing the usual outfit of their calling. Their chief patrons are laboring men. The street barber of Paris usually places his customer upon the banks of the Seine or in some spot aside from the crowd, covers his knees with a newspaper and proceeds to work. For only 1 sou he will shave a man, cut his hair and generally impart to him a more or less smart appearance. These barbers are said to make quite a respectable sum even at the small fee they charge.

Complimentary

The idea of dozing while I was singing!

You were singing a lullaby, were you?

Yes.

Then I couldn't pay your art any higher compliment.

Thoughtful Husband

She—Are you wearing those pretty suspenders I gave you for your birthday, George?

He—No, dear, I was afraid the nail I am using as a button would rust them.

A Caution

Darling, I will tell you in poetry of burning meteor that you are the light of my life.

All right, but don't do it with the gas meter.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Easy No

He (bitterly)—I suppose you consider it quite a triumph to make a fool of a man?

She—Oh, dear no! A triumph is something done that was difficult of achievement.

Making Connection

Knicker—Life is hard.

Thompson—Yes, by the time your mother stops telling you to eat jam, the actor begins.

A Great Art in Little

Is there really any art in conversing?

Of course; always say small things in a big way and big things in a small way.

Closed Door

Hans von Buelow, the pianist, at one time posted on his door a notice that was quite the London vein: Before noon, not receiving. Afternoon, out.

Not to be Caught

A certain patrol-wagon driver takes great pride in his horses, and on a number of annual inspections has won the prize for the best-looking team. As the story goes, the inspector of the district is in the habit of visiting the barns and passing compliments on the condition of the stables.

The particular man in question, during the last summer, was always certain of compliments, and his stable left nothing to be desired in the way of cleanliness. One day, as the inspector was taking a last look at the premises, which seemed spotlessly neat and clean, he frowned.

His eye chanced to fall on a cobweb in a dim corner of one of the stalls. The horse-lover saw the inspector's face change and also the cause of it.

He spoke up quickly:

I keep that there web, inspector, he said, to catch the flies. The way they torment that mare is something terrible.

Steel Pens

The great objection to the steel pen when it first came into general use was its stiffness. There was not that 'give' and spring in the metal pen which characterized the old fashioned goose quill pen.

This was remedied, however, by the side splits which we see in pens today, and for many years the method of slitting the pens by means of a press was kept secret by those famous penmakers Gillott and Mason.

Briefly the method of manufacture of a steel pen today may be described as follows: The blanks are pierced and the slits cut, after which the pen requires to be softened by annealing. Then they are raised and hardened, scoured with acid, colored, varnished and dried girls afterward looking over the pens, throwing aside the faulty ones and packing the good ones into boxes ready for sale.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited.

Gentlemen,—I have used MINARD'S LINIMENT from time to time for the past twenty years. It was recommended to me by a prominent physician of Montreal, who called it the 'great Nova Scotia Liniment.' It does the doctor's work; it is particularly good in cases of Rheumatism and Sprains.

Yours truly,

G. G. DUSTAN,

Chartered Accountant.

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 21, 1905.

Good Train Service

Talk of trains and one is reminded of the perfect line. Read of this service and applaud. The trains come in to the minute or go out to the minute. The officials are intelligent and polite, the carriages are good. Every station has its waiting room, where you may sit and read and drink a cup of coffee that is not only hot and fresh, but is recognizably the product of the berry. It is impossible to travel in the wrong train. It is very difficult not to get out at the right station. The fares are very reasonable. The time tables are models of clarity. No, the references is to no railway in the south of England. It is Mr. E. V. Lucas' summary of the good points of the train service of the Happy Hollander!

Asthma Victims. The man or woman subject to asthma is indeed a victim. What can be more terrifying than to suddenly be seized with paroxysms of choking which seems to fairly threaten the existence of life itself. From such a condition Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has brought many to completely restored health and happiness. It is known and prized in every section of this broad land.

His Finish

A politician was describing at the club the death of a rival.

Yes, Jones is dead, he said, and with a chuckle he held his glass up to the light. Yes, Jones is dead. He slipped on the parquetry floor of his library and killed himself.

The politician gave a loud laugh. Then he added:

A hardwood finish, eh?

The train struck the man did it not? asked the lawyer of the engineer at the trial.

It did, sir, said the engineer.

Was the man on the track, sir? thundered the lawyer.

On the track? asked the engineer. Of course he was. No engineer worthy of his job would run his train into the woods after a man, sir.

The Explanation

Mother (reprovingly)—When I was young, girls never thought of doing the things they do today.

Daughter—Well, that's why they didn't do them.

Rev. Caller—Well, Mrs. Mangles, and is the good man any better?

Mrs. Mangles—Oh, yes, sir. 'E's nearly all right agent again sir. 'E don't say 'is prayers no more 'n a night, now, sir.

To Women Seeking Health *and* Strength

For those ills peculiar to women Dr. Pierce recommends his "Favorite Prescription" as

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Patient—But doctor, I cannot afford that.

Doctor—Well, then, you must take a trip to Europe.

Miller's Worm Powders will eradicate the worm evil that bears so heavily on children and is believed to cause many fatalities. They are an acceptable medicine to children and can be fully relied upon to clear the food channels thoroughly of these destructive parasites and restore the inflamed and painful surfaces to healthfulness. They are an excellent remedy for these evils.

Obeyed Orders

Wife—Didn't you hear me ask you for $10?

Husband—I did.

Wife—Then why do you give me only $5?

Husband—Because you told me yesterday to believe only half what I hear.

An Interesting Sermon

The accustomed gentleman attended the church service. And after it was over the pastor hastened down to shake hands. I liked your sermon immensely! said the new attender, having been nudged by his wife. I am more than pleased, beamed the parson. Which part did you like best? That part where I dreamed I had a million dollars! said the new member ere his wife had a chance to nudge him again

Two may live on what one may spend foolishly.

WOMAN COULD NOT WALK

She Was So Ill—Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Pentwater, Mich.—"A year ago I was very weak and the doctor said I had a serious displacement. I had backache and bearing down pains so bad that I could not sit in a chair or walk across the floor and I was in severe pain all the time. I felt discouraged as I had taken everything I could think of and was no better. I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and now I am strong and healthy."—Mrs. ALICE DARLING, R.F.D. No. 2, Box 77, Pentwater, Mich.

Read What Another Woman says:

Peoria, Ill.—"I had such backaches that I could hardly stand on my feet. I would feel like crying out lots of times, and had such a heavy feeling in my right side. I had such terrible dull headaches every day and they would make me feel so drowsy and sleepy all the time, yet I could not sleep at night.

"After I had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a week I began to improve. My backache was less and that heavy feeling in my side went away. I continued to take the Compound and am cured.

"You may publish this if you wish."—Miss CLARA L. GAUWITZ, R.R. No. 4, Box 62, Peoria, Ill.

Such letters prove the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for woman's ills. Why don't you try it?

V. N. U.

A Nocturne

All was darkness in the basement, leaning against the wall stood a bicycle. Presently the sound of conversation was distinctly audible.

Don't you think the lubricator and the oil are getting pretty thick? murmured the sproket.

No, replied the pedal. The lubricator seems to be intimate with the chain.

That's what I thought, said the saddle, but I get sat on if I say anything.

I think the lamp and the oil would make a good pair, added the sprocket.

Yes, except that the lamp smokes, and goes out at nights, whispered the pedal.

That's why I spoke of the oil. What the lamp needs is a good match.

Well, if there's going to be a wedding, said the bell, I'll furnish the ring.

Then the conversation ceased and not even a wheel spoke.

An Unhappy Mistake

During the Christmas morning service at a country church the organist was much harassed because the organ blower kept working the lever noisily after he had finished playing. This spoilt the effect of his Christmas music and he was specially annoyed as a famous preacher had come down from London to preach for the occasion.

After a particularly loud lever interlude, he hastily scribbled a note to the offender and sent it round by a choir boy, who, misunderstanding his instructions, put it into the hands of the preacher just as he was about to enter the pulpit.

The note was as follows:

Perhaps you will kindly stop when I tell you to The people have come here to hear my music and not your noise.

Prophecies for 1914

Mme de Thebes, the palmiste and prophetess, has given out her forecasts for 1914, the Paris correspondent of the Chronicle states. She says that the year will be fertile in scientific discoveries.

There will be serious threats of war, and sensational changes in Germany's institutions.

There is to be a terrible flood catastrophe in England, and a new Monarchist government in Portugal.

Among things that made the old fashioned winter endurable was the old fashioned woolen sock that the old fashioned women knew how to knit.

He Stayed In

A capital story is told by Senator Tillman of the United States, who once piloted a plain farmer constituent around the Capital and then conducted him to the Senator gallery, where he left him. After an hour or so the visitor approached the gallery doorkeeper and said: My name is Swate. I am a friend of Senator Tillman. He brought me here, and I want to go out and look around a bit, I thought I would tell you so I could get back in. That's all right, said the doorkeeper, but in order to prevent any mistake I will give you the password so you can get your seat again. What' the word? Mr. Swate asked. Idiosyncracy. What? Idiosyncrasy! I guess I'll stay in, said Swate.

Pluck in Defeat

A recent Socialist candidate said of his defeat:

At any rate we put up, we Socialists, a brave if hopeless fight. And now, in our defeat, we are as cheery as the traveler. He bought a ticket and then, going out on the platform, said:

How soon does the train start?

Why, there she goes now, said a station hand. You have just missed her.

The traveler leapt on to the line and set out in pursuit of the train with all his might. But in two or three minutes he came trudging back over the ties.

A laughing crowd had gathered, and the station hand said:

Well, did you catch her?

No, said the traveler, but by jingo I made her puff.

Overheard After School

What's the matter, Tommy?

Oh, I'm tired of school. I'd like to go to bed for a week.

Why, how's that?

Well, you see, I am in a very awkward position. I was next to the boy at the bottom of the class—and he's left.

Good night, said Staylate. I have enjoyed myself immensely. Now, next Sunday night I—er—expect to pass your house, and ——

That will be nice. Good night! And she shut the door.

Here, sir, said the antique dealer, displaying a huge sword to a clerical looking collector, ever see anything more interesting than that? That is Balaam's sword.

But, my good man, that cannot be, said the dominie. Balaam never had a sword. He only wished for one.

Quite right, sir, said the dealer. This is the one he wished for!

Sinister Preparations

Little Willie had been permitted to enter the clockroom to view the small stranger who had arrived a few days before. He looked the little one over with the disapproval natural to a deposed monarch. The nurse brought out the baby's bathtub and filled it with water. Then she started unwinding the baby's outer shell, preparatory to bathing it, while Willie stood by watching the procedure with interest. Suddenly the light of understanding illumined his face, and he rushed to the door.

Hey Sis, he shrilled down the stairs. Come on up quick. They're going to drown it.

Every time a young mother reads a description of the eugenic baby she thinks a reporter has been interviewing her infant while she was out.

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"How thankful we are to get hold of such a wonderful household remedy as Nerviline," writes Mrs. E. P. Lamontagne from her home near Wetaskawin, Alberta. "In this far-away section, far away from a doctor or druggist, every family needs a good supply of liniment. Nerviline is the best of all. It destroys every pain, but never burns. We use Nerviline in a score of ways. If it's rheumatism, aching back, pain in the side, sciatica or stiff neck,—you can laugh at them if you have lots of Nerviline handy. For earache, toothache or cramps I don't think anything could act more quickly. For a general all-round pain remedy I can think of nothing more valuable and speedy to cure than Nerviline."

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Anything to Oblige

A number of children from the slums of Manchester were being entertained to a Christmas dinner. A hearty meal was thoroughly enjoyed and when the healthy appetites of the little ones had been satisfied each was asked to sing or give a recitation. All went well until it came to Billy Brown's turn.

Come now, Billy, we would like to hear you sing, said a lady encouragingly. After a moment's pause the young guest answered:

I can't sing, my lady.

Then what can you do?

Well, replied Billy Brown, getting up and preparing to take off his coat. I aren't useter singing or a-speaking much, mum, but I'll fight any of the other kids in the room.

Obedient Youngster—Mother, may I speak?

Parent—You know that you must not talk at the table.

May I not say just one thing?

No, my boy. When your father has read his paper you may speak.

Father reads through his paper and says kindly:

Now, William, what is it?

I only wanted to say that the waterpipe in the bathroom had burst.

In an allusion to the domestic cat the school superintendent said to the little boy.

Now, Tommy, tell us the name of the animal which when all the house is dark and everybody is asleep, comes creeping softly and silently upstairs!

Father! said Tommy promptly.

Two colored men bought a piece of pork, and Sam having no place to put his share, trusted it to Harry's keeping. They met the next night and Henry said: A mos' strange thing done happen at mah house las' night, Sam. All mystery to me.

Wha dat?

Well Sam, explained Henry solemnly, dis mawnin' I go down in de cellar for to git a piece of hawg fo' breakfas' an' I put my han' down in de brine an' feels 'roun, but dey ain't no po'k dar—all gone; so I tu'n up de bar'l, an' Sam, sho' as preachin' de rats had done et a hole clar de bottom of dat bar'l an' dragged de meat all out!

Sam was petrified with astonishment for a moment and then said: Why didn't de brine run out de hole?

Well, yo' see, Sam, replied Henry, dat's de mystery.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Why do you object to vaccination? asked the busy magistrate, sharply, of the applicant for an exemption certificate.

It's a matter of conscience, sir, was the reply.

At that moment the clerk whispered to the great man on the bench:

Ah! said his worship. I am informed that you have a brother in the police force. Now, does he object to having his children vaccinated?

No, sir.

Very well, if vaccination is not against your brother's conscience, why should it be against yours?

Well, you see, sir, it doesn't exactly follow, Bill, as you're talking about, got neither children nor conscience.

He got his certificate.

Did you come out well on Christmas Willie? asked the Sunday School teacher.

Yes'm. I got more than any of my brothers and sisters, replied Willie jubilantly.

Indeed! How did that happen?

I got up two hours before they did.

Camels in Water

The camel is about the only animal that cannot swim. It is an extraordinary fact that the moment the ungainly creature loses its footing in a stream it turns over and makes no effort to save itself from drowning.

Father will splash around two feet of water and ruin a good suit of clothes to save articles in a stranger's house during a 30-cent fire. But if the man under the ice-box flows over he will go upstairs and wake mother so she can come down and mop it up.

When does a chair resemble a lady's dress? When it is sat in.

What paradox may often be found in a flower garden? A white pink.

What is that which has neither flesh nor bone, yet has four fingers and a thumb? A glove.

PRESIDENT SUSPENDER
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UNION BANK

Has Splendid Year. Quick Assets Over Thirty-four per Cent. of Liabilities

The Forty-Ninth Annual Report of the Union Bank of Canada approved by the Shareholders at their annual meeting held in Winnipeg on December 17., is the best in the history of the Bank. The net profits for the year after making the usual deductions for expenses of management and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts amounted to $750,035 or $44,000 more than was earned in 1912. Other evidences of progress are shown by a further examination of the Bank's statement. The note circulation throughout the year increased from $4,700,000 to $6,200,000. Deposits gained from $55,600,000 to $64,500,000. The rest account was increased by $100,000, making it $3,400,000. Current Loans increased from $45,000,000 to $46,000,00, while total assets show the large gain of $11,300,000 now standing at $80,766,532.

A striking feature of the Bank Statement is found in a further examination of the assets. The Bank possesses an unusually large amount of gold, Dominion Notes and other quickly available assets—these amounting to $27,655,000 as compared with $22,790,000 for the previous year. This policy of maintaining a large proportion of the assets in a form easily converted into cash is a characteristic of this Bank and the present holdings of nearly twenty seven and three quarter millions bear a high proportion of the Bank's total liability to the public. The fact that deposits increased during the year also calls for comment as during the past year there were unusual demands for funds and depositors were more inclined to withdraw funds than to increase their holdings. The fact that deposits increased is an indication of the increased confidence on the part of the public in the management of the Bank. The Bank on its side has been doing its full share in catering to the business needs of the communities in which its branches are located. During the year the current loans show an increase of $1,780,000 while loans and discounts outside of Canada amount to $1,640,000 or more than double that shown for the previous year. The Bank has now on deposit in the Central Gold Reserve $1,300,000 while its total assets have attained the very large sum of $80,766,000 an increase of over $11,000,000 during the year. The address of Mr. John Galt, President of the Bank, was an able summary of the conditions prevailing in Canada during the year. In the course of his address he touched on the trend of trade during the year, the crops the increased importance of mixed farming and briefly reviewed the various great basic industries in the several Provinces. The General Manager, Mr. C. H. Balfour, in his address pointed out that the Bank has now a total of 313 branches. He also took occasion to remark on the excellent manner in which the railway companies had handled the Western grain crop. The old Board of Directors was re-elected and at a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. Wm. Price was elected Honorary President, Mr. John Galt, President, and Messrs R. T. Riley and G. H. Thomson, Vice Presidents.

GAINING STRENGTH AFTER FEVERS

It is a long, tedious fight for the unfortunate fever victim, and when the critical point has been passed there are weeks and months required to get the strength built up.

The digestive organs are usually weak and the appetite fickle. Enough food is taken to sustain life, but the body remains weak, and on slight exertion the breath is short, and you are easily fatigued.

Under these conditions Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is a wonderful help, because it contains in condensed and easily-assimilated form the very elements which go to enrich the blood and make muscles firm and strong.

The nerves which control the digestive fluids of the stomach are revitalized, digestion is improved, the appetite is sharpened, and the tedious convalescing period is greatly shortened.

After spending a few weeks last year at a watering place, where he took his daily swim in the open air pool of warm sulphur water, a little fellow was this year at the seaside. In his tiny bathing suit he gazed out over the vast ocean in silence.

Then he protested: I'm not going in. Dat ain't water for boys; dat's for boats.

Pertinent Query

Teacher (describing her encounter with a tramp)—And then I fainted.

Little Jeffries—Wi' yer left or wi' yer right, ma'am?

A Modern Climax

No! cried the fair young thing, as she gently but firmly resisted the kiss of her ardent suitor. I am not afraid of microbes, but of your crobes! And he never darkened her door again!

What's the shape of the earth? asked the teacher, calling suddenly upon Willie.

Round.

How do you know it's round?

All right, said Willie; it's square then. I don't want to start any argument about it.

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Reconciled to the Masculine Fate

Little Willie (who has an inquiring mind)—Papa, what is meant by bowing to the inevitable?

Mr. Hennypeck—Politely saluting a suffragette, my son.

SHILOH

quickly stops coughs, cures colds, and heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

Perhaps one reason why the English sparrow flirts his tail so saucily is because it isn't long enough for an aigrette.

Two wretched looking tramps were brought up before a justice of the peace. Addressing the worst looking one, the justice said:

Where do you live?

Nowhere.

And where do you live? said the justice addressing the other.

I've got the room above him.

He Spoke Once

George—When were you a leading man?

Jack—When the company had to walk back from Chicago.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

Slight Omission

I thought you said he was a man of means?

Excuse me, I left off the adjective.

What adjective?

Limited.

Clubleigh at midnight—My wife is very ill, and the doctor says she must have no sudden shock.

Clinton—Then what are you doing here at the club at this hour?

Clubleigh—I am afraid to go home before the usual time lest I give her a shock.

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Is there any good reason why I should give you 5 cents? asked the well dressed elderly man of the youth who accosted him.

Well, said the small boy as he retired from the danger zone. If I had a nice high hat like yours I would not want it soaked with a snowball.

Undoubtedly a Tip

Was it a genuine tip Rawson gave you on the stock market?

I guess it was: it made me lose my balance.

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Wheedler is Well Named

Gibbs—Did you succeed in raising the other ten you needed to pay your tailor?

Dibbs—Hang it all, no! I boned Wheedler for it, but before I could get away from him he'd borrowed the ten I had got from you.

Didn't I tell you the last time you were here, said the magistrate sternly to the prisoner who had celebrated not wisely but too well, that I never wanted you to come before me again.

Yes, sir, but I couldn't make the policeman believe it.

So you've broken with Jack. Why I thought he loved you still.

He did. But he said I was still too seldom.

The average man may have music in his soul but his voice spoils it.

First married man—Is there ever an occasion when everything at your dinner table is stone-cold?

Second married man—No, not everything. We always manage to have a heated argument.

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Widespread interest has been shown in the Timber Roy alty bill introduced by the Hon. William R. Ross, Minister. of Lands. Newspapers all over the American Continent and many in the United Kingdom published despatches in which a feature was made of the recognition of the profit-sharing principal in handling public timber resources.

The New York Times in a lengthy editorial under the caption of "Profits for Governments" compliment the Hon. Mr. Ross on the idea. The New York paper said:—

"The British Columbia Minister of Lands last week introduced a bill providing for a Government regulation of prices on lumber from the public property, and fixing the royalties to be paid by those working the timber lands in proportion to the prices. The lumbermen are said to approve the idea, and the Government expects eventually to get $2,500,000 annually, while retaining the land from which the timber is taken.

"It is singular that the idea of associating prices and profits from the proceeds of public resources has been so tardy in arriving. Hitherto the problem has been attacked from the point of reducing the excess of profits of such exploitation by taxation. That only makes the product more costly to the consumer, without reducing the profit to the exploiter.

"It is not too late to profit from the example of Canada."

"Praise for Mr. Ross and the new royalties," is the head under which several newspapers reprint an editorial from the Mail and Empire of Toronto referring to the new bill introduced by the Minister of Lands.

The Toronto Mail and Empire says:— "The magnificent forest areas of British Columbia are a heritage the people of that province ought to watch over most carefully. Few provinces or states are so bountifully endowed. The timber should be regarded, as for as practicable, as a trust to be administered for the general benefit, not mainly as offording opportunity for privileged exploitation. Because, perhaps the timber resources of the continent have been thought inexhaustible—a sadly mistaken view— this principle has never properly imbedded itself— as a matter of cardinal policy— in the public mind, either in the United States or in Canada. The output from public or Crown lands under lease has been taxed by the several governments, but without any restrictions upon the price charged. The consequence has been, naturally, that the users of lumber have had to pay the government taxes, and there has been no regulation of the extent to which the public, the owner of the leased limits, could be bled for its own property.

"The Government of British Columbia, which has been foremost in forestry regulation, has taken a stand on this matter deserving of the warmest commendation. In is readjusting the terms of royalty upon which leases are granted. In making substantial increases in the amounts due to the government it is also undertaking to regulate the lumber prices. The scheme covers eight periods of five years each, the royalties being on a sliding scale. The principle upon which the measure, which has been laid before the legislature by the Minister of Lands, is based is that of profit-sharing by the government in the exploitation of the timber. It proposes to obtain for the provincial treasury part of the regulated value of the timber without permitting the amount thus diverted from the pockets of the timbermen to be taken out of the lumber consumers. That is the true basis of forest administration."

"Public will come in on the unearned increment," is the title in red letters across a two-column-wide editorial on the front page of the "Vancouver World," over the signature of Managing Editor, Mr. L. D. Taylor. He wrote as follows.—

"The Timber Royalty Bill, as expounded by the Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Lands, is a measure to which commendation will be readily extended by all British Columbians. Public intelligence all over the Dominion is quickening to the recognition of the fact that the natural resources, and, as such, the property of the people, through the Crown under conditions which will not be burdensome to particular industries. Mr. Ross claimed that the fundimental principle of the bill is its recognition of the profit-sharing principle. the profits being shared by the holders of timberlands with the government from which they hold them: in other words the right of the people of British Columbia to share in the prosperity of the lumber industry while at the same time giving to that industry reasonable stability of tenure. In compliance with these two principles, claims Mr. Ross, the bill has been framed.

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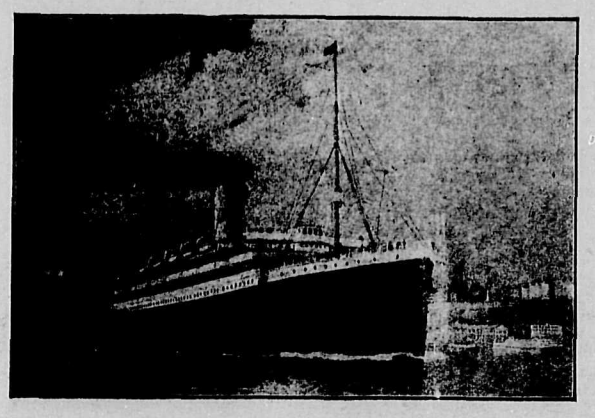

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Stranger—What is the population of New York?

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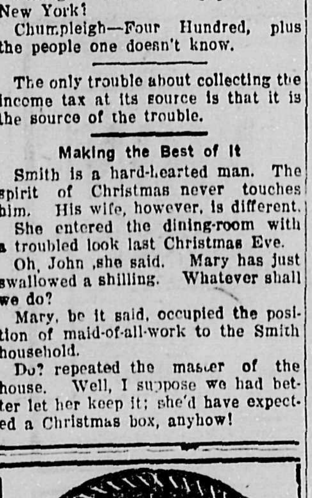
Making the Best of It

Smith is a hard-hearted man. The spirit of Christmas never touches him. His wife, however, is different. She entered the dining-room with a troubled look last Christmas Eve.

Oh, John, she said. Mary has just swallowed a shilling. Whatever shall we do?

Mary, be it said, occupied the position of maid-of-all-work to the Smith household.

Do? repeated the master of the house. Well, I suppose we had better let her keep it; she'd have expected a Christmas box, anyhow!



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On a certain swing footbridge across a glen in the north of Scotland is a notice forbidding Newfoundland dogs to be take across. These dogs trot in such perfect rhym as to cause a dangerous sway in a small bridge.

A man rising to a standing from a sitting posture exerts on the ground a force equal to twice his weight. Thus when a crowd suddenly springs to its feet at a football match or theatre the strain on the supporting stand is enormous and has to be allowed for by the engineers.

Flogged Only Geniuses at Eton

Some of the hardships of life at Eton in bygone times might be regarded as complimentary to the sufferers. Only the best of the boys were called upon to bear them. The biographer of Dr. Parr records that the famous Eton head believed in flogging for all offenses and even for absense of offense, but never punished stunted capacity or tried to extort much from mediocrity. If Parr made up his mind that a boy was to be classed as mediocre, that boy enjoyed practical immunity from the birch ever after. But when the head assistant told the doctor 'I believe So-and-so is a lad of genius' the answer was: 'Say so! Then let the flogging begin tomorrow.

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Blunders of Authors

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He speaks very fittingly of Drake and Hawkins and Raleigh and all the other Devonshire worthies, but he comes a dreadful cropper when he makes his hero talk of Sir John Franklin, who did not appear on the globe until more than a century had elapsed and even then it was in the fens of Lincolnshire.

Rider Haggard has a good deal of trouble with the moon. In one case he causes that satellite to be full at a time when it could not possibly have been more than a crescent and in 'King Solomon's Mines' he introduces an eclipse of the same luminary, very convenient for his plot and for the impression of awe which his heroes wish to produce upon the natives but quite unknown to any astronomical textbook.

Chicago policewomen carry their revolvers in handbags. That feminine touch remains to show that doing man's work does not wholly alter woman's nature.

With the suffragists the handwriting on the sidewalk seems to have taken the place of the handwriting on the wall.

The preacher was a young man and nervous but interesting. He was making an eloquent plea for the home life, and was descanting eloquently on the evils of the club, telling his congregation that married men in particular should spend their evenings at home with their wives and children.

Think of my hearers, said he, of a poor, neglected wife, rocking the cradle of her sleeping babe with one foot and wiping away the tears with the other!

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Mrs. Robinson rushed from her bedroom in a state of great indignation, and leaning over the balustrade at the top of the staircase, shouted angrily:

Bridget! Bridget! Come here this minute!

Bridget came.

I thought you said you'd cleaned this room, continued Mrs. Robinson, still shouting angrily. But just look under the bed; the floor is simply thick with dust. Haven't I told you that you must always sweep under the beds?

Well, mum, replied Bridget, in tearful indignation, and how, I should like to know, could the dust have got under the bed if I hadn't swept it there.

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Becomes a Nonentity

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The fact is, replied the captain, in a low voice, our rudder's broken.

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Is that so? said Larry. I'll go right down there.

Oh, Larry, whispered the excited wife, don't do anything rash!

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Chauncey Olcott in his new comedy-drama 'Shameen Dhu.' Direction of Henry Miller.

Their Number Is Legion

Ethel—So Dolly and Jack are in love?

Mabel—Yes; two souls without a single thought.

If given half a chance, says Dr. Austin Peters, of Harvard, the hog will be a gentleman.

Possibly, doctor, possibly, but he'll never look it.

Job wished that his adversary had written a book, but the modern politician would be content if his adversary would write a letter.

Mrs. Wilkins, the primary teacher, was instructing her small charges.

Name one thing of importance that did not exist a hundred years ago, said the teacher.

Ralph Franklin, an only child, who was seated in the front row, promptly arose and answered: Me.

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The Japanese collar is worthy of more than a word of description, for at the present moment its vogue is tremendous. There is hardly a garment fashioned, from the most elaborate evening coat to the simple frock, that is not finished with this collar, at least in a modified form. On many of the coats it reaches high up over the ears, where it is pulled out to give an almost square effect at the back. This leaves space for the ruffles of the gown to be clearly visible and to keep them from being crushed. The influence is again seen in the tailored suit, with the collar standing well out from the shoulder line. A trace of it may even be seen in some of the evening gowns.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria

Brown insisted on returning the $10 parrot he had bought a few weeks before.

Why, what is the matter with it, the dealer asked.

W-w-hy, replied Brown, the d-d-darned c-c-critter s-stut-st-tters.

Polyglot

How was your last cook?

She was an Irish girl who talked turkey, drank Scotch, got her Dutch up and took French leave.

Mixture of Harmony

Mrs. Sharp to next door neighbor—How do you like the design on our new wall paper?

Neighbor—It seems to me to be rather loud.

Mrs. Sharp—Yes, that's why we select it. We thought it might drown the sound of your daughter's piano playing.

A Londoner who visited this country says he found money plentiful over there. It would be interesting to know where he did his visiting.

A Gentle Rebuke

For four entire hours had the lady remained in the shop. She had visited every department and worried the majority of the salesmen without spending a cent.

Toward the close of the afternoon one of the salesmen, feeling somewhat exasperated, ventured to make a mild protest.

Madam, he asked sweetly, are you shopping here?

The lady looked surprised but not by any means annoyed.

Certainly, she replied. But what else should I be doing?

For a moment the salesman hesitated, then blurted out:

Well, madam, I thought perhaps you might be taking an inventory.

Then the lady melted away among the shadows of the door.

Politeness in Excess

Mrs. Jordan had ideas on the way children should be reared. Her young hopeful, Tommy, caused her a little anxiety in this respect. Now and again, therefore, a serious politeness lecture was administered.

Now, Tommy, dear, she started, supposing you accidentally stepped upon a gentleman's foot, what would you say?

I would say: 'Beg your pardon!'

That's my own little son, smiled the pleased mother. And if the gentleman gave you a penny for your politeness what would you say?

The innocent look passed from Tommy's eyes as he quietly answered:

'Why, I would stand on the other foot and say: 'Beg pardon!' again, of course.

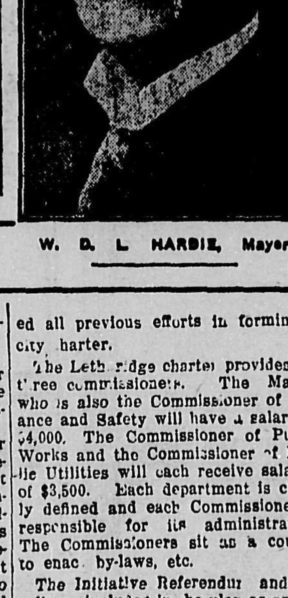
A Lemon Pointer

By placing lemons in the oven and heating them thoroughly and then rolling them with the hand you will find that they have a delicious flavor which is never found when the lemons are cold. You will also get more juice out of a lemon by heating it.

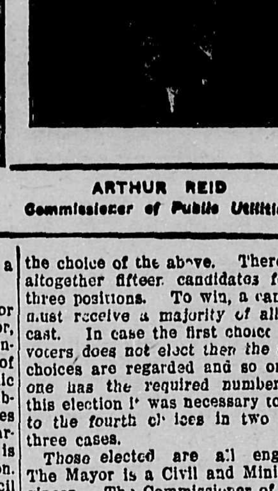
Occasionally we meet people who are almost as smart as we are.

Lethbridge's First Commissioners

A. M. GRACE
Commissioner of Public Works



W. D. L. HARDIE, Mayor



ARTHUR REID
Commissioner of Public Utilities

Commission Government for Canadian Cities

Within the last three years over three hundred American cities have adopted what is called the Commission Form of Municipal Government.

The reform may be said to have for fundamental principles. Fixed responsibility, quick action and expert service. It sprang out of the exigencies following the great flood at Galveston, Texas when that City was nearly effaced and required to be rebuilt without delay. The movement is spreading rapidly and from time to time new improvements are devised as different cities take up with it.

Lethbridge is the first city in Western Canada to adopt Commission Government and professes to have excelled all previous efforts in forming a city charter.

The Lethbridge charter provides for three commissioners. The Mayor, who is also the Commissioner of Finance and Safety will have a salary of $4,000. The Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Public Utilities will each receive salaries of $3,500. Each department is clearly defined and each Commissioner is responsible for its administration. The Commissioners sit as a council to enact by-laws, etc.

The Initiative Referendum and Recall are included in the plan as are also Woman Suffrage and Preferential Voting.

The first election for Commissioners was held on December 8th resulting in the choice of the above. There were altogether fifteen candidates for the three positions. To win, a candidate must receive a majority of all votes cast. In case the first choice of the voters does not elect then the second choices are regarded and so on until one has the required number. In this election it was necessary to count to the fourth choices in two of the three cases.

Those elected are all engineers. The Mayor is a Civil and Mining Engineer. The Commissioner of Public Works is a Civil Engineer. The Commissioner of Public Utilities is an Electrical Engineer.

The new Lethbridge Government will become effective on January 1st, 1914.

The Porcelain Tower

Or How Two Americans Were Saved

By CLARISSA MACKIE

Dick Evans sat up in bed and sleepily rubbed his eyes. Again came a cautious knock at his door.

"Come in!" he called impatiently, and as the sleek head of his Chinese house boy appeared in the aperture he added, "What's the matter, Fan Soo?"

Fan Soo closed the door softly and tiptoed to the bed.

"Him Smiss man boy bring chit. Hully up!"

Evans took the note and read the brief cipher message it contained.

Then he manufactured a very successful yawn and dismissed the beady eyed Chinese.

"Breakfast quick! Sabe, San Foo? Dust out of here now!"

Fan Soo dusted out, or it might more aptly be termed as "melting from view."

Alone, Dick Evans worked with lightning rapidity. He was in and out of his bath in a jiffy, quickly dressed in fresh white linen and packing a few valuables in his pockets. When he left the room there was nothing that he valued contained therein, not even a scrap of paper.

After a hasty breakfast he left his bungalow and went down the Canton road toward the city. As the agent of a large importing house in Canton he preferred to live in the suburbs of that rather unfriendly and seething city. His position was very uncertain. Five times had the agents of his house been driven away by the hostility of the natives and each time had they with customary English doggedness returned to the scene of battle.

Now things were rather different. With the country in a state of revolution, south China warring against the northern provinces, it was only a question of days before he would be com-

THE DISGUISE WAS PERFECT.

pelled to vacate not only his bungalow on the Canton road, but his offices in the city as well.

The blow had fallen this morning. The "chit" or note that Smith had sent him had contained a few words of warning. A company of soldiers bound north would leave the city at 9 o'clock, and that meant that their passage would be marked by robbery and perhaps worse.

Dick Evans was going to the house of his friend, James Smith, and together they might escape if they could reach the city, although it was whispered that all the traveled roads were infested with murderous bandits.

It was a good three miles to the Smith place, and when he reached it he found it quite deserted save for a fat comprador sunning himself in the gateway of the compound. He gave forth surly answers to Dick's questions.

Five hundred yards beyond the compound gate Dick came to the old porcelain tower that is a historic feature on the Canton road. Built many centuries before as the private retreat of a rich mandarin, the exquisite porcelain paintings that adorned its inner walls are still admired. Now the tower was deserted save by bats and rats, and it was whispered among the Chinese that devils haunted its many stories.

As Dick passed the old tower there came the sound of a familiar voice—it came in a whisper—that voice of James Smith, and it hastened Dick's steps toward the tower until he was standing in its tall shadow.

"Dodge in here. I'll tell you when I see you. Come up to the top floor!"

Dick cast a swift glance around the countryside and saw not a human being. He darted into the deep embrasure of the doorway and found himself at the foot of a winding, rickety stairway.

At last he reached the ninth floor, where Smith was waiting for him with pallid, drawn face and haggard eyes that had not known sleep for many hours.

"Cut in here so I can close up the place. The rascals will be about our ears in no time!" he exclaimed. "You received my chit?"

"An hour ago. What are you doing here?"

"Wait. Come with me." Smith led the way to a door painted with another red dragon and opened it, admitting his friend to the gloomy interior of a large room.

"Here we are, and here we remain until fate chooses to release us," said Smith gloomily as he faced Dick within the locked room.

"Have a light, can't you?" was Dick's first question.

Presently a lantern diffused soft light around the dusty room, which was lined with niches, in each one of which was a rather battered idol. Except for a straw pallet on the floor, a jug of water and a bowl of rice, the room was empty.

"What are you doing here?" asked Dick.

"Had a tip from a Chinese friend that our houses were to be looted and burned today. I sent you word, and I've taken refuge here after making an observation from the pinnacle and seeing the brigands coming from one direction and the soldiers from another. Between the two forces our bones would be picked quite clean."

"After they pass we can get away?" asked Dick thoughtfully.

"Maybe," smiled Smith, "provided they don't take it into their heads to level the tower to the ground."

"Wish we could give them a stiff scare. You know they are rather suspicious of this place."

"I know it. Give me time to think."

For a long time Smith sat on the floor with his head in his hands. At last he arose and uttered a triumphant whoop.

He darted to a carved chest thrust in one corner and from it dragged stiff robes of yellow brocade, soiled and dusty and almost falling to pieces with great age.

"If they linger along till dusk I think I can scare them stiff with this priestly garb," he chuckled. "You know one of the traditions connected with this place concerns an old priest of Buddha who starved himself to death in the tower in order to attain celestial rewards. The superstitious say that sometimes the spirit of this old priest comes back to the tower, hungry and forlorn, and cries for food and drink. I shall be that old priest for awhile. Watch me!"

When Smith's tall, gaunt frame was wrapped in the yellow robe and a black satin cap was stuck on his dark hair Dick confessed himself amazed at the resemblance to a Buddhist priest painted on one of the porcelain panels of the stairway. The disguise was perfect.

The two men sat and talked beside a tiny window that gave a view of the road to the city.

"If they only wait until dusk we can scare 'em off, and then we can get away," Smith repeated over and over again.

The day wore on, and, although they caught occasional glimpses of approaching soldiers, they did not make much progress, for there were much halting and disputing. It was almost twilight when a company of ragged soldiers stirred the thick white dust of the road near the porcelain tower.

"They're going to halt there, just as I thought. They're taking pot shots at the tower. See the ancient cannon they are dragging along."

Dick looked out and saw all the things Smith described. He saw more, for he noticed that they were preparing to load the cannon and gunners were pointing it toward the porcelain tower.

"Deuce take it, we're in for it now!" muttered Smith.

"Get into your robes. Scare 'em off, man. You can do it. I know the Chinese like a book. They'll streak it if they see that old yellow back on the balcony of the tower." Thus Dick encouraged his friend while he helped Smith into the yellow robe.

While the gunners were loading the cannon there came the sound of fierce cries from the south, and a band of tattered brigands came racing through the dust of the road.

At the same instant Smith stepped through a door that led to a small balcony that encircled the tower and, lifting his arms in their flowing sleeves, shrilled down at them a mixture of American slang and bad Chinese that hushed the riotous crowd below.

How long he stood there he never knew, but his arms grew stiff and useless and his neck cramped with its rigid attitude.

The long silence of the crowd below was broken at last by a shrill screech of terror from a brigand. That was the signal for panic. In ten minutes the long dusty road was empty and a full moon smiled wanly over the place where superstition still held sway.

"Ten years from now this could not happen," said Smith as he entered the city that night with Dick beside him. "The last remnants of superstition and ignorance are flying northward this very moment lashed by their own fears. China has awakened, yawned and nodded off again for another forty winks. After that—well, we'll all have to keep pretty wide awake to keep up with her."

Dick Evans, who saw a very profitable business going to the dogs, nodded ruefully. "There's just one consolation in the whole affair," he murmured, "and that is that it forms an excellent excuse for getting back into God's country again, and I'm going."

WALL PAPERINGS.

Black and White a Tempting Combination to Decorators.

"For those who must paper their walls there are many suggestions," says Elsie De Wolfe, the interior decorator.

"Among the most enchanting of the new papers," says the author, "are the black and white ones, fantastic Chinese designs and startling Austrian patterns. Black and white is always a tempting combination to the decorator, and now that Josef Hoffman, the great Austrian decorator, has been working in black and white for a number of years the more venturesome decorators of France and England and America have begun to follow his lead and are using black and white and black and color with amazing effect. We have black papers patterned in color and black velvet carpets and white coated papers sprinkled with huge black polka dots and all manner of unusual things. It goes without saying that much of this fad is freakish, but there is also much that is good enough and refreshing enough to last. One can imagine nothing fresher than a black and white scheme in a bedroom, with a saving neutrality of gray or some dull tone for rugs and a brilliant bit of color in porcelain. There is no hint of the mournful in the decorator's combination of black and white; rather, there is a naive quality suggestive of smartness in a gown or chic in a woman. A white walled room with white woodwork and a black and white tiled floor, a black lacquer bed and chest of drawers and chair, glass curtains of white muslin and inside ones of black and white Hoffman chintz, a splash of warm orange red in an oval rug at the bedside if it be winter or a cool green one in summer—doesn't this tempt you?"

FOR THE HANDY GIRL.

Three Piece Fur Sets Which Are Easily Put Together.

One charmingly pretty girl is wearing this season a smart three piece set of furs—hat, neckpiece and muff—of dark blue taffeta and dyed blue fox fur, cunningly put together, yet in reality so simple that any woman can make one like it.

The little toque has an upper crown of fur peeping out of swirling folds of the taffeta, which is brought around to form a standing up bow in front. Any girl can wear a hat like that and look alluring in it.

The neckpiece is a simple flat strip of fur set in a plaited frill of taffeta, with long taffeta streamers which tie in a loose knot.

And the muff! The muff is the chicest you ever saw. It is triangular in

FUR SET POSED ON VELVET.

shape, very wide at the top and tapering gradually to a point which makes it longer than even the average large muff. The taffeta, which forms the entire back, is brought around over the fur front in a very large flat bow. A big silk tassel finishes the tapering point, and there you are! Truly, we are not only furs, but furbelows, this winter.

Both the muff and the neckpiece of the opossum set seen in the cut are built against a background of black velvet. Two animal skins form the neckpiece, the paws being joined across the front.

Turkish Towel Mittens.

Take an old Turkish towel or new toweling and cut and make large mittens from it. Keep a pair in the bathroom, hung behind the tub with tapes. After taking a bath slip on these mittens and clean the tub out. They can be used when cleaning the bowl, toilet or tub, as they save the hands and are better than a brush or rag.

Round Steak With Tomatoes.

Gently simmer a round steak with some stewed tomatoes and suitable seasoning until tender. As a broiled meat a round steak, owing to its toughness, is hardly a success, but it will be perfectly tender if simmered slowly, not boiled.

SHE FORSWORE LOVE.

For the Sake of a Moral Ideal, Heroine Lived Alone.

As in the case of every famous woman who has chosen to live out her life in maide solitude, the world has always wondered just why Florence Nigbtingale never became a bride. The reason was revealed recently in a fascinating biography by Sir Edward Cook, which makes it very clear that in the breast of the "ministering angel," "The Lady With the Lamp," raged a conflict between the desire for the love of a certain man, home and children and a passion for a life passed wholly in the pursuit of a moral ideal—and the latter won.

This moving self-revelation is shown in letters to her friends and entries in her diary. At the age of 30, after she had formed one deep attachment, she renounced all ideas of marriage. She made the declaration on her birthday in her diary of 1850, as follows:

"I am 30, the age of which Christ began his mission. Now, no more childish things, no more vain things, no more love, no more marriage. No, Lord, let me only think of Thy will."

The name of the man who inspired the passionate love of this most remarkable woman— a love that her "moral and intellectual nature would not find satisfaction in his life," she cast aside—is not given. He is spoken of as "the stranger." For years he pressed his suit and for years Miss Nightingale felt the power of his pleading, was constantly tempted to yield to her craving for his protection and the joy of his society—but always, when it came to the point of accepting or refusing his proposal "something within her made marriage to him seem not quite possible." Her friends could not understand her—she could scarcely understand herself—for aside from the happiness which the union seemed to promise it would have been a brilliant one.

Had Florence Nightingale gone the way followed by womankind since time began, the world at large undoubtedly never would have known the beauty of her soul, her utter selflessness. But the one individual whom of all the world she held most dear would have known her heart. One cannot help but pity, even though one may fail to get her point of view, this fragile little "Lady With the Lamp" this gallant fighter who "went about doing good" under the bleakest, most difficult circumstances, while the lights of her heart's home constantly beckoned her to rest and happiness.

Must Be Moved.

The statue of King Charles I. that stands between the Strand and the Admiralty Arch in London will soon have to be moved. This is the result of a bill that is being introduced into Parliament for widening the approach to the Mall.

This historic monument is not only the finest equestrian statue in London, but for generations it has been the rallying ground for those who still cherish a fondness for "lost causes and forsaken beliefs and impossible loyalties." Every January 15 it is green with garlands—the votive offerings of enthusiasts who have not forgotten to reverence the memory of the "White King."

The monument was cast in 1633, but before it could be erected the civil war had broken out. It was then disposed of as "scrap" to a brazier of the name of Rivet. For many years Rivet did a thriving trade in "relics" from the statue, and the number of knives and forks with bronze handles which he pretended were manufactured from the effigy were legion.

Rivet, however, was a good man of business, and all the while the statue remained intact in his back yard at Holborn. After the Restoration it reappeared, to the surprise of many, and in 1674 was set up on the site of the old Charing Cross, where it has since remained.

Spread the Plague.

In the days of King Charles II. news traveled slowly in England, and before the people of Cornwall knew about the terrible plague in London there came to Bodmin itinerant traders with pack mules laden with silk and satin gowns, rich robes, plumed hats and expensive laces, which were offered for sale at ridiculous prices. The countryside rushed to purchase, and the merchants, having disposed of all their stock, departed. Then within a day or two the purchasers were attacked by a strange sickness and died by scores. The gaudy clothes had been stripped from the bodies of those who had died of the plague in London.

He Made Sure.

Mr. Lloyd George has been telling some stories bearing on his own unpopularity with his political opponents. One of them is about a man who was presented with a testimonial for saving someone from drowning. The hero modestly deprecated the praises showered upon him.

"Really, I have done very little to deserve this reward," he said, "I saw the man struggling in the water, and, as no one else was by, I knew he would be drowned if I didn't save him. So I jumped in, swam out to him, turned him over to make sure that he wasn't Lloyd George, and then pulled him out."

World's Largest Belt.

The largest conveyor belts in the world, it is claimed, are being built by the Perdrian Rubber Co., Ltd., of Sydney, New South Wales, for a coal loading plant at Fort Kembla. The belts are being made after specifications of the Public Works Department. Each is approximately 1,650 feet long and will weigh twelve tons, being made up of seven ply rubber and cotton in one continuous length without joints, thirty-ix inches wide. When rolled each belt will be too large to pass through the railway tunnels on the way to the port. The conveyor will carry coal about 1,600 feet at a rate of 1,000 tons an hour.

LEAVING THE SERVICE.

How the British Soldiers Fare Seeking Fresh Fields.

What next? That is the problem which confronts the man who is about to leave the British military or naval service, and he finds it by no means easy of solution. Work of some kind he must obtain. First question: What kind is going? Second: Where is it to be obtained?

It used to be no easy matter for a man who had for years been used to the routine of a soldier's life and was getting on in years to fit himself into a place in which he could earn enough to live on in comfort. Nowadays, however, things are different, and many occupations are open to him.

The principal field for ex-soldiers and sailors is the Civil Service, many appointments in which are now specially reserved for them. Numerous vacancies of what are officially styled the "messenger class" —housekeeper, office-keeper, etc.—are filled from the ranks of time-expired men, who are likewise eligible for such positions as postmen, telegraphist, clerk, assistant storekeeper, prison warder, etc.

For any of such posts a candidate must have an exemplary character. In general, also, he is required to pass an examination, which is usually simple and non-competitive. But army reserve men and discharged soldiers who possess an army second-class certificate of education are eligible for some appointments without examination.

An important concession is made in favor of all ex-soldiers and sailors. Service may be deducted from the actual age. If, for instance, a man is, by the irrefutable evidence of his papers forty years old, he may, by knocking off the number of years he has spent in the army or navy, bring himself well within the usual age limits (21—35) for the "messenger class."

To obtain a position in a Government department, application should be made to the secretary to the Civil Service Commission, Burlington Gardens, W. A register is kept of candidates' names, and from this vacancies are filled up as they occur.

But, though the civil service is the largest field open to time-expired men, there are many positions outside it for which they are preferred, some of them of an unobvious character.

Ex-soldiers are frequently selected as instructors in drill and gymnastics, R.S.P.C.A. (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) inspectors, school-attendance officers, etc. Those appointed as gymnastic instructors under such bodies as the London County Council must hold the first-class certificate for physical training of the Royal Military Gymnasium, Aldershot; but no such qualification is required for the post of assistant instructor; though, of course, a candidate must satisfy a council that he is competent to assist the instructor.

In the case of R.S.P.C.A. inspectorships, ex-soldiers are liked on grounds of character and discipline, and educational bodies regard them with favor because they are used to filling up forms!

Old bluejackets are in demand for certain work owing to their well-deserved reputation for "handiness." A curious proof of this is that certain cinematograph firms have recently appointed some of them to their staffs for the purpose of dealing with the many difficulties which crop up in the preparation of plays for filming. All manner of contrivances are wanted, and experience has shown that in inventing and making them, the ex-sailor is second to none.

Bumptious Cecil.

Cecil Rhodes' masterfulness and sense of importance met with little opposition as a rule, but a little German clerk in the Transvaal Government offices at Johannesburg before the war once taught him a lesson.

"Please attend to me at once," thundered the Colossus, "I can't wait."

"When your turn comes, mister," replied the clerk.

"Confound you, man! don't you know who I am?" asked Rhodes.

"Oh, yes, I know you; but don't worry about me," was the clerk's unruffled reply.

"If you were in Cape Town I'd have you discharged at once!" roared the great man.

"Yes," said the clerk, very coolly, "I've heard they discharge people in Cape Town for doing their duty. But this isn't Cape Town—this is a Republic."

Famous Writings Sold.

An excise paper in the handwriting of Robert Burns, with his signature, giving the amount of beer he guaged, sold for $130 at Sotheby's, and a collection of letters relating to him, some with his autograph, sold for $1,100.

Fifty checks drawn on Coutts' Bank by Charles Dickens brought $105, and five autograph letters written to Leigh Hunt by Mary Shelley, second wife of the author, sold for $275. Nineteen letters of the Duke of Marlborough to George III., went for $600, and 23 letters of Alexander Pope to his publisher and others fetched $825.

He Had a Millionaire's Privilege.

They had just become engaged.

"Oh, Will," she said, moving a trifle closer to him, "I am so glad you are not rich! They say that some of those millionaires receive threatening letters saying that something dreadful will happen to them if they don't pay the writers sums of money."

"Oh, is that all?" replied Will. "Why, I get plenty of such letters."

Paper From Seaweed.

Seaweed paper has been invented by an English chemist. A Liverpool newspaper states that it is fireproof, waterproof and odorless, and is expected to "have considerable effect on the present system of wrapping perishable goods for transport."

Good Form

Points In Wedding Etiquette.

With the exception of May, which is considered an unlucky month, and Lent, the quiet season, there is no time of the year when wedding ceremonies are not constantly taking place.

As might be expected, the preparations for a wedding take up not a little time and forethought. There are so many small details to be considered, various minor points of etiquette to notice, and a hundred and one things to remember if the actual day is to be gone through by all concerned without hitch or inconvenience.

The magnificence or simplicity of the ceremony depends, of course, on the worldly position of the bride and bridegroom, though certainly the present day tendency is toward a rather disproportionate display, as every year presents become more numerous and costly, the bride's trousseau more elaborate, while immense sums are expended on decorations, catering and such like items.

The popular fashion of white satin and orange blossoms for the bride's attire still holds its own, though there are occasional innovations made such as the wearing of gold or silver brocade and touches of color on the train, while quite recently, instead of the usual white bouquet or sheaf of lilies, the bride carried a great bunch of crimson roses.

For winter weddings muffs of fur, lace and chiffon have replaced the flowers, or sometimes a prayer book bound in white and silver.

The invitations are sent out a full three or four weeks beforehand in the name of the bride's parents, the bridegroom supplying a list of those of his own friends whom he wishes invited.

As regards the bouquets, those of the bride, bridesmaids and bride's mother are supplied by the bridegroom, who also pays all fees connected with the ceremony.

The cost of the reception and the carriages for taking the bride and guests to church are provided by the bride's parents, but the bridegroom pays for the carriage or motorcar to the station after the reception.

At one time it was considered incorrect for a widow to be followed by bridesmaids on the occasion of her second marriage, but this rule is often broken. Sometimes, however, the custom of a "matron of honor" is followed instead.

The number of bridesmaids varies considerably, four to six being most usual, but two, ten or twelve, or in their place several small children, are often seen.

The chief bridesmaid holds the bride's bouquet and gloves during the service, and all the bridesmaids and the parents on both sides follow to the vestry for the signing of the register.

Keep Your Hands Quiet.

The hands of some people seem to have acquired the secret of perpetual motion. A girl who has this fault should set about conquering it immediately if she does not want to do damage to the nerves of those who have to be with her and wreck her own. The instant she realizes that she is pulling at her hair combs, or collar, or giving her belt a vicious jab, let her stop and hold her hands fixed in her lap, no matter what effort it requires.

Look about in the theater, or tea room, or street car. Hardly a girl has her hands in repose. Most are tugging at some article of dress as they talk, or, what is worse, fingering the dress of a companion.

The manager of an office where there are many girls had to put up a notice that clerks must not touch articles on her desk when they came to speak to her. She says that one when making a report would pick up a pencil and draw weird figures on the desk blotter. The next hooked paper clips together, making a long chain that the manager had the work of unhooking; another tapped the desk with a pencil during her conversation. In short, scarcely a girl came and stood beside the desk with quiet hands.

The wall around a public telephone is another indication that most people while using the line must still be working with their hands, for always there is a mass of pencil scratchings as far as the hand can reach.

When Introduced.

It is a duty to listen attentively to the name of one who is introduced. Avoid all mistakes by asking politely for the name that you have not heard or that has been mumbled by a thoughtless introducer.

"Will you tell me again your name? I was not quick enough to hear it." is a graceful little way of correcting an error. By all means do not guess at a name, nor do not conclude that a man and woman who enter a room and are introduced together are necessarily married. A guest has no right to refuse an introduction under the roof of a hostess who has invited many persons whose private feelings are naturally unknown to her. A courteous acknowledgment, even between unfriendly ones, is due your hostess. After the polite, formal acceptance of an introduction a separation can be effected. But don't forget to save others the embarrassment of an ill-bred display of personal feelings.

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LOCAL NEWS

W. Wesley Willard left for Nanaimo on Thursday morning.

The members of the West Cumberland Conservative Band will hold a basket social in the Club Hall on Monday evening, March 16th for the benefit of the band. The social will be a success as several young men are already anxious ts purchase baskets.

WANTED—For the City of Cumberland, a HORSE, not more than five years of age and weighing not less than twelve hundred pounds.

A. McKINNON,
City Clerk

City Hall, Feb. 27th, 1914.

Western Fuel Co. of Nanaimo has entered into an agreement with the present employees covering a period of two years and seven month. Company men pushers and drivers. firebosses and shot lighters all receive increased pay under the new agreement rangingf rom 5 to 12 1-2 per cent. The agreement in full will be published in the Nanaimo Daily Herald.

Thomas Scott, of Denman Island was accidently drowned on Tuesday morning near Graham and McFarlane's mill. The unfortunate young man fell off a boom of logs and sank in six feet of water, The deceased leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

The ladies auxiliary of the Union and Comox District Hospital, at the regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Willard, decided to hold a Calico Ball on Friday, April 24th. for the purpose of raising funds to assist the ladies in their noble work.

"Are We Afraid?" will be the subject of the discourse in Grace Methodist Church to-morrow evening. Morning subject, "What Shall We Have?" Hours 11a.m. and 7p.m. Sunday school and A.B.C. at 2-30 p.m. Strangers cordially welcomed.

The literary meeting of the Grace Methodist Young People's Society will be held in the vestry of the church on Monday evening at 7-30. The discussion on "The Galicians and other foreigners in in Canada" will be led by Mr. MacGillivery, who has been closely associated with some of their settlements and tells some interesting experiences. Everybody welcome.

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The said lands will be open for entry by pre-emption on Monday, the 18th day of May at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon; all applications to be made at the office of the Government Agent, Vancouver.

No Pre-emption Record shall include more than 40 acres of land except in cases where it is desirable to include small fractional portions of legal Subdivisions; information in which connection may be obtained from plans on view at the above mentioned Agency.

R. A. Renwick
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Lands Department,
Victoria, B, C.
11th February, 1914.

FOR SALE BY TENDER.

Tenders will be received by the undesigned not later than 4 p.m. on the 5th day of March 1914 for the purchase of the half lot and two story building known as The K. Abe & Co. General Store situated on Dursmuir Avenue in the City of Cumbeland terms cash. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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AUCTION SALES

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Tuesday, March 31st

Sale of the Farm Stock, Implements, Furniture, etc., at "Fairview Farm," Upper Road, Courtenay, for Mr. George Jefferies

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