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INTERESTING BITS OF GOSSIP FROM THE QUEEN CITY.

A Fakir Gets His Just Dues—A Loquacious Alderman—Craft in the City—New Railway Board Chairman.

"Doctor" James Gevalia Evans, who has just been sentenced to fifteen months in Kingston penitentiary on a charge of forgery, never made much of a splash in Toronto, though he has been travelling around the Province for several years. Until the last year or two "Dr." Evans made his headquarters in Kingston, where he now returns in a different capacity. He arrived there about eight years ago from whence no one knows. He forthwith became active in missionary work. And, among many activities, evolved one pet scheme of establishing a missionary boat on the river Jordan. The boat would travel up and down the river carrying Christianity to the Jews and the Mahomedans of the Holy Land. In advocating this and other schemes "Dr." Evans often assumed Oriental costume, which added to his picturesque and impressiveness, and the sensation his appearance caused will be recalled at many a house-boat fiasco in until one day a traveller just returned from Palestine asserted that the river at that point would hardly float a chip, let alone a house-boat. "Dr." Evans was not perturbed. He simply switched to some other scheme. The truth about Evans is that he was a morphine fiend. His arms are a mass of punctures where the needle has been injected. That accounts for his visionary schemes and his absolute irresponsibility.

Duke Saw Medals.
Recently, when the Duke of Connaught was visiting Toronto, there was to be a review of the Veterans' Association. Evans hurried up and got into a veteran. Lo and behold his immaculate frock coat was decorated with a string of medals and badges for valor, long service and other military accomplishments, that turned the heart of the proudest veteran green with envy. When the Duke of Connaught passed along the line his sharp eye caught the array. He stopped, examined the medals keenly, and it is said, detected the fraud. Shortly afterwards came "Dr." Evans' arrest and subsequent exposure. Some years ago, when the Russian Japanese war broke out, there was practically no one on this continent who knew much about conditions at the scene of fighting. Clubs and associations searched everywhere for lecturers who could deal with the subject, but none was forthcoming. "Dr." Evans jumped into the breach. He knew. Needless to say, his lectures were a frost, although the first ones were largely attended. He advertised pictures, and fulfilled his promise by showing pictures of a boat sailing into various parts all around the world, but when she got to Japan he calmly announced that from this point on the censor would allow no pictures out. In the 1911 election "Dr." Evans jumped to the front as an Imperialist orator, and in one speech or another he is widely known throughout the Province. His schemes rarely did anybody any harm. Even the forgery on which he was connected, arising in connection with a private College here, was not serious in its consequences.

Loquacious "Sam" McBride.
One of the spectacular figures of the Toronto City Council is Alderman Sam McBride. Sam is decidedly loquacious. That is one of his chiefest claims to fame. A favorite pastime of the reporters at Council meetings is to keep track of the number of times Sam speaks. Sometimes the record runs to surprising figures—once it ran to 75 different speeches, which for a session of five hours' duration means that he averaged one speech every four minutes throughout the performance. Naturally Sam does not talk very long at a time, and sometimes what he says is not much to the point. Again it is too pointed for some of his fellow aldermen, for he has the faculty of getting under the skin of his companions with personal remarks. Generally he is good natured, but the other day he threatened across the Council board to shove his fist down the long throat of Controller Church. The good people of the town were greatly shocked and the newspapers read the Council lectures on the indecency of bear garden exhibitions. But Sam afterwards apologized and said he did not mean what he said.

Picks Unpopular Side.
Another claim to fame Alderman McBride has is that he generally votes with the minority. He seems to have a faculty of picking out the unpopular side of an argument. As an "opposer" he is an expert. He was instrumental in blocking the Humber Boulevard scheme for a year, his ground ostensibly being that it is a scheme to make a millionaire of Mr. Home Smith at the expense of the city. If the project had been unpopular Ald. McBride would have probably supported it. Newspapers and others threaten Ald. McBride with defeat at the polls for his obstructive tactics. But he doesn't worry. Every First of January since 1905, with one exception, he has bobbed up serenely near the top of the poll in ward three. He seems to go on the theory that by opposing everything he gathers in all the votes of the knoekers and scorchards. They are the ones who don't forget.

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In private life Sam is known to fame for his support of harness racing. He is an ardent follower of trotting races in Toronto and throughout the Province and illuminates the meetings of Council with horsey talk and the picturesque atmosphere of the race track.

Craft in Toronto.
A Toronto journalist has been making an investigation into various forms of "graft" that are practised here, and has found some surprising illustrations. One charge he makes is against undertakers whose charges, he says, are often extortionate. A simple, though thoroughly decent funeral, can be made up on the following charges and still allow the undertaker a good profit of \$15:

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| Coffin | \$15 00 |
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| Hearse | 8 00 |
| Embalming | 10 00 |
| Shroud | 5 00 |
| Total | \$43 00 |

Yet the charges often run up over \$100. Not long ago a Toronto undertaker sent in a bill for \$54, but in this case the executor contested the bill in court and had it cut to \$123. The casket, which was a fine one, had been charged at \$250, though the undertaker admitted in the box that it had cost him only \$24. Probably ninety-nine out of a hundred people who charge even if extortionate, rather than appear to be mean about such a matter. And this feeling is played upon.

It is charged, too, that nurses in the institutions stand in with undertakers and receive from them gifts of cakes, flowers, theatre tickets, etc., in return for which they give prompt notice of death, so that the undertaker can set on the job before a rival. Some doctors are also charged with getting concessions from undertakers. Then there is the janitor's "graft." This flourishes in an apartment house, where from ten families up may reside. Naturally, each family would expect to patronize the grocer, or the butcher, or the dairy they preferred. But the janitor recommends certain people. If his advice is not accepted the deliveries never come right. There is always something wrong, until he gets his way. The presumption is that he gets his "rake off."

SCOFFERS Often Make the Staunchest Converts.

The man who scoffs at an idea or doctrine which he does not fully understand has at least the courage to show where he stands.

The gospel of Health has many converts who formerly laughed at the idea that tea and coffee, for example, ever hurt anyone. Upon looking into the matter seriously, often at the suggestion of a friend, such persons have found that Postum and a friend's advice have been their salvation.

"My sister was employed in an eastern city where she had to do calculating," writes a Western girl. "She suffered with headache until she was almost unfitted for duty. Her landlady persuaded her to quit coffee and use Postum, and in a few days she was entirely free from headache." (Tea is just as injurious as coffee because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee.) "She told her employer about it, and on trying it, he had the same experience.

"My father and I have both suffered much from nervous headache since I can remember, but we scoffed at the idea advanced by my sister, that coffee was the cause of our trouble.

"However, we finally quit coffee and began using Postum. Father has had but one headache now in four years, due to a severe cold, and I have lost my headaches and sour stomach which I am now convinced came from coffee.

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Ask a man if he thinks he can stand still for five minutes, blindfolded, without moving his feet. It sounds easy, but it is fairly safe to wager that he will move his feet before the time is half up. It is necessary to be sure that the blindfolding is properly done. If the performer does not move his feet, it is probable that he will topple over. A little trick with the fingers

which is possible but very rarely accomplished is to place the tips of the first and third fingers together, and then try to draw the middle finger between them without disjoining the tips, and without support from any other fingers.

Lie flat on your back, bend your leg back on to your body, and then try to straighten your knee. You will find it impossible, the reason being that you are already using the necessary muscles for the first action, the lower part of the leg being worked by the same muscles as control the upper part.

If you were to ask an average cigar-smoker if he could smoke a cigar right through in steady, consecutive puffs without once taking it from his mouth, he would probably smile at the simplicity of the feat. You are fairly safe to wager him that he cannot do it. Half a cigar generally consumes itself whilst held in the fingers of the smoker or placed on an ash-tray.

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Dr. Moretti of Rome Says He Has Solved Great Problem.

Dr. Riccardo Moretti of Rome claims to have solved the problem of wireless telephony owing to a special generator of electric oscillations of his invention, which has been successfully experimented with between Rome and Tripoli. This apparatus consists of two poles fixed vertically a small distance apart and through one of which a thin continuous jet of water flows. The water is evaporated by an electric spark between the ends of the poles and an alternating current of extraordinary rapidity is consequently generated since the oscillations thus produced are calculated at several hundred thousands every second. As the oscillations exceed in number and rapidity the vocal vibrations by means of this generator it is possible to transmit the voice over long distances.

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phone receivers and transmitters, but he is now working on a hydraulic transmitter, particulars of which are still undivulged as it has not yet been patented abroad. Dr. Moretti is the nephew of Prof. Machiavava, the Pope's physician.

He admits that he owes his invention to Marconi and insists that it is nothing else but an application of wireless telegraphy to the telephone. Dr. Moretti has granted the prior rights of his invention to the Government and in fact a wireless telephone station is already being installed between Tripoli and Rome. Meanwhile an Italian syndicate has been formed for the exploitation of the Moretti generator of electric oscillations.

THE CZAREVITCH. Russia's Future Ruler Much Like Other Boys of His Age.

It has been a surge of great regret to loyal Russians that the cast iron etiquette of the imperial court has hitherto prevented them from obtaining even the least glimpse of the daily life of the Czarevitch, but since his illness the curtain has been lifted and it is possible to give some idea of the young Prince's education, occupations and amusements.

The most striking of the pictures thus afforded is perhaps that of the future ruler of the great Russian Empire drilling with the sons of non-commissioned officers and privates. But the account generally reveals the average human boy, poring over his books for the allotted hours and then scampering

about the country "scouting," bathing, bird nesting, boating and bicycling.

The Empress devotes herself to her little boy's moral and religious training and also teaches him English.

The Czarevitch is vivacious, intelligent and eager to learn, asking endless questions. He is very fond of the lives of the saints, especially St. Seraphim, whose canonization at Tamboff his parents attended in 1903 and whom popular belief associates with the continuance of the dynasty in the direct male line.

He never tires too of hearing stories of the legendary heroes of Russia. His physical training, consisting of gymnastic Swedish exercises and elementary military drill, is often watched by the Czar. While his lessons are taken alone, in his out-of-doors recreations the Czarevitch has numerous companions, and in his "scouting" expeditions with them thoroughly enters into the boy scout spirit, joining heartily in the choruses of the scout songs and so on.

He continues to be attended wherever he goes by the sailor Dorevenko of the imperial yacht Standart.

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