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THIS MIGHT WORK.

"How can I get my husband to tell me about his business affairs?" plaintively inquires a correspondent? Ask him for money for a new dress. —Halifax Herald.

BOLIVIA'S ADVANTAGE

Apparently disabused of the idea that the interminable warfare between Bolivia and Paraguay in the Gran Chaco jungles can be halted by means of heart-to-heart chats with the combatants, the League of Nations committee entrusted with the task of settling the dispute has decided to settle it by taking sides. The coin came down "heads," so Bolivia will now get all the arms she needs, with the blessing of the League, while embargoes on munitions shipments to Paraguay are strengthened.—Border Cities Star.

SEALING WAX.

The use of sealing wax on letters is a very ancient custom, but it by no means follows that it is entirely suitable to present day uses. The postal employees wax angry at its present day use on the back of letters because of the danger from flying fragments of hardened wax to the eyes of the employees. The post office authorities, however, have ruled that "the department knows of no justifiable reason for requesting the public to forego the use of a sealing material which has been in use from time immemorial, and which, as far as the department is aware, has no substitute."—Moncton Transcript.

CURFEW.

Like Port Stanley, Fort Erie has a curfew law that is being enforced to the extent that parents who let "teen" age children roam the streets are being haled into court. That's getting at the root of the trouble.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

FALSE GOSPEL.

"War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to meet it." So declares Premier Mussolini, the ruler of Italy. A terrible falsity. Canada proves it so. From the close of the War of 1812-14 with the United States to the outbreak of the World War of 1914, Canada enjoyed practically one hundred years of peace. Then came the World War of 1914. From our small population Six hundred thousand Canadians became soldiers—and those who got into battle proved that there were no better soldiers in the world.—Ottawa Journal.

REMINDER.

Let the printed sheets of dates which we call a calendar remind us every day in the year that time is passing, and we must get something valuable out of each day.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

PACIFIC COAST SALMON.

The Professor of Biology at Stanford University said in a recent address betore a scientific association that each tributary of streams flowing into the ocean was shown to have a distinct colony or race of salmon. It was further stated by the professor that if these races are destroyed by dams or other man-made devices on the Pacific rivers they cannot be replaced—Halifax Herald.

HEARST ON RUSSIA

The American newspaper publisher, William Randolph Hearst, took occasion in a recent national broadcast to speak the "plain, uncensored truth" about Russia. Despite his earlier views on the great communistic enterprise in that country, he is definitely critical today. He described the Soviet governmental experiments as a fearful failure, which was "only to be expected from putting people who could not care for their own interests successfully in charge of the administration of public affairs.—Calgary Herald.

GREATEST SEAPORT.

When people think of big British seaports they instantly call to mind Liverpool and Southampton, therefore, it may surprise them to learn that London is Britain's busiest seaport by a long way.

During the year ended October 31, the net tonnage using London was 58,693,242. Liverpool was a poor second with 33,505,650, and Southampton third with 25,267,860. Then came Hull with over 11,000,000, although no large liners call there, being on the east coast, and fifth place was occupied by Manchester with over 7,000,000, which is pretty good for a port that is 35 miles from the sea to which it only has access by a man-made canal.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

An Alberta driver the other day just missed beating a train to the crossing, but no doubt he will try it again.—Calgary Herald.

PRAIRIE FRIENDLINESS

Prairie neighborliness has become a byword throughout Canada. It has been thrown into new and still brighter relief in these years of economic ordeal. Men, women and children on the prairies, and, as well, in the towns and cities that dot them, have gone out of their way to do the kindly neighborly thing. This personal helpfulness has become an institution in the west.—Regina Leader-Post.

WALKING AT NIGHT.

People who have to walk along roads at night should pay heed to Chief Shute's reminder that the safe way is to keep to the left, thus facing oncoming traffic. And to add to one's safety under such circumstances it is advisable to have something white visible. Even a white handkerchief carried on the hand would be seen quickly by the driver of a motor car. Persons dressed in dark clothes are often almost invisible until within the direct focus of the headlights—and then it is usually too late.—Edmonton Journal.

THE VACANT CHAIRS.

Magistrate Browne, of Toronto, whose profession brings him into daily contact with the problem, made some striking reference to the automobile death toll in an address the other night.

The deplorable waste of life occasioned by traffic accidents, he declared, was "a ghastly indictment upon our civilization."

'I am often told," says the magistrate, "that damages will be settled. Yes, but tell me, what insurance company can ever fill a vacant chair?"—Peterboro Examiner.

HARD TIMES IN THE ARCTIC

Turkeys at Aklavik, states a radio dispatch from the tiny ice-bound settlement, would have been valued at $1.50 a pound—if there had been any turkeys.

There weren't, so the white and native trappers ate roast caribou and wild cranberries for Christmas and New Year's dinners.—Winnipeg Tribune.

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APPETIZER.

At an eating competition, a collier succeeded in disposing of a leg of mutton, a loaf of bread, and a plentiful supply of vegetables, finishing up with a substantial plum pudding.

He was decided the winner.

When going home, he said to some of his admirers. "Now, lads, don't yo say nowt about this to my missus, or she won't gi'e me no supper.—London Advertiser.

POLITE THOUGH HATLESS.

I am in the habit of wearing a beret. As this form of headgear fits tightly to the head it is almost impossible to remove it in time. It is equally difficult to replace, especially if one hand is occupied with, say, a stick or an umbrella. To bow with the beret on seems scarcely courteous; to touch the forehead with the right hand has a menial air; to make a Fascist salute is un-English. Can any one tell me what to do?—London Times.

PARADE OF 400 'PLANES.

One of the high points of the King's Jubilee Year will be a royal review on a big scale of the Royal Air Force.

Air ministry officials and Service officers are discussing the arrangements. One suggestion is that the climax of the review should be a grand "fly-over" on a scale never yet attempted in this country, engaging 400 airplanes, and a "royal salute" with the squadrons diving in formation before the King.

The biggest formation of aircraft that has yet flown over the British Isles consisted in rather more than one hundred aircraft under the leadership of the late Air Commodore C. R. Samson. The flight was made over London some 10 years ago. In size that fleet easily surpassed in numbers the largest enemy formation to appear over English territory during the war — British Aircraft Society.

TOURIST ADVERTISING

Ceylon is rapidly fading off the tourists' map of the world. There has been in recent months a striking decline of tourist traffic. This is the more remarkable because "the world," as Mr. M. S. Milne remarked on Sunday at Nuwara Eliya, "has gone cruising mad." Economic recovery has multiplied tourists and is sending them to the four quarters of the globe. Japan, despite, its drawbacks of distance and language, was expecting to receive an unprecedented number of tourists this year. It was thought that the total would exceed 30,000 visitors as against an average of 17,000 or 18,000. The reason for this sudden influx is a lesson which Ceylon may take to heart. The propaganda carried on against Japan's cheap goods is regarded in Japan as the biggest advertisement for the country. Evidently it is better to become even notorious than remain in respectable obscurity and be ignored.—Times of Ceylon, Colombo.

BETTER TIMES IN N.Z.

This is going to be a much better import year than 1933 was, or, indeed, any year since 1930. With imports so drastically reduced stocks of commodities in this country have become depleted, while the small inward flow has effected employment and contributed to the general sluggishness of trade. Its revival can be attributed in part to the need to replenish supplies of overseas commodities. But that need has existed earlier, when trade still remained at a low ebb. It has been started moving again by several conditions which can easily be assessed. A belief that the future will be better than the past can be given some of the credit. A more important factor has undoubtedly been the dissipation of that atmosphere of uncertainty which restrained importers from operating. The tariff amendments have been made and the exchange policy has been stabilized. Therefore plans can now be formed more confidently than was previously possible.—Auckland News.

Set For The Winter

Homeless Parisians have formed a society called the "Philosophers of the Seine," and following the teachings of the Ancients, they have made the best of their circumstances. Picture shows one of them hanging up weekly wash while other peers out of shelter built of odds and ends.

She Was Pretty Desperate

No manager would take me seriously. I even darkened my hair to show that I have character and brains.—Miss Angela Joyce, ex-beauty Queen, in an interview in the last Sunday Pictorial.

Canada-South Africa Need Fast Shipping

Johannesburg—Need for a direct and speedy shipping service between the Union of South Africa and Canada was emphasized in an interview by J. H. McDonald of New Westminster, B.C., chairman of Canada's first trade mission to South Africa.

"We suggest" he said, "that the two governments should jointly subsidize one of the shipping lines to run a regular and fast service between the Union and Canada. A direct service will enable Union exporters to enjoy some of the preferences which our government extends. Once goods are shipped via the United Kingdom they lose their identity and come under a different tariff."

The Canadian visitors spent a day at Pretoria interviewing members of the South African government. Later they visited Durban and returned to spend two or three weeks in this city. They propose going to Rhodesia to talk Canadian trade in Bulawayo and Salisbury.

Meetings and Conventions For Month of February

Arrangements have been completed by the Agricultural Associations concerned to hold their Annual Meetings and Conventions, as announced below:

Ontario Plowmen's Association—Tuesday, February 5th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Field Crop and Seed Growers' Association—Wednesday February 6th, commencing at 9.30 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions — Annual Convention, Thursday and Friday, February 7th and 8th, commencing at 9.30 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association—Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 12th, commencing at 9.30 a.m. Convention, Wednesday, February 13th, commencing at 9 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Horticultural Association, Annual Convention—Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22, commencing at 9 a.m. King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Quintuplets News Interests Editors

"There Is But One Leaning Tower of Pisa; One Dionne Family"

The Sault Ste. Marie Star says editorially:

"A woman wrote up the Dionne household for the last issue of the Canadian Home Journal, and was apparently much perturbed at the modest furnishings. The large 'bare' living room plainly impressed her, for she lists the stove, table, plain chairs and the few other articles it contained.

"To a northerner who knows something of the modest requirements of its pioneer households, the Toronto woman's reaction is interesting. Even where more elaborate furnishings could be afforded, simplicity in rural homes in the north is seldom departed from. That the Dionne family could add something to the living room must be apparent from the fact that a piano is listed in the parlor.

"The settler in the north is used to the simple life. He does not favor cluttering up his home with more furniture than he thinks he needs even when he could afford to do so."

EDITORIAL REPLY.

The Stratford Beacon-Herald replies editorially to a correspondent, a man, who wants to "get a rest from all the fuss over the Dionne babies."

"Well, we remain interested ourselves," says the editor. "One man who returned from a trip to Florida told us the people at the hotel where he was staying asked him about the Dionne children when they found he was from Ontario; there was a letter in yesterday's mail from Washington and at the bottom was the query 'How goes it with the quintuplets?' It's a fact the news about them has been carried pretty much all over the world for the Dionne sisters are the only quintuplets in the world. There is but one learning tower of Pisa, just one Gibraltar and just one Dionne family.

"We admit we are interested in the Dionne sisters. If we could shove one of them about in a cart we'd gladly do so, or perform any other minor or major service. Not being able to do that we print things in the paper now and then about them, put in their pictures so people can see how they are getting along, and we'll keep on doing it. Much better material, we think, than a plethora of stories about bad men, bandits, wars, divorces, depressions and so on. Why, just think of it—five at a time and all living and fat as pups! Nothing like it in the world."

Trying Experiments With Strawberries

Quebec—The agricultural districts of the province in general, and the district of Quebec City and the Island of Orleans in particular, are expected to derive considerable benefit from a new co-operative experiment that is being conducted by the Provincial and Dominion departments of agriculture with cold storage garden strawberries.

Some 30,000 pounds of last year's crop of strawberries, which have been kept in cold storage, will be offered for sale on the Montreal market in the near future, and if the experiment proves successful, it is expected between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds of Quebec strawberries will be similarly marketed in the winter of 1936.

It is claimed that, early in the season, long before the province's strawberries are available, a considerable amount of berries are imported from the United States and Ontario and are sold at fairly high prices, but that Quebec cold storage berries, which retain their excellent taste and fine quality, could easily and profitably take their place.

DAVID COPPERFIELD

Weekly Serial

Based on the Novel by CHARLES DICKENS

David stays to dinner at the Wickfields. Uriah sits at the head of the table, flushed with his own importance. But when Agnes leaves the room he proposes a toast to his hopes of winning her as his wife. Wickfield, enraged, tries to strike him, but when Uriah speaks to him warningly, he collapses.

David and Dora are married and live in a tiny cottage at Highgate. In spite of Dora's childisn helplessness about everything, they are happy together until the night Aunt Betsy and Mr. Dick come to dinner. Everything goes wrong. The roast is burnt and the oysters are unopened.

The young couple quarrel bitterly and Dora bursts into a torrent of tears. But later, when their guests have left, they each beg the other's forgiveness and David decides to bring Peggotty into the house to take care of everything in the household so that Dora will have no further worries.

Some months later, Peggotty rushes in and interrupts David's writing. Em'ly has been found! David quickly seeks out Uncle Dan who tells him how Steerforth had cruelly deserted her in Naples. He begs David to go to Ham, who has now grown reckless of his life, and tell him the news. Will David reach him in time? Watch for next week's concluding installment of "David Copperfield."