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Guns too Easy

It is far too easy in this country, as in the United States, for a man to get guns. Nobody has any right to posess a revolver at all unless he is a police officer, or is engaged in some pursuit which requires that he have one under permit, with the police fully aware that he has it. Guns are no part of the equipment of a peaceable, law-abiding citizen. The law should be so tightened that the whereabouts of every gun in the country is known. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Big Noise

Some people are like a fire siren. They make just as much fuss over a little trouble as a big one.

—Kitchener Record.

Women Now Are Persons

It is not so long ago that women were first admitted to the practice of law. They made their essay into medicine earlier, but the corridors of the law courts were debarred to feminine feet. About twenty years ago there was an interesting incident in the neighboring province of New Brunswick, when Miss Mabel French, having completed the training for the bar, applied to the court for admission. The judge ruled that a "person" was not a woman within the meaning of the statute and she was not admitted.

Not long after, a woman having fallen into the toils of the law through some misdemeanor, was coached by Miss French, and when her case was called, she pleaded a ruling of the Supreme Court that she "was not a person within the meaning of the statute" and so went free. The Legislature then took a hand in the matter and it ended with the admission of Miss French to the bar. She afterwards practised in British Columbia. —Halifax Chronicle.

Saved for Lean Times

The Ontario farmer of a generation ago did not spend all he made from one year's operation of his farm; rather he put something by to carry him long during the next year, in case there was a poor harvest. Counting on next year being a good year was the last thought in his mind.

So it was with men in seasonal occupations. They might only get a few months' work, but it was only the improvident who spent everything at the time he earned it and trusted to good luck or charity for the rest of the year.

Have we passed out of this stage into an era where people have abandoned all thought of relying on their own resources and are content with support from the taxpayers through relief? What has happened at Ottawa, as we have observed, may not be common practice, but a thorough survey should be made by all municipalities and by the Employment Commission to ascertain the actual facts. —Lethbridge Herald.

To Doff or Not to Doff

All this pother about whether a man should doff his hat when riding in an elevator with female passengers can be settled in a breath of good etiquette. Neither custom nor courtesy require a man to remove his headgear in a public place, no matter how many of the opposite sex may be present. Elevators in office buildings and department stores and hotels and the like are as much public places as the streets, the rotundas and the business marts. Therefore a man, if he wish to be precise in his etiquette, should not doff his hat in an elevator. And that is all there is to it!—Winnipeg Free Press.

Lesson in English

"Red" Ryan has been repeatedly referred to in the press as a "famous criminal". This is not only a wrong use of the word "famous," but it degrades a classic term . Ryan was not famous, he was infamous. It is a strict practice in the British press to refer to such criminals as "notorious". We in Canada would do well to follow that example.

There are other words that are commonly used incorrectly by newspapermen — for instance, the word "tragedy" is commonly employed in reports of accidents of various kinds. There may be tragedy in some accidents, such as in the case of the death of a bride and bridegroom on their honeymoon, but most accidents would be more correctly described as "fatalities." To say that a thing is "tragic" implies the clash of human emotions, such as love, hate and revenge, culminating fatally for one or more of the persons involved.

That is enough for one lesson.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

A Good Teacher

The passing of Miss Margaret Barbour, who served for upwards of fifty years as a teacher in St. Mary's, impresses upon one the importance of the school teacher's calling. During her lengthy career Miss Barbour had a part in moulding the lives of several thousands boys and girls of this town, many of whom have since advanced to position of distinction in the Dominion, and she will long be gratefully remembered by old pupils in all parts of the continent. A good teacher is one of the most important assets of any community. When we fail to realize that fact we are doing less than justice to the upcoming generation.

Would Have Speed Traps

. . . The advantage is with the traffic officers when the summons simply charges that 35 miles per hour was exceeded, which, of course, is done by 99 drivers out of 1,000, and a motorist would not feel any sense of injustice if the officer merely stopped him and said he was driving over 35 miles per hour. Most driver travel between 45 and 50, and on a clear road there is no harm in that.

But in the fair system, if motorists are to be told they were travelling at a certain speed, is to have measured miles on the highways with an officer at each end who could signal each other and take accurate records instead of merely guessing at what they estimate it was by the speed of their own motorcycles trying to overtake a car that may be a long way up the road before they get started.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

War Profit

A London worker for peace asks: "What possible profit can come out of another European war?" Well, for one thing, Vickers, DuPont, Krupp and Schneider might pay 20 per cent. or more, and probably would.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Marking the Millionth Streamlined Mile

The Burlington Zephyr crashing through huge canvas covered hoop near Savanna, Ill., as the railroad celebrated the completion of its first million miles of streamlined, Diesel-powered passenger service.

Soviet Eyes the Sea

Gunners on the Soviet battleship "October Revolution" pictured during training drill of Baltic fleet. Already holding commanding position on land and in the air, the Soviet government is preparing to enlarge and strengthen its fleet.

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Rail Revival

It is a fact worth noting that last year the British railways carried 26 million passengers more than in 1934, and 50 millions more than in 1933. The gross receipts were increased by £1,725,000 and £2,280,000 respectively. In the absence of figures as to working costs it is not possible to state net results, but it seems as though the policy of offering cheap fares has fully justified itself, and that the railway companies have reason to be satisfied. The figures point also to a definite improvement in the prosperity of the country. — Edinburgh Scotsman.

108 in the Shade!

Calcutta during the past week has been in the grip of a very trying heat wave, the shade temperature soaring in five days from 97 to 108.5 which is many degrees above normal. — Calcutta Statesman, April 30

Hay-making, it is prophesied, may be a feature of country life which will soon disappear. Ten years ago a Cambridge scientist discovered that young grass had a far higher nutritive value for animals than mature grass, and that if it were dried artificially it lost practically none of its feeding value.

Since then engineers have been studying the problem of making artificial hay at a price which could compete with concentrated feeding-stuffs. Last month a practical demonstration was given at a farm near Stratford-on-Avon of a drying apparatus which fulfils this condition.

The cost of the dried grass made by this apparatus worked out at about £4 a ton and it was fed in place of cakes and meals costing £7 a ton. At the farm where the demonstration was held, hay-making will be dispensed with entirely this year. Dried grass will supply all the requirements of the cattle as regards concentrated foods, and no cakes will be purchased. —Industrial Britain.

Canadians Should Be Encouraged in Crafts

EDMONTON, — Canadian schools lack adequate teaching of crafts and there are not enough technical schools Major F. H. Norbury of the extension department of the University of Alberta said recently in an address at the 25th annual meeting of the Canadian Council of the Girl Guides' Association in Edmonton.

Speaking on "handicrafts," Major Norbury said at present workers in these lines were nearly all Europeans. He aserted a large proportion of the youth today have no outlook beyond salesmanship.

He urged development and encouragement to begin individual effort in craftmanship but cautioned the effort should be started in a small way and let grow to big things gradually rather than attempting to float an immense factory at once."

Similarly, design, color and material should tend to serve special wants, not follow the standardized patterns of "the wholesale stores" the speaker continued.

The educational, entertaining and character-building value of doing as distinguished from oral or visual learning was stressed by Major Norbury. He compared early days on the earth with their need of utilization of local materials for tools of structures with modern means, often complicated, but demanding first-hand knowledge.

Every substance demands its own treatment, he told delegates, and requirements of today call for intricacies of knowledge far beyond that of even a century ago. Alloys, combinations of materials and synthetic substances have their own limitations and need individual study.

"You're soaked with rain. Have a glass of port—poor stuff, though."
"Any port in a storm, I'll say, my boy."

Memory of Capt. Vancouver Namesake BC City Honored

LONDON — The memory of Capt. George Vancouver, who gave his name to the Canadian city on the Pacific Coast was honored last week in ceremonies at the village graveyard where his body lies.

Marking the 138th anniversary of his death, a large throng of Canadians and others went from London to the quaint village church of Petersham, Surrey. The gathering was honored by the presence of Sir Percy Vincent, Lord Mayor of London, and other London civic officials.

Sir Percy is travelling to Vancouver this summer in connection with the golden jubilee celebrations of that city.

Following ceremonies at the graveside, the company went to the nearby town of Richmond, rich in historical associations, where on behalf of the borough, Mayor P. H. Goodwin handed to Sir Percy a painting by A. Watson Turnbull, entitled "Vancouver's Grave," for presentation to the City of Vancouver.

A cablegram from Mayor McGeer of Vancouver, was read, voicing thanks to Mayor Goodwin and the people of Richmond for their action. The ceremonies at Petersham were imposing. The Lord Mayor of London was attended by sword-bearer and mace-bearer and other high civic servants, forming an impressive procession from the tiny red-brick church with old-time high pews to Vancouver's grave in one of the most secluded corners of the church-yard.

Someone Has Said That Fishing Is Fishing Even If You Catch No Fish

Writes the Montreal Gazette—To all anglers it is good news that the fishing season is once more open, and all devotees of the rod and line will welcome the opportunity of hieing themselves off to some favorite spot where there may be a chance of dipping a string in the water with good effect, or, at any rate, with sort of interest which is peculiar to one of the most ancient of arts. Certain it is that primitive man had himself some knowledge of this craft, a fact plainly shown by his gift of making fishhooks, one of the oldest devices of which we have any knowledge. The first printed book upon Fyshynge was published in 1496 and was from the hand of the Mother of Fishermen, Dame Julyans Berners. The "Compleat Angler or Contemplative Man's Recreation" appeared in 1653, and in the hundred and fifty years' interval but four books on angling were issued. But the literature upon fishing has since grown to such dimension that it may fairly be said that of the making of fishing textbooks there is no end. The question has been asked why fishing is such a fascinating sport. And someone has wittily said that fishing is fishing even if you catch no fish. For the interest of this sport lies in anticipation of some stroke of luck turning up at any moment. It is this element of expectancy which constitutes no small part of the charm of the sport, for if you are not actually catching fish there is not a moment in your experience but you expect that luck will yet turn your way.

There might be made up a striking muster-roll of fishermen who would be proud to be numbered amongst the elect coterie of the disciples of "Old Izaak" and followers of the craft he himself so ardently pursued. Charles Kingley was one of these devotees of the rod and line and with what joy does he talk of the days when he found opportunity to follow the chalk-streams of his own neighborhood in search of a creel of good fat trout, won only by the endless patience a fisherman must have if he is to succeed in his chosen sport. Or again, reference might be made to Archdeacon Paley, the author of "Natural Theology," who was a skilled angler and never counted a day lost in which he could hie himself off to some favorite stream and indulge the sport which had for him the greatest lure. Or once more, what an ardent fisherman was Canon Greenwell of Durham, who, erudite scholar as he was, and acknowledged as such, probably thought more of the fact that he had distinguished himself by the invention of what is known as the "Greenwell Salmon Fly" than of all his high repute as a man of learning. Then, if report is to be trusted, did not the monks in olden time indulge themselves in the sport of fishing in the abbey ponds which contained abundance of pike or dace, or possibly trout, enough to tempt the appetite of any sportsman? And by the way, it is notorious that the pike has a most voracious appetite and will take almost any bait that is offered him, ranging from a sliver of pork to the merest morsel of food thrown in his way. It is on record that no less than sixteen minnows have been taken from the crop of a pike and, that while the pike is by many fishermen considered one of the "beasts of prey" infesting the waters and displacing the gamier kind of fish so that they are seldom to be found in the same lake or stream, it is well known that the pike oft attains a great age and in some of the English lakes specimens have been caught which attained a great size. In Chamber's interesting book, "Pike and Pike Lore," it is told how some years ago, in the waters of Wasterdale, a pike weighing no less than seventy-five pounds was caught, the bait used on this occasion being a pound of pork.

Good old Izaak Walton never knew the use of the reel. What line he had was of his own making and wound around the rod. Yet he was won't to say that a man who could not draw a three or four-pound fish out of the water with a line made of three or four twisted horse-hairs need not consider himself an expert angler. How about such a monster as that mentioned in the work already referred to? As regards the trout, a two-pound trout is a good specimen albeit it is obvious that the average catch is not at all likely to measure up to any such a standard and the modest angler will account himself lucky if only the creel at the end of the day's fishing shows good results. And let us hope that this may be the happy fortune of those who, what time the fishing season opens, can hie themselves away to the stream and try their luck. May they return successful from their trip and their efforts at the royal sport of fishing.

Harlow's Stand-In Wants Office Job

HOLLYWOOD — Barbara Brown, who has been Jean Harlow's secretary and stand-in for five years, would rather work in a business office.

The Salt Lake City girl is quitting after the actress finishes her current picture.

"It's been fun, and there's no one in the world sweeter than Jean," she said, "but I thought I would like to try something new."

Man's Contribution to Hospital Is $1,390,000

LONDON, Eng.—E. Meyerstein, a retired stockbroker, who is well known for his philanthropy, has given another 20,000 pounds to Middlesex [illegible] golden wedding. His total donations to this institution now exceed 278,000 ($1,390,000).

Meyerstein, who lives at Morants Court, Dunton Green, Kent, has also been a great benefactor to other institutions.

How to Assess Ability For Your Vocation

For extra sensitive feet, semi weekly baking soda baths are excellent. Simply dissolve one-half cup ful of soda in a basin of tepid water and soak your feet for twenty minutes.

Every job differs in the characteristics and qualities it calls for in the girl who is doing it.

Business girls can be divided into three main sections: (a) Clerical and brain workers; (b) saleswomen and social contact workers; and (c) domestic and manual workers. It is interesting to decide which qualities are esesntial in these careers.

It is evident that brain workers should have the power to concentrate, a good memory, and be able to think rapidly and clearly. Such things as health, tidiness, appearance, leadership, and steadiness cannot be overlooked.

Saleswomen and social workers should have a strong personality, a pleasant manner, and be able to interest people and inspire their confidence. Domestic and manual workers must be strong and even-tempered, thorough and able to pay attention to detail.

Make up your mind on the ideal points. See how many of them you possess, and also how closely the most successful business woman of your acquaintance conforms to the type.

Hens Demoralized

The thrifty production manager of a well-known food company recently took to his suburban home the laboratory's chickens which were no longer needed for nutrition tests, but he has acquired thereby a very perplexing problem.

These chickens had never lived outside a laboratory before. They did not know how to scratch for feed, nor how to roost. If their food was not placed in a properly recognizable receptacle they went hungry. And when bedtime came they sat wherever they were, often in damp spots that might be conducive to colds. Eggs were laid anywhere.

After a hard day at the factory he would spend an hour in the evening out in the chicken coop trying to train these chickens in the proprieties of life, but laboratory-bred birds present unusual problems of sales resistance. The ultimate solution was achieved only by placing a couple of old farm-bred hens in the laboratory-bred flock. Soon they were imitating the old-timers with vigor and, it is related, rugged individualism is developing.

Play Ensemble

If budding daughter is aching to try her skill as dressmaker, let her launch with sewing this useful play ensemble.

The sun-back dress is a shirtmaker model. It has two patch pockets. You'll love the very freshness and charm of the cape slipped 'neath the shirt collar of the dress. It buttons securely on at the front.

It's just the think for vacation days. It is developed in nautical blue pique with white dots with white collar and blue buttons.

You can imagine schemes equally charming in plain cottons in yellow, aqua, soft pinks, etc.

It is so simple to sew and so very moderate in cost, you'll want to make two or maybe three.

Style No. 3133 is designed for sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 requires 2 1-8 yeards of 35-inch material with ¼ yard of 35-inch contrasting for collar.

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