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Fussy People

All of us know people who get little out of life because they are continually fussing about their bodies, swallowing this or that nostrum, when what is needed is to forget bodily functions as far as possible. A good car can be spoiled if one is continually making adjustments and if there is too much fuss made with the body, the same result may follow. — Niagara Falls Review.

For Pure English

London judges are still campaigning in the interest of "English, pure and undefiled." In High Court recently, Mr. Justice Bennett commented on the decay of manners and on the use of an expression of the derivation of which he confessed he had not the slightest idea. When a petition in regard to an estate was presented to him in the Chancery Division he noticed that the word "humble" had been omitted. "For hundreds of years" he said, "petitions have been presented to this Court, but this is the first I have seen with the word "humble."

"It is either a mistake, ignorance, or impudence. Put it right," he said be presented to this Court in that way again. These are days in which manners are not what they used to be."

In another case he asked: "What is 'petering out' and who is 'Peter?' when Sir Gerald Hurst, K.C., stated that unless relief was given to a certain organization it would "peter out." "I have not the smallest idea from what the word is derived," Mr. Justice Bennett added. "Neither have I," confessed Sir Gerald Hurst, "but I suppose it means 'will come to an end.'" — Charlottetown Guardian.

No Lifts For Strangers

Calling all cars — Calling all cars. Warning is again issued against the thumbers and hitch-hikers. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Fast Workers

Once at Magpie River this column had occasion to warn Mike Neveau the camp cook to lay off a white striped animal that had been trying to ingratiate himself with the camp. And Mike knowing that the pelt was also worth $2.50. Shortly after a resounding thump was heard from where he was washing the dishes. The skunk had stuck his head into the empty pea can and couldn't get it out. Mike misunderstoood the motions.

"Where did you hit him Mike?" this column enquired.

"Right behind the can."

"Did you hit him soon enough?"

"Naw," said Mike, starting to dig a hole in the ground to roll the deceased into.

A skunk works fast. Even a policeman's revolver is too slow for the occasion. A stick of dynamite might be tried by other scientists but this is merely a suggestion. It probably wouldn't be fast enough. No use using a revolver as it is now deduced the animal can hear the swish of the bullet through the air.

Thus science blindly gropes its way forward. — Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Farming Under Water

We have heard a lot about dry land farming and the crops raised where rain is scarce, but we know very little about farming under water. However, along comes the entrancing story from the Department of Fisheries about farming under the waters of the sea that breaks upon the shores of Prince Edward Island. We are told that the people there have increased their production of oysters by ten times since 1932, which is a marvellour increase in any line of business. The department calls the industry "ayster farming." The seed is planted and crops are being harvested in ten regions. Surveys were made and the grounds leased. A start was made at Malpeque Bay.

Years ago the Malpeque oyster was the aristocrat of its kind and was very much in demand but for various reasons the supply gave out and it was thought the famous oyster had disappeared like the great auk and the passenger pigeon. But no, most of the oyster farming is in the Malpeque district, and it is coming back. There were over 10,000 barrels of oysters marketed in Prince Edward Island last year. We get oysters also from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, but the domestic supply is not sufficient to meet the demand.

The figures are obtained from a report issued by the fisheries branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

Thrift Reigns

The fact that only $330 of the original scrip issued by the Family Relief Budget remains to be redeemed is just another evidence of the thrifty qualities inherited by the present generation of citizens from the pioneers who founded "Old Berlin." Reports that the relief department was surprised at so small a total of outstanding vouchers is amusing. This community has never been noted for being careless of legal tender or any substitute for it.

The hope that the relief department would save enough out of unredeemed scrip to pay the printing costs of the new vouchers was a forlorn one from the start. It was not compatible with traditions that figure in the development of this community, to expect enough scrip to be lost, mislaid or kept for souvenirs to pay a printing arcount.

The redemption of all but $330 out of nearly $100,000 issued is an evidence of the creditable manner in which the substitute currency has been handled by the reliefees, the department and those honoring it as a medium of exchange. — Kitchener Record.

Waiting

Writer of croon hits says he gets his ideas while he is shaving in the mornings. So it's simply a matter now of waiting and hoping the razor will slip one of these days. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Be An Optimist

What is needed in Canada are a few more optimists. Anybody can be a grouch. It takes neither brains nor ability. All you have to do to graduate as a fully qualified pessimist, a quitter, knocker, civic slanderer or calamity prophet, is just to sit around and wonder what the country is coming to, what others can find to smile about. The weather is too wet and gloomy, or too warm and enervating. Don't you know the social orders are all askew, the men who work fuss the least, the farmers are upsetting the trough where politicians were accustomed to feed, the government officials are just a bunch of amateurs, just because that's the peculiar slant of the hundreds of porch critics. The optimist is winning favour wherever he goes. People like to listen to him, to seek his company, just as much as they love the sunshine or the rain, no matter when they come. Nothing disturbs the even tenor of his way. Everything works out for good, even if sometimes a temporal inconvenience. He smiles in the face of disaster.

SPORT IDOLS

By KEN EDWARDS

Did You Know.

That Eclipse is the most famous race horse that ever lived? He was a direct descendant of the "Darley". Eclipse was never beaten in a race—he ran 26 races and matches and sired 344 winners. In 1764 he was foaled and owned by the Duke of Cumberland.

The steeplechase had its origin in Ireland.

In 648 B.C. at the 33rd Olympiad horse racing was introduced into Greece.

King Solomon, 1000 years B.C., bought race horses in Egypt and paid as much as $3000 each.

"Goldsmith's Maid," one of the largest money horses in racing history—her total earnings were $364,000. Also the first trotter to do the mile in 2 min., 15 seconds.

Did you know that the first circular track in the world was built in America?

Also, on June 17, 1912, at Latonia, "Wishing Ring" paid $1213 on a $1 bet.

Well folks, thanks for listening—be with you soon. Adios, amigos.

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If you have any question regarding sport personalities or any particular angle to a game, write to Ken Edwards, Room 421, 73 Adelaide West, Toronto. If a personal reply is desired, enclose a stamped (3c) self-addressed envelope.

Fencing for Title

Good pals, but each hopeful of outclassing the others in horsemanship, scholastic standing and personality, in order to win the coveted title of California's "Finest Outdoor Girl," awarded each year at Salinas rodeo, these girls ride the corral fence and show their best smiles for the cameraman.

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Cause And Cure

It has always to be borne in mind that the economic depression, particularly in Australia, was brought about not only by unwarrantable extravagance but also by the displacement of and the disturbance in the factors of production — men and machinery. During the years of stress and strain there has been an adjustment in this respect, and with the assurance of a reasonably good season the depression, in its acute forms at least, may be regarded as having come to an end.—Melbourne Argus.

Of Vital Importance

In a recent debate on defence Mr. Lloyd George reminded the country that through food shortage Britain was brought closer to defeat in the Great War than through vulnerability of the kingdom owing to partial disarmament and foreign strength in the air, he urged that the food question was just as important in defensive plans as expansion of armaments. A realization of this increased vulnerability probably lies behind the State-aided enterprise for the production of petrol from coal and schemes now afoot to carry out deep boring for oil. The second aspect of the question is the Imperial one. Not only must the seaways be guarded for the freighters that must transport Britain's food, but there must also be close co-operation with the Dominions, the only sure source of supplies in a time of crisis. In face of the risk it would be the height of folly to impose quotas and further discourage Dominion production by liberal terms to competing foreign countries. The menace demands complete Imperial unity — Auckland News.

The Potato-Orange War

Australia began by shutting out New Zealand butter and potatoes and by reducing the Australian market for a number of other commodities, and New Zealand retaliated in the spring of 1932 by an embargo against Australian fruit. Trade relations have been tainted by the potato-orange controversy ever since, and all efforts from this side to arrive at a settlement of the dispute have been so much waste of time. The real issue is political, and so no solution appears possible until the citrus growers of Australia gain sufficient political influence to outweigh the potato growers. Of course, the citrus growers have on their side the majority of the manufacturers and others who are interested in expanding trade with New Zealand, and it is possible that the more favourable disposition towards New Zealand now appearing in Australia may turn the scale.—Auckland Star.

Canadian Consumption Of Coke Shows Rise

OTTAWA—The apparent consumption of coke in Canada during 1934 amounted to 3,061,000 tons compared with 2,597,000 in 1933. The distribution by areas was as follows: Ontario, 1,386,000 tons; Quebec, 272,000; western provinces, 82-000; Maritimes 47,000. The balance was used in industrial concerns. However, any interprovincial shipments have not been taken into consideration.

More Canadians Europe-Bound For Holidays Figures Reveal

Notable Increase Over Past Two Years Shown in Application for Passports. — 9,641 Sail During Two Months This Year.

OTTAWA—Marking a notable increase over the past two years, 9,641 Canadians have sailed from principal ports of the Dominion for the United Kingdom and Europe during the past two and a half months, it was stated by J. J. Connolly, Passport officer, Department of External Affairs.

Exclusive of the 6,125 veterans taking part in the Vimy Pilgrimage next month, a larger proportion of canadians of moderate means are spending their vacations in foreign travel, and applications are pouring into the passport offices at Elgin and Queen streets.

Return of Confidence

"We regard the increase as a mark of the return of confidence on the part of the Canadian people," Mr. Connolly said. "They seem to be more ready to spend money in recreation and travel this year than for some time past. Then, with the Olympic Games and a number of important conferences of various kinds, Europe offers exceptional attractions this Summer."

Among groups which have applied for passports recently, Mr. Connolly mentioned students' tours, a cricket team which will match its skill again British elevens, the Elgar Junior Choir, of Vancouver, Boy Scouts, who will be guests of the German Government at the Olympic Games, and physicians attending a medical conference at Berlin.

From April 1 this year until June 15 a total of 9,641 passports have been issued, and in the first two weeks of June 2,300 applications have been dealt with. Last year there were only 2,963 passports issued for the entire month of June.

Special concessions are being made by the Department of External Affairs to Canada's veterans taking part in the Vimy Pilgrimage, in the matter of passports.

Special Vimy Passport

The Vimy passport is issued free of charge to each authorized member of the Pilgrimage and is a handsome document, dark-green in color, with the Arms of Canada and the words "Vimy Pilgrimage" inscribed in gold on the cover in both French and English. It is valid for a period of one year, giving the pilgrims opportunity to visit any place in the United Kingdom and Europe. The form of the passport is one approved by the League of Nations.

June is the month when Canadian travel reaches its peak, and it is expected that 5,000 passports will be issued before July 1. These represent British subjects alone, since consular offices arrange passports for foreign nationals.

Business Gain Is Strong In June

Economic Index Advances By Two Points in This Dominion

OTTAWA—Due to general gains in the six major factors, the weekly economic index maintained by the Bureau of Statistics, on the base 1926 equals 100, showed a gain of almost two points for the week ended June 13 compared with the previous week. In comparison with the corresponding week last year, the index was up more than eight points.

Gains of the last two weeks widened the gap over the same period last year. While the trend of the economic index has been downward since the first of March an encouraging factor was the substantial rally in the last two weeks of June. Each of the six major factors showed gains over the same week of 1935. The index of car loadings was up 2.6 per cent. and the gain in the index of wholesale prices was one per cent. The advance in the price of Dominion Government bonds contrasted with a temporary decline in the same week last year. The inverted index of bond yields showed a gain of nine per cent. over the second week of June, 1935. The level of bank clearings was about 15 per cent. higher. Common stock prices measured by the official index was 20 per cent. higher and a gain of 16.6 per cent. was shown in the number of shares traded.

The railway freight movement in the 23 weeks of the year was 7,893 cars greater than in the same period of 1935, an increase being shown in eight out of the 11 commodity classes. A minor gain was shown in the whole sale price level, the index being up from 72 to 72.3.

The high point of the preceding week was again exceeded by a further advance in the price of Dominion Government bonds. The bid quotation for the 1947-57 and 4½ per cent. Dominion Government bond was 111⅜ on June 12 against 110⅝ on June 5. Advances were also shown in other leading issues. The gain in common stock prices was slight, the index advancing from 117.4 to 117.6. Milling, textile and beverage stocks declined, while other groups were either maintained or showed advances.

The index with its components:

	June 15 1935	June 6 1936	June 13 1936
Car loadings ..	70.1	71.8	71.9
Wholesale prices	71.6	72	72.3
Bond yields ..	136.1	146	148.4
Band clearings	82.7	90.3	95.3
Common Stocks	97.9	117.4	117.6
Shares traded	112	99.5	130.6
Economic index	97.8	104.2	106

"Weaker Sex" Left On Own Resources

OTTAWA — Single unemployed men got relief camps and a good deal of other help but there was nothing for single unemployed women, Miss Agnes Macphail (U.F.O.-Labor Grey-Bruce) told the House of Commons recently and claimed some attention for women.

A woman had been appointed to the National Employment Commission, Labor Minister Rogers informed her. It was also proposed to set up a special committee in the employment advisory committee to consider unemployment among women.

Women were called the "weaker sex" said Miss Macphail and it seemed strange that in a time of depression governments considered men unable to take care of themselves but left women wholly on their own resources.

Picric acid, which was important in the manufacture of high explosives during the War, is now being used to combat two of our most serious diseases, sleepy sickness and infantile paralysis.

Hero Of The Air

(Time Magazine)

To vary the routine of honoring all its own Heroes on the occasion of its Centennial (Time, June 8), Texas last week unveiled in Dallas a statue of Virginia's one & only Robert E. Lee. Orator at the dedication was R. F. Chairman Jesse Jones, who, as the biggest man in Houston, founded by Texas' most famed Hero, rivals Vice-President John Nance Garner for the current title of No. 1 Texan. Duty done. Mr. Jones hopped of for Houston by plane.

Cruising along at 6,000 ft., Pilots Eugene Schacher and Ed. Hefley suddenly smelled a gasolene leak, cut the motor. Without warning a backfire enveloped the egine in flames. Pilot Hefley put the ship into a sharp dive. At 275 m.p.h. it hurtled downward, pancaked on the nearest field, slithered to a stop. Out from their blazing little hole Jess Jones and three fellow-passengers yanked the pilots, arms and faces seared and sooty. Few minutes later the plane was smoking ashes.

Next day, soon after a visit from the uninjured R. F. Chairman, Pilot Schracher died. Deeply moved, Jesse Jones paid his tribute to a new texas Hero:

"You stuck to your post in a veritable furnace with the white heat literally burning your clothes off your body. You did this notwithstanding Pilot Ed. Hefley begged you to leave the pit to him. When the door into the pilot room blew open, and the flames were reaching into the cabin, you came out and closed the door. . . . Again the door blew open, so terrific was the speed, and again you came out, this time a human torch . . . .

"But when it seemed the fight was winning and that the plane might be landed, you came back and warned your passengers that the landing would be rough. You unlocked the door so that all could escape from the burning plane. . . . You did this when your hands were burned to the bone. Yoo could hardly hold the key. I pray God for the knowledge to understand for what purpose He saved my life by sacrificing yours."

A Splashy Print for Sprightly Tots

1882-B

The time for gay little cotton prints both for older sister and the younger set is at hand, and nothing could be simpler than this darling dress—so easy to make—so comfortable for nimble dears—and so smart to wear.

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