WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING

Vitamin Pills

Vitamin pills had a severe joke played on them at Duke University's School of Medicine recently, says the Christian Science Monitor. So did those who indiscriminately dose themselves with vitamins.

At the request of the Quartermaster General of the United States Army 200 volunteer medical students and technicians offered themselves as guinea pigs for 30 days. They were divided into five groups, four groups being given varying quantities of vitamins, and the fifth group being given nothing but inert pills with no medicinal or vitamin value. Two doctors who conducted the experiment said, at the end of the time, that they found the same beneficial effect on the "pep" and health of the group given the dummy pills as on those who took vitamins! They added:

It has been implied that, even when no demonstrable deficiency exists, one's sense of well-being and ability to perform work can be improved greatly by the addition of vitamins to the diet... There is at present no conclusive evidence to substantiate this point of view.

We venture to assume that their findings will not be widely quoted in vitamin advertisements.

EARLY BIRD-WOMAN

Madame Helene Mortier, 67, France's first woman flyer, is pictured on recent arrival in New York en route to visit her husband, Col. Pierre Mortier of the French Air Mission, convalescing in Washington. Madame Mortier started flying with Louis Bleriot in 1908.

Sign Aid Treaty

Signing of a mutual aid agreement between Canada and India has been announced. The supplies to be provided by Canada, it was disclosed, consist chiefly of automotive equipment for the Indian Army.

BEEF AT $4.50 A POUND

Teddy, grand champion steer of the Chicago Market Fat Stock Show, raised by Ben Greve has been purchased by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. Teddy tipped the scales at 1,170 pounds and auctioned at $4.50 a pound. Russell A. Firestone (left) is seen taking delivery of the champion.

New Year's Toast

Now, then, let's couple the Future of England with the past of England. The glories and victories and triumphs that are over, and the sorrows that are over, too. Let's drink to our sons who made part of the pattern and to our hearts that died with them. Let's drink to the spirit of gallantry and courage that made a strange Heaven out of unbelievable Hell, and let's drink to the hope that one day this country of ours, which we love so much, will find dignity and greatness and peace again.

—New Year's Toast
from Cavalcade
by Noel Coward.

Urbanitis

Urbanitis is a dimly recognized disease, which appears to be throttling the world little by little by the metamorphosis of natural human values into mechanical and artificial ones, comments the Victoria Colonist. Thus, jazz becomes music, blurbs become art, bosh becomes poetry, and walking two blocks is called exercise. In some lands, the disease has spread far. Night has become day, noise has replaced silence, and billboards exhort humanity to do everything under the sun, except think.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

HE LOVED HER!

In New York a man rushed into a restaurant and shouting, "I love her, I love her," stabbed to death a waitress. She may be lucky at that. Supposing he had just taken a violent dislike to her?

— Ottawa Citizen.

MODERN WITCHES

Folks who used to make strange predictions about the future were burned as witches. Now they become columnists for newspapers.

— Brandon Sun.

TOO MUCH

An optimist is a man who expects a home atmosphere in a hotel and hotel service at home. —

— Wall Street Journal.

LAWS FOR OTHERS

The reason why there are so many laws is that most of them were made for "the other fellow."

— Kitchener Record.

"COOTIES"

"Strange Little Things Stick to Memory at the Front." Last war, they stuck to shirts.

— Windsor Star.

$14,000 Nail

The hazards on the farm were again demonstrated by the death recently at Chicago of the famous Canadian Holstein bull, Montvic Renown, which sold for the Canadian record price of $14,000 two years ago at Brantford, Ont. A nail killed him. He had swallowed it, and died following an opeation for its removal from his stomach.

Special notice ABOUT COLDS

Now when colds strike, relieve miseries with home-proved Vicks VapoRub that

ACTS 2 WAYS AT ONCE..

It **PENETRATES** to upper bronchial tubes with soothing medicinal vapors. It **STIMULATES** chest and back surfaces like a warming poultice. And what's more, **it keeps right on working for hours—even while you sleep!**

Just rub throat, chest and back with good old Vicks VapoRub at bedtime. VapoRub goes to work **instantly** to relieve coughing spasms, ease muscular soreness or tightness. It invites restful, comforting sleep. And often by morning most of the misery is gone. Try VapoRub's special 2-way action **tonight!** When a cold strikes, be sure you use time-tested Vicks VapoRub.

British Columbia's Japanese Problem

The Pacific states, which formerly housed 110,000 Japanese, have a population 50 percent, says the Vancouver Sun, greater than the whole of Canada. In California, the Japanese represented less than half of one present, of the population. In British Columbia they represented nearly three percent. of the whole. Jap-town in Vancouver was relatively far more prominent than any single Japanese community in the Pacific States of America.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

General Statement, 30th November, 1944

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid up		$ 15,000,000.00
Reserve fund	$ 20,000,000.00	
Balance of profits carried forward as per Profit and Loss Account	4,247,671.56	
	$ 24,247,671.56	
Dividends unclaimed	50,575.46	
Dividend No. 229 (at 6% per annum), payable 1st December, 1944	525,000.00	
		24,823,247.02
		$ 59,823,247.02
Deposits by and balances due to Dominion Government	$232,148,156.00	
Deposits by and balances due to Provincial Governments	21,453,136.10	
Deposits by the public not bearing interest	807,245,414.46	
Deposits by the public bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	592,851,469.10	
Deposits by and balances due to other chartered banks in Canada	3,161.92	
Deposits by and balances due to banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	23,183,358.61	
		1,676,884,696.19
Notes of the bank in circulation		9,580,371.66
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding		42,347,097.19
Liabilities to the public not included under the foregoing heads		1,616,390.59
		$1,790,251,802.65

ASSETS

Gold and subsidiary coin held in Canada	$ 1,775,041.40	
Gold and subsidiary coin held elsewhere	1,402,082.55	
Notes of Bank of Canada	36,421,787.75	
Deposits with Bank of Canada	105,209,611.49	
Government and bank notes other than Canadian	79,047,151.39	
		$ 223,855,674.58
Notes of and cheques on other banks	$ 75,260,199.08	
Deposits with and balances due by other chartered banks in Canada	6,674.81	
Due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	78,630,240.06	
		153,897,113.95
Dominion Government direct and guaranteed securities maturing within two years, not exceeding market value		438,082,169.89
Other Dominion Government direct and guaranteed securities, not exceeding market value		299,945,251.15
Provincial Government direct and guaranteed securities maturing within two years, not exceeding market value		43,459,453.93
Other Provincial Government direct and guaranteed securities, not exceeding market value		28,545,560.60
Canadian municipal securities, not exceeding market value		16,754,325.72
Public securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value		81,310,288.45
Other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value		27,493,292.52
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover		26,885,985.74
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans elsewhere than in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover		38,620,089.00
		$1,377,849,205.53
Current loans and discounts in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for	$261,024,287.72	
Current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for	79,117,470.17	
Loans to provincial governments	2,109,729.68	
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	8,815,745.35	
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for	585,143.08	
		351,652,376.00
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit as per contra		42,347,097.19
Real Estate other than bank premises		976,301.49
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank		510,250.57
Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts, if any, written off		12,276,453.77
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation		625,000.00
Shares of and loans to controlled companies		2,987,786.72
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads		1,027,331.38
		$1,790,251,802.65

M. W. WILSON, President. S. G. DOBSON, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders, The Royal Bank of Canada:

We have examined the above Statement of Liabilities and Assets as at 30th November, 1944, with the books and accounts of The Royal Bank of Canada at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have checked the cash and the securities representing the Bank's investments held at the Head Office at the close of the fiscal year, and at various dates during the year have also checked the cash and investment securities at several of the important branches.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank. The above statement is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to disclose the true condition of the Bank as at 30th November, 1944, and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

M. OGDEN HASKELL, C.A., of Haskell, Elderkin & Co.
GUY E. HOULT, C.A., of P. S. Ross & Sons
} Auditors.

Montreal, Canada, December 22, 1944.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1943	$ 3,815,487.77	
Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1944, after providing $2,127,214.86 for Dominion Government taxes and after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which Reserves provision for all bad and doubtful debts has been made	3,812,183.79	
		$ 7,627,671.56
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Dividend No. 226 at 6% per annum	$ 525,000.00	
Dividend No. 227 at 6% per annum	525,000.00	
Dividend No. 228 at 6% per annum	525,000.00	
Dividend No. 229 at 6% per annum	525,000.00	
	$ 2,100,000.00	
Contribution to the Pension Fund Society	880,000.00	
Appropriation for Bank Premises	400,000.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	4,247,671.56	
		$ 7,627,671.56

M. W. WILSON, President. S. G. DOBSON, General Manager.

Montreal, December 22, 1944.

THE LADY DUNKS

The Lady from Connecticut, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce, dunks a doughnut at an informal party given by 5th Army G. I.'s for Congressional delegation visiting Italian front.

'Sargent' Complicates 'Major' Situation

It seems that a U. S. Maj. Sargent has a sergeant major named Sgt. Major working for him at a training camp.

Maj. George E. Sargent recently was appointed special services officer of the AAF training command station. In the athletic department is T/Sgt. Steven Major, who is the sergeant major, noncommissioned officer in charge of the office.

In an appearance at a boxing show there, Maj. Sargent complicated the major situation. He called Sgt. Major, the sergeant major, (are you following?) into the ring to stand at his side.

"During your travels around this training camp," said the Major over the mike, "you'll probably see a lot of us. I am Maj. Sargent. This soldier at my side is Sgt. Major. If you call either of us 'Major' — you'll be right. If you call either of us 'sergeant' — you'll be right."

"But," he added, 'be careful what you call these second lieutenants!"

ITCH CHECKED *in a Jiffy* -or Money Back

For quick relief from itching caused by eczema, athlete's foot, scabies, pimples and other itching conditions, use pure, cooling, medicated, liquid **D. D. D. PRESCRIPTION.** Greaseless and stainless. Soothes, comforts and quickly calms intense itching. Don't suffer. Ask your druggist today for **D. D. D. PRESCRIPTION.**

To relieve distress of MONTHLY **Female Weakness**

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is made *especially for women* to help relieve periodic pain with weak, nervous, tired, irritable feelings — due to functional monthly disturbances. Pinkham's Compound *helps nature* and that's the kind of medicine to buy! Follow label directions. Worth trying!

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

BABY CHICKS

100 CHICKS FREE

WITH EVERY ORDER OF 100 PULLet chicks, we give 100 free chicks (our choice). Leghorn pullets $22.95 per 100, barred Rock pullets $19.95 per 100. White Rock Pullets $24.95 per 100. Brown leghorn Pullets $24.95 per 100. All chicks sold backed by high egg pedigreed stock. $1.00 books your order, balance C.O.D. Guaranteed 100% live delivery. Kent Hatchery, Chatham, Ontario.

DANISH BROWN LEGHORNS MIXed 20 cents. Pullets 35c, Barred Rocks mixed 14½c. Pullets 25c. Large English White Leghorn mixed 12c, Pullets 26c. All stock bloodtested, bred to lay and high quality. Cochrane's Poultry Farm, Ridgetown, Ontario.

$1.00 BOOKS YOUR ORDER

ORDER YOUR 1945 CHICKS NOW, and not be disappointed. All chicks are from guaranteed tested stock, and from 25 oz. eggs or better. Barred Rocks mixed $12.00 per 100, White Leghorns mixed $11.00 per 100 Barred Rock Pullets $19.00 per 100, white Leghorn Pullets $22.00 per 100, white Rocks mixed $15.00 per 100, white Rock Pullets $24.00 per 100, Brown leghorns mixed $13.00 per 100, Brown leghorn pullets $24.00 per 100. We guarantee 100% live delivery, balance paid C.O.D. Maple City Hatchery, Chatham, Ontario.

TOP NOTCH CHICKS GIVE YOU a head start quicker . . . with better profit. A chick that is big and healthy has a handicap over one that is small and weak. Every Top Notch chick is from bloodtested Government Approved stock, assuring you chicks that are known for their quick growth, stamina and high livability. Special discounts offered for early booking and early delivery. You can purchase January hatched non-sexed White Leghorns as low as $11.45 per hundred, Barred Rocks $12.45. Send for catalogue and early pricelist. Also laying and ready to lay pullets for immediate delivery. Top Notch Chickeries, Guelph, Ontario.

ORDER YOUR CHICKS NOW.

AND YOU ARE GUARANTEED your chicks for next spring when you want them. Barred Rock mixed $12.00 per 100, white leghorns mixed $11.00 per 100, Barred Rock Pullets $19.00 per 100, white leghorn pullets $22.00 per 100. Heavy Breed Ckls. $6.00 per 100. Leghorn Ckls. $2.00 per 100. All chicks hatched from 26 oz. eggs or better and from special mated flocks. Guaranteed 100% live delivery. $1.00 books your order, balance C.O.D. Rainbow Hatchery, Chatham, Ontario.

YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ENTER the bean contest. Make $50.00 the easy way. 33 prizes in all. Send for full details. Contest closes January 15th. You can also save $2.00 per hundred on non-sexed chicks, $4.00 per hundred on pullet chicks, providing we receive your order on or before January 15th for delivery anytime in February. You will not only save money but you will make extra money with Tweddle February hatched chicks. Great Britain wants five hundred thousand cases of fresh eggs between September 1st and December 31st, 1945. Earlier pullets, better grown pullets is the key to adjusted production. Tweddle Hatcheries can supply better laying stock and can give early delivery. Incubators now running. Also laying and ready to lay pullets for immediate delivery. Free catalogue. Tweddle Chick Hatcheries Limited, Fergus, Ont.

25 FREE CHICKS

OUR FOUNDATION STOCK IS registered and pedigreed birds. Nothing better in Canada. Order now. Prices for mixed baby chicks, males and females: Barred Rocks, $12.00 per hundred; White Leghorns, $11.00; White Rocks, $15.00; Brown Leghorns, $13.00. Pullet prices: Barred Rocks, $19.00; White Leghorns, $22.00; White Rocks, $24.00; Brown Leghorns, $24.00. 25 free chicks, our choice, will be given for each 200 mixed chicks ordered and 25 free chicks for each 100 day old pullets ordered. Goddard Chick Hatchery, Britannia Heights Ontario.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ORder chicks now to avoid later disappointment. If you have the equipment, an early start with January-February chicks gets you into the good paying markets for poultry and eggs. But whatever you want, whenever you wish delivered, order now. Bray Hatchery, 130 John St. N., Hamilton, Ont.

DYEING & CLEANING

HAVE YOU ANYTHING NEEDS dyeing or cleaning? Write to us for information. We are glad to answer your questions. Department H, Parker's Dye Works Limited, 791 Yonge Street, Toronto.

HAIRDRESSING

LEARN HAIRDRESSING THE Robertson method. Information on request regarding classes. Robertson's Hairdressing Academy, 137 Avenue Road, Toronto.

FOR SALE

TWO CARLOADS, WELL BROKEN Draft horses, Percherons, Belgians, 4 to 7 years old, weighing 1500 to 1700 lbs. Apply Ross E. Matlock, Box 29, Gorlitz, Sask.

ONE JET BLACK GELDING Standard Bred weighs, 1200 lbs., stands over 16 Hands, sound and right, well broken to all harness, and has a good way of moving. One Black gelding, Sire Hackney, Dam Standard Bred, weighs 1200 lbs., stands 16 hands, weighs 1200 lbs., star in forehead and two white hind Fetlocks, rising 5 years old sound and right and well broken to all harness. This is a good classy team and $600 buys them F.O.B. Russell, Ont., McEwen, Russell, Ont.

REGISTERED GREAT DANE black masked golden fawn puppies, champion blood lines. Percy Woolacott, Mitchell, Ontario.

FOR SALE—BROOKNILL ELDORado, an outstanding son of famous Supreme General whose daughters sold so well to Foremost Farms, Eldorado's Dam Hillsdale Dora, graded excellent Toronto Grand Champion several records. Eldorado's daughters uniform, typy excellent producers. Charles Behal, Glanford Station.

COCKER SPANIELS, CHOICE PUPpies, blacks, reds, parti colored, champion blood lines. Shipped on approval. Dr. Watson, Howick, Que.

BROWN FERRETS, SURE HUNTers, young males $5.00, young females $6.00, yearlings $7.00. Armstrong Bros., R.R. 1, Paris, Ont.

HANDY GIFT, PLASTIC CIGARette case, assorted colors in fancy box, postage included $1.25, quantity limited. J. E. Beausejour, 4557 Papineau Ave., Montreal.

COMPLETE SAWMILL, 10 TO 15-thousand capacity, ready to go. Steam tractor, power-edger, cut-off, etc. Will consider part cash, part lumber. Contact H. V. Zimmerman, Manager, at Pinewood, Ontario, or write Pennington Lumber Co. (Canada) Ltd., Birnamwood, Wisconsin.

100 ACRES, CLAY LOAM, LEVEL, 15 acres bush, good drainage, two storey brick house, 2 barns, good water and roads, 3 miles from West Lorne. Good market for cash crops. Price $6,500. Discount for cash.

Box 190, 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto

FOR SALE, IN VILLAGE OF Zephyr, shop with or without blacksmith, tinsmith, carpenter, mason and woodwork tools; also house and lot with hydro close to school and church, good water. Apply to Jas. M. Meyer, Zephyr, Box 34, Ont.

CHOPPING MILL, EXCELLENT business, wonderful water power, good reason for sale; stand strictest investigation. Box 2, 73 Adelaide W., Toronto.

SNOW PLOUGH, V TYPE WITH side wing, mounted on White Truck. Richler Truck & Auto Parts, 874 Wellington St. Montreal, Que

ELECTRIC MOTORS, NEW, USED, bought, sold, rebuilt; belts, pulleys brushes. Allen Electric Company Ltd., 2326 Dufferin St., Toronto.

PROFESSIONAL LETTERING

PROFESSIONAL LETTERING ON Honour Rolls. Old English 10c per name, retouched 15c. The Pen Artist, 20 Wentworth South, Hamilton.

MEDICAL

BAUMEEKA FOOT BALM destroys offensive odor instantly. 45c bottle Ottawa agent. Dentman Drug Store, Ottawa.

MEDICAL

IT'S EXCELLENT, REAL RESULTS after taking Dixon's Remedy for Rheumatic Pains and Neuritis. Munro's Drug Store, 335 Elgin, Ottawa. Postpaid $1.00.

STOMACH AND THREAD WORMS often are the cause of ill-health in humans, all ages. No one immune! Why not find out if this is your trouble? Interesting particulars—Free! Write Mulveney's Remedies, Specialists, Toronto 3.

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT the good results from taking Dixon's Remedy for Rheumatic Pains and Neuritis. Munro's Drug Store, 335 Elgin, Ottawa. Postpaid $1.00.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

FRED A. BODDINGTON BUYS, sells, exchanges musical instruments. 111 Church, Toronto 2.

FARMS FOR SALE

100 ACRES GRENVILLE COUNTY, County road. Good well, buildings, iron roofs, concrete stable floors. Immediate possession. Box 303, 73 Adelaide W., Toronto.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

BE A HAIRDRESSER

JOIN CANADA'S LEADING SCHOOL Great Opportunity, Learn Hairdressing

Pleasant dignified profession, good wages, thousands successful. Marvel graduates. America's greatest system. Illustrated cataloguo free. Write or call

MARVEL HAIRDRESSING SCHOOLS
358 BLOOR W., TORONTO

Branches: 44 King St. Hamilton, & 74 Rideau Street, Ottawa.

OFFER TO INVENTORS

AN OFFER TO EVERY INVENTOR List of inventions and full information sent free. The Ramsay Co., Registered Patent Attorneys, 273 Bank Street, Ottawa, Canada.

PATENTS

FETHERSTONHAUGH & COMPANY Patent Solicitors. Established 1890; 14 King West, Toronto. Booklet of Information on request.

PERSONAL

"ELIJAH COMING BEFORE Christ," wonderful book free. Megiddo Mission, Rochester 17, N.Y.

PHOTOGRAPHY

TIME TESTED QUALITY SERVICE and SATISFACTION

Your films properly developed and printed
6 OR 8 EXPOSURE ROLLS 25c
REPRINTS 8 for 25c
FINEST ENLARGING SERVICE

You may not get all the films you want this year, but you can get all the quality and service you desire by sending your films to

IMPERIAL PHOTO SERVICE
Station J, Toronto

HELP WANTED

WANTED, CAPABLE MARRIED man to assist on progressive poultry breeding farm and hatchery. Six other employees. Experience not essential but must like poultry work. Single man also needed. Near Hamilton. Wages include new house, electricity. Write giving reference, experience, wages required first letter. Apply The Fisher Orchards, Freeman, Ont.

HOUSEKEEPER FOR FARM HOME Niagara district. Two adults. Light work, good wages, generous time off. F. Houser, Campden, Ontario.

WANTED

HAY & STRAW

WANTED BY RAIL OR TRUCK. Kelley Feed & Seed Co., 780 Dovercourt Road, Toronto.

BASSWOOD LOGS OF VENEER quality. Will take a small percentage of elm. The Oakville Basket Co. Limited, Oakville, Ont.