JUST IN FUN

Chivalry in the Park

Some men, too few perhaps, are never caught lacking in courtesy. One professor type we know of cringed inwardly as he observed a woman descend heavily upon his new hat which he had placed beside him on the park bench. Realizing her mistake, she apologized profusely. Then the man of gentle breeding quickly replied· "Think nothing of it, madam. Before, my hat was simply felt—now it's sat-in!"

His Contribution

While visiting in Dublin, satirist Jonathan Swift was asked for a subscription by a charitable organization that was planning to build an orphanage. He promised five pounds.

The following day, it was announced in the newspapers that he had promised 50 pounds. Furious, Swift voiced his protest to the members of the committee. They offered to print a correction in the next edition of the papers, but the author refused to be subjected to such embarrassment.

"I'll give you the 50 pounds," he said, "on the condition that you permit me to choose the inscription over the main entrance."

This was agreed upon. The inscription chosen by Swift was descriptive and appropriate. It read: "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

What More?

Temporarily discouraged with the apartment in which she lived, the mother complained to her four-year-old son:

"I do wish we could find another place to live."

"I don't, Mommie," was his quick response, "I love this apartment."

Earnestly seeking a fresh viewpoint, she asked:

"Tell me, dear, what do you like especially, about our apartment?"

"Mommie," he explained, "the rooms are just the shape I like and they are just where I want them."

Whoops!

The young candidate for admission to the Navy was being given a test to determine his general knowledge. One of the questions put to him was "What kind of animals eat grass?" The young man fidgeted and looked uneasy, but apparently could think of no answer.

"Come, come," said the Admiral who was examining him, "surely you can answer a simple question like that! What kind of animals eat grass?"

The boy brightened up. "Animals!" he exclaimed. "I thought you said admirals."

The Heckler

The Scot is frequently the goat when jokes are on tap, but not always. Listen to this:

In an English political oration: "I was born an Englishman, I have lived an Englishman, I hope I shall die an Englishman."

From the back of the hall in an unmistakable accent, came the question, "Mon, hae ye no ambeetion?"

Brevity

"Get my broker, Miss Jones."

"Yes, sir—stock or pawn?"

Western Sheepmen Short of Shepherds

If you are tired of your present method of making a living and looking for work in a field not too crowded with competition, take up shepherding, suggests the Windsor Star.

Word from Saskatchewan is that sheepmen have an acute labor problem—a shortage of shepherds. They are finding that young men take no interest and the old-timers are starting to die off.

For those who think their present occupation offers too many trials and tribulations, shepherding should be most attractive. For it is very routine. In June you load up your camp wagon, leave the ranch and set up camp on the range. Your only link with civilization is the weekly supply wagon.

In winter, you move to a permanent camp nearer the ranch, but you are out with the flock in all weather. You face the chance of being frozen to death, and frozen hands and faces are common occupational hazards.

The shepherd's responsibility is to see his charges don't poach on someone else's property, to watch for signs of disease among the flock and see none stray.

And if you take up such a profession you will soon learn that, instead of being the ones you must watch with distrust, the black sheep of your flock are the most valued members. Black sheep are scattered throughout the flock for counting purposes, and the shepherds count only the blacks. If any are found missing they assume others have also strayed, and begin a search.

DEMOCRACY COMES TO ITALY'S ARMY

Something new has been added: In Fascist days Italian soldiers had to dance with each other; girls weren't allowed in troop halls. Now they can bring their senoritas, but there doesn't seem to be enough to go a round.

Rome.—There was one good result of the war in Italy. GI Giuseppe now can sit down at a table to eat his meals.

Three times a day the improvemen in Italy's small but effective post-war army is thus brought home to the men in the ranks.

Before the war, an ordinary soldier in the Italian Army simply picked up a mess kit of food from the camp kitchen, found a shady spot around the camp, sat down and had his meal there. Now he is not only provided with a mess hall and mess tables, but there is a reading room in his barracks, something never before permitted except in officers· quarters. Enlisted men now have their own shows, dances, bars and refreshment rooms.

Democratization of Italy's army began with the first landing of Allied troops in September, 1943. A special Anglo-American unit, known as the Military Mission to the Italian Army, was formed. This unit was to co-ordinate the remnants of Mussolini's army with the Allied forces and to see whether the Italian troops could be taught to work and operate along the same lines as the Allied fighting forces in Italy.

Inside of a year the MMIA had three divisions of Italian troops trained and fighting with the Allies against the Germans The troops used American and British equipment.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Not A Buyers' Strike

Many people know they are no longer getting decent value for their money. So, they are simply not purchasing. It is not a buyers' strike or anything of the sort. It is just the commonsense of the buying public is telling people they might as well wait until the balloon comes down.

—The Windsor Star.

Very Dear,—Dear

A visiting stage star from New York is reported to have said in an interview, "Canada is very dear to me." We would like to assure the lady that, to Canadians, the place is getting dearer all the time.

—Toronto Saturday Night.

Russia's Needs

What Russia needs is a warm winter port and a diplomat or two who undergo occasional thaws.

—Brandon Sun.

Odds on Britain

Britain, it is occasionally pointed out, may astonish the world by her recovery. Her failure to recover would astonish us more.

—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

In One Day

At Liverpool in one day 25,000 gift parcels of food for British families were received from individuals in the United States. This is the sort of friendly gesture that is remembered long after the words of statesmen are forgotten.

—Ottawa Journal.

Grim But Logical

Sir Alexander Clutterbuck, the United Kingdom's High Commissioner to Canada, says that unless nations can achieve closer co-operation there will be another upheaval. The deduction is grim but logical. It is up to the nations to act accordingly.

—Brantford Expositor.

Isn't It Awful?

The melancholy days are here,
Most frenzied days of all the year,
When men go home to find the rooms
All torn up in housecleaeing booms.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Hay or What?

Canada's farmers paid $7,113,926 into the Dominion Teasury in income tax during 1945-46. If that's not hay, it's the next thing to it.

—Hamilton Spectator.

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Fish Story

Prince Naruhiko Higashi-kuni, former commander of the Japanese Army in China, commander of Japanese homeland defenses during the war and premier of all Japan following the surrender, has obtained a license to run a fish market in downtown Tokyo.

Boys Bands at C.N.E. Must Have New Deal

There will have to be a new deal in the boys' band competitions at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. So many boys enlisted that new classes to meet new conditions will have to be organized. For example seventy boys from the Ottawa Boys Band joined the colors, sixty went from Brantford and proportionately large groups from smaller bands.

Many of the bands have recruited so many boy musicians it has been found necessary to provide new classes. The London Police Boys Band now numbers eighty while sixty youthful musicians are wearing the uniform of the Leamington, Ontario band. London police started a boys band as part of the campaign to combat juvenile delinquency. Now the move has spread to Chatham, Hespeler, Dundas and Guelph where the guardians of the law have sponsored bands. The Police Chiefs Association of Canada has formally approved the plan. Service clubs also are encouraging the young bandsmen. The Optimist Club of Chatham has donated one thousand dollars to the band in the Maple City and at London the London Hotel Association has contributed various amounts to a total of four thousand dollars.

The ice is still THIN!

Even though the "Danger" signs of Inflation can be taken down now, they have to be replaced with signs reading, "Proceed With Caution." The ice is still too thin for any Canadian to tell himself, "Now, at last, I can go ahead and buy everything I want."

We can't—yet. But we can proceed to enjoy—in moderation—many of the goods and services which were so long in short supply. These good things are ours at moderate prices now because we were moderate in our demands before.

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