Rich in body and delicate as blossoms in its flavour

"SALADA"

(GREEN)

JAPAN TEA

'Fresh from the gardens'

The Step on the Stairs

By ISABEL OSTRANDER

BEGIN HERE TODAY [illegible]

GO ON WITH THE STORY [illegible]

[illegible] Barry shrugged. [illegible] "We will discuss that later," [illegible] Henry Griswold [illegible] drifted to Gordon Ladd, who [illegible] once more dropped his head in his [illegible]. "Let us have a little talk [illegible] as soon as the official formalities have been complied with, [illegible] grant us temporary [illegible]"

[illegible] Boyle descended with [illegible] haste.

"That's one of those nutty artists [illegible] up there, with hair like a sky [illegible] and the nerve of a [illegible]," he [illegible] in a quick undertone to Barry.

In the shabby, comfortable living [illegible] here, the professor lowered [illegible] light and raised the window [illegible] with a sigh of relief, then turned [illegible] his younger companion.

"What do you make of it all, [illegible] Who do you think [illegible] and why?" [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] by someone [illegible] in her studio at the moment [illegible]. Remember she was standing or sitting directly before her easel and evidently painting or starting to paint when the end came. No intruder could have got so close to her, or practically between her and the easel in order to fire directly into her heart without her knowledge. It is possible that she turned to speak to this person and thus unwittingly gave opportunity for an unimpeded aim. I think it is fairly certain that she did not anticipate what was coming."

Barry nodded.

"That seems clear. But about those footsteps that we both heard going [illegible] the stairs when we opened your [illegible] just after the shot startled [illegible]"

[illegible] friend, [illegible] interrupted. [illegible] repeated Barry. "[illegible] nobody on the stairs, and there [illegible] two other apartments [illegible] below, [illegible] According to [illegible] the woman went into hysterics [illegible] heard the news and [illegible] you had to [illegible] door to arouse him [illegible] and reluctantly he [illegible] finally to investigate [illegible] seem to be anywhere in [illegible] hallway, [illegible] lighted as it was [illegible] could have hidden him [illegible]"

Professor Semyonov smiled and his [illegible] whiskers lifted slightly.

"I was not thinking of the woman," [illegible] "Nor do I imagine that we passed anyone unobserved in our descent, hurried as it was.

"Who was Miriam Vane? From whence did she come? If the [illegible] organization of which you are a part should in the next few days learn anything of Mrs. Vane's antecedents or previous history and associates which is not given out generally to the press, it would be of great interest to me [illegible] professional [illegible] strictly confidential [illegible]"

"By no means, professor, [illegible] only [illegible] splendid services you have rendered voluntarily to the department in the past," Barry responded.

"I shall be grateful," the professor declared. "I know nothing, absolutely nothing more than you and yet I have formed a theory which I should like to test and which I think only Mrs. Vane's past will prove or disprove."

Sergeant Barry smiled to himself, though not a muscle of his countenance betrayed his inward amusement. He thought that he knew what that theory, engendered by an almost childish personal antipathy, consisted of, and he was glad to humor the foibles of this old man, so great [illegible]

"Just what is generally known about Mrs. Vane, beyond the prominence her odd style of portraiture has brought her lately?" he asked.

"I know only what I have seen casually in the papers about her and what Mrs. McGrath, entirely without encouragement, has volunteered," replied the professor. "Mrs. Vane arrived last October from France, I believe. It was some two months later that her vogue began and spread like wildfire, so that [illegible] she was quite famous."

"There can be no doubt of her strange, whimsical talent," Barry remarked. "That unfinished portrait before which she lay dead, for instance, [illegible] recognizable as a photograph. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] has, one might say, [illegible] The portrait was that of [illegible] a lady."

"And the critics will fall upon that fact like dogs upon a bone!" Barry laughed and then his face sobered. "How long have the other tenants been in the house, Professor Semyonov?"

"The thin, [illegible] creature in the [illegible] studio was here when I came, two years ago next October, and heaven knows how long before that," he responded. "The young man, Mr. Ladd, moved in only three months ago, on the first of May, and my morose neighbor, just below, took possession a year before that after I myself had been here six or seven months. The janitor, or superintendent, looks as though he might [illegible] the furnace [illegible] for the [illegible] householders and his name I believe is Keigan."

As he spoke there came a [illegible] knock upon the door [illegible]

[illegible] "Did the chief send you over from headquarters to take charge of the case? Mr. Semyonov, this is Sergeant Craig, from the homicide bureau."

"I guess we all know what Professor Semyonov has done for us in times past." The newcomer laughed as he shook hands, then turned frankly to Barry. "I don't know why the chief assigned me to this job when you were already on the ground, John, but orders are orders and I'll be thankful for a little unofficial co-operation."

"I've got to interview the other tenants of the house," said Craig. "Are there any pointers you could give me first?"

"You haven't seen them?"

"No. I read the statements they made to the precinct dicks and then came straight for you. They're each in their own apartments with a guard on each landing and two on the street below, one at the entrance door and one where the fire escape comes down outside the studios, by that vacant strip of land. There's no other way any of them can get out for Boyle and the other two went over the roof [illegible]" Craig replied. "It looks like an inside job all right, for Boyle was right outside the house when he heard the shot fired and nobody could have come out of the door or down the fire escape without his seeing them."

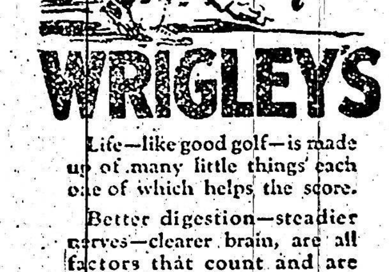
"What did the medical examiner say?" Barry asked after a pause, in a cautious undertone.

"Not much; you know he's always like a clam until he gets his report in at headquarters and he has still the autopsy to make," the other responded. "It was a bullet from a small pistol that killed her, though, and it was fired from a considerable distance for there were no powder marks on the body nor anywhere else that we could find. Come down to the studio where the murder was committed yourself and have another look around; the tenants can wait."

Barry agreed with a nod and together they descended past Griswold's door where a grinning policeman saluted them and from behind which came a defiant series of snores. On the landing below another officer stood on guard, but the door swung idly on its hinges, the body had been removed and the lurid, counterfeit daylight had been extinguished, leaving only the soft, opalescent glow of the lamps in the luxurious, deserted living room.

"Did you notice after you smashed in that this is a spring lock?" Craig had paused at the entrance. "Anyone could have run out after firing that shot and pulled the door shut behind him and it would have locked of itself. It's the only one of the kind in the house, too; the janitor'll have to explain that, and if he don't come back by morning we'll get the dragnet out after him."

(To be continued.)



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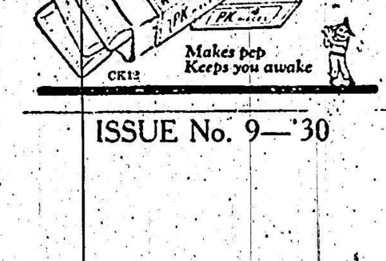

Makes pep
Keeps you awake

CK12

Last Year and Cancer

[illegible] striking development during 1929 has been the growth of team-work in cancer research. For example, at the [illegible] Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, in Middlesex, which is devoted to the study of malignant diseases and their treatment, the clinical and laboratory staffs work together. As a hospital, the admission of patients is regulated solely according to the needs of the hospital as a centre of investigation," says the British Medical Journal.

[illegible] the greatest [illegible] attack [illegible] on the problem of cancer, however, was organized during the latter part of the year, when the Council of the British Medical Association instituted an inquiry into the incidence of cancer and its history after treatment.

This collective inquiry, which is now proceeding, is limited to cancer of the breast, rectum, cervix, and tongue, and its aim is to gather information about the previous history of patients, the evolution of the disease itself, the nature and results of whatever treatment is undertaken, and the duration of the disease, both when treated and when untreated.

"These are matters about which the general practitioner is better fitted to supply reliable information than anyone else; but we do not pretend that the ultimate solution of the problem [illegible] will necessarily come [illegible]

[illegible]

Tucked Hipline

By ANNETTE

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What could be more attractive for the growing miss of 8, 10, 12 and 11 years than this new Princess modification.

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Canada Ranks High As Trading Nation

Leads World as Paper, Nickel and Asestos Exporter

SECOND IN FLOUR

Holds Second Place Also for Automobiles—Survey Issued

Ottawa. — Interesting commentaries on Canadian foreign trade are made in a recent Bureau of Statistics bulletin. In the production of printing paper, nickel, asbestos and cobalt this Dominion leads the world; occupies second place in the production of wheat and automobiles; and in output of lead and gold third place. In export trade, it leads the world in exports of wheat, flour, 2nd in automobiles, and third place in exports of wood pulp; as well as occupying a very high position in the exports of many other staple products, such as lumber and timber, fish, copper, barley, cheese, raw furs, whiskey, meats, rubber tires, farm implements, pulpwood, cattle, raw gold, silver, lead, rye, oats, rubber footwear, leather and hides.

Canada's Position

World-wide statistics are not yet available for the calendar year 1929, but for the calendar year 1928, Canada occupied fifth position in import and export trade, as well as in aggregate trade, second place in export and total trade per capita; third position in favorable trade balance, and second place in favorable trade balance per capita. Inasmuch as Canada's total trade for the calendar year 1929, compared with 1928, shows a decrease of $86,213,000, imports an increase of $76,675,000 and exports a decrease of $165,888,000, it is evident that the Dominion will continue to hold fifth position in import and total trade in 1929 among the principal commercial nations of the world, but that in export trade will probably move down to sixth position, yielding fifth place to British India.

Trade Balance

Also in respect to visible trade balance, this was unfavorable on December 31, 1929, to the extent of $90,535,000 in comparison with a favorable trade balance of $151,928,000 on December 31, 1928.

This situation was largely brought about by an increase in imports and a decrease in exports. In the case of imports the increase was mainly due to the movement of capital equipment into the Dominion to meet expansion conditions, while in the case of exports the decrease was mainly accounted for by the falling off in the exports of grains, particularly wheat, to the United Kingdom and Continental Europe, due partly to lower yields, but [illegible]

A Prayer

[illegible]

Let her have these for her own sweet sake.

Give her gay music wherever she dwells;

The melodies thrushes and finches make;

Each dawn the waking to silver bells—

Let her have these for her own sweet sake.

Give her small blossoms wherever she walks,

And evenings of hush where the rainbows live,

And moments alone when her own heart talks—

Let her have these, which I could not give!

—Bert Cooksley, in the New York Times.

Cleaning Windows

There are many ways to wash windows. Every housewife has her own way of doing it and they are all satisfactory, but if you must wash windows in a hurry just wring a chamois out of water to which a little ammonia has been added.

Rub the glass well with this, then wring the chamois again, this time as dry as possible and go over the entire window. This will partially dry it and that is all that is required. Your windows will glisten and will not be streaked—provided the sun is not shining on the glass.

"Here is a doctor who says that there are plenty of people walking the streets who ought to be in the asylum."

"Of course, another veiled attack on Parliament."

Racing truly is the sport of kings, for it costs about seven dollars a day to maintain the average race horse, or approximately $2,500 a year, more than the average Canadian family has to live on.

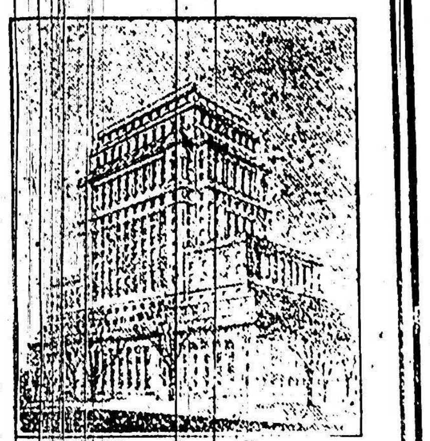
Quotations embroidered on sheets are the latest Paris notion. They should, however, be verified, as misquotations are conducive to insomnia.—Punch.

"Don't be afraid of this world's changes; the danger is that it won't change enough."—S. Parkes Cadman.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

A TOWER OF STRENGTH

1929	
New Assurances Paid for	654,451,000
An Increase of $213,207,000	
Assurances in force (net)	$2,401,237,000
An Increase of $504,322,000	
Total Income (net)	172,857,000
An Increase of $28,110,000	
Surplus earned during the Year	42,863,000
Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries	69,174,000
Surplus and Contingency Reserve	72,807,000
An Increase of $5,869,000	
Total Liabilities (Including Paid up Capital)	495,390,000
Assets, at December 31st, 1929	568,197,000
An Increase of $79,139,000	



New Head Office, Building

Rate of Interest earned on mean invested assets 7.02%

The high rate of dividends allotted to participating policyholders is continued and [illegible] dividend on maturing policies extended [illegible]

EXTRACTS FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT

New policies paid for numbered 161,391 for a net amount of $654,451,143.27, an advance of $213,206,752.36, or more than forty-eight per cent., over the previous year. This marked increase and the fact that the average policy, for the first time, exceeded $4,000, afford impressive evidence of the ever growing popularity of the Company.

After deducting amounts reassured, the total assurances in force amount to $2,401,237,035.91, an increase of $504,321,102.37. This advance is notable not merely for its magnitude, but because when allowance is made for terminations by death and maturity, it represents a remarkably high rate of continuance, and evidences great satisfaction on the part of our policyholders.

The amount paid to policyholders since organization, together with the amount at present held for their security or benefit, exceeds the total amount received from them in premiums by $139,290,171.03.

The rate of interest earned on the mean invested assets has risen to 7.02 per cent. This figure includes a certain amount from bonuses and stock privileges accruing on many of the Company's holdings; but if these were entirely eliminated the rate would still be 6.60 per cent.

A net profit of $13,077,281.6[illegible] was realized from the redemption or sale of securities.

The surplus earned during the year, based on the values entered in the accounts, amounted to $42,863,578.59, but from this sum substantial amounts [illegible] have as usual been made to further strengthen the position of the Company.

An additional $10,000,000.00 has been deducted from the market values of our securities as a provision against possible market fluctuations, raising the amount thus set aside for this purpose in the accounts to $30,000,000.00.

A further $1,000,000.00 has been written off the Company's buildings.

$931,000.00 has been appropriated to raise the annuity reserves to the British Offices table of valuation with interest at 3½ per cent. This exacting standard requires reserves $2,050,000.00 in excess of those of the Dominion Government standard.

$1,200,000.00 has been set aside [illegible] provision for claims [illegible]

$[illegible] has been [illegible] for [illegible] for the year [illegible]

[illegible]

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

Carving a Character

By HELEN SEARLES MARSH

"I do not know what to do with my two boys," a wealthy woman declared. "They are very destructive, always scratching the woodwork and marring, yes, actually, destroying, the furniture."

"We are in despair over their lack of appreciation of the beautiful [illegible] home," added the father.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan had an unusually elegant home. The two boys, eight and ten, had been brought up in an artistic environment, [illegible] [illegible]

"They are rather too old to begin to form good habits now," he said. "However, send them to me. I think I know just what these youngsters need in the way of discipline."

He took them to his workshop studio. They were given tools and were taught to sharpen and care for them. He showed them what could be done with these instruments in creating something worth while and artistic from a piece of oak or mahogany.

Slowly, patiently and happily the boys worked with this artist, who was teaching them lessons in character-building as well as in wood carving.

It was not long before both boys began to feel respect for the efforts in craftsmanship, represented in the hand-carved furniture and beautiful woodwork in their home.

"How much hard work and skill must have taken to make just one design on this chair," the older boy said to his father one day, gazing at a familiar piece of furniture with new eyes. And a week or so later, "It must have taken a long time to build this library table of mahogany. How wonderfully it is carved!"

"Just how did you do it?" the delighted father asked the artist the next time they met.

"I put the mischievous but ingenious hands to work," the artist explained. "The boys were taught to be responsible for their tools, and to design and create simple, useful things—a glove box for their mother, a book-rack for your study and tool-chests for themselves. Their originality and skill in craft-work has increased, but the lesson I really wanted them to get and which they certainly are learning is [illegible] They are learning to become [illegible] acquiring the habit of [illegible]

February: The Thrush

Ere yet the buds [illegible]
On tree and bare [illegible]
Out bursts a song [illegible]
The hardy Missel Thrush
Clinging to topmost [illegible]
Defying storms and [illegible]
[illegible]

Love of Country

[illegible]

Needless Suffering

The next time a headache makes you stay at home—

Or some other ache or pain prevents your keeping an engagement—

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