Conan Doyle Tells Story Against Self

A story Conan Doyle used to love to tell, for it was against himself—he was that kind of a man—had to do with a lecture he was about to deliver on one of his tours over here. At the last minute the man who was to have introduced him was unable to be present and another local worthy was hurriedly pressed into service. He did right nobly until the critical moment arrived. Then he faltered, pulled himself together, and proceeded:—

"And now, ladies and gentlemen, it is my great pleasure and privilege to introduce to you Canon Doyle, the author divine."

Another yarn harked back to the time when Sherlock Holmes was all the rage. Arriving in Paris one day, Conan Doyle hailed a cabman to drive him to a hotel.

"Dr. Doyle," said Cabby, who knew his fare. "I perceive from your appearance that you have recently been in Constantinople. I have reason to think also that you have been in India, and I perceive some indication that you were not far from Milan."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed Doyle. "Five francs for the secret of how you did it."

"I looked at the labels pasted on your trunk," said cabby.

Close to forty years ago when Conan Doyle made his first visit over here he struck up a friendship with James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Field that endured for many years, in fact, until, as he put it, "I am the only one left." And now he's gone.

"I well remember my first meeting with Riley," relates the creator of Sherlock Holmes (in "Our Second American Adventur."). "He sat hanched up at one end of an unmade bed, and I at the other, and we discussed with the eagerness of youth the work of all of our peers."

Conan Doyle always expressed regret that he never knew Eugene Field when the later visited London in 1889 "they did not meet until later—and so did Field, as is apparent from a letter he afterwards wrote for Conan Doyle which wound up:—

"Oh, had we met on the other side, our rapture had been mine...

For I was broke in London in the fall of '89."

When Conan Doyle was visiting St. Louis he met some congenial souls. "One quaint fellow," he recalled (in his reminiscences), "who had been a jockey at some period gave us some funny experiences on Southern race tracks, especially the adventures of some negro tout who used to get his information 'out of the oats box,' to use his own expression, and pass on for a fee the plans of the horses to his fellows.

"Sometimes the information proved wrong." Then he had to invent excuses to prevent trouble.

"'Yes, sir, your horse was beat by six inches, sir. But it really wasn't beat at all. It was unfortunate. Did you see the race, sir?'

"'See it? I had $2 on it. You bet I saw it.'

"'Well, then, if you saw it you would notice the jumps of them horses passed the post. It was a dead heat at that end, but you backed a short horse. That was all that was the matter.'"

Every 24 Hours 60 Babies Die

Free Literature Offered in Effort to Lessen This Drain

The following has been prepared by the Child Hygiene Section, Canadian Council of Child Welfare.

When we read of thirty babies dying in twelve hours, we are forced to think, "Why cannot something be done?"

When we realize that not only thirty babies died, but that every twelve hours during 1928, Canada lost thirty infants under one year of age, a total of 21,195 lives, we ask ourselves, "Why did they die? Could they have been saved?"

Some of the chief causes of these deaths, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, are: Premature Births and Injuries at Birth—5,586; Diarrhoea, Dysentery and Diseases of the Stomach—4,144; Congenital Malformations and Disabilities—3,634; Bronchitis and Pneumonia—2,334; and other Communicable Diseases—1,459.

Lack of knowledge, or ignorance, definitely contributed to the death of 50 per cent. of these children; this ignorance was evidenced by the lack of antenatal service, lack of satisfactory medical and nursing care at the time of, and following birth, and by artificial feeding, etc.

In co-operation with the Federal and Provincial Departments of Health, the Canadian Council on Child Welfare is making an effort to try to reduce this tremendous loss of life in Canada. A series of pre-natal and post-natal letters, the latter covering the first year of the baby's life, and including habit-training, may be secured in French and English, free of charge, by writing the Provincial Department of Health, or the Child Hygiene Section of the Canadian Council on Child Welfare, 406 Plaza Bldg., Ottawa, Ont.

Did You Know That—

The first known cinema camera was made in 1890?

On an average Japan has five hundred earthquakes each year?

Thousands of people in Italy are engaged in rearing silkworms?

The omnibuses of London travel about 85,000,000 miles in a year.

People who stammer show signs of their affliction most when the moon is full?

Six thousand tons' weight of briar roots are exported annually from Corsica for the manufacture of pipes?

The Canadian National Exhibition is the world's largest annual spectacle.

"ALL FOR THE SMALL SUM OF TEN CENTS!"

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. . . when the spell-binding Barker inspired people to part cheerfully with their small change, Wilson's Bachelor cigars were steadily winning popular favour on merit alone . . . and, today, there are more small coins being cheerfully exchanged for Wilson's Bachelors—100% Havana filler—than for any other ten cent cigar in Canada.

individually foil wrapped 10¢ and in pocket packs of five

WILSON'S BACHELOR Cigar

Still most for the money

Canned Potatoes Latest Addition

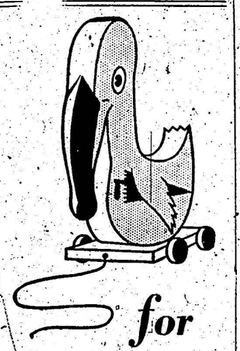
What is believed to be the only white potato canning plant in the world is now in use at Palatka, Florida, in the heart of Florida's potato belt. After years of experimentation, the Southern Potato Products Company has developed a process for canning the smallest of new Irish potatoes. These potatoes formerly went to waste. Now, thanks to the developments, the housewife can serve new potatoes all the year round. The potatoes are first blanched in very hot water. They are then conveyed by the machines and dropped into sterilized cans. Following this, all air is removed from the cans and the machine seals them up. The new adaptation opens up a different field in the canning industry. Products that may have been thrown away or perhaps converted into potato chips, will now be available in original and wholesome form. The housewife will not need to worry about serving her guests with black potatoes in those seasons when new potatoes are unavailable. Nothing seems to displease the hostess more than large discolored spots and she has frequently attempted to use milk and bleaching substances added to the water in which the potatoes are boiled in an effort to reduce discoloration. Now that is no more.

Spider's Thread in Surveys

In the construction of surveyors' instruments, utilized for the purpose of surveying and mapping our country, use is made of a number of different materials. The most novel of these, perhaps, is the thread of the spider, which is placed in the optical system of the telescope as an aid in sighting upon definite objects.

Minard's Liniment for Neuralgia.

"John, the paper says the Jenkinses are back from their vacation in Yellowstone Park." "Well, we'd better hurry right over and see them before they have their films developed."



for ANY CHILD

WE can never be sure just what makes a child restless, but the remedy can always be the same. Good old Castoria! There's comfort in every drop of this pure vegetable preparation, and not the slightest harm in its frequent use. As often as your child has a fretful spell, is feverish, or cries and can't sleep, let Castoria soothe and quiet him. Sometimes it's a touch of colic. Sometimes constipation. Or diarrhea—a condition that should always be checked without delay. Just keep Castoria handy, and give it promptly. Relief will follow very promptly; if it doesn't, you should call a physician.

Fletcher's CASTORIA

Basic Industry Strides Forward

Experimental Farms Play Big Part in Advance of Agriculture

Announcements of the extension of the work of the experimental farms of the Dominion calls attention to the part played by these institutions in the development of agriculture in this country. Canada's basic industry has made great strides in recent years and the contribution of science to this progress has been substantial. The programme of the Department of Agriculture for the current year provides for the strengthening of experimental farms in several directions. These include additions to the staff of field husbandmen, cerealists, bacteriologists and other scientists. It is from the cereal division that perhaps the greatest services of cience to agriculture have come, the most outstanding being the discovery of Marquis wheat.

The work of the Dominion Experimental Farms, begun only in 1886, at the present time includes 26 Experimental Farms and Stations with a total of 12,818 acres as compared with 3,472 acres on the original five farms. It would be impossible to enumerate, much less describe, these operations here; but one outstanding achievement deserves special mention. Wheat of the Prairie Provinces is famous for its hard, dry, glutinous quality. Apart from the effects of the climate and soil, its success has been largely due to the excellence of the Red Fife variety, which was discovered accidentally in 1842 by an Ontario farmer named David Fife. In 1903, however, an improved variety known as "Marquis" was produced by the Cereal Division of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa.

During the last ten years the success of this variety has been such that it has now almost entirely superseded the Red Fife. The use of this new variety of wheat has increased by millions of dollars annually the revenue derived from wheat-growing by the farmers of Western Canada. Still more recent products are varieties called "Garnet" and "Reward." These are now being tried and multiplied upon an extensive scale and great hopes are entertained for their future.

Progress Illustrated

A few figures will illustrate the immense advance made by agriculture in Canada. From 1890 to 1929 the area under field crops has grown from about 15.6 million acres to over 59 million acres, an increase of 282 per cent. during the last forty years. It is in regard to wheat that agricultural progress has been most remarkable. For ten years after Confederation the wheat crop rarely exceeded 25,000,000 bushels, and imports of wheat and flour exceeded by nearly 9,000,000 bushels. It was not until 1898 that the wheat yield exceeded 50,000,000, and and exports reached what was then the record total of twenty-four and one-half million bushels. Seven years later the production of wheat exceeded 100,000,000 bushels. In 1911 there were yields well over 200,000,00 bushels, and in 1915 came the phenomenal record of 393,5300,000 bushels, the average yield per acre being 26 bushels. During six of the last seven years the total of 1915 has, howevr, been exceeded, the record being reached, in 1928, with 566,000,000 bushels. Last year there was a short crop of only 294,000,000 bushels.

An essayist declares that there is no bigger nuisance than the man who arrives late at a theatre. Managers maintain, however, that he is infinitely perferable to the man who stays away altogether.

Have Minard's Liniment on your shelf.

34,902 Take Air Tests in Year

Washington — Examinations for pilots' licenses by the aeronautics branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1930, increased 54 per cent. over those of the fiscal year 1929, according to Clarence M. Young, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for aeronautics.

The total for the last year, 43,902, is more than the combined figure of all the years since the organization of the branch in 1926, Mr. Young reported, since up to the beginning of the year just ended, the total number of examinations stood at 37,447.

The examinations are divided into three groups; those for transport and limiten commercial pilots, for industrial pilots, and for private pilots, according to the report. Of the total made last year, 25,041 were of individuals taking their first examinations for pilots' licenses, including both students and trained pilots. The number of pilots and students reexamined for the same grade of license which they held prior to the time of examination totaled 12,402.

Guard Baby's Health in the Summer

The summer months are the most dangerous to children. The complaints of that season, which are cholera infantum, colic, diarrhoea and dysentery, come on so quickly that often a little one is beyond aid before the mother realizes he is ill. The mother must be on her guard to prevent these troubles, or if they do come on suddenly to banish them. No other medicine is of such aid to mothers during hot weather as Baby's Own Tablets. They regulate the stomach and bowels and are absolutely safe. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Cracks in Doors

When cracks become apparent in dark-stained doors of newly built houses, owing to contraction of the wood, it is a good plan to rub or brush in a little boot polish, when the cracks will no longer be visible.

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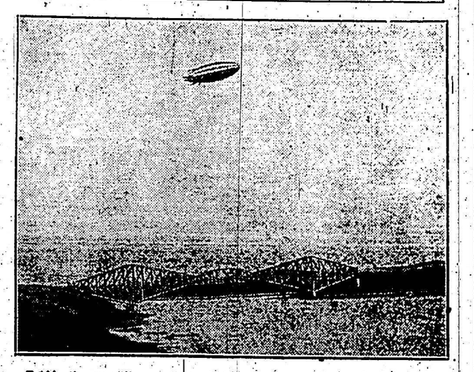

R-100, the world's greatest airship, passes over the Quebec Bridge on its way up the historic St. Lawrence to Montreal. The daring imagination and skill of man has conceived nothing mightier than these two feats, the gigantic dirigible and one of the largest and most spectacular pieces of engineering in the world. Transatlantic liners pass easily under the bridge, which links the Canadian National Railways lines on the south shore of the St. Lawrence with those on the north shore, but the R-100 was one that went overhead.

Women Successful In Selling Planes

Washington—Women are competing successfully with men in nearly all phases of aviation, the air travel division of the American Automobile Association finds in surveying the field.

Pilot's licenses have been granted to 250 women in the United States. Several notable records have been set by woman fliers. They are serving as commercial transport, and demonstration pilots, are selling airplanes and accessories, filling executive positions with airplane companies and taking a hand in airport management. Although there are no women flying air mail planes, there are nine women members of the National Air Mail Pilots' Association. These are the conclusions the A.A.A. reaches in its study.

"A number of large airplane companies employ saleswomen who compare more than favorably with salesmen," says the A.A.A. "Moreover, they are fully as adept at talking revolutions per minute and horsepower as salesmen. They sell planes accessories and instruments, and flying courses with ease and efficiency.

"Women as aviation executives are no longer a novelty. Foremost among the women holding important positions in the aviation field is Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former Assistant Attorney-General, who is now counselor and attorney for the Aviation Corporation, with offices in Washington.

"Another important executive post is held by Miss Amelia Earhart, that of vice-president of the New York-Washington Airways which on Aug. 15 will open service between the two cities, especially inviting the patronage of women.

"The first woman airport manager is Miss Margaret Perry, in charge of the new Culver City (Calif.) Airport, although women have had a hand in airport affairs for some time, serving as traffic or business managers and airport hostesses."

People "All Nerves"

What to Do if You Find Yourself in This Condition.

The sort of thing that specialists call nervous debility is the run-down condition caused by over-work and household worries. The sufferers find themselves tired, low-spirited and unable to keep their mind on anything. Any sudden noise startles and sets the heart palpitating violently. They cannot sleep well at night; their hands tremble and legs seem unable to support them. Such a condition is indeed pitiable.

Doctoring the nerves with sedatives is a terrible mistake. The only real nerve tonic is a supply of good red blood. Therefore the treatment for nervousness and run-down health is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which promptly build up and enrich the blood. The revived appetite, the strengthened nerves, improved spirits and new strength which come after a course of these pills will delight every sufferer.

You can get these pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

What Ice to Use in Drinks

One very often hears stories about the relative purity of artificial ice when compared with natural ice. One also hears youngsters' proclaiming that the white areas in artificial ice are impurities, or that artificial ice has an ammonia odor about it. Ordinarily, artificial ice is much better than natural ice for use in cooling drinks. While ice is generally cracked up and dropped into the liquid to be cooled, the practice is not to be generally recommended. This is not because the manufactured ice is impure when made, but because while it is being handled, delivered or otherwise carried, it is subject to contact with hands not altogether clean. You have often watched ice cakes slip from grasp and fall into unclean places from which the cakes were recovered, and, then placed in your refrigerator without even an attempt at removal of the dirt. In this respect, the ice made by your artificial refrigerator is far superior to manufactured ice, the water for which may be even filtered four or five times. Homemade ice is not subject to much handling.

Owl Laffs

The Arrow of Truth

Straight from the mighty bow this truth is driven—
"They fail, and they alone, who have not striven."
Fly far, O shaft of light, all doubt redeeming,
Rouse men from dull despair and idle dreaming,
High heaven's evangel be gospel God-given—
"They fail, and they alone, who have not striven."

Truth is stranger than fiction—to the average married woman.

Free love must be the kind you give and don't get any in return.

Before marriage, a man holds an umbrella over a woman's head to keep her from getting wet. After marriage, to keep her hat dry.

There's a fall in store for the man who is above his work.

The fair girl went over The Man Without a Country, but when she considered the possibility of a country without a man she realized that the author was a piker at creating tragic situations.

It never takes much to please a man who is muchly pleased with himself.

Surely wearing long skirts with bare legs will not be a good combination.

No one is likely to accuse you of stinginess if you keep all of your temper.

Bring a girl with hay fever some golden rod and she'll be sore; but a lily is nothing to sneeze at.

The seeming essentials to a bride's hope chest these days are a gun and can opener.

Of course you've heard of the Scotchman who crowned his wife because she rinsed out his shaving brush.

Git—"That horse knows as much as I do."

App—"Well, don't tell anybody. You may want to sell him some day."

An inquirer wants to know who it was that originated the remarks about its being a great life if you don't weak end.

Clarice—"Well, aren't you surprised to hear that Harry proposed to me yesterday?"

Agnes—"No, not very—he threatened to do something desperate last week when I rejected him."

One way of cutting down the wheat acreage in this country would be to teach the farmers golf.

An old-fashioned mother-in-law is a husband's best friend in these days of modern wives and all that that means.

The home permant not only saves you money but also the disappointment you're sure to get when buying from a fly-by-night agent.

Son—"Say, mom, was baby sent down from heaven?"

Mother—"Why, yes, my dear."

Son—"They must like to have things quiet up there."

Foiled!

The Commercial Bank of Wichita, Kansas, has had installed a new bullet-proof teller's cage to foil bank bandits. The tellers cage is covered with steel thick enough to prevent penetration from bullets even if fired by a regulation U.S. army rifle. The teller himself works behind bullet-proof glass, and any money transfer can be taken care of through the slot at the bottom of the glass and the least sign of trouble, he can pick between it and a suitable tray. At up his automatic and push it through a special opening. From this position he can fire without being in any danger himself. Should a really clever bandit be able to approach the cage and poke his pistol through the opening provided for money transfer, the teller can duck behind the counter and come up with his gun ready for duty.

For Blisters — Minard's Liniment.

Educating Indians

One of the very important functions of the Department of Indian Affairs is the providing of educational facilities for Indian children throughout the Dominion. Day schools are conducted on reserves in every province and where conditions necessitate it, residential schools are also operated.

When Baby frets

and you can't get your work done — your nerves are getting the better of you — make a cup of tea — it's a great "pick-me-up". Sit down a few minutes — you will feel better!

RED ROSE TEA "is good tea"

TWO QUALITIES — RED LABEL & ORANGE PEKOE

Bank of England Melts Millions

The Bank of England has sovereigns that it is melting down by the million.

It has received 40,000,000 from abroad during the past months, and, as only about have been exported, there is unwanted surplus.

The bulk of these imported reigns, which have a total weight more than 300 tons, have come Australia and South Africa, where gold is mined, and is minted local branches of the Royal Mint.

Millions, however, have come foreign countries, including ment of 2,500,000 from South earlier this year.

The sovereign may be a here, but it is a coin regarded by international bankers. Large ities are lying idly in vaults all over the world.

The Bank of England at present has a gold reserve of 600 ($795,000,000) which less than the reserve at this time. From this sum is all demands for gold.

Coins into Bars

Anyone in possession of a £5 note can change it into sovereigns at the Bank, but at the present time Gold, of course, is still being in unlimited quantities in exchange for notes, but only in bars, sovereigns costing from $15 to $17. The general public therefore often assert their legal right.

The large quantities of gold received has resulted in a corresponding amount of gold being held in the form of bars.

The present shortage, therefore, will result in the purchase of melted coins which are melted into bars.

"The new bars, however, will be different from those formerly issued; they, like sovereigns, will contain standard or 22-carat gold, containing one-twelfth alloy, whereas previous bar gold sold was pure gold.

Withdrawn Privilege

The new arrangement is pleasing everybody—notably the Bank of France, which insists on receiving gold in fine form only. The notes therefore, will have to be returned before the Bank of France will take them.

The time may come, of course, when the Bank of England will issue sovereigns again, for, although it is not issue any for home circulation, supplies them by millions for use if required.

Formerly the public had the right to take gold to the Mint for coinage, but this privilege is now withdrawn. No sovereigns have been issued by the Mint for public circulation since 1917, although in 1925 3,515,000 were struck for the Bank of England.

Octopi Drive Away Men Off the Breton Coast

Paris.—Shrimps and lobsters men along the Breton coast have suffered heavy losses through a plague of octopi, which not only drove away their source of livelihood but ate the shrimp nets.

The fishermen declared a war of extermination on the swimming fish, but found themselves handicapped by the depth of the water and the rocky configuration of the bottom.

Minard's Liniment removes Warts.

The Pure Food Building at the Canadian National Exhibition cost $300,000 to construct.

Smoke Reduced In Manchester

Manchester, Eng.—During the past 30 years industrial smoke has been reduced in the Manchester area by approximately 75 per cent., according to statistics from Dr. S. Taylor, assistant medical officer of health, Manchester, who recently stated. "Virtually all the present day smoke nuisance is due to the use of inferior fuel for domestic purposes, not to any lack of care and attention by the users.

"In Manchester [illegible] of soot are removed annually from 150,000 [illegible] years." Mr. Taylor [illegible] good [illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible] in the [illegible] in