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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1919 The second secon A SONG OF THE WORLD

What shall I sing to the world That will fathers the depths of grieving? Faith in my song to the world; The believer is saved by believing

What shall I sing to the world That will lighten the load of

curing? Hope is my song to the world; The spirit is raised by its daring. What shull I sing to the world

That will open the flood-gates Hving? Lave is my song to the world; The giver is gaved by the giving. This is my song to the world

As a lark I have met it winging. Though the world be not saved by The singer is saved by the singing.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG

CLOCK TOWER



I find I am obliged to confess again that my old noodle continues to a prononess of forgetfulness. The editor the other day brought me up with a short turn, because I forgot when writing up Mill Street reminiscences to state that the family of the late Principal T. T. Moore included another charming daughter in addition to those I mentioned-Mrs. Nellie Jenner. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenner were one of the finest couples of young people who most men then living. Even so, some ever went out from Acton. While residing in their happy home in Glovers- one kind of book-making went on as ville, N. Y., Mr. Jenner's useful career as a musician and active church work- derful copies of the Bible and writings or was cut short, following an attack of the early church fathers in the monof typhoid fever. Mrs. Jenner fre- asteries. Every monastry had its own quently visits her mother and sister in little publishing department. The place the old home at the corner of Mill and in the monastery where the monks

That big quoiting match of Mr. Robertson's on the Beardmore grounds kind of work. the other week set my old head think-Jack Stafford and a number of others one is sold, it brings a fabulous price. had a quoting ground in the gully back of John Farmer's barn on Church the same time in copying a book. They Street, where Mr. Gregory's bungalow tell us that one monk would read aloud and garden are now. My, how they while twenty others copied on parchall summer long they pitched; except copies of the same book would be in on the nights when they went over to process of making at the same time. the fifth line for new clay for the it was not the custom to make copies stakes. Hugh Cameron was the daddy of the Bible in this way because the of them all at the game. He took his Bible did not well so readily as smaller, quoits with him when he removed to less costly books. Sarnia as a Grand Trunk bridge builder. In 1883 Hughle went to a big tiful copies of the Scriptures were by St. Andrew's Society. He won the alone in their cells, printing by hand, championship and the splendid silver painting and illuminating the precious prises this medal highly yet, even if worth Harald. thirty-six years have passed, -and shows it with much pleasure whenever quoting is talked of. I don't think I ever saw it but lots of other old mutual friends in town have. If you want to see Hughie smile sometime when he's in town, talk quoiting.

Glory me! I could hardly wait for the woods with a roll of bills in his a whole week to tell how glad and pocket, the payment of his winter's thankful I am over the big majority toil. He reaches town, visits a saloon rolled up for prohibition in Ontario and remembers nothing clearly till he on that memorable day, Monday, Octo- wakes up some morning with his head ber 20. And I don't blame the editor aching and his pockets empty. No one a bit for saying last week that Acton is foolish enough to suppose that such did magnificently in the fight, con- a man gets any rell return for his fight against. The Liberty League If our standard of enjoyment 15 phyand the Turks didn't harm our cause sical merely, the pleasure we get from in the slightest. They can go on wor- the expenditure of money to selfshipping together just as much as limited. they like. Say! weren't you proud of our women. The young women and money when your are doing what you the old women; the married women can for those reforms that mean the and the springters; the grandmothers building up of the world. Whatever and the mothers with their first bables else your money may buy, if it has not walking yet, were all in and en- not given you the joy of helpfulness, treating the voters to vote four XXXX you are very far from getting the most in the No column. And they did it with a vengeance; think of it, 560 No voters in Acton. Bay I never was more proud of the good old town. Yes and I'm proud of the old county too, with its majority up in the thousands. Say, this vote takes me away back imagines that others think as much sixty years and more to the time when I went to Stewarttown to vote for the Dunkin Act, the first temperance measure introduced in Halton. I've been voting ever since to help cut out the boose, and I think we've got him buried this time face down. It's been a long process, but glory, hallelujah! it's paid. Why, just think, I can remember when there were twenty-seven hotels on the seventh line, between Ballinafad and Oakville-22 milesand a browery and a distillery thrown

Some people ask me why I'm such a crank about wiping out the liquor business, when it's never done my family any harm. Well, perhaps it hasn't. Mary and I have always been proud that it never caught our boys. bless them. But we've seen many another of the brightest boys in Acton and his mother was very worried as go down under it. We want to help to how he would behave himself. other boys, and so we both voted four noes on election day. I don't think many fathers and mothers here, who have real homes, and real boys and girls, voted any other way in Acton.

Well, here I am wandering off on this hackneyed subject again. I guess it won't be as much talked for a long while as during the past few months. And now back to Main Street's history. Johnnie McKee was one of the livest merchants we ever had in town. His first business experience in Acton was travelling a stallion. He lived in a little house on the lot on Church Hirest where Mrs. Wiles' residence now stands, and his stable was on the westerly side of the lot. He sold the stallion and put the money into a general stock of merchandise. He rented a building which was on the site now occupied by Kenney Brothers' store. His stock included groceries, you will expect me to say 'H." was dry goods, boots and shoes, and a the unexpected reply, liquor department. The business thrived, and the adjoining residence, previousy occupied by Mr. Olbbons, the blucksmith, was added as a tailoring cetablishment. A good deal of in- swfully hard doing your own work?" genuity was displayed in taking orders for clothing. When a web of over- work! in fact. I did the most of it couting came in it would be divided when I had a maid. But it is rather into two and rolled into separate webs wearing not to have anyone to find at different prices. A customer would fault with."

coat. The first end of the web would be shown from which an overcoat would be made to order for \$10.00 "But here's a fine thing," the salesman would nay, abowing the other part of the web, "if you like a better coat. We'll give you this, made up, for \$14.00." This was reported as a froquent occurrence and the coatomer would usually take the "better" plece. But Johnny's rapidly developing businean career was auddenly cut short by

a disastrous fire one night, which swept away store, stock, whiskey barrels, bottles and all. A portion of the stock was salvaged by a volunteer corps of citizens, but this was disposed of shortly thereafter, and Johnny's store career in Acton was ended. His next venture was a line of manufacturing in a small way. The Colorado beetle, or as now familiarly known, the potato hug, made its advent about this time. Johnny conceived the idea of compounding a destroyer. This was a mixture of lime, whiting and

Paris Green with which to sprinkle the potato vines. Thousands of pack--Elizabeth N. Barr. ages were put in green wrappers, in the stable which stood on the Marshall son sufficed for this venture and Mr McKee removed to Parry Bound with colony of Acton people who went up to that section to engage in the umber bustness.

Kennedy Brothers, Donald and Thomas, built a new store on the site, where McKee's was destroyed, for some-time. It was during their term as merchants on Main Street that William Williams was engaged at Bowmanville to come to Acton to superintend their boot and shoe department, about forty-five years ago. Kennedy Brothers sold out to John Kenney & Son, and the business has ever since been in this family of old-

time residents of Acton. .The smaller store on the lot now occupied by George Edward's harness business, was the location of a number of grocery businesses. Mrs. D. Josiah Adams was there for a number of years. John R. Kennedy commenced his business career there. T Statham & Sons' bakery and grocery was there for ten or fifteen years, and R. Swackhamer kept store there for

THE OLD MAN.

HOW THE FIRST BOOKS WERE

After the fall of the Roman Empire and after the time of Charlemagne, at the beginning of the Middle Ages, the olden-time books were forgotten by copies of the old books were saved, and usual. This was the making of wonworked at book-making was called the Scriptorium, and it was only the older monks who were trusted to do this

The copies of the Bible and-in fact, ing about away-back days. The edi- all the books made in these days-had tor wouldn't spare me any space last leaves of parchment, and the printing week to say a word about it. But was, of course, all done by hand by the I've got a free rein this morning. use of a stylus. These exquisite pages Well, that hig championship match in were illuminated in colors, and in every which my neighbor, Jack Mellon, book there were beautiful, painted ilknocked out the champion of Ontario, lustrations. Many of the hand-made took me back to boyhood days. Some books are still in existence and are of you will remember when Hugh carefully preserved in both private and Cameron, Jim Butler, Levi Lambert, public libraries and museums. When Often many monks used to work at enjoyed the game. Night after night ment sheets what he read; thus twenty

We are told too, that the most beautournament at Buffalo, N. Y., arranged made by monks who for years worked medal, the Berwick Club prize. He pages, all for the glory of God.-Ep-

GETTING THE MOST FOR YOUR

Many people who think of money as the chief good, have little idea of how to use it so as to get any satisfaction out of it. A lumberlack comes from

You are getting the most for your

from its expenditure.

Wise the girl who can tell whether breaking in a new pair of shoes.

There are a few rising young men in this world, but the majority keep their seats in a crowded street car.

Religion that costs nothing is probably worth about that much.

There is no telling what a day may bring forth. A man may be happy

to-day and married to-morrow. WHAT'S THE USE

Little Jimme went with his mother to stay with an aunt in the country. But to her surprise he was angello during the whole visit-always did as he was told, and never misbehaved. As soon as he got home, however, he was his natural self again.

"Oh, Jimmy," she said, "you were so good while you were away, why do you start behaving bally now?" "What's .tome for?" asked Jimmy, in pained surprise.

AND SO ON

The fond parents had striven valiantly for some considerable time to teach little Eme to say the letter "A." At last the father, giving up in disgust left the room. "Now. why don't you may 'A'?" in-

quired the mother, as she took the child upon ther knee. "Because after I say 'A' father and

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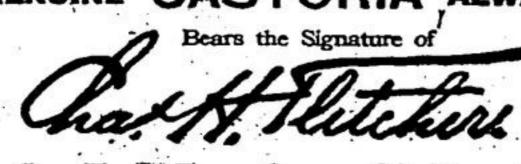
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ONLY ONE CHANCE

"I don't have any chance at all." It was a country boy who said it to himself as he walked along a rough road on a gloomy day.

At sound of a step behind him he turneds to see his school teacher com- trenches during the rainy seasons. ing after him. He was glad to ace her, ile would have been glad to see any one, but no one more than Mina Ward just then. He liked her cheery

face and smile, but more than all he that he knows how deadly a gas at-"I never heard any like her to get a fellow out of a wriggle and net him straight," Jim had been known to say. And just now he felt as if his thoughts had got into a wriggle that decidedly needed straightening. In fact Jim wan

at odds with himself and the world, which is not a pleasant thing for either a boy or a grown person, as most of In spite of his need as was able to most his teacher with a smile as bright

face the deleful expression which it had worn before. "Well, Miss Ward," he sald, "the fact is, I'm not having any great opinion of the world just this minute." "You're not?" She met his frank eyes with the look that always drew the hearts of her pupils, for Miss Ward believed that her responsibility toward each one went beyond tolling book and arithmetic. "Why," she continued, "it's the best world you and I know

The question bearing so directly or

s the world going with you?"

anything about-so far." "Yes," admitted Jim, half smiling half in discontent, "but it isn't quite good enough to suit me. That is, the part of it that belongs to me. I guess if I had my choice about things it would suit me tip-top." "What kind of things, for instance?"

"Well, the things I'd like to do. Other boys have so much better "'Chance' is rather indefinite," said

Well, if I had my way, I'd live in to see. But I can't do that and I'm not complaining about it, But I'd like things a little different here. You see we live right out in the edge of town and I can't get into things." "Bomething to do, you mean?"

"Yes, something new. Bill Gray has place to do chores for Doctor Marlow out of school hours. He has the greatest chance of getting at books and magazines and all sorts of things; and he gets straight pay every week. I'd like that. I hardly over have a

"It is nice to be earning for yourself," admitted Miss Ward. "Yes," said Jim, glad of her sympathy. "Then, Bob Carson carries papers. I tried to get into that, but they said I couldn't manage it, living out so far. . And George Garner does jaritor work in the schoolhouse, you know-and gets paid for that I wanted to do it, but father said he needed me at home. George gives most all he gets to his mother-and buys nice things for his sisters. I'd like that." "And so, Jim, the amount of it all that you'd like to do something different from what you are doing." "That's about it, I guess. You know, Miss Ward," he went on, earnestly, there are so many chances in the world for boys, if they only know how to get at them." "Yes, a good many," she agreed. But did you ever reflect, Jim, that

each person can have only one chance -and that's the chance that is laid out for him-helped on by his own brave efforts, which count a great deal in the matter?" Jim looked in her face as if wish-

ng to hear more. "It is not surprising that a boy should lose sight of this when many grown men do the same. They hear of others accomplishing great things in some, distant place, perhaps and they think-'If I were here or If I were there I could do better.' Pergetting that among all those chances there is but one to each person and that very likely the one they have, rightly improved, may bring unexpected results. "If I remember rightly," said Miss Ward, after a little pause, "Bob and George haven't the kind of homes that

"No," said Jim. "They live in rooms

"And you have acres of grass and growing crops."

"And chickens and a dog and cut." added Jim laughing. "Almost equal to a farm. I have heard of farmers' boys who were discontented with the small items of work which fell to their share. I think it must be because they forget to look out for the real sweetness and beauty belonging with them—the privilege of coming close to the natural things which the Lord has made for us. Of having to do with the gentle unimals which laarn to love us so."

"There is something in all that," idmitted the lad. "A good deal in it, my boy. An far more than that, if you will stop to think of it. You keep in close contact with those whom you love and who

love you." "Folks at home-" "Yes. You are not driven out into dealings with strangers. You have the joy of realizing that what you can do to bringing direct help and comfort to each one of those who are dear to you. You can make each bit of work an offering of love." "I never looked at it in that way." said Jim thoughtfully. "I guess I'll

think things over. Maybe I'm richer

SELF-CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT

than I know."-Sydney Decre.

For some time experiments have been carried out in various countries with the object of controlling aircraft from the ground, and a French machine succeeded recently-on a prescribed course with certain specified detours-in covering a distance of 180 kilometers (about 110 miles) and in landing, when required, in a certain airdrome. A similar machine has been developed in the United States which. according to a recent statement of Secretary of War Baker, can travel without a pilot some 100 miles and land close to a designated post,

NEW APPLE PANCAKES

One cup flour, one and a half cupe milk, two eggs, half tenspoon salt. Hiff the flour and salt into bowl, add the milk and well-beaten eggs; beat 5 minutes. Have an Iron pan very hot, remove from fire, put in one tempoon of fat; shake pan so the batter will reach around. Blake pan the same as you would when frying an omelet When nice and brown on both sides. apread with apple sauce, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamph, and roll same as an omelet.

EFFECTIVE PRAYER

An eminent divine is responsible for the story that when he was a boy he heard the descons at his father's house discussing the merits of their respective ministers. After many had spoken une old elder said: "Want, our minister gives so much attention to his farm and orchard that we get pretty poor sermons; but he's mighty movin' in prayer in caterpillar and canker-worm

DONT'S FOR BRIDES OF RETURN.

"No. I don't. There are lots of

gossipy conversation. Just remember Dan't become riled if he keeps tell-

Don't become excited if he starts to scold you. When you have had enough of such talk, shout "cease firing!" and he'll cut it out at once. He's learned to obey commands abroad Don't think it auspicious that he should show much more aptitude for "Good afternoon," she began. "How hugging than before he entered the army. He's had considerable experionce squeezing the bothem in salients! is state of mind brought back to his Don't be astonished if he shows great willingness to get up ourly in the morning and light the gas range in the kitchen. He's had to make so many wood fires over there that it will be a positive treat to simply light. a match, turn on the gos and watch the

> insert himself into ovening clothes. He's had enough of uniforms for a long; long time. Don't ask him if he isn't sick and tired of fighting. Remember he has

Don't haw! him out if the refuses to

Don't continually keep asking him f it lan't much better to be back home again instead of being in the trenches. Just remember that he never had to pay millinery bills over there.-Frank H. Williams, in The Soldier, Australia.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

- After-war

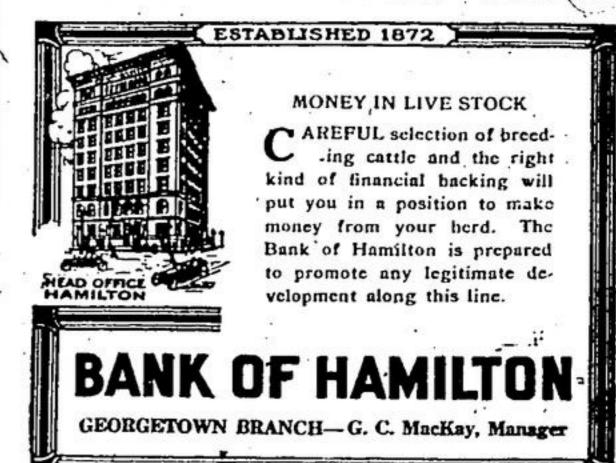
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ED HEROES

Don't be surprised if he thinks it's huge loke when the bath tob runs over and apolis the celling on the first floor, or when the plumbing springs a chances for boys who are not tied up teak and floods the collar to the depth of four or five feet. Remember he has had considerable experience in the Don't be peeved if he suddenly puts on his gas mask when you and your mother are in the midst of a long,

> tack really is. ing you how extraordinarily beautiful all the French girls are. It's a long way from France, and, you know, distance always lends enchantment to the





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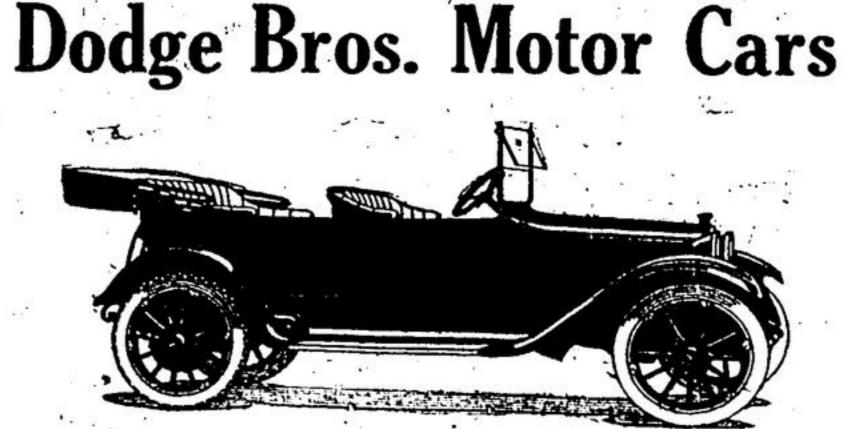
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