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THE POWER OF A SMILE

There's a wonderful lot of power in the smile—just a smiling smile; it often starts a blessing.

That will travel for a mile.

Why, when the hours are sad and

the days are dark the while,

You can notice that things brighten

and become that you smile.

What the rain is in the hour,

What the joy is to the robbins,

In the gladious days of spring,

What off our souls beguile,

All this, and more, to people

the meaning of a smile.

When you see a face that's saddened

By the cruelty of age, the wrinkles,

From the toils and care of life,

Just send a ray of sunshine,

And bestow a healing balm,

"By the giving of a smile."

—H. W. Burleigh

ALBANIAN TELEPHONE

The people of Albania are said to practice long distances walking without the help of the electric current. In their native language they speak about the want from sun to stand by the unaided strength of their lungs. Regular relayals are said to be established for receiving and dispatching news. This part of the use of couriers in more local countries. An American, who served with military forces in the Balkans, says that this kind of the Albanians is a natural peculiarity.

"They cannot say their say when they are near each other but must always walk till they get to the top of two hills to begin to talk. You march along after you. After a while you meet another, who may perhaps kiss, clasp hands, mutter a few words, and pass on; or, not unlikely, they pass without a word of notice. Or you are tired and that is what I mean by saying when suddenly, on arriving at the top of a hill, you glide turn round and sing out, 'O! Georgia, Georgia-o-o!' and the last word is great length.

The echo has hardly died away before you hear the answer. That has been, but they had not all done, unless you had a kind of association above, for more they will not until their say is over, and you may have to exercise your patience for half an hour.—Edwin Tarriss.

A MASCULINE WEAPON

Two hundred halibut set about taking care of the house of the Rev. Mr. Brown of the Methodist Church while the latter was at a lake resort for the summer.

The first night in the strange old house, but they managed to fall asleep when all the fears materialized at a noise on the porch about midnight.

"There's a burglar at the door," was the startle which awoke the younger of the two sisters.

The younger upholder was a resourceful soul. She crept downstairs thinking meantime what a man would do if he found her there. When she had stumbled to the partly open window demanded, in the deepest tones she could command:

"Who is there?"

"It is only the Rev. Mr. Brown," replied the Rev. Mr. Brown.

"I left my key behind," was trying to get in for my handbag."

AN EASY WAY TO CLEAN A CLOCK

When a clock stops it is a mistake to think that it may not be taken to the jeweler for repair, but most cases clocks cease running because of the accumulation of dust particles which clog the bearings. It is not even necessary to take the clock apart, though it is a simple job, to clean it. If the clock is a pendulum type, it will follow which will be found to work very well. Back a piece of cotton wool in kerroone and tie this in a small saucer. A similar one may be made similar. Then put this in the case of the clock under the works. Close up, and at the end of twenty-four hours the clock will work again. It will be found to be covered with black specks; these are the dust particles brought down by the fumes of the kerroone. Wind the clock up and it will start again.

DIVORCE RINGS

There is no limit to the inventiveness of the United States, and occasionally it is hard to even find a reason for the latest exhibition of it—or perhaps by now it is the latest but one—is the divorce ring. San Francisco having come to the conclusion that the wives, like the men, "wear the green grass" has produced a ring—a thing of gold, with a device of a broken couplet, broken and twisted, which hangs on the little finger of the left hand. Whether the stars are to be in the ratio of one for every divorce is left for private decision, nor is it stated whether the ring is designed to prevent waste of money or merely as a general warning.

TEA SHORTAGE MEANS HIGHER PRICES

During the year 1920 reached a very high level of cost largely owing to shortage of shipping. In 1919 and 1920, greatly increased production and unlimited shipping were responsible for quantities of tea reaching every market in the world, and a consequent fall in cost ensued. As a result did the situation become in India, Ceylon and Java that the production of tea decreased during their output during 1921 by 20%. This agreement was kept and the world is now faced by a shortage of tea although less by far than for the last eighteen months until it has now reached a level fully 15 cents a pound over that of October 1920.

TIMES ARE IMPROVING

A year ago the Canadian dollar bought about eighty-seven cents worth of goods in the United States. Today our dollar is worth between fifty and sixty-five cents in New York. This increase is due almost entirely to our buying less in the States under our selling more abroad.

Locally, the trade has shown a fine advance in exports over that of January, evidently an improvement in setting in abroad, from which we are beginning to benefit.

NO PLACE FOR HIM

I want to caution you," said the patient editor, "that this publication requires plain, simple English that is easily understood."

"In that case," replied the new man, "I may as well hand in my resignation at once! I'm a musical critic."

NOT QUITE THE SAME

Visitor: "Well, my little man, and what are you called?"

First Boy: "Jule, sir."

Visitor: "You should say Julius."

"Well, my little man, what is your name?"

Second Boy: "Billups, sir!"



THE OLD MAN
OF THE
BIG CLOCK

until about twenty years ago. There were strongly-ribbed and well-constructed timber houses built both sides, with gates which opened to permit crowding. As the railway road bed was raised from time to time the gates were raised and a fence substituted.

Unfortunately for the town, and the citizens who will occupy homes in the new village, the old village is still there. Action cannot be taken, and one day the approaches were removed and the entrances walled up. Later the authorities resolved to the removal of the gates, and the gates were closed and kept to replace that street should never have been planned to be closed. I believe some correspondence with the Dominion Railway Board has already been sent relative to the closing of the street. This should be enforced, as action is sure to have a considerable population in the near future, and to allow Avenue north west traffic to turn to the re-opening of this thoroughfare will be a great convenience.

I cannot go back to the time when the old village lived on its own, which was considerably an important section of the town, but I quite well remember Mr. Mrs. Johnstone, who was the father of Mrs. Little, who occupied the flat above the old house.

Until 1850 the Adams house and barns were the only buildings on what is now Beaver Avenue, between Willow Street and Third Street. In fact, Thomas G. Adams, Nelson L. Lathrop, bought the four lots now occupied by James McIntosh, Dr. Nelson, M. J. Hurst and Mrs. Elizabeth Moore. At that time there were no roads, and the first houses were built in the rear of the sugar-making place, where Mr. Nelson's lawn is now.

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CANADA'S FIRST SCOTCHMAN



Monument Erected to Men After whom Plains of Abraham Were Named.

For over three hundred years the Lawrence River has been the great waterway leading interior of the American continent. It was the route by which La Salle, Marquette, Joliette, Hennepeau and Duluth penetrated to the interior of the continent. These Indians were the first to use the Ottawa and Mattawa Rivers over Lake Huron.

In the early days when the Johnstones had the Adams farm there was a famous wild raspberry patch in one of the thickets. It attracted many Indians who came to gather the berries.

One day a young Indian boy went to get some raspberries. He was followed by a party of Indians who had come to the river to fish.

He was captured and held captive.