- THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1924 MY CORDUROY BREECHES
- Until in desperation, she exclaimed "This isn't right! I'm gonna be herole gonna save lot o' utitches.'

I kept my mother durnin', kept he

patchin' half the night

- He she purchased me the toughest kine o' cordurey, britches,
- The first day I possessed ball game we played, An' -rourse-when I came home night. I looked tored up 'n' frayed!
- lint if a lickln' had to come (the kind with willow switches). it doesn't feel so "hurny" undercorduroy britches.
- An' when I'm runnin' races my brit ches make a polse That spurs me on 'n helps me from other britchesed boys. I c'n somersault 'n "rassle," on grass or in the ditches.
- Whou my mother's got me locked In my cordurey britches. On Sunday morn they dress me up they "scrub" my hands 'n fuce.
- ut on a tie, paste down my hair (I'm usually "a disgrace") But 'fore the day is half used up my body fairly liches.
- For the com-fer-ta-ble feelin' of my corduroy britches, Oh! the fundness of possession-the gladness of the heart
- Paradin' past the His Folks-a kinda smart; You could never buy me nothin'-with in whose office the boy had been drillyour packets full of riches-That's make me feel much goodern lawyers took to himself the credit of tny cordurey britches. -John Eberhardt.

### DECEIVING AGE

Joseph de Muistre that old age was a dlungreeable thing, he said, "So It is but 'after all it is the only road to the old should ever age the young. should ever wear young clothes or

how long you have been doing it. no longer, and they are sorely at a gentlemen dragging you back." loss for something to put in place of After he had told himself all that, let me know?"

appeal with the eager, human warmth tall old lawyer was shaking him by they shook hands all around by way that flesh and blood can give us. Time the hand long and hard, and laughing of congratulating one another. Then enough for such things, we say, when in his pleasant manner. The tall old it was that Mr. Murphree said the light hand and the quick foot shall lawyer had love in his eyes, and Tom "Changes must come in the natural fail. But the inner life will not be wished that he had not. treated so. It must be neurished and "Tes, it's hard to break any kind wish that we three could stick to-cherished in youth, or it will not of ties," Tom growled, "but when it's gether." respond in age. Therefore, without got to be, it's got to be, and I might Then another day the three worked unduly brooding upon the future or as well tell them what I mean to do!" on another case with similar results. fearing it, be careful to make provision for it always by giving part of your life, and not the weakest part, the told them everything except that the new partner was to be young. They had thought that he was well and no argumentative discourse, and the things that will not fall you when the muscles falter and the They had thought that he was well Everyone know that Tom was to strength decays. Impersonal interests, beauty and truth, are not shak
on by flying years. Instead, they may
igrow richer and broader with the
grow richer and broader with the
locks across his forehead, the two old
wealth of knowledge and the breadth

mortality that we all desire is to could not possibly get along without over for the two old lawyers left beingraft upon our souls here the fullest the boy.

splendid store buildings? These may his plans. The plans seemed so gitain people, but they offer no great gantic, and it was such a little time not even let the boy run away by
the Montreal Locomotive Works for not people, but they offer no great gantic, and it was such a little time not even let the boy run away by
The Mountain Type locomotives on inducements to commercial and moral for "the office boy"! Certainly, she Mr. Murphree's happy expression.

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schools and churches? May their num
and law enforcement? This is a factor only is a factor only. The sleeplest old hamlets have a factor only. The sleeplest old hamlets have the latest and best law books in face. "Tom," said the old gentleman, their joint library. "And green carpet, it seems kind of mean sneaking of street only in the Atlantic Region Mildred ling sea.

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The happy expression was only movice on the lines of the Canadian Nalittle sixthe search of the country was only movice on the lines of the Canadian Nalittle sixthe search of the country was only movice on the lines of the Canadian Nalittle sixthe search o the geographical location, the character of the country surrounding, the natural advantages? None of these \_ "I am looking at catalogues," said are essential. Well, what is it that Tom. "I intend to get my deak in makes a town anyway? Just one New York." thing-the unity of the people, the existance of a common bond, which sorry only about one thing, Tom." causes business and social enemies to put aside all differences when it comes "The offices are to be heated to boosting the town. No town ever steam." made real progress in the way of In her outhuslasm over steam heat, I'm afraid I won't be able to look will easily rank first among freight together spirit ununimously adopted, about which she was sorry. It has rejuvenated old huks of towns "Well," said Tom, in a glow, "you that were yawning their way into end- see that everything is right? Only loss sleep. It has infused new blood I haven't got the partner yet." into the heart of commercial life and "I am sorry for those two old lawmade thriving cities out of paralytic yers," said the girl. villages. Natural advantages count for much and prosperity con not be whole world was sorrier for the two built upon shifting sand, but any town old lawyers than Tom himself. with half a chance can be made to had not expected the serrow to grow; grow and expand and thrive when its he had thought that he should get used citizens join with one accord in the to it; but he did not. boosting programme.

the famous "three It's."

Business corresponding is now carried on in typowriting, as is an increasing amount of personal correspondence. A fine hand is now a somewhat superfluous accomplishment.

The back of the arithmetic has long been obsolete, save on a mental training basis; now the adding machine and he's getting old. I understand

touched. But reading never was es- you told us in such a way that Mursentially a matter of schooling. After phree never guessed. I have known the school gives the pupil a start it for a long time that the three of us is up to the home to supply the boy or couldn't remain much longer together. with his tady love. Too diffident to

ens some of the old tasks, but at the may say-he thinks literally nothing after a long silence blurted out dossame time imposes new ones. Life is of me. Why, he has sent you off, to pairingly: broader and fuller than over before, the courthouse to plead a pase that "I don't seem to be making and the work of the school in training he couldn't plead himself, and then progress." to write, and declares that I must anyway, you are holding your own."

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The Free Press' Short Story

TOM'S NEW PARTNER

LOUISE R. BAKER

was proud of himself. He horse!. was making a real stir in the courthouse. There were men who said that he talked like an old lawyer. And Tom was only twenty Reyond the shadow of a doubt, the

young fellow carried a clear head on his shoulders, and he was going to have a great many things his own way in the world of law. He was not There was just a faint glimpse of feat exactly elequent, but his arguments and doubt in the eyes, but the wrinklwere foreible and to the plint, andhe could cite cases without end. A number of other people were proud of him too. His mother was tremendously proud of him, and there

win a girl with the bluest eyes and the lovellest hair who was immeasurably proud of him; but the two people in the world who were the very proudent of Tom were the two old lawyers d he the law. Each of the two old shaping Tom's legal mind and of placing him upon the highroad to success.

"I piled the work on him at a tromendous rate, surely," said Mr. Higgleson, the little old lawyer. "I wanted to see, how much he could stand, and, by George! he stood it all. I be answered that he had not-yet. allowed him to write my papers in his owld way, and us a consequence he yor. He cleared his throat, assiduouswrites as fine a paper as a mature ly read bis.memoranda, and then said, long life that has yet been discovered." attorney-almost, I may say, as good "I've been considering the matter from

frisk too lightly in young, unseemly overyone else, declared that Tom had papers. frolles. Cay garments and ultra- done a wise thing when he offered fashlonable fancies only accentuate himself as a student in the office of

useful, to do your work in the very decisions that he had won, he told best way without giving a thought to himself a great many flattering things. the head. "You will think that matter "Look here," he said, "you're a fool over, Tom?" he said, with a little Yet, after all, those remedies, even if you settle yourself in this musty ult tremble in his voice that sounded as and protection soon. The cats soon learn; and they Yet, after all, those remedies, even in you settle yourself in the voice that sounds are only palliatives. They sat of offices and continue to do all if after all he were perhaps as old as she had to prove her case was her too dainty and careful to get damaged will not cure it. Sooner or later get up the lapper rapidly, that's what "I'll think it over, Mr. Murphree," weakness blights usefulness and cuts you want. You want to be up-to-date, said Tom. off activity. Friends, young or old. You need a good library, and you've "And meanwhile, Tom," said My die or are torn away from us, and got to have it. You can go in with Murphree, "you won't go running those who depended mainly upon ac- another young fellow, go halves with round town looking for dnother young tive, external distractions for decely- him in the expenses, more uptown fellow like yourself? You won't find ing uge, find that their reliance is into light offices, and the two of you him; he doesn't exist. You need at falling them. The outer life that they push ahead. You can't possibly move older head to go with yours; young have lived so zealously can be lived along briskly with two very old fellows require ballast, When you

Tom rumpled his yellow hair and felt . "I'will let you know, Mr. Murphree, It is then that these who have given miserable. In imagination the little said Tom. more thought to cultivating the spirit old lawyer was looking up at him. One day after that the two old have their revenge. In youth books smiling, with his hands on his shoul- lawyers and Tont were all busy over and study and reflection seem pale ders; the little old lawyer had such a special piece of work. It was in and cold. They do not respond to our very affectionate ways! And then the teresting; and when they were through

wealth of knowledge and the breadth gentlemen each scriously considered the matter, and each arrived at a similar conclusion; namely, that he mother was them she felt sorrier than the mother was them she felt sorrier than the completion of order back.

Tom was right; her boy knew his own A few people standing outside the ger and the most powerful freight loco- with you, Husan."

What makes a town? Is it the her dimples and her blue eyes grew. Mr. Murphree accompanied him locomotive engines and hard-sand with larger and brighter as Tom unfolded People said that the tall old lawyer the Montreal Locomotive Works for

desk, of course, Tom?"

The girl clusped her hands. "I um "You mean the stove?" cried Tom.

substantial success without the get- the girl almost forgot that one thing Murphree in the eyes the next time

The truth it that no one in the

into the little private back office, und, his life. looking at him in that affectionate about your plan, you know, and I'v) come to the conclusion that you are here." His volce sank, and he went spheed, while Tom, standing off a A superintendent of schools at on: "I know that there have been little, still held the pile of law books Youngstown, Ohio, now points out some things here, besides the dings' that reached from his arm, held low. that typowritors and udding machines old office rooms, that must have been to his chin, held high. have cut deeply into the importance of exceedingly trying to a high-spirited young man like yourself. You have of-equity-to decide-which one was

of experience-everyone says so; and He nodded toward the outer office. arrangement. "I am sure it would be "I am sure that Murphree didn't mean a case for the Supreme Court anything by it; it is just his manner, Canada!" exactly why you are going to leave, Reading remains, apparently un- and I feel proud of you, Tom, that Now, though Murphree thinks a great put the fatal question, he gradually So we are moving. Progress light- deal of you-loves you like a son, I slipped his arm around her waist, and me for giving you papers "Perhaps not," replied the lady, "but

The no wonder that Tom Rooker, think you have the atreach of

would take considerable time for expenses of a first-class set of office am ready to be that other partner Tom. We will go untown together! Tom's shoulders; his weak little eyes peered hard Into the young / face od face was lighted by that rulling

Tom laughed bruhfully. "You want to think it over, Tom? Tom nodded, and then said brickly that he had business over at the court-

Early the next morning, fully hour before Mr. Higgleson got down to the office, Mr. Murphree had a talk with Tom. "Ho, Tom," he said, "you have full decided to set up in new bilices and with a new partner? That's right. Have you chosen your new partner

Tom looked nervously round before "Very good," said the tall old law-

have thought the matter over, you will

course of things, but, 'pon my soul,

hind, and when the girl with the blue possible portions for those things that Tom's mother said that of course Tom the name of the new partner. eyes saw them she would not even ask

business; but she added that she did courthouse saw Tom on the day that had always been so kind to him.

A few people standing outside the motive engines in Canada. Orders have been placed with the Canadian Loco- been placed with the Canadian Loco- motive Company in Kingston, Ontario, Minnie; you'll find it'll work." The girl with the levely hair showed held low, to his ohin, held high. Old for fifteen Mountain Type passenger

ber over increase, but they don't make girl, "and very comfortable chairs, he comes down to the office. I wish gines have given excellent service.

z town—they only culture it. Is it Comfortable chairs make such a pleas—matters had been different, my boy, They are the largest passenger enant impression. And you'll get a new and that you hadn't objected to tak. gines in use in Capana. When they

ing him blong." Tom's face remained happy. He a bit you'll find out that you can make lengine before leaving the platform.

the stops leading to the thest suite of sively for transfer purposes, that it dosks in the old building had been ar- onto yards. ranged; and there at the front deak was Mr. Higgieson, at work at him

Mr. Higgieson had looked up from ment, which gives them added motive way of his, said, "Tont, I've been his desk and was staring hard at Mr. power and are also designed for time thinking over what you said to us. Murphrec. He, too, had wendered in bad water areas as exist in Sasabout the three desks. trimmings," have leaned heavily upon right. You are almost always right, grasped the situation-at least that tern Canada also, and will give the the well known three fundamentals Tom. You need new, bright offices part of it which mount that the three Canadian National Railways added of education-usually known as the and you'll get them uplown. You need were to continue together. They rush motive power to handle the great crop "three R's"-"reading, 'riting, and an up-to-date library, and it isn't ed into each other's arm and almost movement in the prairies.

"It cortainly-would-take-a cour! shown yourself an able lawyer; you the new partner," he said later to the have talked in the courts like a lawyer girl with the blue eyes. "Court of equity, indped!" whisper yet you have been treated like a ed the girl, whose dimples had no disappeared since Tom told her of his

## HOLDING HIS OWN

of the road" may be believed, have often been polite to ladies; But pirate. rarely. Nevertheless, the late Elizaboth Chrhitophern Hobion relates at instance of a polite pirate who not enty mared one of her uncestrosser flower bed. from molestation, but made her a valuable present. To be nure, the lady in the case, who was Mrs. John Llon Cardiner, of Cardiner's Island, made the first polite advances, and the pirate, who was none other than the notorious Capt. Kidd binwelf, merely rechrocated in kind. . . . The owner of the bland was absen

raditions concerning famous "knight

POLITE ROBBERS . .

when Kidd landed upon it, and Mrs Cardiner, terrified but keeping her with about her, invited the formidable reebooter to dinner in the hope of so whely and willy fed or charmed him, or both, that he later went to his ewo rich gifts, both of which are still preserved by her descendants; the Kidd pitcher," now strengthened by silver band bearing an inscription ery two yards bong, in crimson, Bree: but, laway me! there wasn't any need! sented, it was full of vare East Indian clever enough to know it. But Lusweetmeats; the blanket is sometimes cretis-well, you know how she goes called the "Kidd after cieff," since it off at half-cock. She vows und de-

reach name, possessed a dustr of Dear, me, there must a little have got rench politeness, at least toward the onto my handkorchief." lockets, if they begged him winningly cut for?" Although it was only nine o'clock.

piratical raid.

living, old age, with all its disadination of the people of the point for discussion is how best to his very to meet it. Some try to meet it by avoiding it as long as possible. "We will be not be old," they cry; "we will be out to be old," they cry; "we will be not be old," they cry; "we will be not be old," they cry; "we will be not be said for this. Not that young and to be said for this. Not that young do?" And there is much to be said for this. Not that young well all points of view, and I say again that you are right. You have had just a little bit too much of other that you are right. You have had just a little bit too much of other that you are right. You have had just a little bit too much of other to femiline charm was not, however, smiling complacently, "to help be people's work here in those offices, a complete surrender: it was a bar-when they're nibbled or rolled on—" who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is he had young man to plead in the courts who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is he had young man to plead in the courts who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is he had young man to plead in the courts who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is he had young man to plead in the courts who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is he had young will have made was promised luminality for when I would have had another student who is absent, but Mr. Higgieson is he had young will be well at the power of the province of the province of the province of the courts when they are dainty. They love when they concession a rose." It is most notable concession to the concession to the concession to the concession that young and tender a complete surrender: it was a bar-when they were nibbled or rolled on—" when they do not rese." It is most notable value on they are dainty. They love when they concession to the contract when they concession is a rose." It is most notable to concession to the contract when they concessed they are dainty. They love, they concessed they ar

match had been secret. When the the clump, heavy, when the shoots are couch was held up she was on her way first startin'; and maybe once or twice to seek out her husband's parents and ugain if a shower washes it off too wolding ring and her certificate of anythin more than a little sneezin' marriage, penned and signed in minia- and smartin'. You'd think Lucretia ture and carried in a locket round her Odlin would have sense enough to

> He gave her back her small gold ring, of before I got the pepper idea; and Though hardly it was won."

He gave her back her golden locket, Says, "Now think well of me," And gold and rubles to fill her pocket. "O thanks, kind sir!" says sho.

If the grateful packeting of such dublous gold and rubles by an in- like a streak of yaller lightnin'; and nocent and levely hereine in distress he's never been this side of the fence seems somewhat strange, the reade- since." must romember that broad-sheet baltads of the road are concerned only with glorification of their highway- to say that cat was high-bred and men heroes; consistency, conscience and sensitive and delicate and would sure the heroines themselves are alike un- die of influenza and pneumonia and important and incidental.

BIGGEST ENGINES USED IN GANADA

Upon the completion of orders placed in Montreal and Kingston, Ontario, the Canadian National Rallways will "My, my!" said Minnie Wimble. have in operation the largest passen-

was thinking of unother voice that unother at the Canadian National Exhad said to him the night before, "I hibition in Toronto and at both places feel like pleading with you, Tom, in they attracted huge crowds of people behalf of Murphree. He's old, and he liven now passengers disentraining at leans upon you, and he loves you like Montreal and other terminal stations a son. Perhaps, after we're up there solden full to stop to admire the engines in Canada, and with about two The broad-shouldered young fellow type of freight engine in use in North and the tall old gentleman walked up America. They will be used excluoffices in the town, and with the too the transferring of heavy freight of his boot Torn pushed the open door through city yards where heavy grades farther open. Mr. Murphree stopped have to be flegoriated, They will be in and surveyed the place. There used for this purpose largely from were three desks, arrange as the three Minico to Danforth through the Tor-

The Mikade ungines will be similar One day Mr. Higgieson called Tom o'clock for possibly the first time in Canada last summer. They will be to those placed in service in Western

> KNOWLEDGE GAINED BY EXPERIENCE

A young oneign, acting as schoolteacher on the battleship Texas, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger, asked the question, "What are the two principal parts of a sentence?" He expooted, of course, to get the answer "Hubject and predicate." The "old salt" who was called or scratched his head in perplexity and at last replied, "Solitary confinement

and broad and water."

FEEL IN HEAL COLDS .. CHAPPED HANDS . BURNS JUST CATS

Highwaymen, if ancient ballads and At the angle of the fonce where Wimble, mounting a wheelbarrow, She gazed in speechless wonder at the earth and fresh young green of a their customers in less than a minute.

torin' like a damp pin wheel? I called acrons I had that pattern ready she not doubt the evidence of her senses. was so keen after, and she never so All those things were taking place exmuch as stopped to say, "Nother time, netly as depicted. thank you! Just went streaking up he path, sputterin' and stutterin', and hove into her kitchen and signmed he door. Whatever's happened?" "Alt-choo!" sneezed Mrs. Holney, urning to her questioner a plump. streaky countenance, curlously contorted by a simultaneous smile and peared.

sneeze. "Ah-choof Ah-ch-ch-chchoo! Nothing but just cats, Minnie. Heartly grasping the hand of her little We didn't agree on their intelligence, mblts and education. Ab-chool There! the door. fou started me when you spoke, and some of this pepper went up my nose. seconding its history, and the "Kide but I guess that blast finished it. Yes, blanket," a piece of superb embroid; Lucrotia certainty did get stirred up; two feet!" and gold. When the pitcher was pre- Why, I like cats, and the critters are was presumably stolen from a South clares if I won't hear to reason-that's American or Mexican church in some her-and the claims of mercy and humanity-that's her, too-she'll go to Among the most furnous numes in the Boclety for the Prevention the reprehensible but picturesque roll Cruelty to Animals and have me haufof British highwaymen lu that of ed into court for pepperin' her poor, Claude Duval, who, along with his innocent pussyent. Ah-cool Ah-coo!

fair and easily frightened sex. He is "For goodness' sakes, Sugar Boneputed on various occasions to have ney!" ofneulated Mrs. Wimble. "What spared pretty ladies their rings or should you want to pepper anyone's mough, or had the art, which one . "Well, in the first place," said Mrs.

notable belle of his era professed such Bonney, "I've no notion of wantin' to useful one to a woman, of "being search any poor beast's throat or blind able to weep movingly, and that with- its eyes like Lucretia denounced me out streaking of cheeks, of redning for-and no cat ever born, 'cept 'twas nose, but see enery that grate tearer a born idlot, would let me if I had

them with my eyes open."

the courts, but it's another thing to her partner—a condition with which draws 'em even more; they love it she readily compiled.

The outside world, lawyers and make him write a lot of dull legal she readily compiled. A "knight of the road," of less note mine for two years. I could have "I have always entertained kin t A "knight of the read," of less note thine for two years. I could have feelings toward Mr. Higgieson, but then Duval,—indeed, quite a minor, cried! I'd dash out and shoe em, and modest figure in the annals of crime- dance kind of wild war darkes at 'em,

neck; When these two precious trin- know-but then, she hasn't forgiven kets were demanded at the point of me yet, I s'pose, for what happened a platol, she was in depair; but the before."

robber, hearing her story, was moved "What did?" usked Mrs. Wimble with Interest. "Why, I did teach one cat to keep He put it her finger on, it happened to be one of hers-that Says, "Yours and mine and yours again great yellow Tom with the plumy tail. I caught him right in the natch, rollin' on the fust flower stalks of the souson, and I grabbed him up by the scruff of the neck and run with him to the shed, where there was a pull full of frozon slush-we had had fee cream for dinner-and I plunked him down into it, and then let go. He went off

"And you told Lucretju?" She saw me do it. She started in rhoumatism and w few other things. but I cut her short. Says I, Lucrotla Odlin, a cut has nine lives and a human, one. I saw you last winter gettin' out of your brother John's car. wearin' a long for cont; and I saw you allp on a plece of fee and not down sudden in the gutter in the coldout kind of a puddle, just like I sot your cat; and you uln't died of it yet, says. I; 'and I'guess what you can stand your cat can."

"How did you like it, dour?" usked little six-year-old's frock. Mildred glared ungrily at the spark-

"I didn't like it at all, mother." she



## Telephone girls sell goods

A small store in a small town can train one or two of its own girls (or men) to take telephone orders on advertised goods, as the big stores

In one store with over 100 telephone operators, each takes tolophone orders, acting us shoppers for the telephone customer. In this store as many as 3,000 telephone orders will be received in one day.

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### TOO DANGEROUS

Old Aunt Hepsy Chastde never had hree gardone came together, Mrs. meen a moving-picture show before caned her nimm on the top bar and magle contrivance by which messenooked down upon her neighbor, Mrs. ger boys were made to move with Bonney, on all fours among the rich breakneck speed, barbers to shave and heavy policemen to dush along the "Busan," she said, "what you been street at a rate never attained by a doing to set off Lucretia Odlin sput- living specimen, either on or off duty

> Presently an automobile came I sighth in the far background, moving directly toward the audlence at the rate of at least a mile a minute. Just as a catastrophe seemed inevitable, it swerved aside, passed on, and disay-

Aunt Hepsy could utund it no longer. place, she rose and started swiftly for "Come along, Minervy!" she said. "It alic't safe to stay here any longer! That thing didn't miss me more than

A LOT OF WHAT-NOT "Are you there?" "Who are you, please?" "What?" "What's your namo?"

"Yeh, what's your name?"

"Watt's my name."

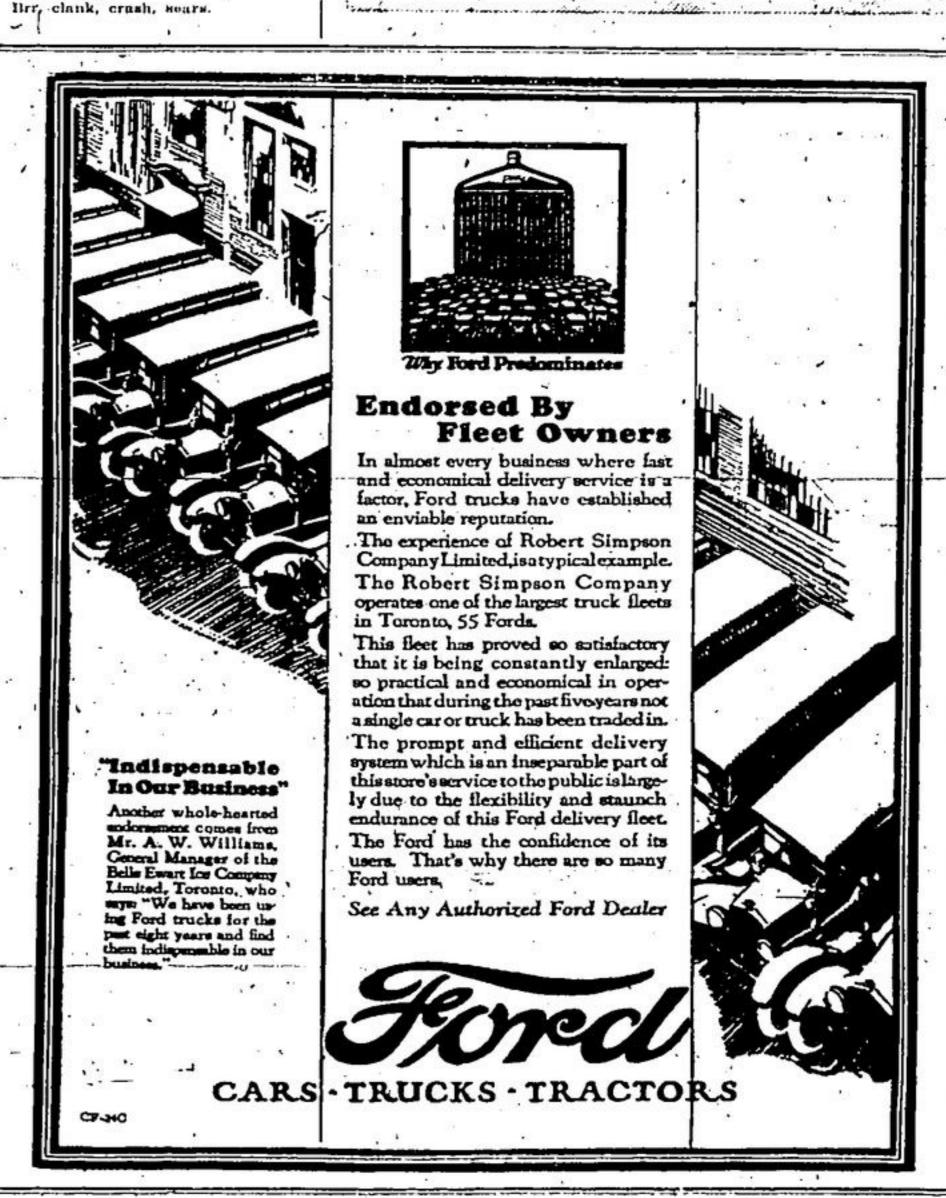
"My name is John Watt." "John what?" "I'll be around to see you this afternoon." "All right. Are you Jones?" "No, I'm Knott." "Will you tell me your name then?"

"Will Knot." "Why not?". "My name is Knott." "Not what?"

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