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RECKLESSNESS NOT COURAGE

On the edge of a northern New England town there was a long hill sloping down to a deep ravine which was crossed by a railway track.

It was a winter's afternoon and a dozen schoolboys were coasting merrily on the hill, where an icy track had been worn all the way down.

"There is time for one more trip," exclaimed the leader. "Who will follow?"

"I'll take that bet," cried the reckless leader, flinging himself on his sled and pushing off.

"No, no, no brava, but reckless," answered the frightened boy, thoroughly abashed and sobered by his folly.

"You may keep the half dollar, Joe," recklessness is not courage.

MEETING TOM MOORE

The poet, Thomas Moore, was a most lovable character, and so kind, declares Mrs. E. M. Ward in her Reminiscences that he was never known to speak harshly about anyone.

Mr. Moore lived some distance from Fitzroy Square, says the author, and it was doubtful whether he would walk so far as our house.

"What is my name?" he inquired. "Well, my dear, do you know who I am?"

"You are Tommy Moore," I said with a laugh. "Little Tommy Moore!"

LIBERAL MEASURE

To illustrate the value of exact obedience to orders, the politician tells the following story.

The Free Press' Short Story

ROSES AND RAPHAEL

GRACE H. RICHMOND

The salesman paused, and looked down the roll of wallpaper he had just unrolled, and showed to the boy who was watching him.

"Like that?" he asked. "First-rate. At least I think my sister would. Don't girls always like pink and white?"

"They're likely to," said the man. "I'm doing this to surprise my sister with appreciation. He stood gazing admiringly at the roll of paper, pink and white, with a pattern of roses and a damask design.

"Look here," Jim said, pointing to the roses. "She's coming home next month. She's been away four years, except in summer. She's sure to like those roses, don't you think?"

"Yes, it's one of our hand-painted patterns and costs thirty cents a roll. I'll take it. Do you happen to have a room twelve by—?" Jim consulted a rumpled piece of paper.

"I've got a room with a window and two doors out. But the bundle in the back of my wagon there. That's the one with the grey horses. It's going to a carpet-store next."

"In the carpet-store Jim had a bad quarter of an hour. His idea was a cream-colored carpet with pink roses. He had a notion that girls—and his sister Frances especially—liked to have things such.

"Then they'll go all right with this carpet. These roses are just as deeper. 'That's all right. This place of carpet's a bargain. Worth a dollar a yard. I'll let you have the remainder at seventy-five cents. And it'll please your sister. It's a handsome thing."

"So the carpet went into the back of the farm wagon, and Jim departed, well pleased to the larger of the two furniture stores in the village. Although he was a little doubtful, he was used to being sent by his father for the purchase of farm implements, and even of sheep and cows, and he had acquired excellent discernment in such matters.

"Got any pink bedroom sets?" he inquired. "That's—pink? Well, not exactly. We have a bedstead in pink enamel, with brass trimmings."

"The bedstead took his eye. It was very nice. It cost six dollars and a half. Jim bought it on the instant. "It's a beauty, isn't it?" he reflected. "It's so pretty she won't mind using the old bedstead. Or it could be a gift to Jimmy—I could paint 'em. This same color—and—yes, I could paint the woodwork in her room pink, too. Then it would all match. I'll do it—yes, sir, I'll do it!"

"I'll do it for his latest purchase with enthusiasm, and was rushing from the store when he caught sight of a row of framed pictures hanging on the wall above a collection of dining tables. One was a bright-hued representation of a smiling girl dressed in a trailing pink gown with an enormous bunch of lilacs in her arms. The frame was wide and very gilt. Jim paused for a moment, and then he said: "Those are a bargain, sir," said the alert salesman. "We're making a special sale of them at cost. You can have your choice at a dollar ninety-nine."

PECULIARITIES OF CANADIAN VEGETATION

New Man Shows Area of Various Forms of Vegetation, and Emphasizes Birkling Features of Tree Growth

Lack of knowledge of climatic and geological conditions has caused many prominent travelers and visitors to Canada to unjustly criticize this country. The same sort of unjust criticism is made of Canada by those who have greater knowledge of Canadiana than has permitted much of the unjust criticism to pass uncorrected. The writer is familiar with the result that Canada has often been unfairly condemned.

The Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior, partly as a result of the great number of enquiries received, has prepared and published an exceedingly interesting Vegetation and Forest Cover Map of Canada. This map shows at a glance the different zones of vegetation and their chief distinguishing characteristics, from what has been known as the barren lands, that is, the treeless barren but support a growth of hardy grass and vegetation peculiar to the cold climate, to what is termed the Carolinian zone, in south-western Ontario, where is found almost sub-tropical vegetation in the form of hardy trees and shrubs.

The map shows that Canada must of necessity provide a wide range of vegetation and forest conditions. In the northern country, extending from the shore of Hudson Bay to the Mackenzie delta, the white spruce straggles for a distance of over 1,000 miles. The new map is an extremely interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the vegetation of Canada. It is the result of much study and investigation. An immense amount of hitherto unpublished material is shown thereon, much research work was entailed, and the notes of explorers and surveyors, from the time of the early days of the Department, were carefully examined for authentic records of the vegetation of Canada, and the most reliable material was selected. The new map will be of much assistance in enabling him to segregate the several vegetation zones, and to determine the possibilities of forest exploitation, and establish the areas of known farming districts.

From north to south, from east to west, all the wonderful changes in our national vegetation are strikingly portrayed on the new Vegetation and Forest Cover Map. It fills a want long experienced, and will, no doubt, be of considerable assistance to those who are engaged in the study of the vegetation of Canada. It is the result of much study and investigation. An immense amount of hitherto unpublished material is shown thereon, much research work was entailed, and the notes of explorers and surveyors, from the time of the early days of the Department, were carefully examined for authentic records of the vegetation of Canada, and the most reliable material was selected.

Provincial Highways Will Be Numbered. And Danger, Railway Crossing and Municipalities Will Be Marked. The announcement is made that commencement will be made shortly by the Ontario Department of Highways on the work of numbering the provincial highways. Also the erection on those highways of municipal, township, and county boundary signs will be undertaken.

The black metal of the pins into a purple drab, and Jim felt that it would be a big sign to motorists on tour, as it will enable them to know at a glance the route of the highway. In the case of inter-Provincial highways care will be taken to see that the numbering does not conflict with that done by the connecting roads in Quebec and New Brunswick, where the same system will also be adopted.

These approaching dangerous curves and sharp angles requiring special care, and which will be so warned by signs erected at least 300 feet away. One of the most important steps to be taken in the numbering of the highways is the erection of danger signs placed 300 feet away from all railway level crossings. The erection of such signs will be of the utmost importance in the case of the crossing of the railway tracks, and will be of the utmost importance in the case of the crossing of the railway tracks.

His Amendment. A good many years ago, it is said that a bill was reported in the New York Assembly, entitled "An Act for the Preservation of the Health and other Games." The speaker, a brotherly man, and a law-loving of very short stature, after a squinting look at the paper, read, "An Act for the Preservation of the Health and other Games."

Remorse in Instalments. Remorse does not always go us off. There was once a man who was rubbed of one hundred dollars. He had a long time to pay it, and he received the letter: "Dear Sir: Five years ago I rubbed you of one hundred dollars. I am filled with remorse that I could have done such a thing. I send you a dollar and a half to ease my conscience."

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