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A SONG OF THE WIND

A sighing wind, a dreary wind, a white-frothed dashing spray; A shadowy falling at the passing of the day...

SOMETHING ABOUT BELLS

No single object within the walls of the Kremlin at Moscow, that citadel and city within itself, attracts the stranger with more interest than the famous King of Bells, which is said to have been cracked in the furnace, and now lies at the foot of the Tower of Ivan.

The casting of bells, accompanied by religious ceremonies, and royal ladies vied with each other in throwing the gold ornaments upon the molten metal. Doubtless this very generosity of contribution served to impart brilliancy to the material.

The largest bell in actual use is also in Moscow and is said to weigh a hundred and eighty tons, and is the great bell of Pekin, China, is recorded as weighing fifty-three tons, and that of the Cologne Cathedral weighs over twenty-five tons.

Bells were in use in China, Japan and India long before they were even known in Europe. In the space confronting the temples of Nikko, Japan, there are enormous bells of exquisite purity of sound, too heavy to be suspended in any tower which this people build, and so they are hung on low frames of stout timber, the bell being only three or four inches from the ground.

They are rung by means of battering rams, made of long logs of oak, suspended so as to swing by the united aid of many human hands. They give out soft and muffled, though deep and far-reaching tones.

There is a bell before the temple of Amarapura, Burmah, which is said to have been cast in the year 1511, and near the ground, and weighs over 80 tons.

The early influence of bells upon architecture is obvious, since we undoubtedly owe to them the building of nearly all the famous towers of the world. Original bells were raised just above the church roof, to admit a central light, but when bells became common, they were adapted to their use.

Bells are mostly cast from a composition of copper and tin, though other ingredients are used. When the right proportions of these two metals are combined and reduced by intense heat to a fluid form, the mass is poured into a clay mould of the desired shape and size.

The small bronze bells found in the ancient palaces of Mexico contained ninety parts of copper and ten parts of tin; in our day the proportions are, say, eighty parts copper, and twenty parts tin.

Hand bells vary more than those designed for public use, and are often composed of brass, silver and even gold. It is common in Italy that silver is mixed with other metals in the castings of bells to mellow the sound, but this is a mistake; a large quantity of silver would seriously injure the tone.

It is the composition of the metal which determines the tone of the bell; very much depends upon its shape. Moreover, the proportions between its height, width and thickness are taken into consideration. The dimensions, roughly stated, which are deemed best for large bells are one-fifth of the diameter in thickness, and twelve times the thickness in height.

Bells have been cast of steel, but they do not produce the perfect tones resulting from the use of copper and tin. The Swiss have even used glass, which emit extremely fine sounds, but the brittleness of this material renders them sure to crack in using.

From long usage bells have come to be most intimately connected with religious service in all countries. The bells which are used in the churches, which are thought to be the reason why Mohammedans do not use them, but hesitate for them the cry of the Muezzin from the top of the mosque, by which the faithful are summoned to prayer.

HARD MEDICINE TO TAKE "Doctor," said a fashionably dressed woman to her physician, "I want you to give me a prescription which will cure me of a most irritating trouble. The doctor bowed, and waited for her to go on.

"About eleven o'clock every evening," said the patient, "I am overcome by a feeling of sleepiness, no matter where I am—at the opera, at a dinner-party, wherever I may be, this dreadful somnolence comes over me. I have suffered from this ailment now for five weeks, and no remedy has seemed to do any good."

"Oh, I can give you a prescription that will prevent it from overtaking you ever again," said the doctor. His new patient was radiant, but when she looked at the slip of paper the doctor had given her, her face clouded. It had written: "Bed from ten till seven the next morning. Repeat once in twenty-four hours, whenever the symptoms recur."

DR. McCOLLUM ON EGGS Dr. McCollum, a noted scientist, believes that the real reason why the men and women of China and Japan are small in stature is that their diet has been faulty, lacking in calcium, eggs and milk. In fact, the doctor thinks that difference both in body and mind between the Chinese and the white race. The use of eggs is a limited way by the Chinese has probably saved them from extinction, but they are not a sufficient source of the product and no milk. In contrast, the eminent scientist points out, according to pamphlet No. 19 of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the people of Europe and America are comparatively speaking, liberal users of both eggs and milk; they are the largest people in the world, have the lowest death-rate, the largest span of life, and accomplish the most wonderful feats of activity. The doctor further believes that faulty diet predisposes individual to tuberculosis. The answer is more eggs and more milk. Products—issued by the Director of Publicity, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Weekly Fashion Hint



DISTINCTIVE SPORTS FROCK

Dashing stripes and mixtures develop the latest frocks for sports and open to criticism. The frock shown is a model, with separate blouse and skirt, with a long-waisted underbody, is trimmed with plain-silk collar and string tie.

FAULT-FINDERS

Nothing is easier than to find fault. Almost everything we hear or see is open to criticism, and we often pick flaws we are really kept busy.

Conversation is defective. Few can express their exact meaning in words, and not a few say what they don't mean simply because they cannot say what they wish to. And if nearly all work, do his best, man will yet do poorly enough. His greatest plan, his most cherished, is to be perfect.

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"About eight o'clock he thought he heard a noise in the kitchen, and going out there, he found that his highbred colt, that I tell him he thinks more of than he does of me, had run into some serious trouble with the halter, and was in danger of serious injury at any minute. Mr. Parker said when he got to the house that he was five hundred dollars better off than he would have been if he had his colt and his razor and his hair, and so he spent the evening at home."

"Well, I presume I never shall, and as long as Mrs. Grouse is a neighbor of mine I guess there will always be an opportunity."

Well Mary's story was very good, and quite true to life as it is found in some localities. But it was so long that I have not room to tell anything else in this column this week.

CONFIDENCES

In the matter of confidences there are two kinds of people—those who make them, and those who receive them. Of course, the exchange of confidences is of occasional occurrence, but in nearly every instance of a so-called exchange one of the parties to it gets the short end of the bargain. Impulsive persons are those who make confidences, and those who receive them, usually to those who are most readily available when the impulse to communicate moves them. The person who is not really a friend, but a mere acquaintance, is the one who is most likely to be the recipient of such disclosures. And whose discretion, as they feel instinctively, is greater than their own. Such a person does not often volunteer reciprocal disclosures; he is a selfish creature, and his selfishness is seldom disappointing.

"The confidant has been allowed to talk and has received from time to time a sympathetic word; his chief need has been fulfilled, and he is discharged with his mental worries or preoccupations or perplexities into the hands of the confidant, who, in his feeling of relief, of comfort, and even of accomplishment. There is curiously the sense of having found a friend still closer by self-revelation."

And what really is the attitude of the confidant? It is usually an instinctive one. Friendly, of course, but except in such cases of unusual stress, perhaps more curious than interested. While the intimate narrative is pouring into the sympathetic ear, a part of the brain behind the ear is constantly commenting: "How odd that anybody should tell me this!"

ACTIVE PERSUASION

An old clergyman was remarkable for his eccentric ideas and sayings. Among other curious ways he was in the habit of asking a blessing on each particular thing on the table. At breakfast one morning there was some bear-meat, and his petition was as follows: "God, bless this coffee, bless the bread and butter, but as to the bear-meat, Lord, I don't know what to say."

At another time there had been an outcry among some men, and one of them was hurt. A trial took place, and the man who was hurt was the victor in the fight, was called an "winner."

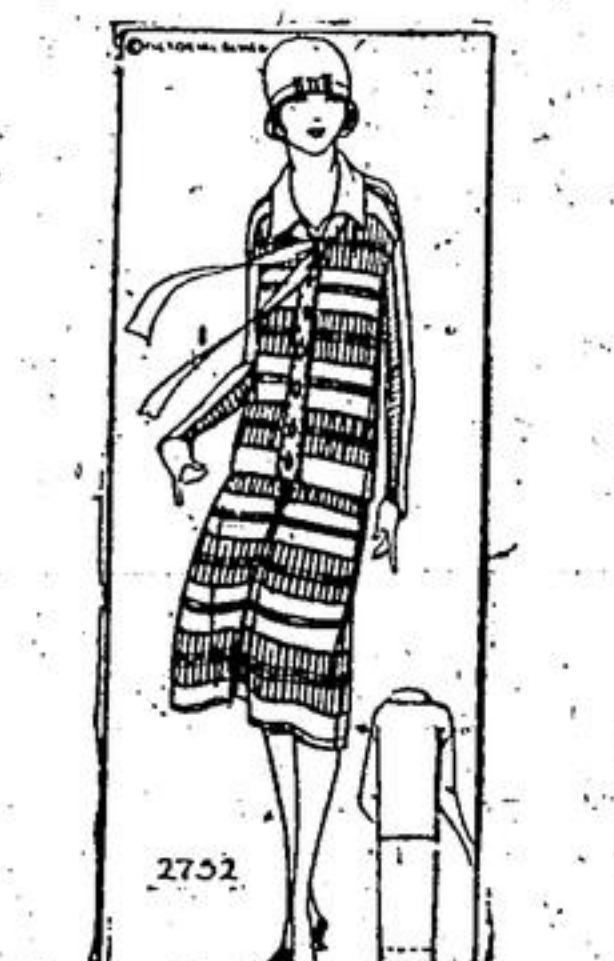
"What was Salton doing?" was the first inquiry. "He was snatching around," replied the old man. "Well, sir, what is that?" "He was just knocking about him here and there."

"Now, sir, tell us plainly what did he do to this man?" asked the lawyer. "He was just snatching about him, with a note of vexation in his countenance, and a look of anger on his face. The habit of loafing in school, during the vacations, or in the early years of your business life is almost fatal. If you learn to waste time in your youth, you will find it difficult to unlearn the lesson."

NEWS FROM ACTON, ENGLAND

Gleaned From the Columns of the Acton Gazette of November 20 The following items from Acton, England, have much of interest. The Mayor of Acton (Ald. R. J. Hewitt) will be present at the Coronation Show at Acton, on Saturday. Mr. H. Crawford Walker has completed fifty years as a member of the Corporation of the Acton Parish Church. Robert Allsopp, of Seymour-road, Acton, was bound over at Acton Police Court on Wednesday week for assaulting his wife. Hundreds of Acton children were brought into the "Shop in Acton" movement on Friday night. The first Acton Scouts paid their annual visit on Sunday afternoon to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph at Whitehall. This is a beautiful idea, and is worth copying. Det.-sergt. H. Young, who has been attached to Acton Police Station for some time, returned to Scotland Yard this week on promotion to the rank of first-class detective-sergeant. The Archbishop's dictum that a good many are rather poor still does not apply to Acton, where all who preach, preach well, though sometimes better than others. Thanks to the generosity of Chiswick in providing four excellent football pitches, free of charge, the Acton Chiswick School are having a highly successful season. The Globe Theatre, Acton, has been fortunate in securing the recently released "Hullo, Mother I am Back" which Mary Pickford plays the title role. A separation order for its weekly show against John Booth, of Packington-road, Acton, who was summoned by his wife at Acton Police Court on Wednesday for persistent cruelty. Great interest was taken on Sunday in the annual festival at the Acton Baptist Church, where there were large congregations at both of the services. The Acton Male Voice Choir paid a visit by charabanc on Saturday to the Acton Baptist Church, where they sang for the recent town-criers' competition. The Acton Male Voice Choir paid a visit by charabanc on Saturday to the Acton Baptist Church, where they sang for the recent town-criers' competition. The Acton Male Voice Choir paid a visit by charabanc on Saturday to the Acton Baptist Church, where they sang for the recent town-criers' competition.

DOMINION OF CANADA



THE POOR DAFT MAN!

The other evening, in a home in Sault Ste. Marie, the telephone rang. When the lady of the house answered, a voice greeted her—"Hello, Mother I am having a birthday party, and I wanted you to join us." "It was so wonderful!" It was born in the Bell home, and can distinctly remember my father and other neighbors plying the poor daft man who thought he could talk to a bit of wire and be heard at the other end of his farm and to the result of it all.

AN-EMMENT SURGEON AND ALCOHOL Dr. William Mayo, one of the famous proprietors of the famous Mayo Brothers hospitals at Rochester, Minnesota, declares that "as to the use of whiskey and other alcoholic stimulants in the medical practice, I can see no use. It is not necessary except in cases of alcoholism where the patient's condition demands it; otherwise we can get along very well without it." He further denies that Prohibition has been a failure in the United States, and says: "There are fewer cases of alcoholism to-day than in pre-prohibition days. Surgical cases coming into our hospitals do not include any instances of lowered resistance due to alcoholism as in former years."

ANY REAL CAKE-MAKER Will admit that it is not her knowledge of baking or the efficiency of the oven that gives lightness and delicious taste to her cakes. She will tell you that the flour used is the essential thing. We offer the highest grade of flour—the grade that achieves the best results in your oven.

Robert's Syrup of the Extract of Cod Liver Oil for COUGHS, COLDS and BRONCHITIS

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NORVAL MILLS KING'S CHOICE Bread Flour NATIONAL Pastry NORVAL Blend BOLL 50 R 2- PHONES—Municipal 327 R 3

Two-Sided Story

Following is a letter that appeared in a western newspaper, written by one of its readers. There is information in it for storekeepers: "Your paper is always boosting that home town buying is the right thing, for if everybody bought away we would not have a town very long. In your editorial a week or two ago you said there would be less buying from catalogues if every merchant would advertise, because it is advertising that keeps the catalogue men going. Well, I believe that's right, too, but one thing I would like to see all the local merchants do—and there are more who think the same—and that is for them to print the prices as much as they can in their advertising. And I also think that if the prices are going up they should say so and tell why, if they know. These times we all have to bite our nickles--or most of us--and we certainly don't like the idea of prices going up on staples particularly, and not a word about it till you reach the store. I am not an advertising expert, but I know what I would like to see in my local paper along that line, and that is a lot of genuine information about goods and prices every week. Then we should feel better and if we were being fairly treated there would be less sending away. I hear this talked about a lot, so thought I would write you."

Mr. Merchant Tell Your Message to Acton and Vicinity in the ACTON FREE PRESS

Mr. G. H. Thompson, secretary of the Middlesex County B. A. An interesting and rather novel development has occurred at the covered cricket pitches in Churchfield-road, during the winter months. The opportunity of following their gentle meditative recreation during the winter months. A clear explanation of the principles on which Canada assists and receives British emigrants was given to the Indian Association and the Women's Association on Friday night by Miss Charlson (Canadian Immigration Service).

Spell it C-I-I-R-I-E-T-M-A-S. This is correct, and the correct pronunciation. X-M-A-S is undignified and unbecoming.

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