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**SLATS' DIARY**  
 BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—well I am afraid pa is going to call his boss down to the noose paper office his former Employer becu yesterday he printed a hed Line about Mrs. Cress being choosed as the most popular Club woman in Henry county and he used a letter L where he shudent ought to be used it. The hed line red that MRS. CRESS MOST POPULAR CLUB WOMAN PICKLED AT ANNUAL CONVEN-

SHUN. Saturday—Ant Emmy got a letter from her cuzzen up in Madison county and she sed her muthern law had died. she cudent rimmer what it was she died of but she was pritty sure it was a serious sickness.

Sunday—wile the preecher was here today at are house pa was making fun of the wimen becu they are afrade of a mouse and he looked at ma kinda sneerishly. but I cant see where he has got enny room to Brag becu he is afrade of a woman witch is afrade of a mouse.

Monday—Joe Hix is going to a ply to the Govt. for sum compensashun. He says he is intitled to a smart amt. of munny becu he diddent raise a 1000 bushel of corn this yr. he thinks he shud ought to have a Bonus becu he diddent raze nuthing.

Tuesday—Pa was reading where a man lives thirty yrs. longer now then he did a 150 yrs. ago. Ant Emmy says that is becu he has to have more time to pay up all his installmints on things he has boughten.

Wednesday—Mr. Willem wanted pa to go to the ottomobel show with him tonite to see the 1935 Moddles but pa wasnt interested in the 1935 moddles. he saws he is very very anxious to see the moddles of 1942 though. He is hoping mebby he can get 1 of them.

Thursday—It was kinda quiet here at are house this evening after Ant Emmy ast pa if he thot it was unlucky to get married on Friday. Pa sed he thot it was unlucky to get married on Friday. Ant Emmy ast him what day he thot was lucky. he studied a wile and then went out of the room. Ma was about 1/2 sore.

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**HEALTH**

IN RETREAT

At the opening of this century, the greatest and most outstanding disease enemy of mankind was tuberculosis. To-day, tuberculosis is in retreat, but not defeated. It is for us to determine how rapidly the retreat is to be pressed and the enemy annihilated.

Those who bewail the evils of the present day would be well advised to give some attention to its achievements. The yesterdays were, in some ways, more attractive and picturesque but they were nothing nearly so comfortable or so safe as the to-day in which we live.

Most diseases which have been conquered were overcome by means of the discovery of some specific means for their prevention or through the development of a method to prevent their spread. Diphtheria is vanquished by diphtheria immunization, and typhoid fever disappears when water and milk supplies are made safe.

It is remarkable, but none the less true, that tuberculosis is in retreat despite the fact that no specific means for the prevention or cure of the disease has been discovered. Tuberculosis is in retreat because the people have learned about this particular disease enemy, and they are fighting it with intelligence based upon their understanding.

What do we know about tuberculosis? We know that every case comes from some previous one. Turn this idea around, and you will see that just as soon as those who now have the disease stop passing it on to others then tuberculosis will come to an end.

There is so much less tuberculosis to-day chiefly because patients have learned in sanatoria, the public have read it in newspapers and have heard it in lectures, that tuberculosis is spread from one person to another in the germ-laden sputum of the tuberculous. Just so far as we have gone in stopping the transfer of sputum, to that extent have we pressed upon the retreating enemy.

It is much more easy to fight an enemy you know than one you do not know. Those who know that they have tuberculosis are not our enemies because knowing that they have the disease, they can take precautions to protect the people with whom they come in contact. The real enemy is the tuberculous patient who, because he does not know that he has the disease, is spreading the germs of tuberculosis in his sputum. These unsuspected cases must be revealed, through organized efforts at case-finding, if we are to defeat the enemy that is Tuberculosis.

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

**AGRICULTURE GIVEN SMALL CONSIDERATION FOR DIRECTORATE OF BANK OF CANADA**

Ontario Agriculture and Mining Ignored by Chamber of Commerce Slate

On December 5th nominations are to be in the hands of the Bank of Canada for the election of a board of seven directors. The Bank Act specifies that of the seven two must be persons whose chief occupation is in primary industries (agriculture, lumbering, mining and fishing); two must be persons whose chief occupation is in manufacturing; and, the three remaining must represent all other occupations. If lumbering, fishing and mining together elect one of the primary industry representatives, to which they are justly entitled, then agriculture will have but one, director on a board of nine which consists of the Governor, Deputy-Governor and seven directors. One, or, at the most two directors, on a board of nine is totally inadequate representation for Canada's chief and basic industry in a country where 47% of the people are rural.

On top of this The National Chamber of Commerce comes along and offers its assistance to the Govern-

ment and to the 12,000 shareholders in the selection of a board of directors. Its "co-operation" consists of choosing and recommending a definite slate of seven directors. In allotting the two representatives for primary industries it says one shall be from the prairies and one from the maritimes. In doing so it entirely ignores primary industries in Ontario.

This is a very grave error on the part of the Chamber of Commerce since the province of Ontario leads all the other provinces in Canada by a wide margin in both agricultural and mineral production. Moreover, instead of asking agriculture and other industries in the maritimes and on the prairies to call representative conventions and select their own nominees, the Chamber of Commerce takes upon itself the privilege of doing so.

**BOUGHT HIS WIFE 100 PIANOS, JUST FOR A HOBBY**

For years she had wanted a piano. At long last she attained her wish. But what a price she had to pay! For several years a certain New York woman longed in vain for a piano. Although her husband was both wealthy and generous, he refused to buy her one, explaining that he disliked music.

However, as is usually the case, the wife won the argument in the end, and a magnificent grand piano was trundled into her drawing room. Nevertheless, if you asked the lady about it, she would tell you to-day that she has since regretted her victory.

For she and her husband to-day own not one but a hundred pianos, of all shapes and sizes. This is how it all happened:

**Both Happy!**

The woman's husband is an antiquarian, and all his life he has been a collector of rare jewels, spinning-wheels, books and matchbox covers. The first time he went to buy his wife the long-begged-for piano, he naturally went to an antique dealer's. There he purchased an old-fashioned instrument that might have created a stir when it first appeared in a London drawing room in the days of Victoria, but for the nineteen-thirties was a bit out of date.

His wife complained of this, so hubby went right out and bought her the newest model of grand piano. His wife kissed him and she told him he was a dear sweet thing.

"Now, darling," she said, "we are both happy. You have an antique piano and I have one that Rachmaninoff would be happy to play on."

"How true," the husband said absent-mindedly.

**She Got a Shock!**

The next day the wife had a shock. For yet a third piano was carried into the house. This one was of the early clavichord type.

When the piano collector came home that night, his wife gave him a good talking, pointing out patiently that, though their house was spacious, there was no room for any more instruments.

"Yes, yes," he said, "Yes, yes, I understand perfectly." But the very next morning two baby grands, an upright and a spinet arrived.

When he arrived home that evening his wife was in tears. "We will have to move into another house if this keeps up," she said.

"I have arranged for all that," he said. "I signed a new lease this afternoon. The new apartment has twice as many rooms as this one."

"But I don't understand," his wife protested. "You didn't want me to have one piano. Now, apparently, you are buying them by the dozen."

"That's right. When one has a hobby one is never satisfied until the collection is complete, whether it is pianos or cigarette cards."

And, to his wife's dismay, her hobbyist husband bought new pianos every day and continued to ship them home. Each was a different model. Any student of music could have traced the entire history of the instrument by the growing collection.

**The Last Straw!**

The wife was at a loss what to do. Every room of their huge 29-room house soon contained pianos. There were harpsichords in the sitting-rooms, spinets in the dining-room, baby grands in the library, early Colonial models in the kitchen, and small modern uprights in the bathrooms!

However, when her untiring husband came in with his hundredth piano she called a halt. "This is the last straw," she cried. "Either the pianos go into storage or I go back to mother."

The wife stayed and the pianos were put into storage. But the husband confidentially told friends that he didn't mind, because his collection was at last complete.

He owned pianos of every period and from every part of the world where the instrument is used. Also he added that he is now collecting Chinese antiques of the Ming dynasty! 800 Hats!

Not all collectors are such fanatics as this man, but some of them go pretty far. Incidentally, the man who collected the hundred pianos can't play a note.

An illuminating light was cast on the queer hobbies of men, women and

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children recently when the First National Hobby Collectors' Exhibition took place in New York. The unique exhibition occupied two huge floors of one of the great Manhattan skyscrapers.

Some of the things collected were cheap novelty, matchbox labels, cigars bands, Indian relics, old circus and theatrical handbills, bottles, penny banks, old valentines, firearms, antique family albums, fossils, minerals, walking-sticks, bells of all kinds, shoes, umbrellas, manhole covers, flour sacks and buttons an assortment of toothpicks and a multitude of other objects. Not the least startling of all these was the collection of 800 hats gathered together by Ed. Wynn the comedian. How Winston Churchill's mouth would water!

**Book Bound in Human Skin**  
 One of the most versatile collectors is Syd Seidman, a photographer. Among other things, he collects early American theatrical bills and fashion posters. He also has 250 quaint little toy saving banks and a fine assortment of old playing cards.

An 80-year-old woman living in a mid-Western States collects different kinds of slippers. She has now 800 pairs. Some of them are beautiful Byzantine, Florentine, Turkish and Arabian types of footgear.

Some are quaint, some crude, but all are interesting examples of the shoemaker's craft.

A Pasadena, California, man for years has devoted all of his leisure time to the accumulation of relics of the pony express, stage coach and Buffalo Bill days of the old West. To-day his relics fill a barn, which he has converted into a museum. As a boy he was an enthusiastic reader of tales relating the great deeds of the pioneers, trailbreakers and old Indian fighters, and his boyish enthusiasm has lasted all through later life.

One ardent collector numbers among his treasures a book whose cover is studded with rare gems, another volume that is said to be bound in human skin, and one—a large book of several hundred pages—every word of which begins with the same letter of the alphabet.

Collectors have queer ways. Many who specialize in the gatherings of rare volumes never read a book. It's the books themselves they like, not what is written in them.

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