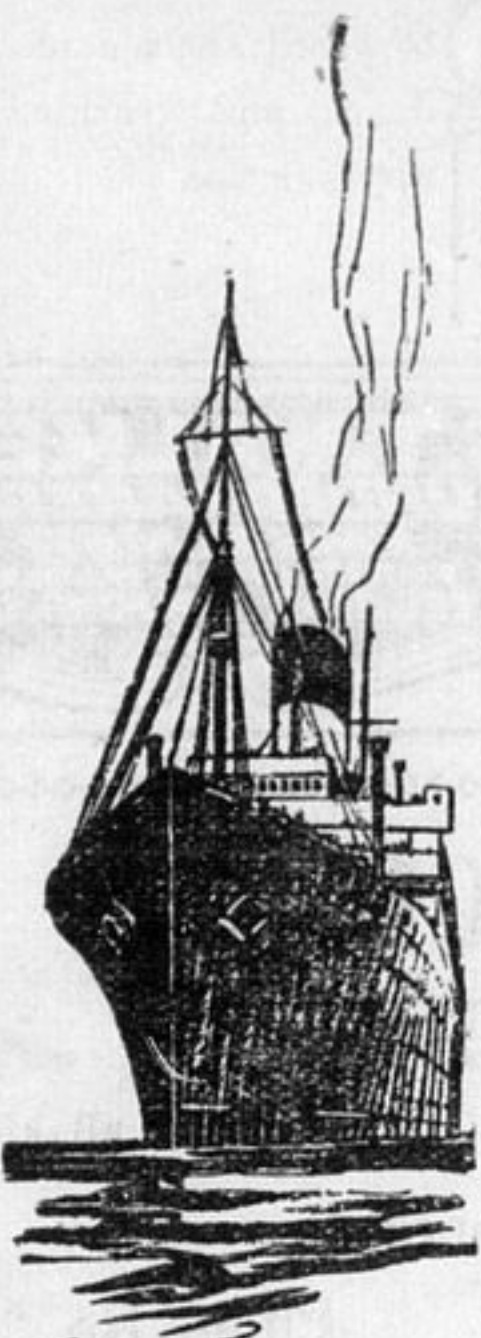


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JURY DIDN'T THINK FIVE WRONGS MADE TWO RIGHTS

An interesting despatch from New York last week told a story that has its duplicate in a yarn that went the rounds of the press many years ago. This yarn was concerned with a man named Smith who was stated to have resided in England. Smith was described as being the defendant in an action concerning bigamy. According to the charge Smith was accused of marrying Jennie Jones while his wife, Mary Brown, was still alive. The unique defence was that Smith was not married to Jennie Jones, as a previous wife, Nellie Black, was still alive when he married Jennie Jones. Accordingly the defendant held that no charge of bigamy could be sustained. "We will change the charge then to include Mary Brown as your legal wife," the prosecuting counsel suggested. "But you can't do that," was Smith's reply, "as my first and only legal wife has died recently."

The new version of the story goes into details and adds a wife or two to the roll. The despatch from New York says that Clyde Fox, a manufacturing chemist, vainly sought to evade a bigamy conviction in the city last week by use of legal information he said he had picked up as an employee in the Boston District Attorney's office.

His argument roughly was that he couldn't be convicted of having two wives because in fact he had five. The charge was that he had married a Miss Calabrese when he was already married to a Miss Smith, but he asserted the indictment was not legal because the law says one legal marriage must be mentioned in the indictment and the marriage to Miss Smith was illegal as he had married three other women before her.

A jury thought this over for two hours and decided he was guilty just the same.

Sudbury Star:—"Women are not entitled to seats in the Senate. Sometimes, when one looks at a Toronto street car, it would appear as if the same rule applied there."

Belfast Telegraph:—"To drive always as if the next child in the streets were our own child." Tucked away in the articles on safety by the director of the Public Safety Division of the National Safety Council appears this trenchant little rule for the operation of automobiles. It is worth pasting on many windshields as a constant check to that type of thoughtlessness which so often leads to avoidable tragedy.

SUGGEST THAT WORLD MUST ECONOMISE IN USE OF GOLD

Probable Output of Gold Important Factor in Economic Standpoint.

Discussing the amount of gold in existence at the present time and the increasing demands in connection with the gold standards, The Toronto Mail & Empire had the following editorial article one day last week:

"Ontario's annual output of gold has been steadily increasing in volume and value in late years. The yield of the precious metal obtained from the mines of this Province last year was worth \$33,700,000 according to a preliminary report on production issued by the Ontario Department of Mines, or thrice the value of the output of 1919. By reason of the increased production in Ontario, Canada has advanced to third place among the gold-producing countries of the world. 'The Dominion,' says Col. R. A. Johnson, Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint in Great Britain in his last report, 'bids fair to become the second largest producer in the world, unless the discovery of new fields should enable the United States to maintain their present position.'"

"These statements and the additional fact that the output of the gold fields of South Africa has been growing larger are not to be interpreted, Col. Johnson intimated, as indicating that a superabundance of gold in the world is imminent. There has been a decline in production in Australia from an average of some 3,825,000 ounces in the first decade of the present century to some 850,000 ounces in 1926. This decline has tended to limit the yearly additions to the world's supply of the precious metal. Still, there has been an increase in the world's annual output of gold. That output according to statistics compiled by the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau of Great Britain, rose from 15,906,000 ounces in 1921 to 17,700,000 ounces in 1923, to 19,100,000 ounces in 1924 and 1925, and to 19,500,000 ounces in 1926. On the other hand, there has been a growing demand for gold to serve as the basis for international trade and for national currencies. This demand has become greater as the efforts of nations, such as Germany, Belgium and France, to stabilize their currencies and augment their trade have produced results. In India, where the consumption of silver for coinage purposes has been large, a branch of the Royal Mint was established in Bombay in 1918 for the minting of gold coins, and the demand for the precious metal for that purpose has increased.

"It is possible that the discovery of the fields, perhaps in Canada, may lead to an expansion of the world's stock of gold. In the meantime, Col. Johnson pointed out in his report, the question of the probable amount of the output of the virgin metal in the immediate future is an important one from an economic standpoint. It can be readily understood that a serious shortage of gold throughout the world would have a marked effect upon the purchasing power of money, upon prices, and upon wages. 'Unless we are prepared to face a prolonged fall in commodity prices,' Col. Johnson wrote, 'it is imperative to economize gold, both in regard to its use as a commodity and to use as money.' The warning confutes any idea that there is a danger of over-production of gold, and it suggests that the output of Ontario's mines may continue to grow to the advantage of mine owners, miners and the Province at large."

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A LITTLE ESSAY ABOUT SPRING AT SANDY FALLS.

Elsewhere in this issue may be found some quotations from the last issue of The C.N.P.C. Review, issued for the employees of the Canada Northern Power Corporation. Here is another paragraph from the breezy little house organ. This is under the heading of "Sandy Sobs":

"Yessir—Spring has arrived. The old familiar sounds of the happy fact heard around Sandy are welcome indeed. The sound of falling water rushing over the dam on 700 feet of spillway so long silent through the winter is like a select piece of music by Chopin, to our ears. Other infat-

table signs are the anxious inquiries of first-year men as to the best place to fish. The staid and veteran anglers of the camp, rummaging in the old tackle box with a cunning look upon their faces as they fondle the pet bait of last year with memories of many battles, victorious and otherwise, in the year gone, flitting across their minds. Lenders of fishing tackle inquiring as to the whereabouts of the rod which they loaned last Fall and borrowers evading the question. Side bets as to who will be the lucky one to haul the first fish of the season out of his element. All are sure and happy signs that Spring is here."

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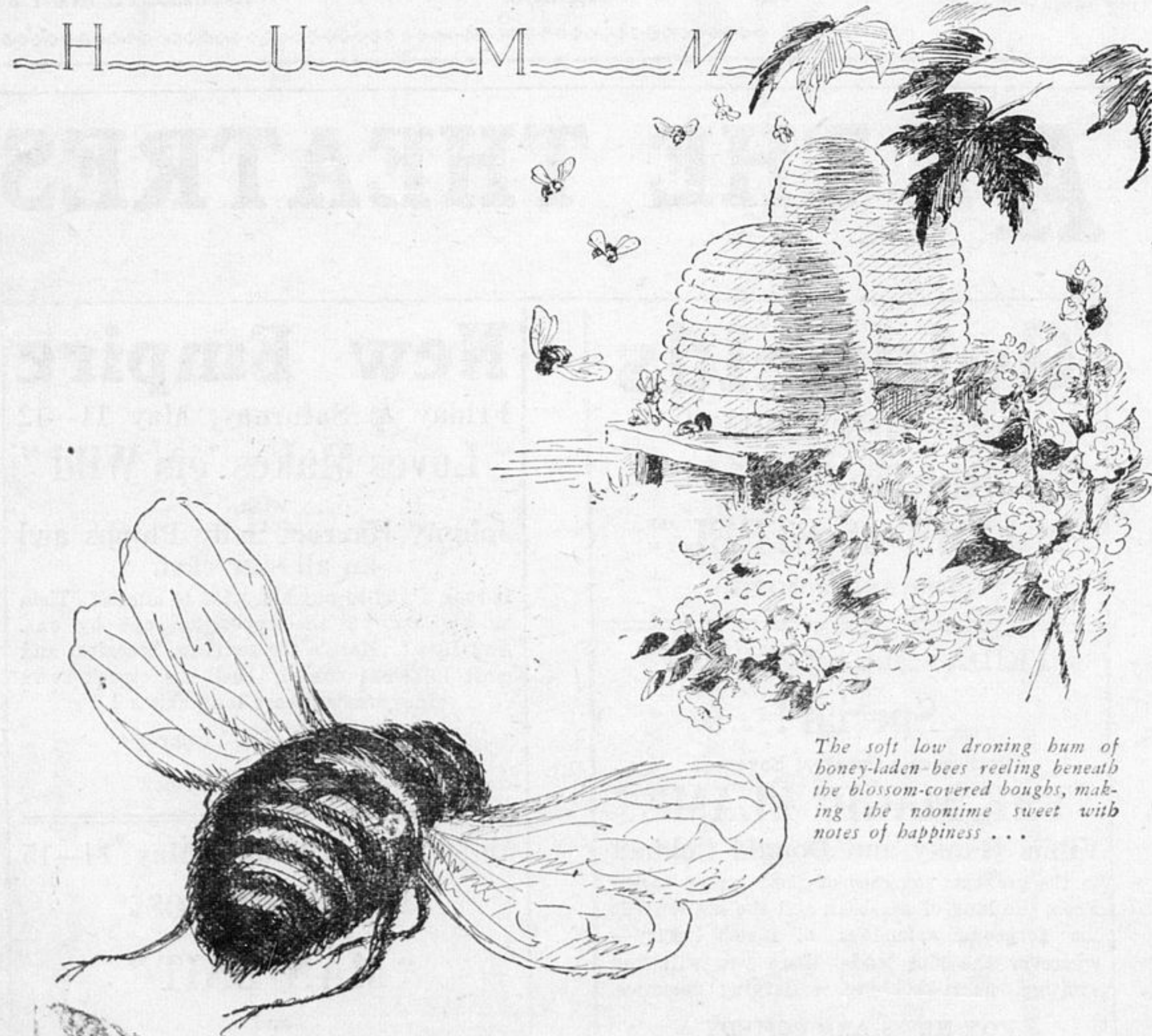
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INTERESTING ESSAY ON WHISTLING AS AN ART

The following is from the editorial column of The Perth Expositor:—

"Whistling is a boy's own music. It is as natural for him to whistle as it is for a bird to sing—although the music is not always as melodious. It is as instinctive with boys as throwing stones and raiding orchards and corn fields. And not even when he becomes an 'old boy' does he forget how. Like the charm of music that soothes the savage beast, whistling has a magic charm that stills the fears and instills courage in the youthful breast. A boy is never alone as long as he can whistle. At day he whistles out of sheer joy and enthusiasm, and abroad alone at night he finds comfort and protection in his shrillest whistle. A boy reprimanded, a servant dismissed, goes away whistling, if he dares. He wishes to express contempt, and he succeeds, at least, in enraging the object of his scorn. A hobbler who commits some breach of the proprieties commonly bursts into a whistle. Dr. Johnson considered it a 'nice trait of character' if one could avoid the appearance of servility by whistling as he went about carrying out the order of another. Why is whistling, like so many other practices, restrained in society by unwritten rules of etiquette? Is it because melodious whistles are rare or because to give vent to one's innermost feelings is considered evidence of bad breeding? In this connection it will be remembered that one of the first laws of etiquette forbids the man acting like a boy."

Ottawa Journal:—Rubber is dropping, but it is only natural to expect a rebound."

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