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### THE OATMEAL TRICK

Years ago in the city of Detroit there was an old gentleman who successfully conducted one of those corner groceries. He was a little short in the temper, but long on work. Every morning he was at the store at half-past seven and he had the store swept up and ready for business before any of his staff arrived. One morning the old gentleman was using the broom when a specially well dressed young man entered the store. "Have you any oatmeal?" he asked. "Yes!" was the reply. "What price do you charge?" The grocer told him. The man walked out without buying. In a minute or so another young man entered. "Have you any oatmeal?" he asked. "What price is your oatmeal?" "Do you want to buy some oatmeal?" the grocer asked him. "Oh, no!" he replied, as he slipped out. When the third young man came in, he got no further than "Have you any oatmeal?" before the irritated grocer took after him with the broom. The young man fled down the street, with the grocer in close pursuit. Soon the grocer had to give up the chase. He returned, puffing and blowing, to the store, to find that in his absence the first two young men had returned and cleaned out the till and the open safe. For years, "working the oatmeal trick" was a saying in Detroit.

There are people who suspect that a variation of the "oatmeal trick" is being attempted in Timmins. It may be known as the Central-Public-School-Town-Hall-Cocktail-trick. People are beginning to ask if they are expected to become irritated over the silly suggestion that a perfectly good public school be turned into an impossible town hall, and that during their irritation, somebody gets away with something else. The trick won't work! For the oatmeal trick or the cocktail trick to be a success, it is necessary that the victim be off guard. The oatmeal trick wouldn't work a second time, even in Detroit. The cocktail trick won't work even once in Timmins. All the silly talk about turning schools into town halls doesn't turn the ratepayers away from the facts of the case. The Central public school is owned by the public school supporters of the town. They need it for school purposes. They have not evidenced the slightest intention to dispose of it. Discussion of this silly suggestion—if it is no worse—will not make the people forget that they voted for a new town hall, and there has not been the slightest effort made to respect their vote. The public are not forgetting that the paving programme is also apparently being completely sidetracked. If the repeated return to the Central-public-school-town-hall-cocktail is designed to direct attention away from what has been done to the police department, then it is enough to say that the trick does not work. If the idea is to call attention away from the fact that public works and public services are neglected in the town in general, while certain sections are favoured, then again the trick—oatmeal or cocktail—fails to work.

### ABOUT THE ROADS

A gentleman who came from North Bay by motor car during the past week-end endangered his soul's salvation by stating exactly what he thought of the condition of the Ferguson highway. Reduced to language that may be safely printed on paper made from pulp, and not asbestos, and that may appear in a newspaper read by all members of the family and all families in Timmins and district, the roads of the North at present are dangerous to the public and disgraceful to the authorities responsible. There seemed to have been some attempt to apply a chloride treatment for some miles north of North Bay. It was a feeble attempt, however, and the curse of dust was little altered by it. From North Bay to Liskeard, the road might be considered passable, but north of New Liskeard it is little short of desperate. The dust is a menace to health and safety, while the holes, the washboard effect and the general ruin to which the road has been allowed to drift from sheer neglect is a regular heart-breaker.

The answer to all this is that, while it is true the Northern roads are in pitiful state, there are better days to come—next year. "This year Mr. Hepburn is going to balance the budget. There is no money for Northern roads. But next year there will be an orgy of spending on Northern roads!" That is the story! The reply to that sort of talk is given in the proverb:—"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." And the people of the North are certainly sick of it all! "Sick" in all the ancient, modern and slang meanings of that word.

For the past two years the government has been talking about the money that has been spent in the past on the roads of the North. Now, the talk is about the money that will be spent in the years to come. In the meantime the roads are a disgrace. The North can scarcely be expected at this stage to be content with that sort of talk. The highways in the South are being maintained, whether

the budget is to balance or not. There are actually new highways under construction to parallel fine roadways in the South. Is it left to the North alone to suffer for the balancing of the budget?

People of the North are being forced to the conclusion that the trouble is not lack of money but lack of thought for the North. For the moment, there seems little to suggest than to repeat the proposal made in a recent issue of The Advance that the government being helpless and hopeless in the matter and the Dept. of Highways being less able apparently than the Northern Development Dept., the roads of the North be turned over to the care of the T. & N. O. The whole interest of the T. & N. O. is in the North, and the people have always expected and received service from the T. & N. O. How would that help at this stage? and where would the T. & N. O. secure the money necessary? are questions that may be asked. In answer to these queries it may be said that the gasoline tax in the North and the car license fees for the North might be turned over to the T. & N. O. as a fund to assure some sort of fair play to the North in the matter of roads.

### GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Hon. T. B. McQuesten has been issuing some rather startling facts and figures in connection with his campaign to make motoring safe on the highways of Ontario. In 1933, he says, there were 403 killed, 7877 injured and property loss of \$854,442 through motor accidents. In 1934 there were 527 deaths, 8990 injured and property damage of \$942,772. In 1935, the death toll was 560, the injured 9839, and the property damage \$1,085,084. If all the roads of Ontario are being allowed to deteriorate the same as those in the North, the figures for 1936 will be even more appalling. Hon. Mr. McQuesten writes as if a little more courtesy among drivers would do away with the loss of life, the injuries, the property damage. So far as the North is concerned the condition of the roads is on a par with the drunken driver in endangering life, limb and property. So far as the roads of the North are concerned, Hon. T. B. McQuesten can not evade personal responsibility for the danger to life and health from disgraceful roads.

A motorist at Hamilton knocked down a pedestrian named O'Flaherty, injured the Irishman's shoulder, and then jumped out of the car and threatened to beat up Mr. O'Flaherty for getting in front of his car. The injury to Mr. O'Flaherty's shoulder no doubt saved the feelings of the motorist, but the case is probably the most brazen and impudent in the annals of history. To knock down an Irishman, injure him so that he could not defend himself, then abuse and threaten him! That Hamilton motorist needs a lot of Mr. McQuesten's lessons in courtesy.

The town will soon have to get a new mayor or forego the chance of any kind of a decent council. Imagine the wasting of three hours of the council's time on Monday night on a question that is not before the council in any way!

Lloyds, famous English insurance firm, will insure against almost anything—the weather, fire, rain, twins, elections and what-not! The premium to insure Timmins against any new paving this year would be small indeed!

A reader asks The Advance to explain the meaning of the suit started against a United States firm to have them forbidden to use the word "quintuplet" or any contraction thereof. It simply means, Joe, that Hon. David Croll imagines that he has sole rights to any word meaning more than four.

Hon. Dr. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, has given notable service by his condemnation of slum conditions in the province and his earnest advocacy of proper housing for the ordinary people. Wonder if anybody showed him on his visit to Timmins last week some of the improper housing conditions in this town.

On several recent occasions The Advance has called attention to the danger at present of the loss of the right of self-government in Ontario. Municipal government is the closest there is to self-government for the average citizen. Unless there is increased vigilance on the part of the people, municipal government will be replaced by a sort of Soviet dictatorship. When a provincial Minister can step in and issue tax notices in the name of the municipality in direct defiance of the decision of the municipality, and at the same time declare in effect that there is no appeal against the Soviet decree, then Ontario must say farewell to self-government for the time being. There is no other British country in the world where such a thing has been attempted in the past hundred years.

The deplorable accident at Bracebridge when a young woman was practically cut in two by the prow of a motor launch that accidentally collided with the small boat in which she was resting in the sun should be a warning to speed boat artists on the Mattagami. The fact that there has not been a fatality on the river here is a matter of pure good fortune. Speed boats have been taking ridiculous chances, racing in and out and round about swimmers in the river. The tragedy at Bracebridge should be a warning to all motor boat operators not to take a single chance with the lives of themselves or others.



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### Remarkable Letter by German-Canadian

Timmins Branch of Canadian Legion to Discuss Question at Next Meeting.

The following outrageous letter was published in The Mail and Empire last Thursday. Members of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion brought it to the attention of President Austin Neame, feeling that something should be done about it. The question will be taken up at the next meeting of the local Legion. The letter in itself is so outrageous that ordinarily it would receive little consideration. Viewed, however, with the thought in mind of what happened in Canada and elsewhere in 1914 and before, the letter assumes a seriousness that should arouse attention. Expressions along somewhat similar lines were heard in Canada and other British countries before 1914, and little attention was paid to them. They sounded like the ravings of insane persons, just as does the letter last week in The Mail and Empire. In 1914, however, it was surely shown that there is method in this form of madness and that it is a danger to Canada and the world. If there are many Germans in Canada who feel like the writer of the letter in question effort should be made to show them the error of their ways, or transport them to their loved Germany. The letter is as follows:—  
To the Editor of The Mail and Empire

Sir—I am very glad to inform the Canadian public that we have now here a real Aryan paper, which will give the Canadians a true picture of real Germany.

We have been improperly criticized because we have cast out from our German professions, and our public and business life all Jews. But we had a right to do so. We Germans will not be fooled as we were before. In the next Great War we do not want any Jews around. We learned our lesson that the Jews, no matter where they live, are too much bound up with England, and we are entitled to self-protection.

In the third year of the Great War, when we had the Allied armies where we wanted them in less than two months as planned, a Russian Jew gave the British Government certain chemical discoveries, which caused our powerful armies to change all our plans.

Then, when in spite of all this, we still remained supreme, and could have won out in 1917, another Jew, Rufus Isaacs, through schemes and falsehoods, got the Americans into the war against us; and by sheer numbers and unlimited moneys they beat us and wrest from us the victory that was ours. But this was only for a short while. We will not rest until we are supreme, and own all we need and want. In another year or two our Great Fuehrer will change the map of the world.

Now you can understand why we cannot allow Jews in Germany. They claim they gave us Ehrlich, Wassermann, Koch, Virchow and other great men, but their contributions were not for Germany, but for the world at large—and so we cannot call them Germans.

We know too that Britain does not make an important move without the advice of Sir Philip Sassoon, another Jew.

The same with the other head of the greatest English-speaking republic. We know President Roosevelt does not make a move or speech unless discussed with such men as Governors Lehman and Horner; Baruch and Morgenthau—all Jews.

These countries are our perpetual enemies, and so we cannot trust any Jews in our land, as they are bound up too much with the British, and the Americans. Therefore, you cannot blame us for casting them out of our beloved Fatherland. They are not of our soil or blood.

Then as to the Roman Catholics. They follow the advice of a foreign ruler—who claims to be the representative on earth of Christ—another Jew. We want nothing that comes from Jews, whether it is called Christianity or by any other name. We need not copy anything from races inferior to us. We have our own gods—sprung from our own soil and blood, and these are all we need.

Our Fuehrer, will change everything. In a few years more there will be no Roman Catholics in Germany, no more differences in religion. All will follow the great Fuehrer in politics and in one belief—and certainly not the pale-faced Jew religion of the Bible—old or so-called new.

You Canadians need not fear, even if in the end you are part of great Germany. After you see from our paper our great aims and hopes, you will be glad to become part of our great empire and join with us under our divine Fuehrer, the true protector of all that is truly Aryan in world politics and religion.

This will be a great destiny for all Canada, and certainly a great future, greater than it can ever expect in its present place. With its raw materials and enormous fertile spaces and natural resources at the command of the German Empire, Canada will be the greatest gem in our empire.  
GOTTHEIL SCHONBERG,  
Kitchener, July 13, 1936.

### Wrigley Employees Enjoy Pension Plan

Company Contributed Nearly \$100,000 to Start Plan. Notable Benefits to Employees.

Over two hundred members of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. Limited of Canada join with 3000 employees of the company in the United States in a pension plan recently announced. The plan went into effect in Canada on July 1st, 1936.

Under the plan the amount of pensions depends on the workers' wages and the length of service with the Wrigley Company. Wrigley's have always been intensely interested in the welfare and security of their employees and have always manifested this interest to the fullest extent.

In order to credit employees who have been with the company for many years before the start of the plan, Wrigley's have made a cash contribution to the fund of almost \$100,000 to cover these years of previous service. Thus any employee who has been with the Wrigley Company for 25 years and whose salary is now \$200 a month, would have an automatic pension of \$50.00 per month.

On the average, the Company and the employees pay into the fund an equal amount each month. The employees contribution amounts to about four cents on every dollar earned. The retirement age is set at 65 years. Life expectancy is estimated at 12 years above age 65. However in the event of death, or discontinuance in the employment of the Wrigley Company, or in case of early retirement, employees may withdraw the funds which they have paid into the plans, plus interest compounded at 3 p.c. annually. Payments and pensions are all based on a percentage of wage multiplied by the number of years with the company.

As an example for employees long with the company, a man who has now been with Wrigley's for twenty-five years, earning a salary of \$200.00, would, if he continues with the Company for twenty more years, earn a pension of \$110.00 per month. And if he lives out the normal expectancy of 12 years, he



will have withdrawn a total of \$15,840.00 although his contributions would amount to only \$1,920.00.

That the Wrigley Company is acting in perfect good faith is evidenced by the tremendous amount of cash donated to the fund in order to ensure fair treatment to old employees. Fully aware of the moral responsibility of the employer to life long employees, Wrigley's have assumed this responsibility realizing that the welfare of the community is as important to corporations as it is to individuals.

### MONTREAL MEN SENT TO THE "PEN" FOR NORTH BAY CRIME

Roger Ouelette, 22 years of age, and Leopold Lachance, somewhat older, both claiming Montreal as their home town, pleaded guilty to charges of shopbreaking and entering a North Bay jewelry store and stealing more than \$1000 worth of watches and jewelry early this month. They were arrested in Montreal where the greater part of the loot was recovered. Ouelette was sentenced to three years and Lachance to two years at Kingston penitentiary. John Lavote, 38 years old, was sentenced to five years imprisonment some days ago for his part in the robbery of the jewelry store.

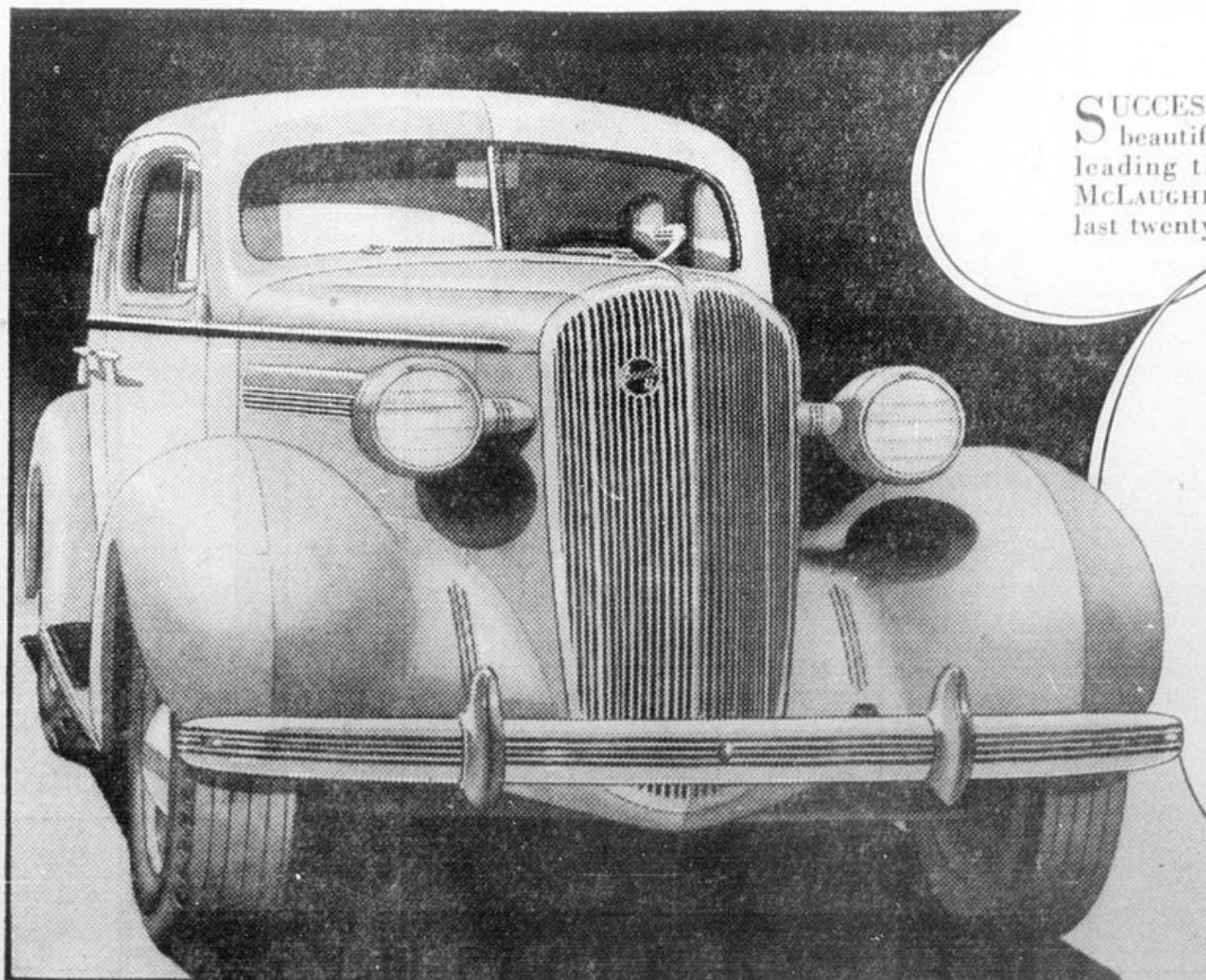
Yarmouth Herald:—Babs Ruth was greatly impressed with the fact that it is possible to sail from New York to Yarmouth and be on the tuna grounds within an hour or so after arrival here. "That's better than an 800 mile drive," said Mrs. Ruth. "Next time it's me for Yarmouth."

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