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### Had Hiccups Twelve Days, Twelve Nights

Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell Holds Record for Odd Ailment.

In the current issue of "Health," the monthly journal of the Health of Canada, "devoted to the promotion of personal and community health," there is an interesting article by Honourable William Renwick Riddell, Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario, and president of the Health League of Canada. Mr. Justice Riddell writes on "Hiccups," and as might be expected in an article by him, and one published in "Health," the author has special knowledge of the subject. Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell apparently holds the official record, at least for Canada, in the matter of suffering from hiccups for a protracted period. For twelve days and twelve nights he suffered on one occasion from this ailment, though constantly under the care of skilled medical men.

Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell's article is as follows:—

**Hiccups**

Hiccup—or as some prefer to call it, Hiccough—is one of the most curious—I had almost said unaccountable—of the phenomena exhibited by the human frame; and I venture to think it has not received the attention it de-

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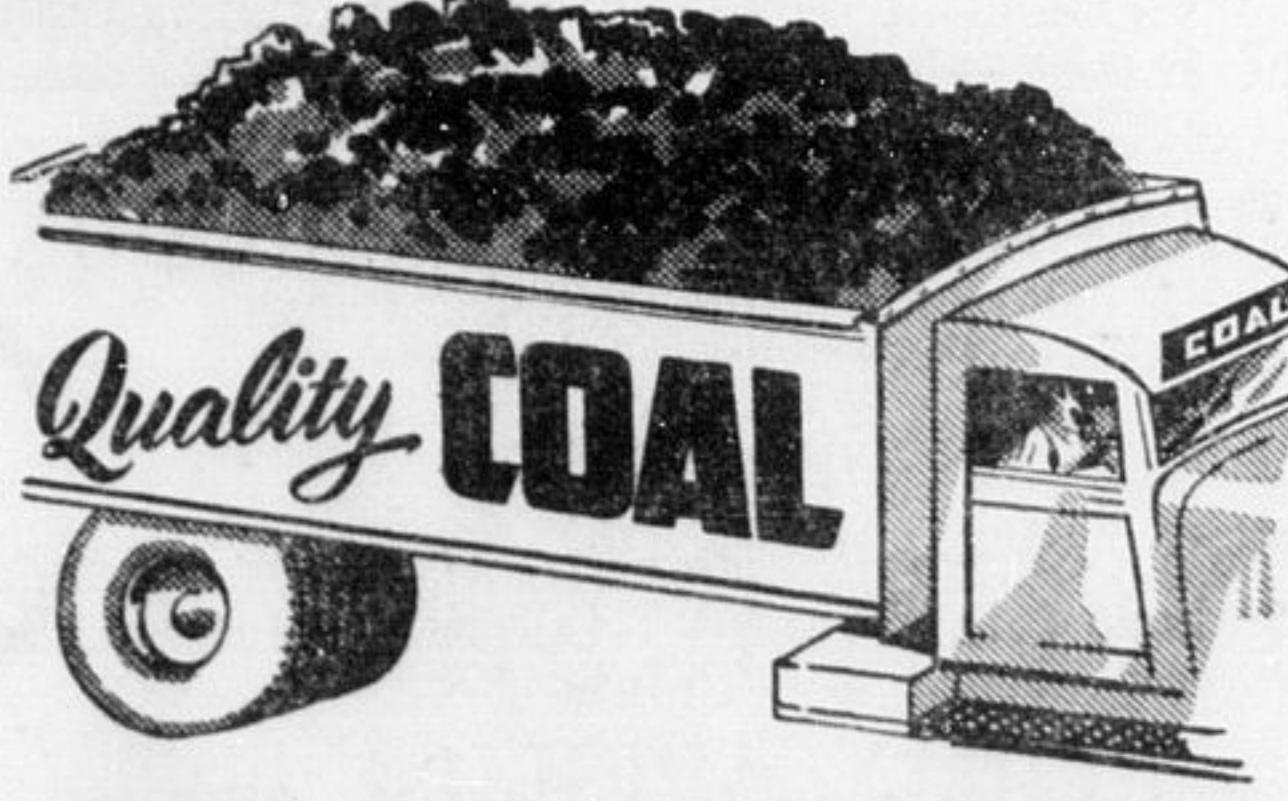
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We don't care a lot for formal parties with receiving lines and caterer's cakes. But we do like to make a party out of a casual call, which is as easy as anything if there's a tidbit on hand and a pot of something hot and heartening.

We'll never forget an afternoon in Vienna years ago when we went out to a little suburban town nearby to visit some friends our mother had known as an art student still more years ago. It was a modest enough house but set in the middle of a delightful tangled garden. The family included the artist-father, the artist-mother and the artist-daughter.

During the afternoon a neighbour or two dropped in, and we sat around a table in an overgrown arbor with a big pot of coffee between us. There was the inevitable bowl of "schlag" (the whipped cream without which no Viennese could imagine sitting down to the table) and a platter of huge sweet rolls. Well, 'twas one of those long remembered afternoons, this gathering of gay and hospitable people. The coffee and cakes made a party out of the most incidental occasion. But part of the festivity came from the service—the coffee pot and coffee cups were white and grey porcelain and the napkins



One solution of the problem of what to serve young guests when you want something spicy but without a "kick" is 'kik'. This is a hot beverage made with a ginger stick, cloves, lemon and tea—it originated in Sun Valley, Idaho, among the skiers.

freshing were the drinks our hostess brought to the screened verandah where we sat in low wicker chairs! Guess what we sipped from these tall blue Mexican glasses? Pomegranate juice no less... there was romance in the very name of it. Cool lettuce-green napkins were somehow very nice with the smoke blue glass, and a huge pottery cake plate was also in that light cool green. Now we can't all of us have pomegranate juice just like that, but we can have delicious fruit drinks for hot days, and on the spur of the minute, too, if we keep our pantry shelves stocked with cans of the nicer nectars. And our cupboard supplied with festive glassware and pretty napkins to match.

**For Droppers-in**

Of course, when there's nothing else on hand, there's always tea which is easy and quick to make and so inexpensive to serve. Every lady should have a nice tea set for winter and a frosty cool iced tea pitcher and glasses for summer—just in case. For then she can always bring out a gracious tray for any droppers-in. If there are cakes in the pantry, so much the better; if not, then thin bread with butter is next best. Cinnamon toast is always quick and delicious to make and serve. Crackers with melted cheese is



A low table in your living room is the ideal place for mid-afternoon refreshments. If you can plan these to be simple, you can always offer even the unexpected caller a cup of something heating on a blustery day.

### Preacher a Little Late, But Yet in Time

Parson Set Out for Wedding but Arrived for Christening.

(From Pembroke Bulletin)

Many are the stories of battle and bloodshed linked with the early days of Fort Beauséjour, near Aulac, N.B., but there are also tales of laughter and romance, like that of Parson Eagleston who set out for a wedding but arrived in time to officiate at a christening instead.

A rollicking missionary was Parson Eagleston—a man who could preach a seven-hour sermon, or take his rum straight with the soldiers as the occasion demanded—but one loved and admired by all his parishioners, for if he had one fault he had a thousand virtues.

Often the parson would drop in to swap yarns with officers at Fort Beauséjour, and after an evening of merriment they would help him on to his horse and send him homeward. Often as not they would seat him backwards in the saddle, and the villagers who saw him would remark that "the parson has been up to the Fort again."

There came a day, at a time that Parson Eagleston was sojourning in Halifax, when he received a letter from Lieutenant Denny at the Fort, who had been paying court to Abigail the 16-year-old daughter of Elisha Freeman of Aulac.

"My Abigail has consented to marry me. Come quickly, dear friend."

Cutting his holiday short, the missionary caught a supply boat which was leaving for Ft. Beauséjour, planning great things for the wedding of a good friend of his.

But it wasn't as easy as that. A short distance from the Fort the ship was captured by rebel forces under Jonathan Eddy, who had invaded New Brunswick, and sailed back to Boston as a prize with all aboard.

For months Parson Eagleston languished in jail in Boston until he managed his escape and made his way overland to Fort Beauséjour, a long, terrible journey beset with perils at every turn—a journey that would have killed a lesser man.

It almost killed Parson Eagleston. Finally he wandered into Aulac, a gaunt and rugged scarecrow whose eyes were sunken deep in his head.

"Well," he said to Denny, "I've come to marry you, my friend. There has been some slight delay, some few difficulties to overcome with the woods filled with these blinkin' rebels, but I've come as you knew I would."

The lieutenant looked embarrassed, and confessed he and Abigail had given the parson up for lost and received special permission to be married by a magistrate more than a year before.

"But come home with me," he said. "Come home with me and we'll drink to old times, and you'll tell me how you have fared, and you'll see my fine baby boy."

The parson's face fell, then lighted suddenly.

"A baby boy, you say? Has he been christened yet?"

The baby had not. The gaunt scarecrow chuckled and accepted the invitation. His trip from Boston had not been in vain.

That night the blood-drenched walls of Fort Beauséjour again rocked with laughter—and the parson rode home backwards in his saddle.

### Internal Shaft at Dome is Explained

C. G. Kemsley is Speaker at March Meeting of Mining Institute.

A description of the vast internal shaft of Dome Mines Limited, which is widely regarded in engineering circles, formed the subject of a highly technical but interesting address given at the March meeting of the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy by Charles G. Kemsley.

This shaft, which is a considerable distance from the main shaft, is used to service the lower levels of the mine in the disposal and handling of both ore and waste material and runs from the 2900-foot level to 4000 feet.

The obstacles that were overcome and the engineering skill required to cope with different changes in the rock formation in sinking the shaft served to provide a host of useful information to those present. Mr. Kemsley's talk was accompanied by explanatory pictures and graphs and at the conclusion of his remarks a number of questions relative to the sinking and operation of the shaft were answered.

In the absence of Chairman Stanley Wookey, the vice-chairman, R. P. Kinkel, presided. In opening the meeting he referred briefly to the annual meeting of the Mining Institute held in Toronto recently, drawing particular attention to the honour conferred on E. L. Longmore, chief metallurgist at Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, who was awarded the Randolph Bruce Gold Medal for notable achievement in connection with the Canadian mining industry. "This is an enviable distinction and a great deal of credit is due Mr. Longmore for his accomplishments," said Mr. Kinkel as the entire meeting greeted the announcement with a hearty hand-clap.

### First Women Are Placed in Cells

Two Females Locked up Following Investigation by Police on Tuesday.

The women's section of the new cell block in the town hall went into use for the first time Tuesday afternoon when Irene Ming, aged 20, was arrested by Inspector Olson on a charge of vagrancy. A second girl of juvenile age was also detained at the suggestion of her parents. Included among the appointments of the women's section of the cells is a complete shower bath and wash room.

Glbe and Mail:—Another humiliation for the horse. In India the Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers are taking to motorcycles. Imagine a Lancer on a bike!

### BLACKHEADS

Blackheads go quickly by a simple method that just dissolves them. Get two ounces of peroxine powder from your druggist, rub this with a hot, wet cloth gently over the blackheads—and you will wonder where they have gone. Have a Hollywood complexion.

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