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When Men Were Men and Wore Whiskers

Some of the Advantages and Disadvantages of Wearing Beards.

Writing in The Northern Miner last week, W. J. Gorman in his happy column, "Grab Samples," has the following dissertation on "Whiskers":

"To the present generation whiskers look odd but the beardless adult man of fifty years ago was a freak. Come to think of it, the old custom of letting the hair grow on the face had its advantages. In the Canadian climate a heavy hirsute growth kept out the cold in winter and offered considerable resistance to the mosquitoes in the summer. The present day practice of meticulously shaving off every vestige of alfalfa involves a lot of work and implies, also, a clean face. The old-times could get by with a wash once a week.

"Our predecessor males had many choices in the matter of style of facial adornment. There was the Dandryaer whisker with its elaborate sideburn effect. There was the handlebar mustache, sometimes known as the "walrus" and not entirely relegated to limbo even yet. One of the best known of our mining fraternity sports one and a prominent geologist of a few years ago brought his bristling hirsute tucks into many a gathering. There was the dignified Vandike beard which seemed to be the favorite of the medical profession. Then the "gray slide" was much affected by the oldtime "sports" of poolroom and racetrack classification. It was a little tuft of whisker which depended from the lower lip, its location and appearance suggesting the irreverent name which it earned.

"The farmer style of whisker was the most popular, largely, no doubt, because it required little or no attention. It was simply an irregular brush fence

growing at random and blowing in the breeze. This type was ill suited to the tobacco chewer who had occasion to spit into the wind; in time it became colored like a meerschaum pipe and its appearance of disreputability made it unpopular with the ladies.

"The patriarchal beard was the proud perquisite of the aged and the pompous, who often formed the habit of stroking it while looking wise. A cigar was considered elegant adornment for this style of whisker. A man trying to smoke a cigarette with this type of face disfigure was a public fire menace, as well as a silly looking sight.

"The divided beard was a stylish touch and it was usually confined to the more exotic foreigners unhampered by a sensitivity to the local conventions. The inverted mustaches of the Swedes and Germans, imitating the military of the home land, were never popular here. The spiked mustache of the Frenchman was considered an affectation, although it was also to be seen on the faces of the British regulars.

"The most common of the Canadian fashions in mustaches was the ubiquitous "drooper" which simply hung down dispiritedly, acting as a sort of muffler for verbal exhausts and functioning as a soup strainer as well. This was the type that prompted the invention of those mustache cups which used to adorn the sideboard of old-fashioned dining rooms. It was a spectacle to see a fashionable young man inhaling tea from one of those cups, with the mustache bristling out in a fringe, the while he elegantly crooked his little finger. A man with this kind of whiskery drinking a schooner of beer, lifting his face, disclosed a beaded fringe from which he promptly sucked in with his tongue, inhaling. You can almost hear him do it.

"One wonders what the ladies of the Whisker Period thought of it all. Assuming that manifestations of affection took forms similar to those of today the chaste embrace would be more or less cluttered up with mattress stuff-

ing. A ticklish business, hissing in the old days, one would say. Yet, judging by the literature of the Victorian age, the ladies seemed to have a penchant for the whiskered gent. Illustrations in the romantic novels depicted stylish men with beautiful beards which appeared to make the young girls' hearts go pit-a-pat. Dear Diaries carried many references to the facial adornment of their writers' heroes.

"It is a question whether the men of today could grow the beards of their grandfathers. Now and again contests are staged as stunts and, judging by the results, the would-be-growers haven't got what it takes nine times out of ten. The continued use of the razor seems to have discouraged hair growth. Some of the impromptu beards are sights, growing out horizontally or in patches and fringes. The tooth brush mustache of the late war, with its rare survivals, is a case in point. When the colonel asked his officers to grow manly looking mustaches, presumably with the idea of frightening the enemy or impressing the troops, results were, in the main, pitiful. Some crops looked like chopped hay, others like corn silk while in some cases the product indicated that shaving had been a mere formality.

"The old-fashioned farmer's whisker had its drawbacks, of course. In below-zero weather icicles formed in the undersgrowth and had to be pulled off after heating over a box stove or kitchen range. Bush fires occasionally broke out when lighting a pipe and that was embarrassing. In the old days men actually used to fight instead of calling each other names and in a rough-and-tumble scrap a beard was a definite handicap as well as a handy handout for an opponent. Beards were known to get caught in fanning mills in the granary or in thrashing machines. They got stuffed with dust in the hayr' period and full of burrs in the fall. The farmer's wife had to curry the old man once in a while to take him to church. But the oldtimers were virile men and had the whiskers, as well as other results, to show for it."

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"HAPPY AND GAY"—AND "CAREFREE"



Here is shown the Astaire-Rogers team in one of the many attractive scenes in their new musical picture "Carefree" which opened on Thursday at the new Cartier Theatre for a four-day run.

Baby Attacked by Bear is Recovering

Larder Lake Youngster Not to be Permanently Injured

(From Northern News)
Able now to sit up and laugh with his parents, baby Philip White, was recovering in Kirkland District Hospital today from the effects of shock and fright as well as the injuries he received when he was mauled by a two-year-old bear at Larder Lake last Sunday. While he slowly shook off the fever which the tearing of his scalp had produced, controversy and investigations ranged around the scene of his mishap.

James White, father of the boy, was pleased yesterday with his son's progress, but was regretting the time it is taking from his work. He is a guide in Temagami and this is his busiest time of year.

Word from the department of game and fisheries in Toronto Wednesday indicated there would be an extensive investigation started into the case. It was thought by many that this investigation would not be limited to Larder Lake case alone, but be conducted into the keeping of bears by service station and amusement park owners throughout the north.

Contradicts Toronto Paper
As a guide, Mr. White knows a little of bears' actions and he was incensed at the statement of a Toronto paper which quoted him as saying, "Bears are man-eaters."

"What I said is, 'they are mean eaters,'" corrected Mr. White. While Game Warden Evan White could not be located yesterday, it was understood by provincial police that he was conducting the investigation under the orders of Queen's Park. The comrade bear of the one which made the attack has also been done away with.

Probably the best known bears here are the animals kept by A. G. Cooper at the "Y" service station on Government Road. Big "Nap" in his cage coaxes hundreds of bottles of soft drinks and candy bars from townspeople and tourists during the summer. Two bear cubs which were added to the itinerary this year also extracted their quota of "pop."

The big black one, kept in the pen, is referred to by Mr. Cooper as the gentlest of animals most of the time. "You won't find a tamer bear in the north than him," he said. But the station owner warned that he never relaxes his vigilance when handling the bear, even with that opinion of it. "I still take no chances," he adds. "You never know what a captive bear is going to do."

Game laws require the bears to be caged as well as chained, Mr. Cooper disclosed. He was also of the opinion that a railing, such as he has about the pen, was also necessary if people were to be kept away from the animals. Mr. Cooper has never had any occasion where any of his animals bit or scratched people.

"There are some who want to get right in with him."

Mr. Cooper's opinion is one that is shared by Major M. Price, of Actinolite, a mining man. His statements were published in comment on the Larder Lake case.

Major Price stated that a bear is naturally a wild animal and will continue to revert to wild habits throughout life.

He keeps a 200-pound bear in a cage near his home.

"You can never trust a bear," he says. "The bear is gentle most of the time, but even when kept for years as a pet it will fly into a rage at a moment's notice." He believed bears should not be kept on chains.

"We have had our bear for nearly five years, and have kept it in a cage since it was four months old. Consequently it had not done any harm. It is always docile, but it can lose its temper if teased."

The Larder Lake case is the first of its kind to be reported. With the exception of stories heard of scratched hands, usually suffered when trying to take something away from the furry

pets, there have been no indications of temper of any sort among the show bears of the north. Of bears in the Kirkland district, no cases such as those have been heard.

Quebec Police to Investigate Death

Position of Bullet Makes Suicide Improbable.

Rouyn, Nov. 5.—Acknowledgement has been made by the Department of the Attorney-General of Quebec of the wired communication from Provincial Police of Noranda, requesting that Dr. Rosario Fontaine, medico-legal expert of Montreal, perform an autopsy on the body of Joseph Miroslavic, found dead in his home at Arntfield in the early hours of Monday morning.

Dr. G. A. Rioux, coroner at Rouyn, has received assurance that this matter is receiving attention, but the time of the expert's arrival has not yet been announced.

Miroslavic and his wife, who testified under the name of Angeline Houle, were married in Kirkland Lake last July. It was his second marriage. His first wife is dead, leaving three children.

An inquest was opened on Monday evening and was continued until a late hour, which revealed that Miroslavic had been shot in the head—the position of the bullet, seeming to exclude the theory of suicide. The bullet had entered at the left side of the base of the skull and appears to be lodged under the right eye.

Witnesses heard at that time were Angeline Houle, alias Marguerite Kennedy, wife of the victim, and Joseph Farlodeau, Arntfield taxi driver, both of whom are being detained, the former in Rouyn and the latter in Noranda, until the arrival of Dr. Fontaine. In the interim members of the Abitibi Patrol, Provincial Police have made further intensive investigations and will have more evidence to present when the inquest is resumed. There will also be other witnesses. At Monday night's hearing Ovilia

Schumacher A.D.S. Club's Whist Event

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Massicotte and Raoul MacDougall were also heard, but were not detained. It was claimed by Provincials that only expert examination would reveal whether the wound in the man's head was made by a bullet from the .22 rifle which was found near his body or not, and for this reason the autopsy to extract the bullet from the man's head was requested. Photographs of the dwelling and the body of Miroslovic as he was found by police, were produced at the preliminary inquest. There was evidence that other shots had been fired.

Considerable stress was laid on the fact, by Angeline Houle, that being very intoxicated on the Sunday night, her husband had made her go to bed about 10:30 o'clock and that she knew nothing of what had taken place until she awakened some hours later and found Miroslovic dying on the floor. She asked him what had happened, to which he replied, she said, "Nothing, Honey."

She admitted that her husband was jealous of Joseph Farlodeau, and that he had reason to be. She claimed to be afraid of him (her husband) as he had often menaced her and at times actually struck her.

Both women and Farlodeau stated that he (Farlodeau) had been in the house for part of the evening. The taxi driver claimed that Miroslovic had taken a gun and had told him to "get out" about the same time as he made his wife go to bed, and that he had not returned to the house again that night and that he had learned of the man's death from Constable Simpson of Arntfield, the following morning.

Two members of the Provincials had gone from Noranda slightly before four o'clock on Monday morning, to the scene of the tragedy, and at 8 o'clock had returned to request Sub-Inspector J. A. Matte to go out himself. Many of the questions at the inquest, were asked by Chief Matte or his assistants, which was a rather unusual procedure, conceded the coroner, but, under the circumstances, quite permissible, as the police were in possession of much valuable information on the subject.

The A.D.S. Club met at the home of Mrs. Hunter, First Ave., on Thursday night. Whist was played. The winners were: 1st, Mrs. James Scullion; 2nd, Mrs. R. Kieffer; 3rd, Mrs. J. O'Leary. After the cards, Mrs. Hunter served a nice lunch.

The many friends of Mrs. Robinson, of the Coniurum, will be sorry to hear she has been on the sick list for the past week.

The friends of Mrs. Sandy Fulton will be glad to hear she is keeping better, and was able to come home yesterday from the Porcupine General hospital.

The friends of Mrs. Prest, First Ave., will be sorry to hear that she had to be taken to the Porcupine General hospital this week on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Black, of Kirkland Lake visited at the home of Mrs. Watson and Mrs. S. McWilliam over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crook entertained the members of Trinity United Church choir to a social evening at their home on Third Ave., after the choir practice on Wednesday night.

Junior Red Cross Members to Act as Models, Tuesday

To-morrow (Tuesday) evening there will be a special feature of unusual interest at the Palace theatre. This will be the showing of a number of models of the very latest styles in Deanna Durbin dresses, the young ladies acting as models being members of the Timmins Junior Red Cross. As a result of this work by the young ladies the treasury of the Junior Red Cross will have a generous contribution from Mr. A. J. Shragge, who has arranged this special fashion show.

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