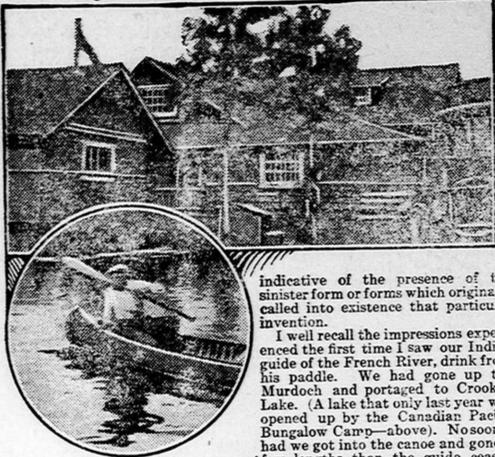


Necessity the Mother of Invention



The secret of making ends meet, is not infrequently, the difference between Success and Failure. Adaptability to hard Circumstances in order to study them with a view to overcoming them, is a mere stepping-stone to the foot of the barn Inventor. And, however we look at them, Inventors are "born" as well as "made."

An Inventor has the ability to step off, into Space as it were, to "take the plunge" to quote the man in the street, which more timid, or more sophisticated folk, lack.

Most Inventions come out of two desires. A desire to save labor, and a desire for better service. But an even more fundamental stage lies back of these. The period in some man's life, of Rock-bottom Necessity. And so there has come down to us the Age of Necessity, rather than those that saved man from extinction, rather than those that spared his strength.

Regarded from this viewpoint what people more rich in Invention than the Indian? What people more capable of making ends meet? What people more in tune with the Secrets of Nature? What people so able to see possibilities, "a way out" where no way apparently exists, as these simple people of the woods, lakes, rivers, plains and mountains?

From these Fundamentalists, the Pioneer had at once most to learn. It was this antithesis which sharpened desire to take-up the land and hold it against the veritably embodied Spirit of Circumvention. And it was when the early pioneers began to appreciate the cleverness of the Indian and the Indian began to appreciate the qualities of life as introduced by the new people, that one began to learn of the other and to prosper by exchange of experiences and by exchange of the inventions for which each stood.

The Indian and the pioneer have this in common. Both were always face to face with Necessity. Danger was clear-cut... everywhere. No getting away from it. And to some extent it is interesting to be able to decipher in most of the primitive inventions of the Indians, whether their habit of mind was about the Great Lakes, the Prairies from the Lakes of the Woods to the foothills of the Rockies, or the Rockies themselves or the littoral of the Pacific, a certain something, like an Atmosphere, a curious fragrance, suggestive of Danger... a bizarre note...

indicative of the presence of the sinister form or forms which originally called into existence that particular invention.

I well recall the impressions experienced ahead from the last stroke, the guide did not change his posture, there was no sound, his eye still commanded the scene. The action was so swift and silent that without bidding my own eye ranged off to the wooded bank, searching for the imaginary foe whose moccasined feet were so numerous, when the urge of hunting so keen that even when he took a drink of water he must never lose that vigilance which kept him always on guard.

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In itself a mere straw, it holds a psychological subtlety that in detail shows to what necessity and to what finesse or inventiveness those who live right down to the elemental were driven by the combative elemental forces with which they warred for existence.

We admire these things in ancient and distant peoples, but we are given to overlook them and set little value by them when they occur at our very doors as it were.

Canada is particularly rich in "inventions" of this nature. They are not here things of the past but of the living Present. I saw the Indian drink from the paddle only last summer. You may see him this.

Adaptation or resourcefulness in so simple acts are among these primitives, progressive after a fashion. The next time our guide took a drink of the cool lake water, he broke the stem of a pitcher plant from a dump that grew by the bank and made a drinking-cup of it. Not limited to one cup you see. And in the transition from the oar we can feel there was a transition in poetic fancy. It was a drink of relaxation... a sip of nectar from the flower's heart. And had he been of the Far East we should have said "See the artistic development of this Jap" but being of the West and of the Wilds, it was wholly unlooked for and evoked more of surprise than anything else. It called out on elemental feelings of lurking danger or watchful foes, but the pleasing cognizance that Art is Universal and that some of the primitive inventions follow the sweeter paths of fancy, rather than the ever-present Danger spelled of the "oar-blade" cup.—By Victoria Hayward.

Timothy R., and James. After the initiation an adjournment was made to the banquet table, where the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. T. Humble, parents of the eight, and Most Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

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There's something in the air these days:
Whatever it can be,
Each time I pass the club-house gate
The kitty calls to me.
She says the lawn is getting green,
The bowls are turning round,
They're longing for the sunny days,
With bowlers on the ground.
It does seem such a fearful time
Till opening day is here.
I don't know what I would not give
If it were only near.
My fingers itch clean to the tips
To clasp my good old bowls,
The men who've never played a "wood"
They've missed a lot, poor souls.
There's something in the dear old game
That holds me in its thrall,
I hope all days are bowling days
From now until the fall.

AN OFFER DECLINED
"Now, Mr. Beefy," coldly exclaimed the handsome young widow, who was doing her own marketing, while I am fully conscious of the honor you wish to confer upon me, I must tell you that I have no present intention of marrying again, and, therefore, compelled to refuse the offer of your hand."
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COMING EVENTS
DOMINION DAY CELEBRATION
Owen Sound, Carnival, Fireworks, Band Concerts, Baseball, Sports, Grandstand Football, Acrobatic Feats, Dancing, etc. July 1. Remember the date, M 15, 22 3 ew

NOTICE TO FARMERS
The Durham U.F.O. Live Stock Association will ship stock from Durham on Tuesdays. Shipments requested to give three days notice. Clifford Howell, Manager. Phone 92 r 11.

LOST
In Durham, May 24, 1924, the residence of Mr. Thomas H. Rowe's store and between Mr. Rowe and the Methodist Church, a sack pocket-book containing \$100 and silver. Reward on return to Chronicle Office.

DURHAM COURT OF REVISION
The first sitting of the Court of Revision for the Town of Durham will be held in the Town Hall, on Monday evening, July 1, commencing at 7.30. All interested parties are invited to attend and will govern themselves accordingly. W. B. VOLLETT.

THE DIFFERENCE
A negro met an acquaintance, also a negro, on the street one day, and was surprised to see that his friend had on a new suit, new shoes, and other evidences of prosperity.
"Hey, boy," he said, "how come you dressed up dat way? Is you got a job?"
"Ise got sum'fin better dan a job," he replied, "Ise got a profession."
"What am it?"
"Ise an orator."
"What's an orator?"
"Don't yo' know?" replied the respondent one, in surprise. "Well, I'll tell yo' what an orator is. It you was to walk up