

NOTES AND COMMENTS

In the last few years Great Britain has seen and endured many grave strikes, but a teachers' strike in the whole country is an unpleasant novelty even there and now.

The teachers demanded \$500 per annum, or an increase of \$50. That so slight an issue could not have been settled by conference and discussion seems strange at this distance.

What has particularly disturbed the average citizen of the county is that the teachers promptly adopted the most modern methods of bitter industrial warfare. They placed pickets on duty; they saw to it that headmasters did not take their posts; they resorted to coercion.

A scientist connected with an eastern university has "discovered" that mussels are existent and obtainable in enormous quantities and he suggests their consumption in combating the cost of living.

But how are people to be got to do it? Much perseverance and cleverness are required to launch a new food. Considerable changes in the tastes of consumers and in the standard of living will have to occur before the unesteemed, discarded mussel secures its place on the table of the average housekeeper.

BRITAIN'S NEW BATTLESHIPS.

With the recent laying down of the battleships Royal Sovereign and Devonport, a new departure was made by the British Admiralty. These two ships, with three others to be laid down at private yards this year, will be considerably smaller and slower than their immediate predecessors, and they will also be coal burners, carrying oil only as auxiliary fuel.

It is believed that the new ships will have a displacement of about 25,000 tons, thus being smaller than any battleships under construction, except those in France, which are about the same size.

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Fashion Hints

For Women of Taste.

Have you noticed the tiny, square buttons which are used for trimming some of the newest frocks? These little buttons are made over little wooden forms and are less than half an inch square in some cases.

One of the prettiest fashions for the full-length negligees is this: There is a foundation of blue silk, loosely draped and gathered about the figure. It is quite plain save for its own soft folds.

Some of the new blouses of thin stuffs have a little silk or linen cord, ending in tassels, run in a little casing around the neck. When the blouse is adjusted, the cord drawn up and the ends are tied in loops.

Chenille is used somewhat extensively on the new parasols. One effective model is made of dark blue taffeta silk, with a fine-inch border of light green.

Some of the new handbags made of velvet, in panier shape, have velvet-covered frames and velvet ribbon handles.

Plaid designs are surely gaining ground as the season advances. One of the most interesting uses of plaid is in a Panama straw hat, a broad-brimmed model, turned sharply up the left side and handed about the crown with a rope of Irish crochet.

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ANIMALS END LIVES.

Giraffe Latest to Cause Contention in Paris.

The question is often raised whether animals commit suicide, and the story of the dog who some years ago held his head under water in the Frog Pond till he was drowned is brought up.

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"From rude Caffrairie where the giraffe browses With stately heads among the forest boughs."

Perhaps this animal in Paris was the subject of foolish jests and knew it. Mr. Phil Robinson, an amiable and entertaining writer, tried his hand at the species.

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"Our new employee has a bullet head." "Then be careful how you fire him."

KING ALFONSO'S MOTHER.

The Queen-Regent Successfully Brought Up Her Son.

Now that King Alfonso and his charming English Queen have such a considerable family, and the crown of Spain seems at last to have arrived at a pitch of security which it has not known for seventy years, little is heard of the able lady who gave Alfonso birth, and who herself reigned in Spain as Queen-Regent for sixteen years.

Yet these are Queen Christina's happiest years. Full of interest in her son and his country, keenly devoted to her Royal daughter-in-law and her numerous children, Queen Christina is "resting upon her laurels," and will may she do so, for in spite of considerable personal unpopularity in Spain—where she is supposed to have the "evil-eye"—she has scored a triumph as a Queen which has no parallel in the rest of the world.

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Spain's Dowager Queen.

mother, Queen Christina, who only survived the gift for a few weeks. The King then gave the Royal ring to his youngest sister-in-law, who went to her grave three months later.

They said the ring was "unlucky," but the King's English training had made him skeptical of all superstitious beliefs, and he proceeded to wear it himself.

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queen's came and went in quick succession, followed by a Republic being proclaimed. The then ruler of Spain, Queen Isabella, had fled to Paris, and her son, the Prince of the Asturias, had gone to England and joined the army at Sandhurst.

But the Spaniards soon grew sick of the Republican statesmen, just as the Portuguese are doing today, and when they asked the Prince of the Asturias to return to Madrid several years of his minority.

During these years she had the sorrow of seeing her son's country deprived in war of all its once-vast colonial empire. During the six months that elapsed between the death of King Alfonso XII. and the birth of King Alfonso XIII., Queen Christina's oldest daughter was Queen of Spain.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MARCH 1.

Lesson IX. Trusting in Riches and Trusting in God, Luke 12, 13-24.

Golden Text, Luke 12, 34.

Verse 13. The multitude — The crowd which had collected while Jesus was denouncing the Pharisees (Luke 11, 53).

Divide the inheritance—According to law one third of the property should go to the younger and two thirds to the older son (Deut. 21, 17).

Who made me a judge or a divider over you?—It was the office of the courts to settle matters of dispute, and judges were appointed for this purpose.

A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. True life is something apart from possessions, and it is not enriched by material gain except as this gain may be an expression of an earnest life.

There was no suggestion that the man's wealth was unjustly acquired. He is, indeed, to be commended for having managed his farm so well.

17-19. Note how the man refers to fruits, my barns, my grain, my goods, and my soul. He seems to feel that he has no obligation to anyone but himself. There is no recognition of the work of the servants who prepared the ground, nor of God who causes the increase.

Rich toward God—Rich in the things which are pleasing to him.

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HEALTH

Food Poison and Disease.

There is more or less disagreement among physicians concerning the significance of uric acid in the system; many deny that there is any such thing as the "uric-acid diathesis."

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Health Notes.

To relieve and sometimes cure a cough roast a lemon very carefully without burning it. When it is thoroughly dry, grate it and mix with a cup of containing finely-powdered sugar. Take this while it is still hot.

Coldness of feet and limbs is almost invariably an evidence of indigestion. The coldness is due not to the weakness of the heart or feebleness of circulation, as is generally supposed, but to the contraction of the small arteries, preventing blood from entering the parts.

The odor of medicine, dressings, or disinfectants in a sick-room can be removed by heating a shovel over the fire, and then dropping on it just a little oil of sandalwood. This gives a refreshing perfume, and an invalid would appreciate it.

One morning a merchant whose goods did not very strongly substantiate his advertising claims put out a new sign. He was pleased to see that a great many people stopped to read it.

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WE MUST SERVE THE KING

Our Business Is To Do It In Utter Consecration of Hand and Heart

"These were the potters, and those that dwell among plants and hedges; there they dwell with the king for his work."—I. Chronicles iv., 23.

It is an unusual picture which is given us in this verse, which blossoms like an oasis in the desert of the first nine chapters of Chronicles. Here is one of those infrequent passages in the Old Testament which permit us to turn for a moment from the resounding deeds of despotic kings and cruel soldiers, of selfish priests and angry prophets, to the quiet lives of the common people who made up the strength of the nation.

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DAUGHTERS UNDER TAKINGS

SCORES ARE DYING TO EXPLORE THE WORLD.

Fifty Appeals From Boys Between 12 and 13 Years Go To South Pole.

A new polar expedition is being fitted out. Though it will not sail for many months yet, over 500 applications have been put in by people who want to join. The expedition will have only 45 members, so that not one in a hundred can possibly be taken on, says Pearson's Weekly.

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SPEECH FROM

Doping of the Third Legislature

The speech from the Throne at the opening of the Ontario Legislature of 1910 on Wednesday, as follows: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me pleasure to welcome you to the discharge of your duties at the third session of the thirteenth Legislature of this Province.

Our thanks are due to an ever-ready Providence for the abundant harvest which Ontario has enjoyed during the past year, which has had a steady effect on financial and industrial conditions.

In common with our fellow-provincers throughout Canada, the people of Ontario have experienced great gratification from the return of His Royal Highness the Governor-General and his consort, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall, whose pastoral visit has been a most successful and profitable one.

My Government was represented at the Interprovincial Conference held last week in the city of Ottawa, in which the Province in the Dominion participated. The proceedings of the conference relate to several important subjects of public interest and I shall have to refer to them in due season.

In accordance with the antismoking provisions of the Ontario Act, a Commission on Roads and Highways has been appointed, and has held its preliminary sessions at the Provincial Public Buildings, Toronto, on the 15th and 16th inst. by means of which the views of municipal authorities and various organizations were ascertained.

An agreement has been reached by the Government of Canada for carrying out the provisions of the Ontario Agricultural Instruction Act passed by the Dominion Parliament in 1909, a part of which provides for the establishment of a fund aggregating \$100,000, to be used in the purchase and maintenance of agricultural machinery.

It is gratifying to observe the increased interest on the part of the Farmers of Ontario in agricultural education. An indication of this is found in the fact that the attendance at the Ontario Agricultural College in 1909-10 was 1,000, as against 700 in 1908-9. It is to be noted that the attendance at the college has increased since the opening of the new building, which was completed in 1908.

The number of District Representatives of the Ontario Department of Agriculture has been increased, and the work of these representatives has been made more effective. One hundred and thirty-five of these representatives have been elected to the holding of rural school fairs with a view to interesting the young people in better methods of agriculture.

Just One More Woman Risk

TO TELL HER SISTERS THEY CAN FIND RELIEF IN DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Mrs. John Cabot, After Six Years Suffering, Tried Dodd's Kidney Pills and Found New Life of Energy.

White Head Fever, Que, Feb., (Special).—One most wonderful woman risk to tell her suffering sisters that they can find relief in Dodd's Kidney Pills. That woman is Mrs. John Cabot, well known and highly respected here, and she expresses her enthusiasm in these words: "I certainly recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills. There is nothing better."

Asked to give her experience, Mrs. Cabot continued: "I had been suffering for six years. Rheumatism, neuralgia, stiffness of the joints, cramps in the muscles and heart fluttering were among my symptoms, and finally Bright's Disease developed. It was then I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and they helped me almost from the start. After a few days I felt like a new man."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure that man. Kidney troubles strain the innervations and poisons all the seeds of disease—out of the blood. Dodd's Kidney Pills not only cure the disease but by causing the blood give new life and energy every part of the body.

MAN WAS BADLY BURY.

The Prince of Wales Conveyed to a Physician.

A despatch from Oxford said the Prince of Wales gave pain to the driver of a carriage and was injured by being thrown from the vehicle when the horse was frightened by the loading of horns of the automobile in which the Prince was going to a fox hunt Wednesday. The horse tried to jump a hedge when the horns sounded, and the driver was thrown out and his leg was broken. The Prince took the man into the automobile and sped to the hospital. Not finding a surgeon, he took the sufferer to another hospital and left him in charge of a physician. The Prince then continued on his way to the hunt.

Railway lines in P. E. I. are being cut by snow, some drifts being ten feet high. The King attended the concert of the Royal Amateur Choral Society of London, to a large party from Buckingham Palace. He applauded several numbers, smoked cigarettes, and society with leading members of the society, and engaged in an animated conversation on the programme.