The Road to Content Corners

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"Let's go swimming-let's!"

It was still early in the morning of "It was a foul! Don't you know that Dominion Day when Boyce Hewett you can't get nothing by playing a turned his automobile from the main skin game? Play fair! Cheating highway to the country road that led shows!" to Content Corners. The sun was hot The game went on. Hewett forgot and Boyce had taken off his coat and business. His soft white shirt was opened the soft collar of his shirt. He crumpled and dirty. The crease was looked much younger than his gone from his immaculate gray trouthoughts, which were entirely of how sers. He did not even hesitate to cheaply he could buy and at what a slide in hopes of making a base. He large figure he might be able to sell. was in the game and the game was It was all very familiar country to his.

Hewett. He was born on a farm a Presently a watch was consulted. "Gee! I promised to be home at mile away from Content Corners. lived there until after his mother's twelve sharp," said one of the older death, when he went to the city where boys. "There's going to be big doings his rise in the business world was in town this afternoon and I'm going to be there." almost spectacular. "Yeah! Say, it's hot! I'm all wet."

He was figuring, as he drove along, that while the Board of Directors had made him no outright offer, he believed that they were thinking of asking famous old swimming hole where the him to represent them in Content water was deep and clear, the thick Corners. Yesterday afternoon he had hedge of trees and bushes shut out learned that the Directors had posi- the rest of the world and the stream tively decided to build a branch of the was wide enough for a short race. railroad through to Content Corners: "Sure! Come on-won't take but a that was why he was hurrying to few minutes-come on." The youngbuy up as many land options as pos- er lads sped off, shrieking with joy. sible before the farmers and small- The older boys undecided, looked at town folk became aware of the for- Boyce, feeling instinctive deference to tune that awaited them. Land in Con- a guest. tent Corners was going to be valuable. The perspiration was rolling from especially when it was known that his face and the back of his neck burnthe sole purpose of the men who were ed where the hot sun had reached the to build the branch railroad, was to tender skin. He looked at the pool and take advantage of the water power grinned. from the hills and build several manu- "Sure! Come on!" he said, and five all titles, the character of an honest her close to him.

He had planned his campaign has- the cool water. tily but accurately, making mental There is no sensation on earth note of the places on which he wanted quite akin to throwing off the gar- he hit back. He was honest! What I'm going to try to be the type of man in the shuffle. To him the memory of ruptor points should be cleaned and shot in the shoulder, at the siege of options. The prime site of all was ments of civilization and drifting unthe four or five acres of land where hampered through water. It is freethe two small rivers met. He wished dom, cleanliness! Hewett lay on his the land did not belong to Betty. Of back, floating, his eyes to the heavens. course, Mrs. Sawtell, Betty's mother, Presently, he raced half a dozen felhad often said that the land was not lows the length of the swimming-hole worth its taxes but just the same, he and won. When he clambered up the could not convince himself that it was bank toward his clothes, he was singentirely fair to take advantage of ing an unknown melody of content that originated in his heart. Mrs. Sawtell and her daughter,

If he married Betty-well, that When they were dressed, he offered he asked suddenly. all. He was going to be so very rich, out." two swift streams that joined the ever, for he had telephoned early that "Really?" river at that point. When he made morning to Betty and told her of his "Sure as you live. And that piece driving back to the city, looked out At any rate it should be replaced, for house, he drew his car to the side of promise to be their guest. He knew meet, that-" he stopped. the road and jumped out.

The field was a large one. He climb- been busy in the kitchen, just as his through him. He saw! of exploration.

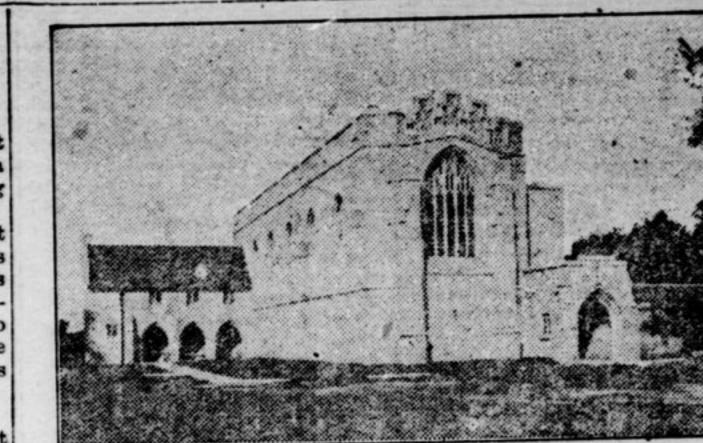
In the far corner of the field a on time. He was hungry for what a very rotten thing." group of boys were playing baseball. It may have been his business interheight, with a broad forehead and so few. Mrs. Sawtell offered him the ing my friends." clear, clean eyes.

frank affection that Betty had been As he walked toward the boys there too shy to give him. She had always was a shout and his attention was di- liked Boyce. She had no misgivings in rected to a ball, swiftly rolling along her heart that some day he and Betty the ground near him. He picked up would marry. the ball and hurled it back. Once he After dinner they all went to the had been a good player but now the village green, where there was to be ball fell short. To excuse his poor singing and speeches. The speaker throw, he walked closer to the players, of the day was the local political lead-They were country boys of from fif- er, a rather forceful talker. Boyce teen to twenty and they were playing listened half-heartedly. Within him,

"Hello, Boyce!" one of the older a big chance to make money; but was boys greeted him. "Want a game?" it square? A shout from the ball He shrugged his shoulders, unde- game seemed to echo to him-Play cided. The game went on. It was fair! mostly a case of throw and hit, not "Working for their fellow men," the the fancy game of the high-priced ball speaker's phrase stuck in Boyce's park but rather the excitement of the mind. Well, after all, he would be back lot. Gradually the tingle of it doing a lot of good to the people of crept into Hewett's blood. He barrow- the town. However, he could not free ed a fielder's mitt and went to a base himself of the forceful thought that while he was going to benefit them all, to enter the game. It was fun.

For an hour Boyce Hewett played he would, at the same time, be takball. When he fanned the air and ing advantage of them. He wished struck out, they laughed and so did he had never come to Content Corhe. When he hit with such force that ners! The call for a discriminating his "side" scored three runs, they decision was not easy to meet. looked at him with pride and his heart A cross fire of emotions went on in swelled. When there was a dispute his mind. One moment he berated as to whether a ball had fallen fair himself for a sentimental idiot, the or foul, he was called upon as deciding next the call of his blood, honest, judge. It was quite plainly a foul, country blood, came to him and, echoand this in spite of the fact that his ing down the years, were the tenets of statesmanship that had made this

decision was against his team. "Yeah, see!" one of the boys called, great national holiday a possibility.



MEMORIAL CHAPEL FOR RIDLEY OLD BOYS

Ridley College Memorial Chapel, the gift of Ridley Old Boys, dedicated on Sunday, June 17, at St. Catharines. The handsome structure forms a striking addition to the college buildings and represents an outlay of \$125,000 entirely contributed by former Ridley College students.

A quarter of a mile away was a she knew the truth?

flect the true spirit of Canada, then nouncement of the new road." we shall be doing our share. We can't "Let's tell Mother," Betty said sudthe good of the community and so for stand everything.

minutes later they all splashed into the law. Within the law, yes-but -a good, honest, hard working citi- meals and so many beds. whole world seemed to be thinking of Betty, you know--it-hurling it at him.

walked silently home with Betty. | if he had not kissed her.

shoulders, shifted his thoughts and be- small streams, he glanced quickly in about business. The railroad has de- luxury, coming to them on rails of gan to wonder if the Cummings' field its direction. He meant to look over cided to build a spur into Content steel. And everywhere the name of would be suitable for exploitation. that land very carefully, to be sure Corners. It's coming right up the Boyce Hewett was mentioned with to make the condition known by sound. and lights may be had for a short time England Preferred the Longbow. The field was on a straight line with it was as good a site as he had imag- valley and they're going to make a pride. It had been a great Dominion The material may have been too hard even though the engine has to be the proposed railway and there were ined. There was no time now, how- hustling little town of this place."

the turn beyond the Cummings' farm- intended trip. She had made him of property where the two rivers across the dusk and smiled. He felt it is likely to give trouble at any that all morning Mrs. Sawtell had A great revulsion of feeling swept physically in the water of the swim- be refilled with an ample amount of

ed the rather dilapidated stone wall, own mother would have been. Twelve "Betty," he said softly, "Betty, I've Honor—that was the height he had looked about and started on a tour was the universal noon meal hour for a confession to make. When I came gained, the honor for which Can-Content Corners and he wanted to be here this morning, I was going to do adians died. Then, too, there was the brake drums, causing them to slip.

would come out of the kitchen-and She looked up quickly, startled and Love! what more could any man be drained and cleaned out with kero-

"You--?" ests that led him in their direction or Betty was in the rather spacious "Yes. I'm sorry. I must tell you. eration Day. perhaps it was a sudden assertion of garden of the well-kept cottage, a Before any of you people knew of the his own youth. He was only twenty- pretty picture in her soft white dress. new road to Content Corners, I was six, hardly out of the boy class him- She greeted him cordially, with a going to get long options on all the self. Certainly, one would never have wistful shyness that made him sud- best land and then sell it to the rail- An Alabama experimenter with pea- the road.

him. Would she smile so sweetly if not have done that if you had the may arise is not likely to have his va-

"They did their share in the making "I wonder! Well-I'm not going to ences. A little engine trouble will of this nation." Boyce heard the do it. I'm going to do something else cause no consternation in his mind. It may not seem that we can do a to tell the folks how much their land gress. In fact, there is nothing that great deal, here in this little village will bring and not to sell it to the can take the joy out of life as he probut if we live our lives so that we re- first land shark who reads the an- ceeds calmly on his way.

can maintain that most enviable of thing I must tell you," and he drew have stayed at home, if it is pleasure The compression of this engine papal edict was issued, condemning

playing fair? He thought of the base- | zen. I want them-and you-andball game of the morning and how Mother to be proud of me. I know

"I know," she breathed softly, When the exercise were over, he know!" and she might have said more

"How would you like to be rich?" Before Content Corners went to bed that night, the news of the coming of would be different. But was he going a ride home to any who lived down "I don't know," she considered, the railroad had spread. Men and woto marry her? She was very beauti- toward the village. They climbed in "There are lots of things nicer than men brushed away the tears at ful but a very simple little lady, after happily and begged him to "let her a lot of money. It doesn't buy a real- thought of boys who had gone away ly happy time nor health, nor-" she to work and who would be coming so very successful, that he wondered As he drove over the bridge from hesitated. "I guess it's more apt to back. The young people swelled with if he ought not to have a smart, up- which was visible the point of land, get one into trouble," she added. | the pride of opportunity. In their to-date city bride? He shrugged his caused by the meeting of the two "Well, anyway," he said, "I've come dreams they saw progress, comfort,

mentally, morally, as he had felt time. When cleaned, the cases should ming-hole that afternoon - clean. Betty-and Betty was Love! Honor The crank case of the engine should want? It had been a great Confed-

Useful Peanut.

imagined him to be a man of schem- denly guilty that he should have stay- road. I-I planned to make a lot of nuts so far has found that 145 differing business methods. He was of fair ed away so long and his letters been easy money. By more or less cheat- ent food products and otherwise useful articles can be derived from them.

RipplingRhymes

HAVING A JOB

grateful that you have a job. You ought to be thankful; when

payday arrives you'll have a tin bank full of X's and fives. "The

wood I am sawing is too tough to burn; the wage I am drawing

is half what I earn; the ax and the wedges my shoulders have

lamed; no wonder man hedges when labor is named. I'd like to

cease splitting and sawing the logs; I'd cut out my knitting and

play with the dogs." I hear you complaining, you're weary of

toil, of striving and straining and digging the soil. But when

you deliver the honest old sweat, you ride in your flivver, and

you're out of debt. Your wife has a mantel, a lid that is new, on

payday your aunt'll be wearing one, too. Your kids are all flossy

in worsted and silk, your brindled cow, Bossy, is furnishing milk.

Your home is a haven where you may repose; why croak like a

raven and catalogue woes? Just lose the employment that wor-

ries your heart, and all the enjoyment of life will depart. You

ought to be grinning since you have a job; heave smiles that are

"My task, it is bateful," you plaintively sob; you ought to be

"BE PREPARED," A GOOD SLOGAN FOR AUTOISTS. The motorists who are going on tour that on long grades considerable

this summer should consider the Boy breaking may be done by cutting off All European Armies of Four-Scouts' motto: "Be Prepared." It is the ignition and allowing the car to a good idea to check up on items that turn over the engine in high or intermay be needed. Have a special corner mediate gear. Keeping the car down in the garage or closet in the house to a rather low speed in this manner where various things can be collected. will also be found to save burning up While the automobile of to-day is a the brake lining. pretty reliable vehicle, it should be It is of utmost importance to keep or arbalest. Probably not one in a remembered that a tour often takes the brake drums free from oil. When one to out-of-the-way places where the car is driven out into the country used in great fighting centuries has service stations are scarce and where the crown of the road tilts the car come down to us. Indeed the maker

The tourist who goes by auto fully drum on the right side. He glanced at Betty, sitting beside "You couldn't do that-you would prepared for the emergencies which cation marred by unhappy experiof this nation." Boyce neard the do it. In going Bad weather will not delay his pro-

SPEED ELIMINATES JOY. the good of the whole country. We "Yes, but first, dear, there is some- exactly a certain time might better under the strain of touring. he is seeking. Such a person spends should be tested and if found to be the barbarous things, but to no avail. "Betty, the Board of Directors will so much time watching the clock on weak in any cylinder the valves should One satisfaction the Church had, some An honest man! Boyce started men- probably want me to represent the the dash that the beauties of nature be ground in. Spark plugs should be few years later, for Richard himself tally, as the words hit him. Mentally, railroad interests here at the Corners. laid out for him to see are entirely lost made perfectly clean, magneto inter- died from the effect of a crossbow he proposed to do was quite within the speaker was talking about to-day the trip will be largely about so many adjusted to gauge, high tension dis- Chalus Chabral.

motor trip with a new car, which has ator and starting motor should be fourteenth century, all European armthe boys yelled for fair playing. The we've never really been engaged but, been tried out enough to be sure it is examined and tuned up if badly les had troops of arbalestriers. They in condition, need only know he has scored.

in the first place, so the break may cranked by hand. Late that night, Boyce Hewett, not have been the fault of the driver. new lubricant, but not too much. If oversupplied it will work out and scatter over the car and probably get on

> sene and fresh oil should be put in. If the oiling system is working properly, it is best to let it alone except to see that it is well filled with the proper quality of lubricant while on socks!"

FILL THE GREASE CUP.

Of course, the grease cups should be Consider its real worth; filled and all points which are lubri- Though modest it can make its way cated by oil from a squirt can should To any place on earth. be taken care of. All the wheel bearing should be examined to determine Just bear the postage stamp in mind; their condition and to see that they 'Twill help you turn the trick; are properly lubricated. If very dirty, You, too, can win to any goal, they should be cleaned and fresh If you will only stick. grease applied.

It is well to carry an extra gallon of engine oil in the car, also a small can of grease. Sometimes an accident In Siberia is comprised one-ninth of occurs which causes a loss of the main all the land surface of the globe. The supply of oil, making it impossible United States, Great Britain and all to drive even a mile without an extra Europe, except Russia, could be put supply. Likewise, if the gasoline tank into Siberia, with a big corner to is not provided with an emergency spare. tank or chamber, an extra gallon of gas should be carried. Convenient emergency tanks for this purpose may Both sets of brakes should be care- these birds may be said to have died is not worn too thin and that the dif- year-old rooks which Pliny mentions ferent pins and clevises of the brake in his writings.

be secured at any necessary store. linkage are not worn so as to be weak and likely to give way in touring under extraordinary pressure. Often in touring one comes upon unexpected grades, some of them miles long, and the tourist should be prepared for prolonged and extraordinary service on the part of his brakes. Where prolonged service is required

it should be possible to use the two sets of brakes alternately. In this works-how does he keep affoat?" connection it is well to keep in mind "Hot air."

the driver is more dependent on his over, so that if there is too much of crossbows met with serious opposiown resources than usual, in case any- in the differential case it will work tion in his own day. The arbalest was thing goes wrong with his machine. | through the axle housing to the brake counted on so deadly a weapon that,

BEWARE OF CARBON.

knock when going up hill it would be among Christians. But the bow had well to have the carbon removed be- a powerful champion in Richard Coeur fore going on tour. It is disagreeable de Lion, the most ingenious and darthat ought to be taken on high.

tematically to be sure that all nuts and his own way-and accordingly he are tight and properly supplied with armed some of his crusaders with his The speed hound knows nothing cotter pins or lock workers. All parts favorite weapon, and evaded the deall be famous but we can all be clean, denly. She could not put her feelings about the pleasure of touring, and the should be carefully scrutinized to see cree by using only infidels as targets. upright men and women, working for into words-Mother would under- fellow who is always worrying lest that there are no cracked or badly When the crusaders returned home, he may not arrive at a certain point at worn parts that are likely to give out they too prized their bows highly, and

tributor cleaned out and battery test- Even then, moral or not, the use of The man who is starting out for a ed. The commutators of the gener- the crossbow continued, until, in the

with him the things most likely to be In addition to the usual tools the at guard duty in times of peace, and needed for an emergency. But if the tourist should take at least one set of were given many privileges by way of car has been in service for several electric bulbs for the car, a couple of encouraging them to greater skill. The months or more, he ought to give it a extra spark plugs, one or two extra Genoese even had arbalestriers for thorough inspection before starting. | tires carried on the rims, a couple of hire; at Crecy the French employed One of the things he has to attend extra inner tubes and patches of six thousand of these mercenaries. to is the refilling of the gear cases, cement for tire troubles. Also include The Gascons and the men of Brabant Both the transmission and differential a fire extinguisher, tow rope, spool of were noted for their skill with the cases should be drained of oil and annealed wire, a pair of side cutting bow, and many towns of northern washed out carefully with kerosene. pliers and a roll of tape. If the stor- France maintained their own com-At the same time the gears should be age battery is depended upon entirely panies of arbalestriers who were callexamined closely to see if they are in for ignition a set of dry cells should ed to occasional service under the good shape. One may find a tooth or be carried so that in case of entire powerful dukes when a quarrel was to two clipped though not broken enough failure of the storage battery ignition be settled.



His Services Needed. Wiffie (listlessly) - "Time mends

Hubby-"I wish you'd hunt him up average time required at about eight and get him to go to work on these minutes, a deadly length of time when

Behold the postage stamp, my son;

-Edgar Daniel Kramer. Enormous Siberia.

Rooks Live to be 700.

Classical writers tell us of ravens which lived for 240 years. But even fully examined to see that the lining young when compared with the 700- the Paris exposition of 1889 many per-



"He talks and talks, but never

FACTS ABOUT THE AN-CIENT CROSSBOW.

teenth Century Possessed Troops of Arbalestriers.

Among weapons, none has a more fascinating history than the crossbow thousand of the vast number of them at the Lateran Council of 1139, its use was frowned upon by the Pope. The crossbow, so the papal edict declared, If the engine shows a tendency to was a barbarous weapon unfit for use

dle ages. The car should be gone over sys- King Richard liked the arbalestdid not lay them aside. Still another

England lost interest in the crossbow early, preferring the lighter longbow which, though less deadly in its single shots, could be fired many times to the crossbow's once. With the longbow there was no need of a steel winder to draw back the stout cord, or of a "goat's foot" lever to accomplish the bending of the heavy wooden or metal bow before an arrow could be fitted into place.

There were several well-nown devices for winding a crossbow, but none of them made the process a short one. Modern tests have fixed the one is under fire. Often the arbalestrier went into battle attended by a second man who carried his pavise, the enormous shield behind which he crouched to rewind his bow after a shot. There is an old legend that the English longbowman sometimes shot an arrow with a string attached to it, into the leather or wooden surface of the shield behind which his adversary wrestled with the cranequin of an arbalest. Then by pulling the string, he tipped over the pavise and uncovered his foe. Yet the English valued the crossbow: Froissart records an occasion when the English king borrowed the French abalestriers for use in a war in which France was not concerned, and it is on record also that a company of English longbowmen served in the French forces of Richelieu at the siege of La Rochelle.

---Eiffel Tower.

When the Eiffel Tower was built for sons declared that it was a menace and would soon blow down. The designer, M. Alexandre Eiffel, maintained that it would stand twenty years, and now a group of engineers who have examined it say that it is good for more than twenty years yet. The tower paid for itself many times over during the war by the services it rendered as a wireless station.

> ---Genesis of Wigs.

The wearing of wigs had a medical origin. A skin disease on the top of the head of Francis I. of France, which induced alopecia, or bald patches, compelled his Majesty to cover himself with artificial hair, and his courtiers all followed suit.

Zinc in the Human Body.

In researches at the Pasteur Institute in Paris it has been discovered that zinc is an essential and permanent constituent of the human body. It appears that the metal exists in all organs, although in rather small percentage, about 0.0001 by weight.

One Order Was Enough.

An income tax form was returned recently with the following remark: "Sir, I belongs to the Foresters and don't wish to join the Income Tax."

Fortunes are spent on advertisements, but I understand they are nothing to the fortunes made b ; adver-

IN RABBITBORO

winning and cut out the sob.



a battle was raging. This was such

WHY - YOU SEE , I STARTED HOME EARLY N'I MET CHARLIE COTTONTAIL , AN' SAID HIS WIFE WAS AWFUL NERVOUS CAUSE A FOX HAD BEEN PROWLIN' A-ROUND THE HOUSE ALL DAY, AN' HE ASKED ME TO COME OVER AN' STAY TILL HER FATHER ARRIVED





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