

# The Automobile

**WHEN THERE IS DANGER OF MIRING.**

As it is said of those who are getting on in years that their thinking tends to become settled in grooves, so the motorist is always in danger of getting into a rut. While the springtime may be an especially rutty period of the year, these difficult places to get out of are apt to be factors in a motorist's experience at any time of the year. As long as cars are called to operate on anything but improved highways and paved streets there will always be ruts to avoid, or, if not avoided, to get out of.

When the frost is coming out of the ground or when spring showers and rainy days are numerous, getting mixed with an auto is not an uncommon happening. Even on some provincial roads where the main roadbed is perfectly hard, the sides are often so soft that in turning out to pass another car or in meeting a car on the road the driver may find his machine sinking into the soft mud. If he is not careful his car may become stuck in this yielding substance. Surprises of this sort are apt to occur because in many cases the dirt or grass along the side of the road has every appearance of being hard and capable of holding up the vehicle. But ground in the springtime is not always as hard as it looks.

**TAKE PRECAUTIONS.**

If it is impossible to avoid a bad piece of road there are certain precautions which the careful driver can take. In the first place, he can see to it that his chains are on the tires and properly tightened. If the chains are too loose the wheel may spin around inside the chain when the car is stuck. Then as the driver approaches a bad spot he should shift his gears into either second or first speed as his engine is less apt to stall under such conditions.

In case there are some well worn ruts he may decide that it will be best to get in them. These grooves in the road indicate the path other cars have taken. A driver can assume that if no other cars are in sight then those which preceded him must have got through somehow. Having got into ruts of this sort it is far better to keep in them than to try getting out. In undertaking to get out the turning of the front wheels tends to slow the car down tremendously as these wheels thus turned have a similar effect to putting on the brakes.

Of course, if it is absolutely necessary to get out of a rut in order to proceed that is something else again;

## TOM'S ESCAPE FROM A SAILOR FISH

By J. F. Pennington

"This bone awfully" remarked Captain Blatchley, handling me a sharp-pointed piece of finely polished bone about four and one-half feet long, "came near costing me the loss of my only son."

We were examining the curious and valuable collection of stones, petrified fish, and the like, gathered here and there by Captain Blatchley in his cruises, for he had circumnavigated the world three times, when we came upon this bone, the sword of the sailor, the largest and most ferocious of the sword-fish family, and as we passed from specimen to specimen, he related the circumstances.

Tom was at the time of the occurrence (1885) ten years of age, and this was his first cruise in the ship Junonia, of which his father was commander.

The ship was riding at anchor off Caylon, an island in the Indian Ocean. The day was excessively hot, and most of the sailors were "below," to escape the heat of the sun.

The captain himself was in the cabin and Tom was mustered on the deck, seated on a coil of rope beneath a canvas awning, watching the natives sailing or paddling about, close in shore, in their canoes, spearing fish.

Casting his eyes seaward, he saw what he supposed to be a small sail-boat, skimming over the water at a great speed. Suddenly it disappeared beneath the waves, and, to Tom's great astonishment, as quickly reappeared on the surface of the water.

Opening his speaking-tube, he summoned his father on deck to explain the mystery, and as he ascended the steps, Tom was again startled by a loud commotion inland, which sounded like a great number of persons singing "Hot hot" in chorus, which was in reality the warning cry of the natives for a formidable and destructive enemy was in their midst, and Tom saw them hurrying to draw their frail canoes high up on the beach.

Captain Blatchley, as soon as he appeared on deck, and caught a glimpse of the strange black sail rising above the water, knew what it was.

"Go below, Tom, and call the mate," said he.

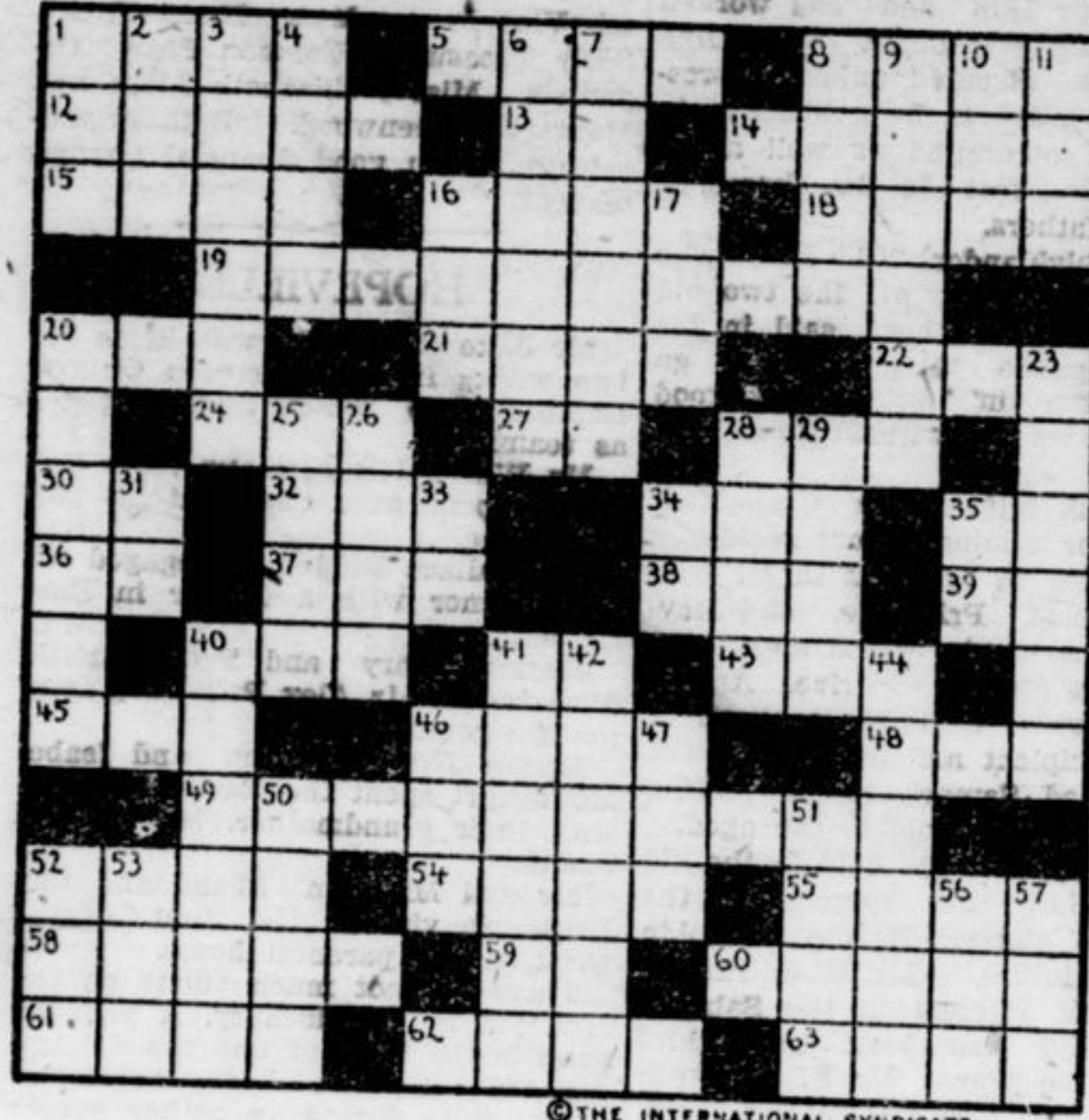
The mate obeyed quickly, and as his head appeared above the door-rail Captain Blatchley ordered him to summon all hands on deck, which was quickly done.

The long boat was uncovered, and ropes and harpoons were "stowed" in. "Lower away!" shouted the captain.

The ropes ran out the davits, and the boat descended, and was soon riding on the waves by the side of the great ship.

It bent its huge body into a crescent, and leaping high out of the

# CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**

Start out by filling in the words which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1—To rub dry
  - 5—Overwise
  - 8—To strike flat-handed
  - 12—Perfect
  - 13—Preposition
  - 14—Extra
  - 15—Sailors
  - 16—To ignore rudely
  - 18—A water container
  - 19—Tightness
  - 20—Also
  - 21—To depend
  - 22—Sprite
  - 24—At present
  - 27—Famous ball player (nickname)
  - 28—Nominal value
  - 30—Exclamation
  - 32—Joyous
  - 34—To harass
  - 35—Otherwise
  - 36—Pronoun
  - 37—Recline
  - 38—Anger
  - 39—Point of compass (abbr.)
  - 40—Encountered
  - 41—Part of verb "to be"
  - 43—Utilize
  - 45—To plague
  - 46—To make figures
  - 48—Contradictory
  - 49—Acknowledged
  - 52—A Mohammedan prince
  - 54—A vegetable
  - 55—Double
  - 56—To cauterize (pl.)
  - 58—A southern State (abbr.)
  - 60—General hymn
  - 61—Linite
- VERTICAL**
- 1—A humorist
  - 2—Feminine name
  - 3—Individual
  - 4—Orient
  - 5—A bird
  - 7—Cozily
  - 8—Gambling purchase (slang—abbr.)
  - 9—Counselor
  - 10—Exist
  - 11—Through (prefix)
  - 16—A term of respect
  - 17—Turkish governor
  - 20—Workman's implement
  - 22—Woodland
  - 23—Side glance
  - 26—Linger
  - 28—South American country
  - 29—Central lines
  - 31—Pronoun
  - 33—Plural pronoun
  - 34—Roman numeral
  - 35—Preposition
  - 40—Innumerable
  - 41—Silver
  - 42—A threat
  - 44—Tolerate
  - 46—To cut short
  - 47—To achieve victory
  - 50—Does wrong (pl.)
  - 51—To prepare for publication
  - 52—Point of compass (abbr.)
  - 53—Males
  - 56—To grow old
  - 57—Conducted

# Stories About Well-Known People

**Too Many Princes.**

There are forty-six public-houses called "The Prince of Wales" in the current edition of Kelly's Directory, and I am not sure that a petition ought not to be signed to forbid any increase in the number, says an English writer. Why should our Prince be saddled with such liquid responsibility? Why should he be put into the category of Blue Boars, Jolly Farmers, and Bald-faced Stags?

The Prince himself tells an amusing story of an occasion when he was made to suffer innocently. It was during his University days. While at Oxford, he wanted to get in touch with a friend in town, and he tried to ring him up on the telephone. He had a great deal of trouble, and at last the servant at the other end was induced to admit that his master was out.

He was a new servant, so the Prince forgave him for the length and manner of his fruitless telephone conversation; but later, he said to his friend:

"I tried to get a message through to you, but I think your man took me for a public-house!"

**King and Queen Enjoy Radio.**

The finest available radio set, equipped with a loud speaker, has been installed on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for the entertainment of the King and Queen on their Mediterranean cruise. Both are keenly interested in radio, listening in as often as possible when in London. The Queen especially enjoys talks and lectures, while both are fond of concerts by the Savoy band, specialists in American syncopated song hits.

The royal pair anticipate spending the idle hours aboard the yacht listening in to broadcast programs because the burden of their duties and engagements ashore prevent their devoting extended time to broadcasting. The yacht will always be in constant touch with London, but this is the first time specific arrangements have been made to receive radio programs. The yacht should pick up Madrid excellently, although with a large portion of the British fleet in the Mediterranean there is likely to be normal interference.

## HOLLYHOCKS

By Miss Anna Moyle, for the

Ontario Horticultural Association. My hollyhock corner started from a seed blown over from my neighbor's garden, one solitary plant of deep crimson. It was so effective in front of a group of shrubs that all seeds were allowed to drop.

The ground was kept loose with rake, seeds covered and firmed with my foot. Next spring there were two dozen healthy plants. Some had to be moved. Nearly all bloomed, making a fine show.

In the border the other side of the garden a pink and white hollyhock made themselves quite at home. A year after an exquisite rose pink appeared. Where they came from I do not know, but they added so to the beauty of the garden that I decided to have a "corner" in hollyhocks.

In July, 1924, a packet of the best seed was sown in one of the peony beds. The ground loosened with a rake, seed scattered, covered over, firmed with the foot, and one watering given. By September there were a lot of sturdy plants ready to be transplanted, but as I have found by repeated failures, that it does not do to transplant hollyhocks in the fall, they were left until spring. The bed being prepared in the meantime by deep digging, with some coarse, well-rotted manure from the poultry run worked in, and left broken up for the frost to pulverize our stiff, clay soil. When May comes the plants will be moved to their permanent bed and will bloom and seed for years, making a beauty spot with very little trouble or expense.



**Sir Hugh Allan**  
Director of the Royal College of Music, photographed at Southampton, before leaving for Canada and the United States to conduct examinations under the associated board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music.

## Annihilate Our Enemies.

Evidence of the power of mind over body is thrust upon us in many ways. The wonder is that humanity has been so long in recognizing the signs and making proper deductions and application. Like the power of electricity to dive under the ocean and leap through the air, carrying human messages all over the earth, the miraculous power of the human mind has always existed, but is only beginning to be generally realized.

When it is generally understood that every one born into this world, if normal, no matter how handicapped he may be by personal defects, by circumstances or environment, can be right thinking, make his life a success, our two great enemies, Poverty and Failure, will be annihilated.

**Even Unto the End.**

Isaac Goldstein, a dealer in ready-to-wear, was just about to close his business career. He was lying on his bed, and around him were gathered his sons.

"Are you there, Benny?" said Isaac.

"Yes, father."

"And are you there, Abe?"

"Yes, father."

"And you too, Sammy?"

"Yes, father."

"Den who the devil has taken you of de bizness?"

**Much Rain in Ireland.**

In eastern Ireland rains fall on an average of two hundred and eight days every year. London has one hundred and fifty rainy days each year, not counting the foggy periods.

Marriage is an incentive to theft, according to an American statistician. He states that while a married man at twenty-four has a per cent. less property than the average bachelor, at forty-eight he has 20 per cent. more.

The development of one's personality cannot be accomplished in isolation or solitude; the process involves close and enduring association with one's fellows. If work were purely a matter of technical skill, each worker might have his cell and perform his task as in a prison. But work involves the entire personality, and the personality finds its complete unfolding not in detachment, but in association.

—Hamilton Wright Maile.

## Who Plants a Tree.

Who plants a tree? Plants not what is, but it is to be—A hope, a thought for future years, A prayer, a dream of higher things That rise from out our doubts and fears.

As seed or acorn from the cold And dungeon darkness of the mould To light upspring.

Who plants a tree? Blesses earth's children yet to be. Toilers shall rest beneath its shade. The dreamers dream of golden hours, And frolic youth and winsome maid Shall bless the shadow that it gives; So, happy birds among the leaves, And lowly flowers.

Who plants a tree? Plants aspiration upward; Youth, with eternal upward glance, And vigor, countering not the toll That raises life above circumstance; Plants resolution absolute, And home-bred courage striking root in native soil.

Who plants a tree? Plants beauty where all eyes may see, In mirror of her loveliness, Now Nature fashions beautiful forms Through sunny eglis and darksome stream.

A parable of human life That grows to excellence through strife Of besting storms.

—Robert H. Adams.

## Literal Translation.

"Tell the gentleman I am in negligence, but that I will be down as soon as I am dressed," the girl instructed her new maid.

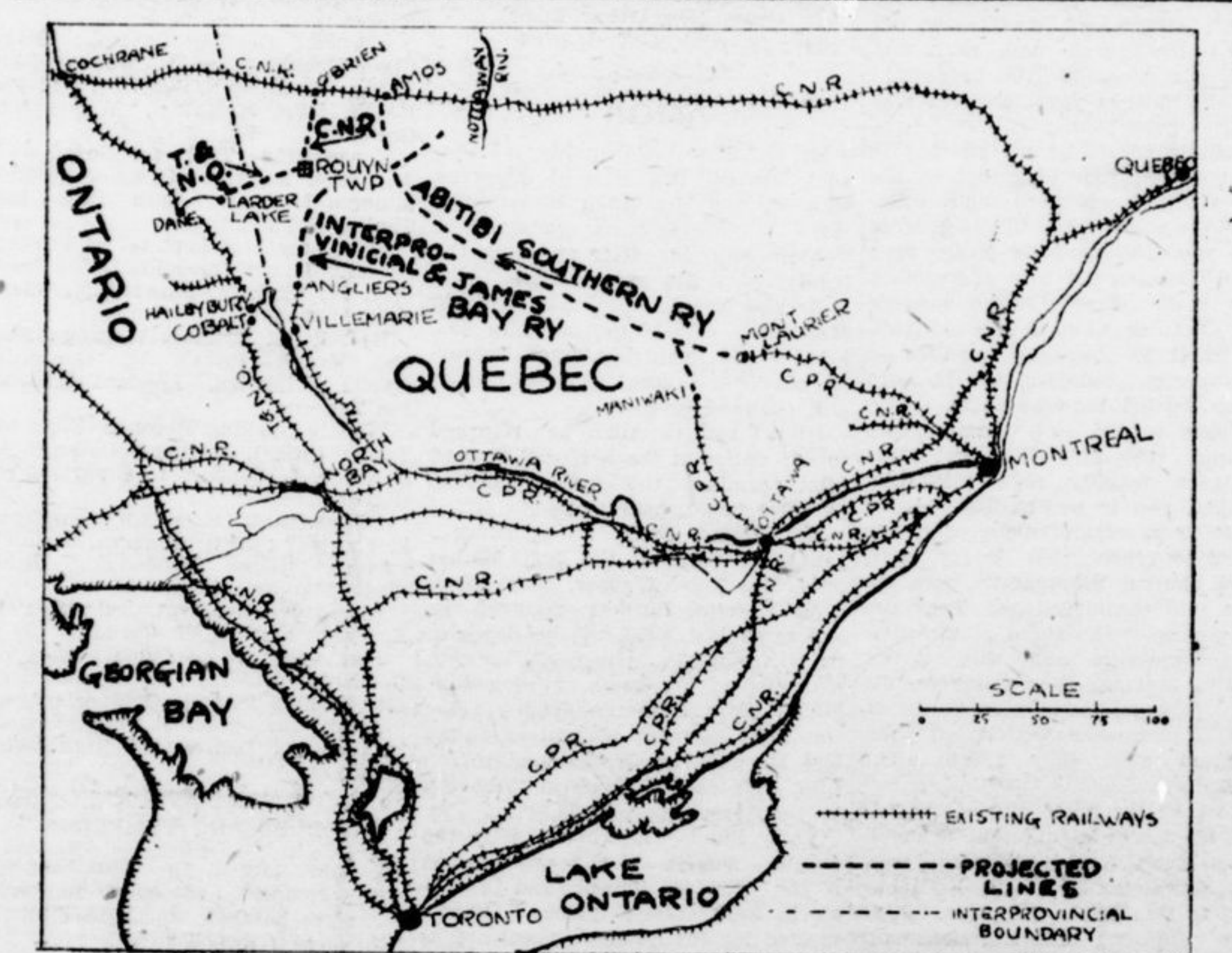
When she appeared she was greeted by a smiling young man caller.

"What are you laughing at?" she asked.

"The maid said that you were as naked as a jay, and that you would be down as soon as you put on some clothes."

Cumma, Venezuela, is the oldest English town on the South American mainland.

# Battle of the Railways for Trade of Rouyn



**THE RAILWAY SITUATION IN NORTHERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC**

The above map shows the railway situation in northern Ontario and Quebec in the battle for the trade of the Rouyn goldfields, which reached a climax recently by the refusal of Premier Taschereau of Quebec to grant a right of way into his province for the Nipissing Central, a projected branch of the T. and N. O. Railway from Larder Lake into Rouyn. The premier based his objection on the ground that Quebec having gone to the expense of developing the Rouyn mining field, an Ontario line should not be allowed to divert the trade of the region to their province from Quebec. He contended that the projected line of the C.N.R. from O'Brien southward into Rouyn would be ample to meet the requirements of that district. He also mentioned the Abitibi Southern Railway, for which a charter has just been granted by the Quebec Legislature, to run from Amos on the Transcontinental in a southeasterly direction, connecting up with Mont Laurier and

**Solution of last week's puzzle.**

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