

...SMILES...



In bragging about the good old days it is well to remember that they date back to the time before screens were in vogue and that a part of the morning ritual at breakfast was to retrieve the flies from the cream pitcher and the semi-fluid butter.

To Helpful Ones  
It's inspiration I want, not aid;  
Stimulus, not assistance;  
I can move any mountain made,  
To a most amazing distance.  
If only you'll fire my soul with strength,  
If only you'll nerve my hand;  
Oh, I can go to any length—  
But you never will understand.

Partner—"That, sir, is my daughter."  
Golfer—"I beg your pardon, I didn't know you were her father."  
Partner—"I'm not, I'm her mother."

The preacher's son, who was small, was being quizzed by an elderly visitor one day.

Visitor—"Does your father ever preach the same sermon twice?"  
Preacher's Son—"Sure he does, but he hollers in different places."

We are forever being urged to face the facts. If somebody will only master a few pleasant ones we will try an experimental peep.

Jacob—"Don't you know her? Why, she lives in the same square as you."  
Ruth—"Yes, but she is not in the same circle."

The best part of a day of pleasure is the beginning. The most alluring time in a day's work is when it is well finished.

Captain—"Answer me—why did you desert under fire?"  
Private Rastus—"Cap'n, hit's de gospel trufe, Ah wuz jes' backin' up fob to get a good start to charge."

Green paint may be removed from the seat of a pair of white duck trousers with a bottle of ordinary turpentine, a stiff brush, and a pair of scissors.

Man—"My wife says that if I were to die she would remain a widow."  
Neighbor—"Evidently she thinks there's not another man in the world like you."

Man—"On the contrary, she's afraid there may be, and that she'd get him."

Comes now the electric razor. If they succeed in attaching a loud speaker to it, the barber is doomed.

Teacher (sternly)—"This essay on 'Our Dog' is word for word the same as your brother's."  
Small Boy—"Yes, ma'am; it's the same dog."

It would be well to understand that recovery means getting over a bad spell—not getting jazzed up again.

Junior—"What made you sister so mad?"  
Bobbie (in disgust)—"Aw, she don't know what she wants. She sent me to the drug store to get some cold cream. I got ice cream because that's the coldest kind they had and now she's sore about it."

Mr. Justwed—"What did you do to this meat? It has such a peculiar taste."  
Mrs. Justwed—"Oh, nothing. It did get a bit burnt, but I fixed that—I applied soda right away."

Caller—"Can I interest you in a boys' club, madam?"  
Woman—"No, thanks. I always use a razor strap."

You simply can't fight a person who refuses to hit back.

To One Dead  
It is pleasant to me to know that I have done with you.  
If I owed you a debt, I have paid it;  
If I mistook you, I have set it right;  
If you wronged me, I have obliterated the wrong.

And so we are quits and at peace.

You can not say that I have betrayed you,  
For what in you was sharp rippling flame  
I have fostered, and what was dark smoke  
Of evil and hatred and suspicion I have ignored.

I have dealt with you more kindly than I would be dealt by;  
I have been kinder to you than I would be dealt by;  
I have been kinder to you than I would be dealt by;  
I have been kinder to you than I would be dealt by.

Richard Aldington, in The Forum.

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The Aftermath of a Revolution

Revolutions seem to be the order of the times; perhaps the world is going through a cycle, accounting for the number of dictators who have sprung up, out of obscurity, within the past few years. Examine the map of Europe and count the small number of countries that are actually practising democracy to-day. If you were to visit the countries that are under different governmental conditions, you would probably find that the life of the people has not noticeably changed. Their problems are the same—food, shelter and clothing are their basic needs and they are continuing to strive for these in the same manner as when under the government that has been deposed.

We went into Spain in the Summer of 1931—less than three years ago. I had planned the programme, for that year, in January and, at that time, there was no thought of revolution—at least, not in the minds of the general public. In April the world was startled by the news that King Alfonso XIII. had made a fast night trip, by motor, from his palace in Madrid, had boarded a warship, which was at the sea-coast in readiness, and had left his country for France. Queen Victoria—who was formerly the British Princess Ena of Battenberg—and her family followed a day or so later. There was no effort made to impede their departure, although the King, in his farewell message did not relinquish his claim to the throne, which he had occupied from the day he was born. His father, Alfonso XII, had died before his birth.

The possibilities of a Spanish trip did not look too bright; the press was featuring any disorders that had occurred and I was not particularly anxious to take any chances, especially when women were going with the party. I had even gone so far as to change the itinerary, when I learned, from authoritative sources, that the troubles had been greatly exaggerated and that conditions in Spain were as quiet as in any other European country.

So we went. Our first stop in Spain was in San Sebastian, a beautiful city, situated on a curving harbour on the Bay of Biscay. It had been the favorite summer resort of Spanish royalty and of many others from different parts of Europe. The first sign of any change of government was the post-box at the station. It was surmounted by a crown but, when we were there, the crown had been covered over with a dirty piece of newspaper. In other places the crown had been removed and the King's head still adorned the postage and coins, although, at that time, the peseta (the Spanish monetary unit) was only half its usual value, making our purchases very reasonable indeed. Before leaving San Sebastian—and it is the subject of an article of its own—I must mention a conversation I had with some young men, who were sitting under the tamarisk trees, the feathery foliage that gives shade to the park on the shore of the bay. They looked at me with interest, so I took my passport out and showed them "Canada" on the cover... much excitement and talking one to the other. I smiled and said "español?" They all shook their heads and answered "no, basque," for the people, in this part of Spain, as well as their neighbors, immediately across the French border, pride themselves on their Basque racial origin, which has been preserved throughout the centuries and is as distinctive from that of almost any other race on earth.

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Northern Spain. He was very pessimistic, when speaking about the revolution, and said that everything was "confusion." This priest had lived in Mexico and, when the clergy had been expelled from there, he had moved to the United States for a while. He thought was very good indeed. Another gentleman, whom I met in the corridor of the train, was interested in mining and was going to inspect some properties in which he was interested. Asking him what he thought of conditions, he answered, "If the country is allowed to develop and the government is given a free hand, you will not know Spain to be the same country in ten years." He gave me some information about the natural mineral wealth of the part of the country through which we were travelling, and one could well credit his statements, as the rock formations were very similar to many parts of Northern Ontario.

We did see a monument pulled off its base in Madrid; we saw the blackened walls of one or two convents; we saw the new flag, (changed from horizontal stripes of red, yellow and red to red, yellow and blue; we heard the song that was becoming a national anthem—Hymn de Reigo—being sung and played everywhere. Perhaps the most interesting sight, in connection with this revolution, was the gathering of the first delegates to the new Republican Parliament. They met on the Roof Garden of the Hotel Nacional—where we were staying. There were about 250 sat down to dinner—most of them men but there were a few women also. The astonishing thing to us was the gravity and silence which characterized this large party. We have heard a great deal about the Latin temperament and have experienced the fact that they are noisy at gatherings. This one was different. Doubtless it was due to the knowledge of the importance that was attached to their meeting but, excepting when someone of note arrived and there was a buzz of welcome, this was, undoubtedly, the quietest dinner assembly I have ever seen.

There was a strike of telephone operators in Madrid and the main building—the highest skyscraper in Europe—was guarded by troops, as the strikers had taken revenge on the strike-breakers by undressing the girls and sending them out on the street without clothing. Even at that, this was much to be preferred to some of the attacks that are made on strike-breakers in this country.

Spain is an interesting country; there is no other exactly like it and it is well worth a visit. The people were most courteous and polite, the services compare favourably with those of other countries and we had a good time. I shall tell you more about this fascinating country at another time. Next week I am going to describe a bull-fight we saw in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal.

Is a Face Copyright?

An interesting point has been raised through the action taken by Captain Frank Hawks, the famous speed aviator, against a New York firm to recover damages because of the unauthorized publication of his caricature in an advertisement for a particular brand of shoes.

Captain Hawks, who has always been regarded as a fine sportsman and the type of man who is decidedly not temperamental, alleges that this publication caused him "great humiliation" because he was made the subject of scoffs, jeers and snubs and his good name was attacked. He also says he felt "hurt, embarrassed and humiliated."

The principle has been generally accepted that anybody's face is copyrighted so far as public use of it in photographic or caricature form is concerned. But very few people ever bother about the matter. The modern craze for publicity has led rather to a seeking after reproduction of features than a concealment or a refusal or a protest. It seems rather unfortunate, in the case enumerated, that Captain Hawks should have named his airplane after a particular brand of coffee in 1927 and also have carried a slogan on the side of the airplane describing that coffee.

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633 Crop Production Poor Throughout Canada

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"The great sport of modern times is the race of the present to beat the past—even the immediate past."—Robert Dyl.

"The only real test of any economic policy is the results it produces."—Eamon de Valera.

**\$2,500 More a Year For Peer's Heirs**

Children of Late Lady Decies Claim £2,500 is Not Enough

London.—The children of Lord Decies—his heir, the Hon. Arthur George Marcus Douglas de la Poer Beresford, aged 18, and his younger daughter, the Hon. Catherine Moyra de la Poer Beresford, are suffering from the Dollar Doldrums.

They have been drawing an allowance from the American estate of their mother, the late Lady Decies, a daughter of the late G. J. Gould, which, in the halcyon days B.D. (Before Depression) brought them in £3,000 a year each.

But Mr. Roosevelt's "cheap" dollar reduced their income by £500 a year each.

So they applied to the court in New York for a little more money to make up the difference.

The court wanted to know whether they actually needed the money. The court wondered whether they were extravagant.

This is the budget they each submitted:

Rent	£450
Housekeeping expenses	500
Servants' wages	250
Tuition	650
Travel	250
Clothing	250
Income tax (British)	600
	£3,000

And, the court having come to the conclusion that the figures were not extravagant, Surrogate James A. Foley said "O.K." to the request for another £1,000 a year to be paid.

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**HARD OF HEARING**  
Will Foretell Mechanical "Failure"

New York.—A new white iron salt made to sprinkle on airplanes like the proverbial salt on the bird's tail was described to the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences annual meeting here recently.

The metallic salt reveals cracks in steel otherwise invisible and forestalls the air disasters due to crack-up or "failure" of engine and other parts during flight.

"This is going to seem like pulling rabbits out of hat," said Alfred V. de Forest, New York engineer who invented the salt, as he lifted a shaker full of it before the distinguished audience of aviation authorities.

Invisible Flaws  
He spread out steel aeroplane parts, such as valve springs, pipes, rods and metal straps. They appeared to be perfect pieces of metal. A shake of his white salt over a piece, a light tap against it and he passed it about among the engineers.

Exclamations of wonder broke out. Here and there the metallic salt had gathered in fine lines, resembling scratches. The lines were cracks in the steel. The most remarkable of these "rabbits" was a little pipe. Its crack was inside, yet the telltale streak showed outside.

Iron-Zinc-Talc Coated  
Mr. de Forest explained that the salt gathers to show the cracks after the metal has been magnetized. The salt is finely ground pieces of iron, their shapes flat. They are coated with zinc oxide and talc powder to make them visible and to slip easily.

The dangerous cracks, it was stated, may be in the original piece of metal, or may develop slowly during use, taking many months before reaching the danger stage. All that time they are virtually impossible to detect readily. Once they are magnetized the salt shows them up in 10 seconds.

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