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AT LARGE

## CANADA TOMATO SURPLUS

To those who are still a bit skeptical about being an age of plenty, it might be of interest for them to learn that the Canadian canning industry entered 1935 with a "carry-over" of 28,800,000 cans of tinned tomatoes. Obviously, the thing to do is to sell these tomatoes. It is calculated that if every family in the country consumed half a case more a year—which is under an extra can of tomatoes each month—the whole carry-over problem would be solved. As it is, the prospects are that the canning industry will have to slow up in fear of an increased carry-over next year, and a slowing up means more jobs vacant and still more tomatoes unthought—Ottawa Citizen.

## GOING DOWN

The government aquarium curator in Hamilton, Bermuda, claims that women take to amateur deep sea diving more quickly than men. That's probably due to the fact that men have been struggling to keep their heads above water during the last few years.—Bermuda City Star.

## FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHT

The remark by a Toronto professor that Edison was not the inventor of electric light may surprise a number of people, but that is quite true. The first electric lamp was produced by Sir Joseph Swan, who was born at Sunderland, England, in 1828. He was a chemical engineer who first achieved success in improvements in photography. He made a carbon filament lamp as early as 1862, and in 1880 exhibited the first filament vacuum lamp.—From the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## REQUIRES PATIENCE

A musician says it takes a lot of patience to learn to play the violin. Yes, but it isn't the player who needs it most.—Chatham News.

## DARWIN DENIED

Where, when, how do things begin? If we came from the same ancestor as the apes why is it that the present apes have no discernible mental or moral attributes of men? We cannot create life apart from previous existence. Yet life had a starting point. Who inspired that first body? Sir Ambrose Fleming, renowned scientist, inquires these answers of those who "rationally" believe in the Creation. He shows that if two people mated at the time of the Flood their descendants might reasonably equal the present population of the world. If man existed untold thousands of years before that, where are the great host of descendants? Science, says Sir Ambrose, shifts perpetually. Faith is a rock.—From the London Express.

## MILLIONS FOR DEFENCE

At Washington a \$40,000,000 national defence program has been revealed, the money to be largely spent in strengthening the U. S. navy strongholds in the Pacific. With Japan also busy in like regard it seems possible that one of these days that ocean will not be able to justify its name.—Brantford Expositor.

## SPINNING WHEEL

"The old spinning wheel in the parlor" may be the occasion for sentimental songs, but in the Province of Quebec the old spinning wheel is coming back to its original purpose of spinning the material for the home-craft productions for which Quebec has become famous. Although many antique-loving tourists have added to their collections spinning wheels from Quebec,

the supply is far from being exhausted, as there are still some 80,500 in the province. The old-time custom of home spinning and looming has experienced a great revival. Under the guidance of the Department of Agriculture, which has been encouraging domestic artists, thrifty housewives are spinning their own yarn and weaving their own cloth. Statistics reveal that there are 52,200 looms in the province.

Quebec has always been famous for its homespun, all of which are hand-loomed. A ready market for these home products has been created by visiting tourists, and the tourists, who a few years ago threatened the very existence of the spinning wheel with their demands for antiques, have in reality contributed in some measure to the revival of the oldtime domestic arts in the Province of Quebec.—Canada Week by Week.

## UNTIL IT HURTS

A British member of Parliament has had his license suspended for two years for reckless driving. In this country, a magistrate appears to hesitate as to whether a fifteen-day withdrawal is too severe.—Calgary Herald.

## CHAIN OF EVIDENCE

As for the weight of circumstantial evidence, no hard and fast general rule can possibly be laid down. There is some circumstantial evidence that leaves so many loopholes that it certainly should not be held sufficient to convict.

There is other circumstantial evidence that is actually far more convincing than direct evidence. Witnesses may so easily mistake what they see, hear, taste, smell or feel; they may be unconcerned, forgetful or biased and so fail to testify correctly; they may find difficulty in expressing the exact thought in their minds; but a plain statement of direct evidence always sounds very definite.

On the other hand, to convince a jury by a chain of circumstantial evidence it must be very complete, linking the accused person with the crime and excluding any reasonable presumption that another could have possibly committed it. Incidentally, there would be precious few criminals convicted if circumstantial evidence were excluded.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

## BURN THE OLD PAPERS

There is nothing sacrosanct in old public documents and if the provincial government finds its space cluttered up with an accumulation of old papers it should get rid of all those which have no special historic interest. Some of them in fact never had any sound cause for existence. They would make a fine bonfire as a feature of the next May 24 celebration.—Victoria Times.

## WHY THE BEST STORY?

Telegraph editors like to make believe they are a terribly hard-boiled lot, but really, so our friend The Ottawa Journal tells us, they are "just bundles of sentiment at heart." The Ottawa Journal reaches this conclusion because of the choice of the telegraph editors of Canada of "the best news story of 1934." Pretty nearly unanimously, it seems, they said the best news story was that of the Dionne babies. It just shows you, thinks The Ottawa Journal (which still unflatteringly applauds their choice), what a lot of likeable human softies they really are.

Really, between you and us, it doesn't matter about the telegraph editors. They are like each other

## He Brings His "Hay" To The "Hoss" Races



The gentleman behind the bush is not a mountaineer with a day off. He is none other than Jack Oakie, screen comedian, caught talking to Joe Sefton at the Santa Anita, Cal., track by disguise penetrating cameraman.

only in the matter of their all being telegraph editors. They are as diverse otherwise as all other human creatures are. They happen to be likeable softies because it happens to take a good deal of human kindness to sit, as they do in the way of earning their living at a daily inquest into the incomprehensibly mingled magnanimities and meannesses, the splendors and miseries of this our human life.

They knew the story of the Dionne babies was the best story by a sort of instinct, immeasurably beyond and superior to all judgment, which relates them to the fellow creatures whose doings are the raw material of their trade. Let us have no further mention of "bundles of sentiment" here. What else is that curious creature, "down to Gehenna or up to the Throne," which—because even the telegraph editors haven't been able to find a better name for him—we call man?—Vancouver Province.

## THE EMPIRE

THE PEPPER GOT TOO HOT  
Markets were rudely shaken recently by one of the recurring disturbances which come as a reminder of the dangerous elements that lie beneath the surface of trade and finance. The history of business life and "slumps" on the Stock Exchange which have had far-reaching consequences. It is doubtful, however, whether such an innocuous, if useful, household commodity as pepper has ever before held the City stage.—Glasgow Herald.

## THE DOMINIONS AND DEFENCE

Mr. Pirow, the Minister of Defence in the Union of South Africa, has made a very frank and outspoken declaration as to that Dominion's attitude to Imperial defence. The Union, he said, is unwilling to participate in any general scheme worked out by Great Britain. Mr. Pirow laid some stress on the risk of internal trouble or even civil conflict which might arise if the Union Government should attempt rashly to commit the country to participation in a future overseas war. The policy which he outlined is in general accord with British expectations. No one in this country wishes to drag South Africa into war against the will of her people. It is for them to decide their line of action if a crisis should arise. This is the principle which Great Britain has always accepted. She did not call upon Canada and Australia to aid her in 1899 or 1914, but left it to the free choice of their citizens.

## DANGER FROM THE AIR

In proportion as countries are highly industrialized they present a larger mark to the invader from the

air in vast urban areas, where for mile after mile the country presents an endless expanse of roofs to the flyer overhead, while here and there his trained eye can pick out especially vulnerable points like railway stations, factories, and public buildings. North-Eastern France, Belgium and the Rhine area, present the easiest of targets for attacks of this nature, and any measure which is calculated to diminish the peril is worthy of support.

## SMALL CAR OR MOTOR CYCLE

Within the past year there has been a decline of over 14,000 in the number of motor bicycles in use in Great Britain. This fall has been accompanied by a rise of almost 50,000 in the number of light cars licensed. In the Saarstat there were over 7,700 motor cycles in 1929; by 1932 this total had fallen by over 2,000. Evidently the small car threatens the popularity of the motorcycle.

## THEY'RE TELLING US

"The boom of 1929 was chiefly due to too much credit money and the depression to too little credit."—Irving Fisher.

"If every age has its own characteristic doctrine, there are a thousand signs which point to Fascism as the characteristic doctrine of our time."—Benito Mussolini.

"I am sure that the fertility of the human mind cannot, like pigs, be restrained from production by law or subsidies."—Owen L. Young.

"Instead of the 'Thou shalt' and 'Thou shalt not' of the old theology, the new philosophy asks: 'Why shalt thou?' and 'Why shalt thou not?'"—H. G. Wells.

## SOLUTION TO MILITARY PROBLEM APPEARING ON THIS PAGE LAST WEEK

Note to paper. To get the correct solution of this problem, draw three vertical and three horizontal lines through the square lightly so that sixteen equal squares are formed. From left to right, in rows from top to bottom, letter the squares A, B, C and so forth to and including P. The five areas of identical space, shape and infantry and artillery content, will be: A-B-E, C-D-H, F-G-K, I-M-N, L-O-P. Square "J" represents headquarters.

## Our Sketch Club

LESSON 46  
Flowing Rhythm in Natural Leaf Forms

Fig. 162 is a splendid natural example in the rhythmic flow of the lines in leaf forms. You will also find this principle in natural landscape, and in landscape paintings.

Clip pictures from magazines. Trace with red ink the action of flowing lines of rhythm and you will be surprised what an amusing and instructive pastime this will prove to be for you, if you are open minded and your mind in a receptive mood.

A further beautiful manifestation of Rhythm is that of tone or colour, of art. You insert it in the magazine and you are not at all satisfied with the results. You may say that you used the wrong medium, whereas you might have been using one of the best. Why didn't you get results? Probably because you were considering yourself and your product rather than the people who were appealing to and you failed to make your advertisement competitively strong in its bid for attention. For example, thumb through a copy of the magazine. Look over the advertisements. Then lay the magazine down. What pages do you remember you saw? After you have identified these in



where different colours or tones of one colour are harmoniously related to each other.

Study these lessons carefully and execute in a simple and direct possible manner. If difficulties arise re-read the lessons and study the illustrations thoroughly. Try always to look beneath all the variety of appearances for the underlying principle.

Now let us carry on—suppose you have been given an assignment to create a series of advertisements in one of our national magazines. There are some 20 or 30 pages of advertising in each issue. You, as an advertising designer, have planned a beautiful artistic layout. It is truly a work

## NOISE A NUISANCE WHEN IT'S MADE BY THE OTHER FELLOW

(From the New York Times)

New York has lived through any number of anti-noise campaigns and yet to the ordinary ear it sounds as noisy as ever. Nobody publicly defends noise, and science we are told, has pronounced against it. We learn that medical study has shown that noise impairs digestion by affecting the flow of saliva and gastric juice; that a typist under noisy conditions uses 19 per cent. more energy and loses 42 per cent. in speed. Why, then, do the anti-noise campaigns make, so to speak, so little noise in the world?

Perhaps an authority on acoustics has just innocently furnished the explanation in his very definition of the word. He defines noise as "any undesired sound." This immediately suggests the question—Undesired by whom?—and that is just where the trouble starts. Nobody dislikes the noise he is himself responsible for. Automobile horn-blowing is your way

## Ray Device Deals Painless Death Tells Sex of Unhatched Chicks

Leicester, Eng. — A new and powerful ray machine which is reported to kill "painlessly" at a distance of a few hundred yards has been built by R. C. Chadfield, inventor and lecturer at the Art and Technical College here. Eventually the machine may also be used for the determination of the sex of an unborn child.

So astounding are claims made for the machine that the Air Ministry sought a demonstration. Chadfield said, but he refused on the grounds that he does not want it "to become an engine of war."

The inventor believes that the best use of the ray would be for the extermination of agricultural pests and to aid in slaughtering animals.

He has been experimenting with its use in determining the sex of chickens. The tests so far show that an indicator goes to the left for males and to the right for females when an egg is tested, he said. Chadfield is now trying to adapt the ray to the discovery of the sex of unborn children.

## Change Encounter

By Eleanor Ailetta Chaffe in the Lyric (Roanoke, Virginia).

"I am a transient . . . Within his eyes  
Strange tides were shadowed on a stranger shore:  
I heard the seagulls and their secret cries,  
I heard the closing of a distant door,  
And down the slope of some far distant hill  
I was the haunted with a heart of lead;  
I was the quarry, panting, hurt and still,  
My life untravelling in a crimson thread . . ."

## Thoughts Aroused By Baggy Trousers

Stratford Beacon Herald

The Ottawa Journal man, read something in the paper about the Duke of York being at the British Industries Fair and buying a suit of clothes of material which will not bag at the knees.

But that is all the news there was about it, and The Journal shows vexation because it was not told where to go and secure this material, nor was there a word about the man who invented it. The Ottawa paper believes that cables from Europe for the day should have been stripped of stories about war talk and peace pacts, and the full wordage should have been placed at the disposal of the man who could or would write informally about the pants which would not bag at the knees.

Having stated his premise, The Journal man lays bare to the gaze of the community the struggles of other days to keep his trousers pressed. He has tried hard cloth and soft cloth, and tweed and wool and homespun and what not, but success has not come. On a Sunday morning he would be off to church with a crease on which he could sharpen his pencil when he decided the sermon was good enough to merit the taking of a few notes, but by noon on Monday his trouser knees looked like those of Charlie Chaplin when Chaplain was in the movies.

So it is The Journal man yelps for details about this new cloth shown in Britain. He wants samples of it; he yearns to get a bolt of it and have trousers hacked out and made at once. He would willingly let the tailor draw a picture of his topographical requirements for a pair of trousers. We fear the Ottawa man has been gripped with the desire of the age for easy living, for securing desired results with a modicum of effort. He would be, as he says, the slovenly genius rather than maintain the battle for the dressed dandy with the creased trousers.

We have a sort of half-baked notion that eternal vigilance is the price of a whole heap of things, included in which is pressed trousers. Did The Journal man never in his younger days try sleeping with his trousers carefully spread out between the mattress and the spring of the bed? It produces a good crease, but it takes quite a lot of poking about before retiring. That we admit. Or he might get a board; place the board on the trousers, and on the board put a trunk and a dresser over night. In the morning he will find a goodly crease in his trousers, and the exercise of throwing the furniture will cause him to romp down to the breakfast table and partake of his victuals with that zest which is the forerunner of a good day's work.

In such methods there comes reward not only in the creases but also in that sense of accomplishment of having done a worthy thing. It makes a man strong morally and mentally. It gives him reason to know he is still master of the situation; he has been able to sweep back the stove-pipe or grain-bag tendencies which attack his trousers; he has been able to keep from resisting temptation which would make him travel under the disguises of the slovenly genius.

We write thus because we do not desire to see a good man become soft; we do not wish the glint of battle to go from his eye nor firm determination to ooze from the chin. Life is not an easy thing; it is a battle. Let the man in Ottawa face the situation unafraid; let him once more surround himself with the flat iron and furniture piled deep upon his trousers. Were he to become possessed of a pair of trousers which would make him look like one of the pictures in the books which tailor-shop men keep, and were he able to stay in that class with no effort on his part, then would he become a victim of that school of thought which is prone to give utterances to the belief that the world owes a man a living.

We need some place that a giant was never cradled in a bed of roses. It's something like that we have been trying to say.

## Lavender and Flame

The very old have peace and dreams and quiet breath,  
Eyes filled with lilac dusk, hair blown with winter snow.  
In small white rooms they wait for velvet-footed death,  
With folded hands they wait and have no fear to go.

It is the almost old upon the lamp-lit stair,  
Who still contrive to camouflage the coming gloom.  
It is the growing old who are so much aware  
Of life that they must keep bright flowers within the room.

—Virginia Spiker, in "The Lyric"

"I am wondering if human kindness is too expensive to include in the program of our professional charities."—Harold Bell Wright.

## HAVE YOU HEARD

Satisfied Guest—Well, that was a tip-top dinner. You what that means, don't you? Colored Waiter—Yes, sir, one that you top off with a . . .

The old saying about ways having the last word so much boloney. Eve did the word when Adam put all the on her.

"Who was more patient than Socrates, braver than Lancelot, more handsome than . . ."

"Oh, so you knew my wife's husband?"

THE SONG OF A MOTIF  
When baby smiles and blinks me, blue eyes reflecting mer sky,  
I wonder—Will the stars drop world where love and life lie?  
As clinging hands hold to mine, and crinkling smiles hide-and-soak,  
I wonder—Will there come a when faith is lost, and ories speak,  
O, little bunch of loveliness, prayer for you shall be,  
While evening you to dream with own's own melody—  
Keep love and laughter close to fill each new day with joy,  
Be kind, dear one, and ever and God bless my baby boy.

Doctor (to rich patient)—You all run down. You'd better let golf for a while and get a good at the office.

Two can live as cheaply as when one has to pay alimony.

A certain man opened an account for his wife at the bank. To his embarrassment, we'll call him Sam, a few weeks after the account opened the teller asked Smith to form her that she had overdrawn her account. Smith passed the on to his wife, and the next morning she gave him a note to hand the banker. The teller opened the letter, read it, grinned, and handed it to Smith. It was a sheet of paper, on which was written in large letters: "Smack!"

Are old men wise as a result of their experience? They don't seem to be able to cash in on their wisdom at any rate.

The man had been at the summer hotel for several days. "I don't know as I like this," he complained to the clerk. "I wanted to rough it a bit." The clerk quickly asked: "Have you tried our golf course?"

Boss—My wife heard that I took you out to dinner the other evening. Secretary—Well, what does that make me? Boss—That makes you my former secretary.

The man who discovered it doesn't do much good to complain, made a wonderful discovery, and should be put alongside Christopher Columbus.

Shadrach—What's Abednego like? Mesbach—Well, he's the kind of a fellow who will rattle off an engagement ring when his girl returns to him.

## New Survey Of Britain

After five years of arduous labor a survey of England, Scotland and Wales is about to be made available by the London School of Economics. As described by The Morning Post it would be a veritable Domesday Book, except for the fact that it does not record the recent partition of big landed estates. Nevertheless, it is expected to contain information of the utmost value to the Ministry of Agriculture, the Forestry Commissioners and town and regional planning authorities.

Some of the conclusions which have already emerged from the survey are curious:

The post-war decline in arable farming has released large areas of relatively poor land, which, under present conditions, could be most profitably utilized for afforestation.

Apart from obviously poor soils, the change from arable to pasture land has been greatest in the case of heavy soils, which, while capable of yielding good crops, are expensive to cultivate.

Under the direction of country directors of education, more than 100,000 school children have taken part in the collection of information and the preliminary coloring of six-inch maps to show the uses to which land is put.

## FU MANCHU

By SAX ROHMER



King Fear lunched back as though he had received a physical blow when the constable answered his question: "Sir Crickton Davy has been killed, sir." Beneath Smith's heavy tan his face had blanched, and his eyes were set in a stare of horror. "I am too late!" he murmured.



With clenched fists Smith bounded up the steps. In the hall a Scotland Yard official was talking to a footman. Other members of the household were moving about aimlessly. The chill hand of King Fear had touched one and all, for, as they came and went they glanced over their shoulders, as if each shadow evoked a menace. . . .



Smith strode up to the Scotland Yard man and showed him a card. The detective said something in a low voice, and saluted Smith in a respectful manner. After a few brief questions and answers we went upstairs and into the library, where Dr. Chalmers Clave was bending over a motionless form upon a couch.

## THE ZYAT KISS.—Warned Too Late.



The uncomfortable sense of hush, the group around the physician, the dead man—grim hub about whom all his activity turned—made a scene that arched itself indelibly on my mind. Then I observed another door, communicating with a small study. Through the opening I could see a man crawling on hands and knees examining the carpet . . .