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CHURCH ATTENDANCE
A nickel isn't supposed to be as good as a dollar, but maybe it goes to church more often. — Regina Leader-Post.

MARIE DRESSLER'S MONEY
It appears Marie Dressler was not the wealthy woman it was thought. She was wealthy in friends, of course, and that was all that mattered to the grand old trouser. As for money, her estate is valued at fewer thousands than it was thought to be in hundreds of thousands. And now there's a fuss in Hollywood over the cost of her funeral. The undertaker was enthused over the necessity of her passing out in movie magnificence. His bill was \$10,000. Her sister, a resident in England, asserts the sum of \$2,500 is considered a handsome outlay for the obsequies of a British peer. — Brandon Sun.

HITLER'S BOOK.
Adolf Hitler, the German dictator, has made a fortune out of his book "My Struggle," written while he was a house painter in Munich. Nearly two million copies have been sold. It has been translated into fourteen languages. — Calgary Herald.

WINDOW MODELS.
The casual passer-by at times often looks twice or oftener at models in store windows to make sure that they are not real, but in London, England, the shoppers are soon to see mannequins walking about almost any time. And in the future most of the window-shoppers will be able to do their looking under cover, which is a real advantage, especially when the weather is bad. The shopping centres of London are to be a series of arcades. Mannequins will emerge from the interior of the stores where they are already continuously on display and appear in the windows in place of the present wax figures. Success should immediately attend such an innovation. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

THE MUSICAL NOTE
A military correspondent of the London Morning Post points out that instructions recently issued by the British War Council include the teaching of singing by units as "it helps men to march well even when fatigued." The writer says that he recently saw some troops tramping in drenching rain and their spirits had fallen to zero when a song was started with this chorus:
"You never know you've got it till you get it.
If you get it don't kick up a row.
If anybody is ever going to get it, we've got it now."
The effect is recorded as electrical and they stepped out with wonderful elasticity. To which the fact might be added that it is not only military units which respond to a cheery note in time of stress. — Brandon Expositor.

MURDOCH MACLEAN, 104.
We think a word of felicitation is due Mr. Murdoch Maclean of the Moosomin district, who recently marked his 104th birthday anniversary. Mr. Maclean is believed to be Saskatchewan's oldest citizen, and he has been here a great many years. When he settled around Moosomin, that town was just a hamlet of tents. — Regina Leader-Post.

FORBIDDEN TO WOMEN.
The women of China are in re-

volt. Not the whole 200,000,000 of them, but a sufficiently important proportion to cause considerable trouble to Chiang Kai-Shek, who is something of a dictator in China.

And all because someone has undertaken to set out rules to govern the conduct of the ladies. The ladies blame Marshal Chang and the marshal blames the local mandarins. But whoever may be to blame, it has stirred up a commotion.

THE "BEST CHANCE"
According to the statisticians ministers' sons have the best chance to be mentioned in "Who's Who". The ratios for several classifications are given as follows: For a minister's son, one in 20; a physician's son, one in 105; a farmer's son, one in 608; a skilled laborer's son, one in 1,500, and an unskilled laborer's son, one in 45,000.

TWO LIVES SAVED.
Some time ago at considerable cost a bronchoscope was added to the equipment of Hamilton general hospital. A bronchoscope is an ingenious device with which foreign bodies can be fished by skilled operatives from windpipes and even from the lungs.

DIPHTHERIA BATTLE.
A highly feared and deadly disease a few years ago, diphtheria need not now be a cause of death in any community, observes Dr. J. G. Fitzgerald, dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. The Queen City, with a population of 600,000 had no deaths from this source last year. Dr. Fitzgerald gives credit to the use of toxoid, but warns that since diphtheria has not actually been conquered, the preventive method must be "repeated year in and year out."

MISLEADING TITLES.
The peculiarity by which picture producers give misleading names to their pictures, frequently to their own loss, is illustrated by a picture now being shown in a local theatre and known as "Broadway Bill." This is not a New York gangster or high life picture, but an entertaining, gripping story of a man in love with a horse and a girl in love with the man. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

FORGOTTEN MEN.
The "Forgotten Man" is an expression which has received many definitions, many of which have been appropriate and impressive. He might well be described as the citizen who has been industrious all his life, has earned money and saved a portion of it to purchase his own little home, and provide something for the rainy days. Of recent years he has found employment scarce—even non-existent. His savings are gone, his house probably mortgaged, and his taxes unpaid, but he is still trying to hang on. — Chatham News.

Hopeful At Leave Taking — Meet Discouragement



Sir John Simon (left), British Foreign Minister, and Capt. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, are seen here leaving No. 10 Downing Street, with final instructions for their journey to Berlin to talk over the arms situation with Hitler. Sir John Simon reported on their mission to the House of Commons and stated that wide divergence of views had been encountered. Capt. Eden is now in Moscow to continue British Peace efforts.

"SETTING" AND "SITTING"
The Bradford Expositor editor has set himself up as an authority on agricultural phraseology. A realtor asked: Would you please tell me which is correct, a "setting" hen or a "sitting" hen? And the editor answered. On a poultry farm, the farmhand "sets" the hen, but the hen "sits," therefore, "sitting" hen is correct. To the farmer, the big question will always be: "How many chickens did the sitting hen hatch out of the setting?" — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

PUBLIC "PUBLIC" SCHOOLS
More well-to-do people in Britain send their children to the elementary schools in preference to the private schools. A healthy tendency. There is no room in this changing, busy, modern Britain for caste privilege and the caste school. All children have the right to start level with the same opportunities of betterment and the promise to all that talent goes to the top. A rich man is a fool if he denies his boy the best education of all, contact with children from homes where the breadwinner is a millworker or an agricultural laborer or a clerk. — London Daily Express.

EMBARGO ON SLANG.
The protest of Viscount Lee of Fareham against the ousting of English slang by the American sort is welcome. It is too readily assumed that the American vernacular is more expressive than our own. "Done in" is at least as good an invention as "bumped off," and "not half" as eloquent as "sure," and "posh" as useful as "swell." The nation that enriched the language with "swank," "gadjet," and "gasper," has no need of foreign imitations. Budget hint: What about a tariff? — Manchester Sunday Chronicle.

A FAIRBRIDGE SCHOOL FOR B.C.
The project launched only seven months ago for the extension to other parts of the Empire of the Fairbridge Farm School scheme, which has so well justified itself in Western Australia, has already borne its first fruit in the acquisition by the Child Emigration Society of a

site for a second school in British Columbia. Three new schools in all are planned, and it is a happy augury for the final success of the project that the response to the appeal for funds, to which the Prince of Wales last year gave the lead, should so soon have made the first stage possible. The original Farm School, which owes its existence to the practical idealism of the Rhodes Scholar, Kingsley Fairbridge, has been long recognized as providing the most thoroughly satisfactory of the many means of immigration which have been tried in Australia. The concurrence of the Ottawa and British Columbia Governments in the present undertaking carries the assurance that in Canada, as in Australia, the Fairbridge child will receive a welcome which can hardly be given his elder brother or sister just yet. — London Times.

FLOWERS FOR LONDON.
It is an excellent idea of the London Gardens Society to carry out a what waste spaces can be brightened by flowers. The effort should meet with the most enthusiastic support of the general public. The beautifying of unbranded areas has a social value even beyond the merely aesthetic. We should like to see the Minister of Health taking a leaf out of the Society's book, and ensuring provision for window boxes and roof gardens in the flats that are to be built to relieve overcrowding. — London Daily Herald.

The Artist

R. B. in The Countryman.
His gnarled brown hand would ill assort
With artist's brush or graver's pen,
Yet when he turns the furrow brown
The plowman starts his picture then.
His mighty canvas is the field,
His share a pencil true,
Nature his palette. Sun and rain
His paint and brushes too.

Framed in its hedge of hawthorn green
No still and sombre picture his.
Forever changing, free and bold,
What painter claims a gift like this?

Maybe that old untroubled eye
That drives the furrow straight and clean
Sees in the work an artist's joy
Not mere existence, bare and lean.

Procrastination

Mildred Weston in the New York Sun.

He who hurries
To embrace
Work that stares him
In the face
Has no sympathy
For one
Who can leave a chore
Undone.

Being kind
To those who ask
To postpone
The pending task
All my sympathies
Are with
My too dilatory
Kith!

We Buy And Sell

It may surprise most Canadians that we import canned tomatoes. It ought to be a hint to those who have soil waiting to produce food and values. Canada's imports of canned vegetables in 1934 totalled 2,479,000 pounds compared with 2,076,000 in 1933. Tomatoes, followed by mushrooms, predominated. The imports of canned fruits in 1934 totalled 20,963,000 pounds as against 21,327,000 in 1933. Pineapples were the largest item, amounting last year to 16,853,000 pounds compared with 18,354,000 in 1933.

Meantime the export of canned fruits in 1934 totalled 24,577,000 pounds compared with 16,484,000 in 1933. Pears in both years were the chief item. The export of canned vegetables was 20,708,000 pounds as against 17,410,000 in 1933, tomatoes being the chief item. — Brandon Sun.

Which Is Weaker
Sex, Asks Doctor
Of Psychology

Hamilton, N.Y. — New York's new anti-heart balm law looks like a confession of man's weakness to Dr. D. A. Laird, of Colgate University's psychology laboratory. Looking on man and his antics with the same dispassionate eye that looks at sleep charts and white rats Dr. Laird stopped for a moment to consider N.Y. State's new ban on breach of promise and alienation of affections suits. "It is a reflection in a way on human nature. That it should be necessary for legislators to pass bills to protect men from their own weaknesses," Dr. Laird said, "it naturally raises the question: Which is the weaker sex anyway?"

Coins New Name
For Plus-Fours

Ottawa. — Plus-fours have been given new names, but F. H. Pickel (Cons. Brome-Missisquoi) added a new one in the House of Commons last week. The Quebec Conservative called them "knee-high pajamas."

Cut This Out,
Keep For Reference

It is now definitely fixed that the King will broadcast on the evening of May 6, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ascent to the Throne. These are the broadcasts so far settled for May 6:

The National Thanksgiving Service from St. Paul's Cathedral in the morning.

The address of loyalty and devotion by the Houses of Lords and Commons in Westminster Hall later in the day.

A studio-dramatized review of the King's reign in the evening. Professor Harold Temperley, the Cambridge professor who was responsible for compiling the material for the Twenty Years After broadcast last August 4, is now working on an historical survey for the Jubilee broadcast.

Lawrence Gilliam, the young producer who was responsible for the Empire broadcast on Christmas day, is looking after the production side of the studio broadcast.

The King is expected to speak at the end of the radio review of his reign.

Immunity Singing

Whenever I feel a bit seedy
I don't seek a medical man
And run up a bill for concoction and pill—
I know a more sensible plan,
I realize fully that singing
Is great as a curative wheeze,
And the people next door hear me
Render "Asthore"
In a couple of varying keys.

To ban any fear of infection
A similar plan I employ;
When I want to be firm with bacillus and germ
I tell them about "Sonny Boy,"
Or give them a verse of "Kill-a-ney"
In a series of musical yells.
Till they recognise it as an order to
And go and bite somebody else.

I start with a song in the morning
Or over my toilet is made,
And, laying my head on my soft feather bed,
I murmur a short serenade.
The ancient and time-honoured proverb
I've ventured in short, to transmit,
For a warble a day keeps the doctor away
And is very much cheaper than fruit.

MAN

Anderson M. Scruggs in the New York Sun.
He spends his days with intricate designs,
Weaving his growing pattern of despair;
With dynamo and compass he aligns
The calm benignities of earth and air.
And sea into a lewd, gigantic scheme.
With swift and stolid industry he rears
The plan and superplan upon the dream,
Speeding the laggard hours with wheels and gears.

And so he blunders down his mis-spent days,
Burdened with greed and mystifying toil,
Unmindful that no question can amaze
The deep, complacent wisdom of the soil—
Heedless that death will solve with artless hands
Problems that vex a hundred thousand lands.

The Dog, Gip

Master and Gip, his dog, found a new home:
Twelve land leagues and wide waters lay between
It and the old, so they had far to roam
If e'er again the old haunts would be seen.

When there at length a year the twain had spent,
The home call came and Gip was left behind.
That he might follow where the master went—
This never dawned upon the keeper's mind.

But one dusk he appeared, all gaunt and weak,
His lame, tired feet worn to the very bone;
His tail wagged joy, his sunk eyes seemed to speak
And plead that he no more be left alone.

Shall blame for one, and praise for one be spared,
By all who ever have for dumb brutes cared?
—Alexander Louis Fraser.

"NAUGHTY MARIETTA"



The pirates pour over the side of the ship on which Princess Marie is escaping to Louisiana from her aged suitor, Don Carlos. The sailors charge at them and the cries and yells of the men are heard. The cannon booms, blasting the air with frightful sounds. While knives flash on all sides. Over the deck the pirates swarm, some of them falling with loud groans.

Then the battle is over and the pirates have won. They face the girls with mocking laughs and brandish their knives at them threateningly. Some of them are already looting the ship. The leader looks at while knives flash on all sides. Over the deck the pirates swarm, some of them falling with loud groans. Then they are robbed of their meager possessions including their downies.

The pirates now take the girls to their camp near the river mouth. They huddle together and stare in panic at the coarse wrangling of the pirates. But suddenly, male voices are heard singing a marching song. It is Captain Richard Warrington and his Colony troops of mercenaries—the trappers! The girls are forced to remain still as the sound of the footstep diminish.

But Marie seizes a burning torch. Brandishing it, she runs up the hill from where she can still hear the marching song. Calling loudly for help she desperately tries to escape the pirate who is now running after her in pursuit. He aims his knife, viciously preparing to throw it at her defenseless back. Will he stop her? Don't miss the next thrilling installment of "Naughty Marietta."