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The fellow who pulls on the ears doesn't have time to rock the boat.

Someone has probably told you that a massuse lives off the fat of the land.

If she washes dishes for \$5 a week that is servitude. If she does it for nothing, that is romance.

Wasted opportunities are usually found on a bench in the park or hanging around a pool room.

A few may begin at the bottom and rise but more people begin at the bottom and stick there.

Instead of more people per square mile, the world needs more square people per mile.

About all you can say for minding your neighbor's business is that you never run out of something to do.

Maybe we do get short weight for our money but the grocer has a long wait for it.

We've tried everything, even going to bed early, but ideas don't seem to come any easier.

Still, how'd you like to be so homey, that, whatever you did, people wouldn't talk about you?

Ceremonies may differ but true politeness is the same world over.

Good salesmanship is selling goods which won't come back to customers that will.

One thing about a radio speaker, he stops when his time is up, not always true of some after-dinner speakers.

Today is no different from the day on which you began your record week.

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It's the easiest thing in the world for us to raise the devil with our children for raising the devil we used to raise ourselves when we were children.

Read It Or Not

No moving object can reverse its course without coming to a complete stop—such as a bullet meeting a cannonball.

My Work

Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place or tranquil room,
Let me find it in my heart to say
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."
Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.—Henry VanDyke.

From the Grave

"I am here from the grave, and I want to be heard immediately because I want to get back," said a man, in earth-soiled clothes, to the judge at a small Hungarian court. He was a grave-digger.

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Handshaking Has Drawback

Originated As An Act to Bind Contract, Not Salutation

Handshaking, once a polite gesture of agreement, peace or friendship, continues in modern times to develop painful consequences — as the retiring Governor of New Jersey recently discovered when the ceremony raised a blister on his right hand. Presidents at their levees have often suffered a muscular lameness from taking this salute, says the New York Times. At an official reception in Canada the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, felt a bone crack under the overburdened handclasp of a cowpuncher.

Part of Ancient Ceremony

The custom of handshaking did not originate as a salutation but as an act binding a contract. The grasping of hands was part of the ancient Hindu marriage ceremony. It passed into a mannerly courtesy in Rome. Giving the right hand of fellowship as mentioned in the Bible (Gal. 11:9), spread throughout Christendom and had become usual as a salutation in the Europe of the Middle Ages.

Extending the right, or sword, hand symbolized an unarmed approach. AM through Byzantium the custom reached the Moslem communities, where it was adopted as a legal formality, but there the joining of hands meant the pressing of thumbs together. Some African tribes substituted the hand-clasp for their habit of showing deferencelessness of disarming or partly uncovering in deference to a superior.

English Shake Least

Thus the handshake was at no period hitherto likely to give distress, but to be a reassuring, ingratiating greeting. The heavy grip began as a more or less clumsy attempt to emphasize one's inner feeling of half-fellow cordiality. Even that is considered less of an ordeal than the greeting customs of certain aborigines — the embraces of Australian blacks, the nose rubbings of Polynesians, Malays, Eskimos and Laplanders. The Japanese obeisances and genuflections, accompanied by hissing, is supposed to have derived from the cowering or the crouching attitudes of humility in the ancient East.

Among modern Europeans the English are said to shake hands less frequently than others; the French do shake hands upon meeting and departing; and the Germans repeatedly, on the slightest occasion.

Cave Man's Words Still Used Today

Professor Says Phrases Are More Figurative Now

Figures of speech which were an integral part of the cave man's simple language now occupy a prominent place in the modern vocabulary, according to William Hawley Davis, professor of English at Stanford University Press, Palo Alto, California.

Davis said the cave men used such figures of speech as "back-biting," "backscratching," "skinning alive," "grinding up one's loins" and other expressions much in use today.

Existence Very Real Then

Davis said that existence on the cave man level was still very real to the average person. To the cave man, explained, a "bone of contention," an "eye for an eye" and "cut-throat competition" meant more than they do to us; but we can still use each freely.

"Literally," he said, "the cave man 'wielded a big stick,' 'left no stone unturned,' 'kept an ear to the ground,' found a 'bird in the hand worth two in the bush' and 'killed two birds with one stone,' whereas now these expressions are used figuratively."

Derived From Horses

"In a similar way people still employ a large number of figures derived from horses. These include 'raring to go,' 'prick up his ears,' 'bridle at' and 'take the bit in his teeth!'"

"These must be increasingly vague to the generations growing up since automobiles have displaced horses. We may expect them to be used less and less because fewer people find that they convey thought effectively."

Shooting Star's Tail

The reason why a shooting star appears to have a tail trailing behind is that an image remains in our eyes for about a sixteenth of a second. Since the falling meteorite (wrongly called "shooting star") is moving very quickly, it has covered quite a distance before that sixteenth of a second has passed; so there appears to be a tail. It is the same phenomenon that makes the spokes of a whirling wheel look solid; and it is also the basis for the apparent continuous action on the movie screen on which sixteen pictures are flashed every second.



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PREPARATIONS

In few other things does a little preliminary planning yield such tangible returns as in gardening. It is possible to construct a house without a blue print, though the job will usually be regretted. Gardens, too, can be created in this fashion but the results are apt to be confused with the natural conglomeration of weeds, tin cans and abandoned motor cars which litter up the usual vacant lot. A little planning is most essential and it will enhance the interest in the hobby, pastime, work or whatever gardening is called, as well as add very materially to its real value. Now, while the earth is still dormant, or at least too wet or too cold to indulge in any but the hardest kind of planting, is the time to begin these plans. All that is necessary is a pencil and paper, a seed catalogue, and possibly a Government bulletin or two.

SHRUBBERY

For the permanent sort of gardening, that is the kind using perennial flowers, shrubs, grass and other things that grow for years, some preliminary planning is absolutely essential. True, most Canadian garden authorities advocate informal planting for the average home surroundings, but even in simple informality some previous notion of the final results is desirable. Otherwise, there are going to be tiny shrubs hidden by large ones, grass is going to be too shaded in one quarter and delicate flowers burnt up in another.

Even in the vegetable patch, it is a splendid idea, so the horticulturists state, to plot the whole patch roughly to scale, and then lay out the rows so that tall corn, staked tomatoes and similar things have plenty of room each way, but beans, carrots and beets do not get more than from 15 to 24 inches between the rows.

NURSERY STOCK

Early spring is generally considered the most favourable season for planting nursery stock. Under the latter heading comes a wide variety of plants, including rose bushes, shrubs, fruit and ornamental trees, perennial flower plants, vines, raspberry bushes, asparagus, strawberry plants and a host of other permanent things.

In purchasing such material authorities emphasize the importance of securing fresh stock from a reliable Canadian source. Roots and stems should be pliable and moist and if there is any upper growth, as in the case of shrubs and trees, there should be evidence of live green buds.


Tallest Human Stops Growing

ALTON, Ill.—Robert Wadlow, tallest human in medical history, who observed his twentieth birthday last week, is nearing the end of his phenomenal growth, according to physicians. Measurements revealed Wadlow is 8 feet 11 inches tall. He weighs 465 pounds. Records examined on his birthday showed the youth's rate of growth in the last four years had diminished one-half inch each year. He grew only one and one-half inches last year. Between the ages of 9 and 12 he averaged from four to five inches of growth each year.

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Crusade Brings Back Blushing

Beauty Expert Says Lack of Blood In Faces Is Making Girls Fade

The common blush, practically discarded since sorority sisters discovered Freud and found that the whole business was just an inferiority complex, is going to be revived in an effort to keep American women from becoming a race of gargoyle.

A crusade to restore the blush to good standing was announced last week by Miss Grace Donohue, Chicago redhead, who described herself as a "professor of beauty—within and without."

They've Forgotten How

Miss Donohue said that the trouble with American girls is that "most of them have forgotten how to blush. The result is that they never get any blood in their face, their skin fades and they become ugly."

So she is forming a national association of "blush of the month" clubs, the only requirement for which is a blush.

Ten Grades of Blushing

Miss Donohue will distribute membership cards to her blush clubs and is preparing a list of 10 guides to blushing. Among the slogans will be "How are your vaso-constrictors today?" and "Try an old-fashioned blush—it's bland."

The vaso-constrictor, Miss Donohue explained, is the nerve that enables persons to blush and blushing is good for the glands.

To the best blushers Miss Donohue is considering awarding as prizes pictures of Sonja Henie, Helen Hayes and Robert Taylor. She described them as the best blusters of our time.

Mexico Imports Plane Industry

Arrangement with Canadian Firm To Build Airplanes Reported

MEXICO CITY.—Official quarters said this week the Mexican Government had completed arrangements for an "important" Canadian aviation company to build airplanes here.

A factory to assemble military and commercial ships will be established in Mexico, these sources said, with 40 fighting ships budgeted for delivery to the Army Air Corps by the end of the year.

(Ten Vought Corsair combat planes bought in the United States arrived in Mexico City, flown by Mexican Army pilots, last week, swelling the total first class craft of the corps to 80.)

Enlarged and Modernized

The name of the company involved was not divulged, but it was said to be planning to use the facilities of the Government factory at the Balbuena military airport.

These shops, which have turned out several not very satisfactory ships, will be enlarged and modernized, the official sources said, and put under the direction of Canadian experts.

It was said the Government would get 50 per cent. of the profit on sales of airplanes to other South and Central American nations, obtaining ships for the army and for commercial aviation at corresponding savings.

Mexico was said to have tentative orders for 60 planes. Columbia was listed as one nation interested.

Happy Marriage Chart

Most couples take it for granted that they are marrying for happiness, but are they? To ensure that they are, Dr. David D. Vaughn, Professor of Social Ethics at Boston University School of Theology, has worked out a special chart which enables a person to select a partner with a reasonable chance of happiness.

The chart is composed of a number of items, such as Health, Intelligence, Capacity for Conjugal Affection, Personal Integrity, etc., and points are awarded for each. If a couple in love agree in 75 per cent. that they are considered fit mates and with ordinary luck should remain unparted.

Buffalo Beef Swells Coffers

Helps to Pay For Upluck of Wood Buffalo Park, Peace River District

In 1907 the Canadian Government purchased a small herd of buffaloes from the Flathead Indian Reservation in the United States and placed them in the Elk National Park near Edmonton. The animals increased rapidly, and two years later some were removed to the great Wood Buffalo Park on the Peace River. By 1920 these numbered 1,500. The Elk Island herd went on increasing so that in 1926 6,673 of the great beasts were sent north in special trains and huge barges.

A Ton of Beef Apiece

Today there are more than 12,000 buffaloes in Wood Buffalo Park, and the old bulls are enormous, shaggy beasts weighing a ton apiece. Last year no fewer than 2,000 had to be killed to keep the park from being overstocked, and more than a thousand tons of fine beef has been sold by the park authorities for a sum which goes far to pay the salaries of the rangers.

Ontario Producers Seek Law to Establish Minimum

PETERBOROUGH.—Legislation to provide a minimum price for cheese was advocated here in a resolution adopted at the opening of the fifth annual convention of Ontario Cheese Producers' Association.

The resolution was recommended in the report of a special committee appointed by H. S. Marjerson, of Glenora County. It was supported on the floor by several delegates, some of whom presented detailed statements of operations.

One from W. J. Major, of North Lancastrer, Glenora County, showed a labor return of only 5 2/3 cents an hour in 1927.

Higher Milk Standard Wanted

The proposal for a fixed minimum was endorsed unanimously. Its presentation evoked considerable discussion, delegates from the eastern counties telling of some leaving home to work in Cornwall factories at wages exceeding the income of their fathers.

Warning to the cheese industry that more drastic steps must be taken to insure a higher standard of the milk delivered to factories was expressed by A. W. McIntyre, of Finch, president of the association. In opening the convention, which began on a familiar note of censure of milk producers who persist in hampering the industry by carelessness in the handling of milk, resulting in contamination which is translated into second-grade cheese with consequent heavy losses when the year's work is reviewed.