

Pithy Anecdotes Of the Famous

Izaak Walton, the "Father of Angling" and author of "The Compleat Angler" — the Fisherman's Bible — was a sweet-souled, contemplative man, who spent much of his time when he was not fishing, "in the families of the eminent clergymen of the old country." As Andrew Lang said: "He had a natural taste for a Bishop."

For 51 years old Izaak was in business in London occupying half a shop two doors west of Chancery Lane. There is some doubt whether he was a linen-draper or an iron-monger, says C. Lewis Hind (in "One Hundred Best Books"), but there is no doubt that important men sought him and would chat with this delightful shopkeeper, fisherman over the counter.

When George Eliot's first novel "Amos Barton" appeared in "Blackwood's Magazine" there was doubt and speculation as to the author's identity since "George Eliot" was acknowledged to be a pseudonym. There was little or none of the sex question. The author was a man. Dickens alone penetrated the secret. He was quite certain the writer was a woman and of course, he was right. "George Eliot" was Mary Ann Evans.

Even Major John Blackwood, her publisher was not let into the secret until some time later. All the correspondence and business arrangements with his new author had been conducted through George Henry Lewes — her close friend and literary adviser.

Eventually, Blackwood, whose suspicion and curiosity had been aroused went to call on George Eliot. He was received by Lewes and a young woman who was introduced as Mary Ann Evans. (The scene is described by J. Lewis May in his "Life" of Geo. Eliot.)

"Well, am I to see George Eliot?" said Blackwood.

"Do you wish to see him?" replied Lewes.

"As he likes — I wish it to be quite spontaneous," said the Major.

Mary Ann Evans left the room followed by Lewes. She quickly gave him permission to reveal the secret. Back in the room, Blackwood was formally presented to "George Eliot."

Which recalls an Eliot story by Durton Rascoe (in "A Bookman's Day-book").

T. S. Eliot, the poet was once introduced to Marie Laurencin, the French painter, at a tea party.

"Eliot? Eliot? Eliot, the writer? But they told me you were a woman."

"No, I assure you the facts are otherwise," replied Eliot.

"But surely I can't be mistaken. I was given to understand you were a woman," persisted Mlle. Laurencin.

"No! No! I have known myself for quite a long time and I am quite convinced that I am not, and have never been a woman."

"But aren't you George Eliot?"

Postal Service Shows Profit

OTTAWA. — The Post Office Department had an operating profit of \$3,000,000 in the year ending in March Postmaster General Elliott reported to the House of Commons recently. Net revenue totaled \$32,507,400.

The Post Office Department is not charged anything for its buildings, which are erected by the public works department. The postmaster general replying to A. A. Hoops, C.C.F., Winnipeg North, agreed it looked strange for his department to be charged nothing for rent, repairs or caretaking. At the same time, the practice has been followed since Confederation and the agreed one department should do all the building. Perhaps some system of rentals could be worked out, but it might be difficult.

"It is a question for Parliament to decide," added Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Hoops said he would apply the same principle to all departments and make them stand on their own feet financially. With the present system of accounting it is impossible to determine the financial position of any department.

"The Post Office Department has the most antiquated system in the world," said Dave Spence, Conservative, Toronto, Parkdale. "A change should come, and should come now. No one can tell whether the Department makes \$1,000,000 a year or loses \$10,000,000."

This drew a response from Honorable Peter Veniot, Liberal, Gloucester former Postmaster-General, who said it was a reflection on the men and women in the service to say the service is antiquated. "The service in Canada is carried on second to none in the world," he said.

The Toronto member said he was not finding fault with the employees or the method of carrying on with the mails but only with the financial system.

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One of the newest bathroom gadgets is a portable heater that looks like a miniature radio. Convenient and inexpensive to operate, its small bladed fan forces the air past the hot coils circulating it to various parts of the room. It is mighty nice where there are small children in the family. Air conditioning is now possible for a single room. Placed in the bottom of a window in the same manner as a ventilator, there is an electric fan which draws fresh air from outdoors through a glass wool filter which then matches dirt and other impurities. Moisture is added from a small tank of water, that is kept steaming by electricity. This according to the manufacturer circulates purified and humidified air throughout the room relieving dry air discomforts.



SCOUTING

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Nearly 1500 Boy Scouts of London and adjacent counties took part in what was described as the biggest musical show ever put on at the Royal Albert Hall, London. The play, "Boy Scouts" depicted the Scouting history of a London boy who joined a Scout Troop in search of adventure. Armies of ghostly explorers, adventurers, crusaders, soldiers of Wellington and sailors of Nelson, formed a background for his various experiences, and wished him well as their modern descendant. One scene featured 1,000 Indians.

A prize which has created keen competition between the different patrols of Fort Erie Scouts is a week-end to be spent at the district Scout cabin early in May.

Numbers of Scout troops in all parts of the Dominion are securing for themselves, or are being presented with pictures of King Edward VII.

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The originator of this new early bean is A. C. Gohn of Emo, Ont., who came to the Rainy River district in 1923 from the province of Saskatchewan. Mr. Gohn brought with him a sample of beans, unrecognized by the dominant seed branch at Ottawa, from which he had by carefully selecting for uniformity, productiveness and earliness, developed a variety that is most dependable.

Awarded Many Prizes
This new bean was under test for three seasons by the dominant seed branch and in February 1934 the commissioner granted its license as a new variety to be known as "Gohn's Rainy River," thus showing that it originated in a district far north of the standard bean zone.

Apart from this new navy bean being extremely early, it has already proved that it holds a high place in competition. In 1933 it won a major award at the Regina World's Grain Show. It won the Canadian championship at the 1934 Toronto "Royal," also defeated all the United States at the 1934 Chicago "International." Twice in succession it won the special at Chicago.

This new variety has all the good features of those grown in the old bean zone together with those required for our northern zone. Among these features are: earliness of maturity, uniformity of crop and sample, productiveness, chalk white color, cooking quality unexcelled, foliage protects pods from light frosts and maturing farther north.

In 1934, a most unfavorable season, Gohn's Rainy River navy bean ripened in less than 90 days at Gimli, Man., 50 miles northwest of Winnipeg, and arrangements have been made with Hudson Bay Co. to distribute this bean through their trading posts down the McKenzie River valley and report results next Fall.

The Swans of the Thames
One of the sights of the upper Thames is the swans which are to be seen floating around gracefully on the surface of the water often followed by a pair of cygnets. They move about the small boats which frequent these waters fearlessly, for no one disturbs them, as they are regarded as the King's property. As a matter of fact, they are owned jointly by the King, the Vintners' Guild and the Dyers' Guild. Every year in July the King's Swan Masters make a trip over the river and they make a mark on the bird's bill to indicate its ownership. The cygnets, which have been unmarked are divided among the owners. Persons desiring to own swans may apply and if their application is passed upon favorably they are given a pair. They must prove that they have a suitable place to keep the birds.

Teaching a Calf To Drink

"We were reading a tribute written about pioneers, and it recounted changes which have taken place in the years which separate us from pioneers," writes the Peterborough Examiner. "Like this: 'If the pioneer came back today he would marvel at the manner of 1936 agriculture; the manner of feeding has changed; the way in which milk is taken and separated at once; the putting down of production. It would seem strange to him to turn a button and illuminate the barn. He would find himself in a changed world.'

"It went on like that for quite a distance, and no doubt there's quite a bit of truth in it, but the change is not as great as stated. The pioneer farmer would find some things had not changed at all, and we mention just one — teaching a calf to drink out of a pail. We dare say he did it just the same as it was done on the Tenth Concession some years ago and just the same as it is being done on farms all over the country today.

"It is quite true many things are done differently today. No longer is a pig allowed to live long enough to demonstrate how big and how fat he can become; the pig is cut off in his youth. The pioneer allowed him to become a nice large pig before he considered it well to be done with him. It is the same with chickens; they are subjected to strange and great mechanical devices today. The pioneer used to help chip the eggs at the end of three weeks and if the old hen deserted her family he would rear the chicks in a basket beside the kitchen range. Much has changed, but we do not know of any new devices for teaching a calf to drink from a pail. The pioneer probably got some milk in the pail and put his hand down in the bottom and turned the fingers up to get the calf to start that way; we did the same thing in later years on the Tenth Concession and we believe the custom has not changed. Now has the strength of the calf's neck. A calf may look wobbly on its long legs but it is never wobbly in the neck. A calf may even appear to be demure and in its eyes one may even see the light of reason and a certain degree of wisdom, but when it comes to drinking from a pail the calf is stubborn. Extremely so. The first few lessons in pail drinking when a calf is being weaned always spoiled a man's temper. We don't know if we can recall a man who taught a calf to drink out of a pail without saying the things which never should have been said. So if the pioneer were to return he might find a good many things changed, but if there was a calf near the weaning stage he would feel that he was back where he once belonged."

The Town Council of High River, Alta., has placed the old High River "Times" building at the service of the local Scout Association, rent free, for a year. The Scouts are asked only to take care of the fire insurance.

In the meeting place of the International Scout Troop at the Canadian Academy at Kobe, Japan, the Scout Law is displayed in English, German, Dutch, Spanish, Danish and Russian. When the boys "salute the flag" no less than twelve different national flags are hoisted, so that each Scout can pay respect to his own country's colours.

U.S. Antarctic Land

It is difficult, at this time to conceive of the specific importance to the United States of 350,000 square miles of Antarctic territory just claimed for that country by the intrepid Lincoln Ellsworth.

The National Geographic Society, through President Roosevelt, has awarded Ellsworth the Hubbard memorial medal for the Antarctic acquisition, believed to have been the last band left unclaimed in either polar region. Ellsworth deserves high honor for daring and skill.

But the territorial question is something else. This Antarctic territory may never be worth one copper cent; on the other hand, it may some day be worth a great deal. There was a time, remember, when America's purchase of Alaska was considered sheer extravagance



HAVE YOU HEARD

Most of us like to sit and gossip. It is really an idle habit. It encourages loose foolish talk. Even a fairly industrious person spends almost as much time swapping yarns with his neighbors and chance acquaintances as he does at work.

SAVING THE PROFIT
The daughter of old Pharaoh, a financier she was, and when you've heard my story through, I think you must agree. She knew about the bulls and bears, the margins that they make. The profits that they gobble up, just when the markets break. She wandered to the river's brim, when Moses was a kid; She saw an ark all lined with pitch, and this is what she did. She turned a neat financial trick, we have the Lord to thank. When she saved a little prophet from the rushes on the bank.

—Harry Brokaw.

Prison-keeper—You'll have to work here, man, but you may select any trade you wish.
Prisoner—Well, if it's all the same to you, sir, I'd like to be a sailor.

ARE YOU EDUCATED? The attributes of an educated person are: You can't sell him magic. He never laughs at new ideas. He cultivates love of the beautiful. He listens to the man who knows. He cross-examines his day dreams. He knows his strong point and plays it. He knows the value of good habits and how to form them. He lives a forward-looking, outward-looking life. He keeps his mind open on every question until the evidence is all in. He knows when not to think and when to call in an expert to think for him.

She (gushingly)—Let's play some tennis!
He—Can't. The net's broken.
She—Fine! The net's always in the way when I play!

Profit from the production of ugly necessities often pay the losses from the production of beautiful luxuries.

Hobo—Madam, I once had a wife and a family of my own — but I couldn't be contented. I growled and grumbled at everything — and finally I left home.

Housewife—Well, here's a chicken sandwich and a glass of milk for you, sir. Mighty few husbands are as considerate as that.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU
There ain't no use of going through life grumbling and feeling blue. Because things in this life don't "pan out" just right for you; Trouble's here, and trouble's come to stay, but this is true—Joy's here, too, fifty times as strong as trouble, and it's for you. This world's a garden filled with flowers, if flowers'll do. Or it's a land where darkest shadows lie—it all depends on you.

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ACTIVE IN SUDBURY

Ontario's annual big move with its hustle and bustle brings a brighter picture to the construction industry and housing problems for cities to solve. A heavy demand for small reasonably priced homes has made its appearance as Summer approaches and moving vans start their yearly round.

Although most cities in Ontario report slight change in building figures compared with last year, some real activity is promised in Sudbury, Hamilton and London, with the Northern Ontario city expecting a \$1,000,000 program to boost business outlook.

Toronto city building department officials declare the construction picture this spring is only "a trifle better" than last. Up to the end of March total value of building work done was \$46,212, slight increase over 1935 figures.

About \$200,000 will be expended in London, the majority in industrial expansion. Hygrade Corrugated Products Limited, manufacturers of containers and similar articles, is arranging for a \$30,000 addition to their plant while the Atlantic Pacific Tea Company plans spending \$35,000 on two new stores.

For the first three months of 1936 total value of new buildings in Hamilton was \$198,000 compared to \$140,000 last year. This year a \$64,000 factory is under construction and other large contracts are appearing.

Active in Sudbury

A real rosy tint to the picture is painted in Sudbury, where \$1,000,000 will go into construction jobs, many large business blocks are to make their appearance and accommodation for more than 400 families anticipated. The quarterly report of H. Roseborough, building inspector, declares the construction value for the first three months of 1936 is second only to the figure for the same period in the 1931 boom.

In this busy northern city permits granted for the first three months this year amounted to \$33,700 compared to the \$7,515 figure for the same period in 1935. It is about half the value of permits issued in the first three months of 1931.

Sault Ste. Marie, another northern centre, reports prospects better than for several years with permits issued up to the present worth \$39,000 compared to \$29,500 in the same period in 1935.

St. Catharines hopes for an improved construction year. A new city hall and police station will be erected at a cost of \$150,000. And in Sarnia where operations have been practically at a standstill for several years, revival signs are seen this spring. A shortage of moderate-priced dwellings for rental purposes has turned householders to studying the federal housing act with a view of building their own homes.

Value of Sarnia building permits for March was \$10,040, largest for that month since 1931, with the total for the first three months \$18,540, an increase of \$10,181 over last spring. A new theatre is planned with an expenditure of nearly \$100,000.

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