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It takes more than a pair of overalls to make a producer out of a non-producer.

It is reported that a syndicate of capitalists is being formed at Toronto for the purpose of financing a side of bacon.

Daylight saving under present conditions is far from satisfactory. It should be generally adopted or abandoned altogether.

Would it be any use to call in an evangelist to do something about all the motor cars that are suffering from sins of transmission?

The country may be hard up, but we notice that you still have to fight your way through the crowds at the silk stocking counters.

The January fire loss in Ontario amounted to \$1,111,245 as compared with \$736,529 last year.

We thought April treated us pretty rough, but May is performing just as badly. Won't someone please suggest government control of the weather?

The big tornado which raged in the western states is reported to have blown itself out. There's a moral there for some of the fellows at Ottawa.

The old-fashioned boy who used to be sent to the butcher's to buy three cents' worth of liver now has a son who is sent out to buy three dollars' worth.

The Electrical News advises its readers "never to neglect an opportunity to advertise." The newspaper supplies that opportunity every day in the year.

The St. Catharines Journal has suspended publication after sixty-one years of public service, giving as the cause the largely increased costs of labor and newsprint.

A fashion note says that the women will wear fewer clothes than ever this summer. A few things in the world are said to be impossible, maybe this is one of them.

An advertisement in the paper boasts a certain make of tire that is guaranteed to travel 5,000 miles. But the worst of it is that it won't do it unless you put it on a motor car.

Moving picture fans are much concerned these days as to whether Mary Pickford is married, twice married or not married at all. Respectable people are fast losing interest in her.

A man in the southern states has taken his first aeroplane trip at the age of 131. He says he felt as if he were drunk when he was up about 2,000 feet. We pass the tip along for what it is worth.

The United States senate, which refused to ratify the Peace Treaty, has just voted a naval appropriation of \$445,000,000. Membership in the League of Nations would be a far cheaper surety of peace.

The business men of Owen Sound have decided that in future no tickets will be bought, or donations given, until the proposition has first been approved of by the merchants as a whole. This movement, which is intended to afford relief from a great nuisance, is likely to spread to other cities.

MOTHERS' DAY.

Once in the 365 days of the year comes a day which is set aside in honor of the humblest and the most magnificent calling known to men. Kings' birthdays and the anniversaries of great victories are celebrated with great rejoicing and display. What king was ever deserving of as much honour, or ever will be, as a mother? What victory ever brought as much glory to any nation as motherhood brings to a woman? Yet this one little day in the year, observed by a few of the thoughtful and forgotten by most, is the only tribute openly paid to mothers.

This year Mothers' Day comes on May 9th. Why not observe it more ostentatiously and with more sincerity than in the past few years? Perhaps sincerity and ostentation do not often go together, but let there be some outward sign of the sincerity at any rate. Mothers suffer agonies that their children may come into the world. Through the long and trying period of the child's younger years the mother's patience and care never relax. When in trouble a child turns to his mother for consolation and aid. When the whole world turns against a man, when his reputation and his character have been blackened by numerous and heinous crimes, his mother will stick to him through thick and thin, in sorrow and joy, in honour and in disgrace, from the highest summits of fame to the lowest gutters of infamy, to the very last.

What is the reward of a mother's devotion? Sometimes a grudging thanks; more often nothing at all. The greatest sovereigns of the earth or the highest ecclesiastical pontiffs are not too good to kiss the feet of the lowliest mother who has ever lived. Why not remember your mother on this Mothers' Day? She will never forget you.

Why all this fuss about the Syrian problem? Our idea was that all the Syrians had come out to this country and gone into the peddling business.

The agitation which has arisen in Kingston against the ridiculous price charged for foodstuffs in the Kingston market, and especially against the cost of potatoes, has shown once again how completely the city dwellers are at the mercy of the farmers, who produce the food of the country. Under the present circumstances, they can place any price they like upon their produce, and because the people must have food, the price has to be paid. It is quite evident that the only plan that will bring about a radical change is for everyone to make a strong effort to become independent of the professional potato growers.

There is only one sane, effective and natural way to combat the high cost of foodstuffs, and that is to produce foodstuffs, and potatoes in particular, on every vacant foot of the gardens that have been bequeathed to mankind. Even in the city most homes have ample garden space. In addition there are countless acres of vacant land going absolutely to waste. The one great remedy is to dig up the gardens, the waste places, and plant potatoes. Any person who desires should be given vacant lots to cultivate. A real campaign of greater garden production, greater even than the war-time campaign, should be put in force. The vegetable garden is as much Kingston's weapon as to eat the high cost of living as it was to help the Allies wallop the Germans in the war.

Now is the time to begin. Seed planting time is at hand. A thorough survey should be made of all the vacant land available in the city. It should be rented at a purely nominal figure to those who wish to cultivate it. Potatoes should be planted in such quantities as to make the city dwellers as near as possible independent of the market-supplier. That will do more than anything else to restore prices to normal, for if the demand is small the price will be correspondingly small.

The most effective remedy lies in the hands of the people who are now making the strongest agitation against the exorbitant prices. Any person who can but who refuses to cultivate a garden this year deserves no audience when he begins to rave about the high cost of living. He has thrust aside his opportunity, and his complaints about this phase of life at least are unworthy of being heard. Get busy with the digging fork and hoe. Grow your own vegetables, and, wherever possible, let it be potatoes.

Board Has Bill. (Boston Transcript) Dinner—What, \$3 for a planked steak? Waiter—Yes, sir; both meat and lumber have gone up, you know.

Not Nowadays. (Detroit Free Press) "Would you say that two can live as cheap as one?" "Not at present prices."

Styles and Prices. (Buffalo News) In Japan the same styles have obtained for 2,500 years, which is one

reason Japan hasn't complained of the cost of living in 2,499 years.

A Worth-While Job. (Boston Transcript) A pessimist and an optimist were discussing life from their different viewpoints. "I really believe," said the former, "that I could make a better world myself."

"Sure!" returned the optimist; "that's what we are here for. Now let us get to work and do it."

Too Much Red. (Baltimore American) The De Valera movement is tinged too much with red to command it to the hundreds of thousands of men of Irish descent, the real friends of Ireland, who are insistent upon home rule as much as the De Valera following is for independence. It is the interest of human society that Ireland should not be converted into a seething mass of Bolshevism under the guise of independence.

Foredoomed to Failure. (Buffalo Express) A young man deceived and deserted a girl in a Connecticut village. Next he induced a woman at Rochester, N.Y., to leave her husband and child and come to Buffalo with him. Here he pawned her jewelry. Now the law has sent him back to Connecticut to face the first girl, who is about to become a mother. But isn't he foredoomed to failure both as husband and father?

Capt. George Vancouver. Early in May, 1798, Captain George Vancouver, who was one of the greatest explorers Canada ever had in the West, died in England. In 1790 he had been sent to the Western coast of America by Great Britain to maintain the rights of the Empire against all comers and to continue exploration work in that section of the continent. For eight years he worked there under great difficulties but carrying on in such a way that he won the regard of the Indians thoroughly. He scouted along a great deal of the coast and landed at the Indian villages to trade with the natives. In 1794 he went as far north as Alaska to thoroughly examine those portions of the coast line that he had been unable to visit before. In the fall he returned to Nootka. In the month that he lay there refitting his ships he made a friend of the Spanish commander on the western coast—a matter of considerable national importance. His visit to Chief Moxima who prepared a great feast for his two distinguished guests.

The next year he sailed for England via Cape Horn, reaching his homeland in October. His voyage had been very successful, for in addition to his discoveries he was able to bring his two vessels home with the loss of only one man who had died by disease. He was promoted to the rank of rear admiral in the navy and given very lucrative employment in the Government. But his health had been undermined in his long explorations and he died near London in the early days of May, 1798. He was buried in the ancient church at Petersham, and in 1841 the Hudson's Bay Company erected in the old church a handsome bronze tablet in his honor.

Canada—East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

One Great Essential To a Woman's Health Is Her Nerves

Nature intended women to be strong, healthy and happy as the day is long, instead of being sick and wretched. But how can any woman be healthy and happy when the whole nervous system is unstrung. The trouble is they pay more attention to their social and household duties than they do to their health. Is it any wonder then that they become irritable and nervous, have hot flushes, faint and dizzy spells, smothering and sinking spells, become weak and nervous, and everything in life becomes dark and gloomy.

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FAMOUS QUOTATIONS AND THEIR ORIGIN

A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS. Without the slightest change, this familiar saying has come down to us through the centuries, since it was first preserved in literature in 43 B. C. by Publilius Syrus, a Syrian, who became a Roman citizen, and who was famous as a writer and actor. He compiled a book of maxims, of which the one quoted above is No. 524.

It has since been used by numerous writers of many nations. For instance, Thomas Tusser, (English 1515-1580) in his "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry," says: "The stone that is rolling can gather no moss."

John Heywood, who made a collection of the "Proverbs" of his time, includes this in the Roman form.

Stephen Gosson makes use of it in "Ephemerides of Philo," and Marston in "The Farm."

In French, it is found in an old book of proverbs of the thirteenth century.

The meaning attached to the saying by the Romans, which is practically the same as that which is given it at the present time, was that those who are disposed to remain in one place or position but a short time before seeking another, do not accumulate wealth or valuable knowledge.

Contact with an unfeeling world fits you and me to make a rough and tumble world.

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Rippling Rhymes

INTERRUPTIONS.

I have a hundred tasks in mind, a hundred useful chores; I have the eight-day clock to wind, the cat to chase outdoors. I'm planting radish; that our piec you'll praise in glowing terms; and soon I'll have to swat the flies, and boil uncounted germs. And so it makes me tired and sad when some one takes my time, to boost some patent liver pad that rattles for a dime. Oh, when the agent comes along (you know how 'is' your friend!) and springs his old-fashioned song concerning six-foot shelves, and when I see him from his grip his large prospectus draw, the cup of sorrow then I sip—there ought to be a law. For I have many things to do; I have to fix my tyre; and patch up the defective fuse that spoils the kitchen fire. I have to prime the cistern pump, and make the mower run; however bristly I may hum, I never will get done. And so it makes me tired and sick when I am asked to pause, and listen to some windy hick—there ought to be nine laws!

—WALT MASON.



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