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The middleman: Modern substitute for a toll gate.

About the time a man begins to think he needs more exercise, he needs more rest.

A successful man is one who refuses to recognize the inevitable unless it offers a profit.

The way that leads to normalcy is so narrow that one must shed most of his profits enroute.

Some dentists extract teeth without pain, and some people have them extracted without paying.

No doubt collection plates were invented during that period of history known as the Reformation.

It isn't hard luck to be born poor, says a writer. Maybe not, but at times it is mighty inconvenient.

In the modern novel the author devotes very little space to scenery. His public is more interested in ob-scenity.

Every man realizes that there are people who don't like him, and he can't understand how they can be so blind.

When the world ends, he that hath not will still be thinking up political reforms to share the wealth of him that hath.

Perhaps you have noticed that the glow of health in a girl's left cheek is frequently lower than the glow in her right cheek.

In the olden days spring came once a year. Now it arrives every second week. Mother Nature is trying hard to keep up-to-date.

Now that Burbank has perfected a beardless barley, the safety razor people may as well understand that this is the beginning of the end.

A correspondent wants to know where all the pins go. It's hard to say, inasmuch as they are always headed in one direction and pointed in another.

A local hay dealer told the Whig on Saturday that there is a big shortage of hay in this district. Apparently you cannot have hay and breakfast foods both.

A Huntsville, Ala., mule kicked a man on the head and broke his leg in two places. The man is recovering and there is some talk of sending him to congress.

After all, life has its compensations. A man has just invented a rubber gadded disk to lessen the volume of sound from phonographs. Who knows but that perhaps some glad day a genius will arise who can suppress the sound entirely.

"What became of the carpenters who built Noah's ark?" enquired a special writer in the Whig on Saturday. Frankly, we don't know. We only know that there is no excuse for them in being hanging around in this dry country.

Philadelphia clergymen have designed a "moral gown" for women's wear. Why not? Since they have regulated men's diet, why should they not also regulate women's wear? So far, however, the women have shown no evidence of accepting a mere man's idea of her mode of apparel, nor are they likely to.

EFFECT OF THE AGREEMENT. The Nassau (Bahamas) Guardian points out that the working of the Canada-West Indies trade agreement, as far as the Bahamas are concerned, is about to commence seriously.

GERMANY'S MILLIONS. The population of Germany, according to the census recently completed, is 60,282,602. Thus it will be seen that the republic, although it begins its career with some 5,000,000 people less than were comprised in the old empire, still can boast of a numerous and powerful people, more numerous, in fact, by 15,000,000, than Great Britain, by 19,000,000 than France.

The decline in population is accounted for chiefly by the loss of several provinces under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, and to a lesser extent to fatalities during the war and the recent declining birth rate.

It is questionable, however, whether even an expanded territory can support so many people. The rapid growth of the nation during the period of the empire was the result of a remarkable industrial and commercial expansion. With their colonies, their merchant marine, their foreign market now gone, with impaired credit and insufficient raw materials, Germany may well find it difficult to feed and clothe her teeming millions.

And it must be remembered that population is but one of several elements which combine to make a nation formidable and powerful. If a part of the Teuton people are underfed and discontented, that part will be rather a source of weakness than of strength. Until Germany can double or even triple its present annual production of economic wealth, France and Great Britain have little to fear from its overflowing population.

CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A JEWEL. Since the Farmers' government came into power at Queen's Park, there have been various incidents which have brought down upon its head the charge of inconsistency. One notable example of this was brought to light, when, following the declaration that patronage had been abolished by the U.F.O. government, J. B. Clark, who resigned his seat to make room for the minister of agriculture, was rewarded by his appointment as registrar of Kent county. This appointment caused a considerable outcry at the time, but its effect was not nearly so great as will be the effect of the latest example of U.F.O. inconsistency, which was perpetrated by the Farmers' Sun, the official organ of the U.F.O.

In a whole page devoted to campaign literature in the interests of J. C. Campbell, the U.F.O. candidate in West Peterboro bye-election, appears the following paragraph:

"The Grit and Tory members at Ottawa united to loot the treasury by increasing their own sessional indemnity. Do the West Peterboro electors think that they should be rewarded by sending them back?"

This paragraph, of course, was intended to discredit the Liberal and Conservative candidates, and to infer that the U.F.O. would never think of doing such a thing as increasing the sessional indemnity of a member of parliament.

The come-back to this paragraph was swift but crushing, and its effect on the electors of West Peterboro will not be pleasing to the U.F.O. candidate. The next day the following despatch appeared in newspapers all over the province:

granting a bonus to members of the legislature, had received "favorable consideration at the hands of the government." We wonder what the Farmers' Sun now thinks of its attempt to discredit its political opponents, and also what it thinks of Premier Drury for having made so ill-timed an admission!

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

CREDIT. This year will bring unsettled times, because of readjusting; the merchant princes need their dimes, and they'll be slow at trusting. They'll not give credit left and right as late by they've been doing, and frowns will greet the slow-pay wight who'd buy a plug of chewing.

GRATIFYING STATEMENT OF YEAR'S PROGRESS

The Mutual Life of Canada Had a Phenomenal Year in 1920.

The annual statement of the Mutual Life of Canada, which appears on another page, must be gratifying to the directors and officers of the company, and will doubtless be received by policyholders from coast to coast with the deepest satisfaction.

Although the year 1919 excelled all its predecessors, yet every department of the company's operations in 1920 shows a marked increase over that of the previous year. In income, assets, new assurances, surplus earned, total surplus and assurances in force, the year 1920 was a phenomenal success.

During the later months the company had increased its assurances in force to \$200,000,000, and at the close of the year the figures stood at over \$6,000,000. To protect these obligations, the company has accumulated assets of nearly \$43,000,000, a sum which the surplus shows exceeds by \$5,000,000 the amount necessary to guarantee the payment of all policies.

The success of a life insurance company depends largely on its investments and it is noteworthy that while the reserves have been calculated on a three and three and a half per cent. basis, the company has earned interest at the rate of 6.41 per cent.

The excess interest, as well as all other profits, becomes the property of the policyholders of the company and is used to reduce premiums, to increase the insurance, or is payable in cash.

The Mutual of Canada, as most of our readers are aware, is unique in that it is the only example of a company which has been established and conducted in Canada on a strictly co-operative basis. This means that all the policyholders of the company share equitably in its prosperity, and the experience of the company during the year 1920 was such that in spite of the heavy strain put on its resources during the last six years, the directors felt justified in increasing the dividends for 1920 by 50 per cent. over those paid in 1920.

Altogether the 51st year has proven to be in every way the banner year in the long history of "Canada's Only Mutual," and we congratulate the directors, officers, and policyholders of the company on the splendid results achieved.

Social and Mission Event. On Friday evening St. John's Portsmouth branch of the girls' auxiliary entertained the Women's auxiliary of the parish to a social in the school room. Supper was served at seven o'clock.

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The Borrower. The man who lends coin has his sorrows. For a borrower's attitude nettles; He's as meek as a lamb when he borrows.

Mean Brute! "When a man has to sew on his own buttons, it is time he was getting married," remarked Mrs. Gabb.

You Know Him! "I'm not a dude," insists 'this Geek; "One shave a week's enough!" That's why, for five days in each week.

Ouch! "It is more blessed to give than to receive," remarked Miss Oldgirl. "Yes," replied Mr. Oldbach. "It is if you are giving wedding presents."

Is That So! "Oh, Doc," I cried: "My nose is red!" "Pray tell me what to do!" "That's easy, Luke," the Doc replied. "Drink booze till it turns blue."

"Oh, Doc," I said, "my toe is sore." You take it up, walk forth and back. Then suddenly step on a tack.

Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is a crank? Paw—A crank is a man who gets the idea that he is the whole machine, my son.

Oh, Jay. It's sweet to hear the phone bell ring at 3 a.m., then madly wing Your way downstairs, and stand and sneeze Then, get this message "Num-m-m-ber Pie-e-e-ase!"

It's nice to hear the baby cry, At 2 a.m., as if 't would die. You take it up, walk forth and back. Then suddenly step on a tack.

Haw, Haw! Wayne B. Wheeler, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, feeds the following dose of pap to the Christian Herald: "Prohibition has decreased drunkenness, crime and delinquency. Please don't make us laugh, Wayne. We have a cracked lip!"

Wad! Of course, A. Kerr don't like his name. Folks josh him and they make him scowl!

To ridicule him do not aim, Or you will surely hurt or harm growl. —Luke McLuke

And while our friend Mike Catt may, have the answer quite a batch, For when emergencies arise, He comes up to the scratch.

Joe Hogg, also detests his name, For his he blames the stork. And though at times he feels quite bad, He's never on the pork.

Our Joe Miller Contest. A. F. VanLounen, of Moscow, Indiana, claims that the oldest joke is the one about the Irishman who emigrated to this country after he had heard that money was so plentiful, that the streets were filled with it.

Them Kind Words. Here is a Blasco Ibanez's description of Alexander Kerenyky: "Kerenyky has a mouth like a codfish. When he perks up his lips to speak, the result is a cross between a magophone and a trombone."

Magnolia Poetry. I think along brick canyons Like a crystal leaf. —Evelyn Scott in "Precipitations."

Goal! Iva Mothhead lives at 423 West Lee street, Louisville, Ky.

The Horrors of Prohibition. Sparkle, sparkle on the bar, How I wonder what you are In a glass so thin and small— Whisky or wood alcohol?

Cruel and Unusual. Dear Luke—A Dayton, Ohio, Court ordered a man to stay sober and kiss his wife once each day. But howie gonns do it without a little raisin Jack to deaden the shock?—E. H. R.

Names in Names. Ima Bear lives in Denver, Col.

Our Daily Special. Don't Leave Your Religion Behind When You Walk Out of Church.

Re-chosen Chairman. Postmaster A. A. Wright has been elected chairman of the Board of Education, Renfrew, for 1921. He has been a school trustee here for the past fifty years, and was chairman continuously for the first twenty-five years of his service, when Renfrew was a village.

Bully-Runt. Isaac Wilson, Drummond, met with an accident in the barnyard, the binding pole breaking, one end hitting him on the head, causing a severe cut.

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