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The garment that reveals most is a divorce suit.

France hopes Heinele's promise is the last sign of defence.

"Sugar" is no longer rated as a term of endearment.

The sins of the children are visited on the fatherland.

Recipe for preserving peace; First can your diplomats.

He laughs at scars who was never at the wrong end of a price cut.

The more stable Heinele's government, the more stalling he can do.

Every married woman will agree that the man is the bonehead of the house.

The back-to-the-wall movement is assisting greatly in the back-to-the-farm movement.

Carnegie didn't quite achieve his ambition, but the tax collector didn't have free rein in his time.

Japan is entitled to her sphere of influence if she doesn't insist upon making it a hemisphere.

The figures on a freight car advertising its capacity are getting to seem a little bit ironical.

The annual report of the Utilities Commission for 1920 will some day be presented, it is to be hoped.

The melting pot never begins to function until the immigrant makes the personal acquaintance of soap.

Let's give thanks. The country never looked finer or the crops more promising than they do to-day.

At any rate, you can ask for a nickel's worth of something now without getting a reputation as a humorist.

Under the beneficent rule of self-determination, a small nation can do anything a large nation wants it to do.

The people who claim that prices haven't declined much evidently don't read the store advertising published in the Whig.

The remarkable thing about a small boy's appetite is its hankering for so many things that cause tummy-ache.

The charge against profanity is that when it isn't necessary it is superfluous, and when it is necessary it is inadequate.

In the past the world used to advance by saving labor, but now the idea is to make jobs for two men out of the things one man did before.

"Every normal boy of the 80's wished to be a pirate," says a writer. The record of war profiteering indicates that many of them achieved the ambition.

Ald. Sargent raised such a "holer," says a newspaper report, that the Board of Works decided to rebuild the roadway on upper Johnson street. Now, if other aldermen will do the same kind of hollering, we may be able to get the city's streets placed in some kind of passable condition. All honor to Ald. "Harry" for kicking against present conditions.

PERFECTION.

There is an old saying that this "is the best possible world." The expression has been disagreed with violently of late, and yet, says The Rotarian, aside from the unpleasantness which the waywardness of men makes on earth, is not the world really perfect? When one pauses to consider the question, he must agree that it is. To prove it, try eliminating from it any single detail. Suppose, for instance, there were no trees; the lack of that one detail would be unquestionably ghastly. Suppose there were no grass; what a horrible thing it would be to walk always on the bare, brown ground; how we would miss the soft, green carpet to which we are now so accustomed that we scarcely notice it. Suppose there were no rivers; the inland reaches would be uninhabitable. Suppose there were no seas; one would be parched to death by the lack of rain. Suppose there were no babies; we would revert to selfish lawlessness and bitter savagery in a decade. Only unlimited intelligence could have conceived such perfection that a single missing detail would so utterly ruin the whole. That intelligence, we call God. As Chesterton says: "In an universe without God, there would be no room for men."

WOMEN IN POLITICS

Campaigns and Elections. The history of the feminist movement both in Canada and abroad, the qualifications required of women voters and the fundamental principles on which our systems of Federal and Provincial Government are founded have already been discussed in previous articles. The next subject in the sequence is the machinery of elections and the processes of campaigning and recording of votes. As a rule the methods followed are those in force in the Mother Country where existing practice has been developed after years of experience and trial. For many years after Confederation the political world of Canada was divided into two great camps, composed of the members of the two political parties of the Dominion. The entry of a third party into the field, known as the Farmers' party or the Agrarian Party while it has in no way necessitated the making of any change in the electoral machinery has somewhat complicated the presentation of the political issues directly and tended to cut away or at least to modify the old strict party lines. In some of the recent provincial elections, notably in British Columbia candidates have made their appeal for votes representing many different parties and ticketed with such designations as Socialist, Independent, Labor, Return Soldier, Veteran and others. When the British North America Act was under discussion the duration of Parliament was given considerable study and it was finally decided to follow the New Zealand system and give the Canadian Parliament a life not exceeding five years "from the day of the return of the writs for choosing the House" (B. N. A. Act Section 50) The Governor-General, however has power to dissolve Parliament at any time under the advice of the Privy Council of Canada and with or without their approval. For example the first writs were issued on August 7th, 1867, the last writs were returned October 24th, Parliament assembled in November and dissolved on July 8th, 1872, having sat the full term of five years less 108 days. During the period of the Great War when the Government of Sir Robert Borden thought it would be unwise in the then state of public opinion and affairs owing to the large number of absentees, to hold an election, an amendment was made to the British North America Act by the British Parliament on the request of the Canadian Parliament extending the life of the parliament to six years. Before the issue of the writs of election the several political parties have generally decided who will be their standard bearer for in every constituency there is one or more political organizations which in some cases remain quiescent until the eve of a general election but quicken into life and activity when there are signs of approaching dissolution. On a date fixed upon by the executive of these political organizations a nominating convention is held when the names of prospective candidates are submitted to the assemblage. In some cases the competition is particularly keen and it is necessary for the supporters to adopt some compromise candidate when neither faction is willing to withdraw its support for its chosen representative. In the majority of cases however the nominee who has a clear majority when the ballots are counted is given the unanimous invitation of his party to become the candidate. In the past there has been a noticeable tendency for the delegates to conventions to accept the suggestions and choice of the party leaders in the same way that in the United States candidates for office have been largely chosen by the "party machine". Such procedure is recognized to-day as undemocratic and an attempt on the part of a party committee to dictate to a party convention is more likely to cause harm than to help the proposed candidate. After Parliament has been dissolved either through the afflux of time

at the end of its five year term or through the action of the Governor-General on the advice of the government in power, election writs are issued. Those writs are nothing more than proclamations in the name of the king stating the day on which nominations for candidates will be received. The writs are sent to special officers who are known as returning officers who are appointed in every electoral division to have charge of the elections. On the day set for nominations the returning officers must be present in some designated public assembly place between the hours of noon and two o'clock to receive nominations. These must be presented to him in written form and each must bear the signatures of not less than twenty-five electors. In addition to this a deposit of two hundred dollars must be made to the returning officer. This sum will be returned to the candidate after the elections unless he fails to receive at least one half of the votes given to his opponent when the sum is forfeited and the unsuccessful candidate is said to have "lost his deposit". It is natural that at these nomination meetings there are few surprises for the candidate that has previously been chosen by his party is put forward. It happens sometimes, however that a candidate is nominated who has not the support of any recognized political party and he appeals as an Independent. If at the hour of two o'clock only one candidate has been nominated where there is one vacancy or in places where more than one member is to be elected the number to be chosen corresponds with the number of names nominated the candidate or candidates proposed are declared to be elected. If there is to be a contest then the campaign begins in earnest with the nomination of the candidates. Meetings are arranged in every subdivision of the electoral division under the chairmanship of the local leader of the party and the candidate and some of the leading men of the party discuss the main issues and criticize adversely or favorably the record of the Government according to the political affiliations of the speaker. In addition to this the candidate so far as possible makes a personal canvass of his riding asking for the suffrages of the voters and hearing their views and complaints. While the joint meeting at which all candidates meet on a common platform is not a new thing yet there is no doubt that such joint meetings are far more common than they were a few years ago. In some ridings it is not unusual for joint meetings at which the opposing candidates appear to be held at a number of points and in this way the electors gain a good idea of the personality and the ability of the respective candidates. Such joint meetings however have this disadvantage that they favor the candidate with a talent for rhetoric or repartee or a pleasing matter against the man with more solid attainments a greater capacity for work, greater energy and a firmer grasp of the fundamental questions of the day. With the obtaining of the franchise women should lose no time in every constituency in organizing and preparing for the election that is bound to come some time. There is much to do in the matter of education, and in giving instruction as to new duties and new responsibilities and the election campaign with its heat and its passions is a poor time to learn such lessons. That party will be successful at the polls which organizes its women and conducts a long campaign on the main issues of the day.

The senate has granted Mrs. Addie Gilbert a divorce from Dr. W. L. Gilbert, Toronto. She resumed her maiden name, Addie Woodrow. Toronto Builders' Exchange wants all building trades unions to take ten per cent. wage cut.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

LONG AGO.

When I was young the women wore great spreading gowns that swept the floor and gathered dirt and leaves; that raiment of a bygone day is out of date and done away, and how my spirit grieves! The sidewalks now are just a sight, with rubbish lying here and there, an eye-sore and a crime; the women's dresses do not sweep the refuse and the garbage heap as in the saintly time. When I was young a damsel wept if peradventure, when she stepped, her ankles she displayed; she knew the gossip all would hood and give to her a wide reputation as bold and naughty maid. And now such modesty is lost; the old ideas are a froth, a froth and a jest; the well turned ankle is a sight that gives artistic souls delight, and soothes the savage breast. When I was young the woman laced until she had an insect's waist, a fragile thing to view; you'd think that if a zephyr came and caught her fairly on the frame, she'd surely break in two. And now the ladies in our grad have waists like Mrs. Venus had an armful, more or less; and, I am told, they do not feel the armor plating of bone and steel that used to cause distress. And so, although we yip and brag about the fashions of the day, and say they make us sore, although the modern styles we curse, it may be that old things were worse than those we now deplore. —WALT MASON.

BITS OF BY-PLAY

By LUKE McLUKE Copyright, 1920, by The Cincinnati Enquirer. Fair. "My wife is sensible," said Grind. "And of her I am very fond; though she is a brunette you'll find she's just as fair as any blonde." Quick, Doc, the Oxygen! "It says here that a prominent Senator shines his own shoes," said the Old Fogey, as he looked up from the newspaper he was reading. "My!" exclaimed the Grinch. "I'm surprised that a man of his standing would stoop to such a thing!" Oh, Very Well! No, dear reader, Pink B. Fair, isn't a sweet young thing at all. He is a hustling merchant who has a store at Cartoogechay, N. C. Haw, Haw! She lets him boss his place downtown. The threshold she will never cross; His wife don't want to boss the place. She knows that she can boss the boss. Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is caution? Willie—Caution is something that prompts a man to select an affinity who has the same colored hair as his wife, my son. Maw—Willie, you come in the kitchen with me and take a dose of castor oil! We'll Say He Does. I. C. Light is shrimpan aboard the U. S. S. Lake Elliott. Same Old Story! The Graduate her place will speak. They face the busy world, poor dear; She'll get a job at ten per week. And speak of it as her Career. The Wise Fool. "Many a man has a price on his head," observed the Sage. "Yes," sighed the Fool. "But many a man hasn't the price of what's on his wife's head." Mewy! "I am man's equal!" says the Suft. But it would make her mad If some one used her picture in A safety razor ad. Hoorsy! A Bilder has received a permit to erect a \$7,500 home for himself in Fon du Las, Wis. "Ripping, Old Top, Ripping!" We find this one in the London Sunday Pictorial: "Exit Football. Enter Cricket. From now on there'll be no peace for the wicket!" And yet they say the English have

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