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De Valera has a mathematical mind that leans toward division.

Freedom is the inalienable right of every man who is able to lick the boots.

The quickest way to reduce the overhead is to get a good case of dandruff.

The ratio of battleships, however, is less significant than the ratio of births.

Will men never learn the futility of telling women what kind of clothes to wear?

The Ontario legislature will meet on February 13th, and it promises to be a lively session.

Every time the German marks go down the easy marks who bought 'em have a sinking spell.

The only loud-mouthed individual who isn't in danger of making an ass of himself is the mule.

There are girls who can fool everybody, and then there are girls who have small brothers.

Good intentions usually come off with a black eye when they meet with national aspirations.

It formerly was said that two could live cheaper than one, but now not even one can live cheaply.

It is feared, however, that the armament conference's ban on poison gas will not affect political speeches.

Work hard and save your money, and then your heirs can be cultured and talk about the sordidness of money-making.

Mayor Corbett counsels economy in city and board of education expenditures, and there is clear need of it this year.

It was a luxury tax, probably, because more revenue was needed than would have been provided by a tax on necessities.

Two illicit stills were found in one Toronto house. The demand must be intense when a man is willing to take a double chance.

A physical director says his prescribed movements will make one cheerful. Huh. The disarmament movement will do that.

It may be impossible to make gold out of base metals, but some men know the art of making money out of base ingratitude.

Driving a bargain is much like driving a car. You simply look out for your own interests, and let the other fellow take care of himself.

The University of California made \$100,000 from one football game, thus disproving the claim that there is no money in a college education.

A woman who loaned Prince William of Wied \$50,000 francs did not take an I.O.U. She thought his word was as good as his bond, and it turned out to be.

Turning the reporters out of the meeting of the U.F.O. Co-operative Company at Toronto is not likely to restore confidence in the organization. It was a most ill-advised action on the part of the officials.

POISON BOOZE EVIL

Poison booze occupies almost as prominent a place in the day's news as poison gas did in the war, and it is difficult to say which is the more deadly.

The synthetic booze sold by the bootleggers is manufactured by unscrupulous men who have no regard for the law, and being criminals to the extent of risking jail for a few dollars, they may be depended upon to go a step farther and market any kind of "dope" for which they can get money.

There are reckless souls who risk life and limb in speeding motor cars; there are others who test new parachute devices from the wings of flying aeroplanes, and still others who climb skyscrapers or go over Niagara Falls in a barrel, or dive from the top of bridges.

OLD DREAMS COME TRUE. The touchstone has been discovered. Like the old objective of the alchemist who sought the method by which baser metals might be turned into gold, for ages has been sought the magical divining rod that would reveal from the surface of the earth the spots where lay buried treasure of ore of this and that kind.

And now an electric device has been invented which located underground deposits of various kinds of desirable ores. The electrical apparatus is not the work of an impractical dreamer; a director of the United States bureau of mines, after tests in Arizona, has applied for a patent on the invention, and it is said that this future usefulness in finding hidden treasures in the form of deposits of copper and iron and gold has been assured.

TIMES ARE BETTER. A blind man could tell that conditions are better than they were a year ago. You can tell it from the way people talk. You can tell it by the way they work.

There is an opportunity to do business now. Not big business, but just business. The man who has made his plans and has started to work is ready to trade. He will listen to you, and if you have the thing he needs he will buy it.

HELPERS OF YOUR JOY. The man who first wrote these words was an old sailor near the end of his journey. He might continue to live, but it was unlikely.

It is a pathetic incident, for they had not always behaved well toward him. Yet he entreats them that it may depend on their prayers whether he is to recover strength, and carry on, for their common Master. It suggests that not only may individuals be helpful to one another but churches may produce a great and worthy ministry by helpful co-operation and united prayer.

This is doubtless true in the mutual helpfulness of a congregation in its public worship. The hours of worship are the great and sacred hours of life. There is no greater or more impressive sight in all the world than a congregation met to worship God. Should there not be some preparation for it? Should it be thought a little thing, that any of us should arrive fashionably late? Should we not come thoughtfully—brooding over the wonderful goodness of God, in permitting us to wor-

ship, with something of the awe of those who say "Lo God is here, let us adore and own how dreadful is this place?"

Ministers can generally tell whether they are praying alone or whether many are praying with them as they lead. Indeed it often comes to this in a service—either the minister will be able to overcome many obstacles to common worship and ultimately find that the place has become in truth the house of God, or he will be chilled, his prayers grow cold and formal, his highest aspirations freeze and he be dragged down to the level of the earth, by an unresponsive and undevotional people.

A warm devotional service is the proper prelude to good preaching. It is the right of every congregation to demand honest intellectual effort from their minister. It is a travesty on decency when they prefer sweet nothings to solid teaching, and hold a watch on a preacher as if he were a locomotive running to time. A congregation can help their minister to preach good sermons by good listening. Some personizing individual once approached the great John Wesley, and after expatiating on the great preachers of the past, obviously to the detriment of those in his day, closed with the facetious remark, "Ah, sir, there were great preachers in those days." "Yes," came the reply quick as a flash, "but sir, there were great hearers in those days." If a minister is to protect his hearers from what Coleridge calls "numerous artifices by which austere truths are softened down into palatable falsehoods" he must have their active co-operation.

But the greatest help a congregation can render a minister is to pray that when he speaks he may speak in the power of the spirit, that he may prepare a true word of God for his people and that thereby the minister may "co-operate for their joy."

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

STOLEN FRUITS

"The stolen fruits are sweeter," remarked some ancient jay, and handed out the neatest of falsehoods. I should say. A cheap excuse he furnished for weak, dishonest men, whose morals are not burnished until they shine again. I sometimes swiped a melon when I was young and frail, and then felt like a felon who ought to be in jail. For days and days thereafter my heart was full of dread, stilling was my childish laughter, and trembling was my tread; I thought the cops were sprinting with zeal, upon my trail; each passing hour was hinting of fetters, law and jail.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

Of course it is. Thus spake the new fur coat: "I'm sure no one will doubt that I must have a rest since I am just worn out."

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I can remember when folks had the children make lamplighters out of the old newspapers to save matches.

No Closed Season on That. Nimrod: "Well, the hunting season is over." Unemployed: "That doesn't include the hunting for jobs."

Name of Town Deleted by Censor. Ebt (Galena (Ill.) Gazette). Mrs. K. H. Willings and little daughter Lucy left Sunday night for where they will visit with relatives for a few days.

Here's a Chance for Some Friend of Humanity. "Dear Sam: It is a long way from the holidays, but we have just disposed of the fat of the turkey. Can't you start a movement to get our poultry Burkans to develop a breed of turkeys and chickens without necks, backbones, hindquarters and other parts that nobody eats, but which can be used to inflect weeks of hash and soup on the helpless families of our great land? Be a good sport and see if you can't get 'em on the market before the annual horror starts next fall. Millions will rise up and call you blessed.—One of the Millions of Sufferers."

We know how he feels and we'll do our darndest to get the miracle men to work.

What Every Man Knows. 'Tis true a woman will be glad to share your fame, but if you fail you'll find She wants none of the blame.

A Distinction With a Difference. "Has luck smiled on you yet?" "No, she is still just giving me the laugh."

Fool Questions. D. H. asks: "When FOODSTUFFS doesn't it get indigestion?"

Hints For Housewives. Don't use your husband's razor to sharpen lead pencils. It won't hurt the razor, but you might cut your finger. Don't give those old Christmas

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVE.—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3: 16.

cigars your husband has refused to smoke to the garbage man or milkman if you want any more service out of them. To scare tramps away offer them some of the biscuits you have baked.

Taking No Chances. He: "Why is it that you women never are on time when you are to meet your husbands, and yet every one of you will be right on the dot when you go to the card club, and from which, by the way, neither storm, nor plague, nor earthquake can keep you away?" She: "That's the only way we can keep the other members from talking about us."

And the Country is Full of Browns. His pocketbook is flat. I mean old Mister Brown; So it's no wonder that He always a frown.

Zero in Destinations. We'd like to travel, but we never care to go. Broke. Crazy. To Blazes. To H—ll. To Halifax or Jump in the River.

Daily Sentence Sermon. Be careful how you trust your friends—and your memory.

News of the Names Club. We have wired C. H. Cudd, of Chesnee, S. C., to keep away from the cows. They might chew him.

This is the Time.—For the Hot Stove League to clinch the pennant.—To send for the seed catalogues and plan your garden.—To wonder why in the deuce you spent so much for Christmas.—To wish you could sweater under the boiling August sun.

YOUR HEALTH. (By Raymond S. Copeland, M.D., Commissioner of Health New York City.)

What You Ought to Do About A Cold That Hangs On. Every persistent cold is a menace to your life. No matter how you have neglected yourself in the early stages of your cold, you cannot disregard their significance if the symptoms hang on.

After the acute symptoms have subsided or have disappeared there may persist an amount of thick nasal discharge from one side only. This may or may not be accompanied by pain. Ordinarily, there is no discomfort if the discharge is free.

One-sided discharge of this sort indicates suppuration in one of the nasal sinuses. Sometimes this may be relieved by applying argyrol—a 10 per cent. solution—to the nasal passages.

Insert a wooden toothpick and twist about it layers of cotton, making a tampon about the size and length of a cigarette. Let the cotton project a quarter of an inch over the end of the stick to guard the point and thus prevent re-entrance of the tissues of your nose when the tampon is inserted. Dip this tampon in the argyrol and gently insert it in the nose, where you may leave it for half an hour. Do this with both nostrils.

Daily applications like this will usually relieve the trouble in a short time. But if the symptoms continue, and especially if pain appears, skilled medical care is needed.

Needless to say, if deafness or discharge from the ears is noticed, ear treatment is demanded.

The common after-effect of a neglected cold is a nasty cough. There are tickling in the throat, possibly a sense of heaviness or constriction across the chest, and a low degree of fever at night.

Such symptoms demand instant attention. Your chest must be sounded and your sputum examined. This is the way tuberculosis begins. I do not wish to alarm you, but I do wish to impress upon you the importance of immediate action when such symptoms occur. Treatment now will insure your recovery. Continued neglect may render your case hopeless.

To have a cold means that you are run down. To cure it, not only have you to deal with the acute symptoms, but also you have to overcome the remote and underlying causes of your trouble.

If you can arrange it, a few days' change of air will do wonders for you. To go to the seaside, to the mountains, to the country or anywhere away from your regular beat will do more than medicine. If you cannot afford the luxury of a little trip, wrap up warmly and sit in the park. Fresh air and sunlight are what you need.

Do not neglect an acute cold for the sake of your associates. Do not neglect a cold that hangs on for your own sake.

Colds are treacherous things, and are best dealt with if cared for at the very beginning.

Where Man First Lived. The Kobi Desert is reckoned to be the most elevated region on the globe and it is reasoned that the race of mankind must have started here, for this would naturally be the point which would first emerge from the ocean of water once covering the earth. It is at this point that the great rivers of Asia have their origin and flow in different directions to the seas.

Poorly Built. "Have you any complaint to make?" asked the prison visitor. "Yes, I have," replied the life convict. "There ain't nearly enough exits from this place."

Georges Carpentier may ask another fight with Jack Dempsey after his meeting with Ted Lewis, according to his manager, Descamps.

BIBBY'S Pre-Inventory Sale IT'S THE CLOTHING EVENT OF THE YEAR On the Twelfth of January we commence stock taking, and we always prepare for the event by holding special sales in every department. We make prices and prices make business. SHIRT SALE No. 1 Men's Fine Shirts, Tooke and Arrow make. Sizes 14 to 18. Shirts that were \$3.00 and \$3.50. Sale Price ... \$1.98 YOUNG MEN'S AND MEN'S OVERCOAT SALE All new models—Overcoats that were \$35.00 and \$37.50. Sale Price .. \$25.00 YOUNG MEN'S and MEN'S SUITS All new models and splendid tailoring—Suits that were \$35, \$37.50 and \$40.00. Sale Price .. \$25.00 SHIRT SALE No. 2 Men's Fine Shirts, Tooke and Arrow makes. Sizes 14 to 17 1/2. Regular \$2.00 value. Sale Price ... \$1.38 OVERCOATS that were \$25.00 and \$27.50. Sale Price .. \$18.00 SOCIETY BRAND SUITS All new models—Suits that were \$45 and \$48.50. Sale Price .. \$35.00 and \$27.50 SHIRT SALE No. 3 Men's Fine Shirts, sizes 14 to 17. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75. Sale Price 90c. OVERCOATS that were \$20.00, and \$22.50. Sale Price ... \$15.00 Suits that were \$25 and \$27.50. Sale Price .. \$18.00

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